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## Welcome to MGFT

I have very recently been appointed a Trustee for MGFT and am delighted to be taking up my role at this time. My area of expertise is in marketing and I have worked in this area for many years.

As an animal lover, my interest in animal welfare extends to wildlife in all its forms, and I was part of the team that attempted to rescue the Northern Bottlenose Whale in the Thames in January this year.

I have been involved with the Trust for many years, initially from re-homing a tortoiseshell and white cat from Church Knowle and, in the past 4 years, as a volunteer. In my role as a volunteer, I have been able to see the extremely valuable work that goes on in the sanctuaries day to day and the dedication and skills of the staff in looking after the animals that come into their care. The wide variety of animals that cross the threshold of the sanctuaries always amazes me. The breadth of experience of sanctuary staff assures that no matter what form a new arrival takes; fur, feathers or spines, appropriate and expert care is immediately available!

In helping out with food collections in the local area, it is clear that so many people in different ways are involved in animal care,

### Dog Show and Grand Draw Tickets

As usual, we have launched our annual Grand Draw, with the winning tickets being drawn at the Church Knowle Dog Show and Family Fun Day on Sunday 6th August. On the day there will also be many other excellent prizes donated by local organisations.



from pet shops to vets, that we are really part of a very large network of animal carers. A very valuable part of that network are our volunteers, who become involved in a wide range of activities, ranging from hands-on work with the animals, be it grooming, cleaning or other activities, to fund-raising, food collections and home visits. Our volunteers are invaluable. They provide vital support to our sanctuary staff. If you are interested in volunteering in any way, or know anyone who may be, do contact any one of the sanctuaries. Volunteering is a sociable, fun way of contributing to a valuable cause.

I am looking forward to being involved as a Trustee as well as continuing in my work as a volunteer. Thank you for your continuing support of the Trust and I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter. I look forward to perhaps meeting you at one of our sanctuaries over the coming months.

*C. Platt*

Carole Platt  
On behalf of the Board of Trustees

As always, we really appreciate your past, and ongoing support and enclose 2 books of draw tickets, which we hope you would be able to sell on to family or friends. Please return the completed ticket stubs together with a cheque for the appropriate amount made payable to Margaret Green Foundation Trust to arrive at Church Knowle as soon as possible.

Thank you

Would you be able to help on any of the following at the Dog Shows?...

- new or quality tombola prizes
- quality/nearly new items for bric a brac (including clothes)
- would you like to have a stall?

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## MGFT Website

Have you seen our website as it has been redesigned. This shows upcoming events, latest news, and you can make on-line donations, create your own fundraising events and see a regular update of animals for rehoming.

# Annual Review & report

The Trust's annual report for the year ended 30th September 2005 has now been approved by the Trustees for submission to the Charity Commission. Copies of this report are available on request.

The principal activities of the Trust relate to:

- the provision of life time care to retired, bequeathed and long term resident animals; the latter involves those animals with specific requirements relating to major medical and behavioural problems where homing is inappropriate,
- the rescue and rehoming of animals which have been rescued through being unwanted, abandoned, and ill-treated or through local authority stray dog contracts.

The Trustees are committed to operating our sanctuaries to the highest level of animal welfare care consistent with ever changing statutory requirements within the funding constraints typically experienced by small to medium sized animal charities.

In the past year, the Trust has rescued and rehomed almost 900 animals including horses, dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, rodents and various wildlife. This is a further increase from the previous year reflecting our primary objective of placing animals in caring loving homes to create additional space to rescue further animals needing our help.

In recent months we have continued the rebuilding and refurbishment of our main rescue facilities at Lincoln Farm and have now commenced on major works at Wingletang. By late 2006 we plan to have completed all essential major works

and will have significantly upgraded all animal facilities at all three sanctuaries.

In common with all charities the demand on our resources continues to increase as does our cost of operation. In the year to 30th September 2005 the total cost of operating our Head Office and three sanctuaries was £783,140; our total income amounted to £631,900 including legacies of £306,652. This resulted in a significant shortfall of £151,240; the second year running that the Trust has failed to cover operating expenses with income. Our vet bills alone now cost almost £100,000 per year. We continue to seek new ways of generating income to ensure that we can provide the essential care necessary for all those animals needing our help in the future.

Our major sanctuary developments costing almost £450,000 in 2005 have again been made from our reserves and once all the works are completed this year we expect to have to restrict any further major works for a few years until we have been able to top up our reserves once again.

Having launched our new 'Friends Scheme' we are encouraged by the early signs that supporters of the Trust do wish to make a regular financial commitment by setting up a monthly standing order. If every recipient of this Newsletter was able to make a commitment of just £3 per month and 50% of those did so with Gift Aid our shortfall for last year would have been eliminated. It is the hope of the Trustees that our substantial base of supporters will recognise the exceptional work being done by the Trust in support of animal rescue and that many will assist through ongoing support and increased donations wherever possible.

## Denis Harding Ceremony

A short ceremony was held at the end of April to open our new all weather surface for horses with a plaque to record MGFT's appreciation for the much valued contribution of Denis Harding, who was a Trustee of the sanctuary between 1966 and his retirement in 2004. At Church Knowle we can house up to 25 horses at any one time, giving us two main reasons for the requirement of an all weather Equine Surface

- A number of these horses have particular medical conditions that require alternative

soft surfaces to grass. The equine surface is used to rehabilitate horses with such medical conditions to enable them both to be out in the fresh air and receive the controlled amount of exercise required.

- The surface enables the Trust to exercise and school horses in preparation for rehoming.

The ceremony was attended by trustees, staff and volunteers who had worked with Denis during his many years supporting the Trust.



## Future Care for your pet

When you have to say goodbye to a dear friend (perhaps you are going to a home which will not allow pets), you want to know that they are going to a loving home. MGFT provides continued love and care for your pet when you are not able to do so personally.

We are committed to providing the care your friends need and will accept full responsibility for your pet. We feel that dogs and cats belong in a loving home and not in a kennel or a cage.

If you would like any further information, please contact Donna on 01929 480 474

## Appeal for Foster Homes

We are looking for people to foster cats or dogs on a short-term basis. If you are interested, please contact your local sanctuary.



Fur Stop Shop at Church Knowle is soon to be revamped to cater for our visitors. But we really need a volunteer base to help us run this – would you be interested in helping in the shop or even manage it?

Could you start up a supporter group in your area? MGFT need support groups to independently raise funds for the sanctuaries – like coffee mornings, selling bric-a-brac, etc. Please contact Donna on 01929 480 474

## Pet Bereavement Counselling

When a loved pet passes away it can be a very stressful time for the owners, and people without pets cannot necessarily understand the trauma a loss causes. Even close members of family and friends may sometimes seem cold and unsupportive.

Recognising the problem, the Trust has developed a network of staff trained in bereavement counselling.

If you or somebody you know suffers the loss of a pet and needs somebody to talk to please ring Julie McLindon on 01929 480474 or your local sanctuary, and we will ensure you or they get the support needed.

## Minnie has been around donkeys' years...

Minnie was getting too old to stay at the children's farm, so was a prime candidate to keep Sherry company at MGFT Animal Sanctuary in Church Knowle. Sherry lost her companion, Jericho, last January and became very depressed. Minnie is cute and friendly, and has been known to give a little nudge when she has had enough.

It costs us at least £1000 per year to keep a donkey or horse at MGFT, which include farrier visits every 6 weeks, being fed twice a day, additional supplements if required, worming, veterinary bills, along with the grazing land and staffing. MGFT needs funds to carry on the good care for their animals and offer a sponsor scheme for their more permanent residents at £15 per animal, or the friends scheme which helps the general upkeep of the sanctuary and care for the animals.



### Only Three Legs but no Disability

Caffrey was found as a stray with a badly broken leg. After receiving treatment at the vets, involving a leg amputation, he is recovering well. He's a beautiful long haired boy who needs a quiet home where he can be loved. For more information please call Church Knowle.



### In Memory

We are sorry to announce the loss of the following animals at Church Knowle since our last newsletter:

Jerry, Asti, Brambles, Toby (horses), Cindy, Coke, Kitty, Becky, Scruff (cats), Freddie (pig), Shadow, Snowball & Johnny (rabbits).

### Easter Overload

Unfortunately along with the holiday season comes an influx of unwanted pets. In the two weeks prior to Easter, Church Knowle was asked to take in almost 60 cats by owners who no longer wanted them. As a result, our cattery is now at overflowing point. With the summer holidays on the horizon, the situation will only get worse. If you would like to adopt a rescue cat please call us.



### Missi Me

Missi arrived after falling out with her other rabbit friends! She is six months old, very cute and looking for a good, loving home that will groom her daily. Please call for more details.



### Trevor

Rehoming Elegance meant that we were able to rescue Trevor (estimated age 28). Trevor was found on an exposed hill with no shelter, food or rugs. His condition was described as emaciated by the local RSPCA inspector. He is enjoying life at the sanctuary and gradually growing stronger. We will provide the very best love, care and attention that he deserves.



# Go Go Goats



After taking 13 goats needing rescue from a small holding, we were faced with several pregnant ladies - soon to give birth to 6 babies. The most joyful kids were born who have now all been successfully and happily rehomed.

## Lovely Lucy

"At long last we are sending you a picture of "Lovely Lucy" who has been here with us since 15th December 2005. She has been as good as gold since day one and is a treasure. We love her dearly and she gives us lots of cuddles and big purrs. Thank you again for letting us adopt her, she is a joy. Lots of love Jim, Michele and Lucy."



## Portia

Portia is an elderly Persian who arrived at MGFT when her owner was emigrating. Her fur was so matted that it formed a solid shell around her body which prevented her from walking. She has now been totally shaved and is receiving medication for hyperthyroidism. Portia desperately needs a good, loving home that she very much deserves.

## Elegance

MGFT are committed to ensuring your animal has the best quality care. This is well illustrated in Elegance's story. Elegance came to the sanctuary in 2003, her original owners wanted to be certain that she would be cared for for the rest of her days and were active supporters of the sanctuary. We have now managed to rehome her into a very caring and committed home with a fellow Arab.

## Thank You's

to Poole Road Vets who donated £200 in lieu of sending out Xmas cards

to local Weight Watchers group who raised £308

to Mr & Mrs Shenfield who requested donations instead of presents for their Golden Wedding Anniversary - over £200 received

## Can you help me?

Hi my name is Ebony, I am a 5 year old female Great Dane. I am desperately looking for a home. I was rescued back in February from a breeder in Wales where I had been all my life. I was kept in a dark shed with little or no interaction with humans, I was fed as and when and clean water wasn't always available. Everything has now changed. I have my very own light airy (large) kennel, a big comfy bed, fresh water that gets changed twice a day (because I slobber in it), two huge bowls of food with my vitamins in. And best

of all People! Yes People, they come in to my kennel put a lead on me and take me outside (I'm still not too sure of the 2 men yet but I'm getting there). They sit with me, take me for walks, and cuddle me (this is the best). I still get freaked out at fast movements, but again I am improving. I am really happy here but I need to find myself one of those home things that all the other doggies seem to be going to. I need someone who can be patient with me, take the time to show me new things, to love me and take care of me. Is that you?



### Larry to Leo...

Larry arrived late one afternoon, in the arms of the Dog Warden. After an emergency vet visit for treatment, it was apparent that this dog had been neglected and ignored for a number of years.

Larry was one big matted mess with this thin, dehydrated, undernourished body underneath, the mats obscured his feet and his eyes.

But after much care and attention Larry is much better and happily rehomed – and renamed Leo.

### Buster

We adopted Buster from MGFT last January. It has taken him about 8 months to really settle in, to trust us, and feel secure. He is very bright, and his training is going well - still a fair bit to do, he has given us a few frights, but we have survived his best efforts to give us heart attacks!!

He is an adorable dog, loves other people, children and dogs (unless the dogs are aggressive towards him first, then he bears a grudge).

We really wouldn't be without him, so hopefully, Buster's story has a happy ending. Sincerely S Willis

P.S Since you told us he did not thrive in kennels and was thin, he has put on 2 kilos, and the vet says he is now the perfect weight.



### Amy and Scamp

Amy and Scamp were signed over to Lincoln farm when their family's new dog didn't get on with them. Scamp is a 5yr old neutered male and Amy is a 4 yr old female. They really love to cuddle up together and so need to find a home that can have them both. Scamp and Amy are both full of character and are really friendly, easy to handle and still full of fun despite their ages. They will make lovely family pets; could you give them the home they so dearly need?

### Rosie

Rosie came to Lincoln Farm with her sister Jemma nearly 2 years ago when their owners could no longer keep them. Jemma has since found a loving home but Rosie is still looking for that special someone. She is a pretty 3 year old x breed. She enjoys being groomed and tucking into her daily fresh vegetables. She is unable to live with another rabbit but would love lots of human attention and love.



### Tarot Pup

Hi there, its Tarot (aka Scruffy)  
Just thought I would write a quick note to let you know what I've been up to. I went to the pub the other night - it was great with lots of people to cuddle although the light up car dragons on the way were a bit scary!! The fairy dog mother (Chrissy) says I am doing really well at school and that my close work is particularly good. I have been for lots of walks on the forest but Mum keeps complaining because she says I am too small and fast to get a good photo of. Hope you like the picture, lots of love from Tarot xxxxxx



### Thank You's

We would like to say thank you to the following people:

The Briantspuddle Social Group for raising £24.75 at one of their monthly meetings.  
Hazel Griffiths celebrated her birthday this year by holding a barn dance and asked family and friends instead of buying her presents for her birthday to donate money to the MGFT. Hazel raised £15!!!  
Thank you very much.

### Treacle

Just writing to let you know that, after a slow start 'Treacle' the rabbit is now drinking normally after our initial concerns. She is enjoying her new home and she is becoming a 'happy little bunny'. She gets regular exercise on the lawn and keeps our dog amused at the same time, I think they are going to be the best of friends. Treacle seems very inquisitive and is not at all scared by the dog which was reassuring because it has been a while since our dog has been with another pet, in fact I even saw them share a kiss!!!!  
Yours gratefully, Tash

## Bruno



**Bruno**

I used to be called Freddie when I lodged at MGFT. But now I have a new home and family and they call me Bruno. I'm such a lucky boy as I have a bestest mate called Shelly who lives in a shell. We play together in the garden, I know I torment her a bit but I'm a good boy really. I have my own chair, and bed but still prefer everyone else's. My owners take me for nice walks which wears them out. I think I'm such a lucky boy.  
Love + licks Bruno

## Cesar

Just thought I would write a quick letter and send you some photos. The first couple of days were very strange, I had a lot to get used to but settled in just fine. I had a few little accidents at first but Mum & Dad were very understanding. I love my daily routine, starting off at 6 am, when I lick Mum's face to let me out to the toilet. At 7am we go for a nice long walk through the fields and stiles which have special little doggie holes for me to go through! I've met a lot of new friends including a field mouse which I caught but safely let go in exchange for a doggie biscuit. I then have many more activities during the day until I sit and watch the soaps with Mum until bedtime which is my favourite part of the day because I get to snuggle up with my teddies. Overall I've settled in really well. We all love each other to bits and I love to give sloppy kisses.  
Woofs n Kisses, Cesar



## Remembering Katie

Katie, our little foster shih tzu (pictured opposite when she first come home), was laid to rest at the end of last year after living the last very happy years of her life with our foster mum Pat Yates - who treated Katie like a Princess. Everyone at Lincoln Farm would like to say a huge thank you to Pat for everything she did for little Katie.

## Wingletang Across the Irish Sea



### Douglas

Douglas was found in a ditch, his serious injuries were consistent with being hit and dragged by a car. This must have been very painful, but this little chap was so pleased with the attention at the surgery, he just laid there quite happily while he was receiving his treatment. Every effort was made to find his owner, but to no avail. Douglas (as he was now called) started to see the surgery as his 'safe haven' after three weeks, so he came to Wingletang to continue his convalescence. Douglas was a brilliant patient, holding his leg out for his daily dressings. On recovery, the emphasis was placed on his socialisation, while Douglas was good with people and other animals, he was very nervous of new surroundings, and obviously traffic, wanting desperately to get back to his safety zone (his kennel). Gradually new places were introduced

In the past newsletters, we have informed you of the Irish dogs we have taken in for rescue (over 50 to date), managing to find them lovely new homes with secure futures. With the stray dog population in Ireland being so large, by taking these dogs it enables the Irish rescue centres to rescue more. Getting up at 3am to pick these lovely dogs up from Bristol after their long sea crossing is no big deal.

to find it wasn't so bad out there and he loved travelling in the van, especially enjoyed his trips to Tavistock Pannier Market where he was always made a fuss of. Douglas is settling in well in his new home and they tell us he is getting into all sorts of mischief, gaining more confidence and fun to have around.



### Jasper

Jasper is a very handsome lad who was born July 2003. He was brought to us eight months ago due to him being protective of the family. He has now come to enjoy his socialisation trips to the town to meet people. Jasper is looking for an experienced dedicated home with no young children or cats, ideally with somebody who has the time and patience to continue his socialisation. He will make a very loyal companion, and is very loving and playful once he has learnt to trust you.

## Wingletang Dog Show

On July 16th 2006 we are holding our annual dog show, it's an event we all look forward to, with a chance to see the dogs that have been homed over the years looking happy and content. We hope the weather will be kind, and look forward to seeing you there.

We have also been invited to run the dog show at the Lydford Summer Fayre (near Tavistock) on 22nd July 2006, with the proceeds of the dog show going to MGFT, there are refreshments available, stalls and also games for the children. The Fayre starts at 12 noon, and the dog show at 2pm, again, we hope you can make it.



### Sky

Hi, my name is Sky. For those of you that read the last newsletter I was living at Wingletang waiting for a foster home. All of the staff at Wingletang were really lovely to me even when I was not happy having to have my medication.

I am now happily settled in my foster homes! Yes, homes. I am fostered to live with a new mum and dad who already have lots of cats, which is great. However, when they go out to work I nip up the road to visit an old lady of 90 just to keep an eye on her and make sure she is safe during the day. When my owners come home they dash up to collect me and give me more grub. The only problem is that Flo, that's the old lady, has already fed me..... but don't tell my owners.

I love where I live because it is near allotments and it is a cul de sac and I am safe. I do not like being combed so feel obliged to give my owners a bit of grief just to let them know, but as yet I have not bitten them.



### Tommy

After all this time my cat (Oscar) and Tommy are just coming to terms with one another, not happy to be pictured together yet... But here are pictures of Tommy, one with Jake at Widemouth Bay and one at St Ives when he almost had a swim. We still have no problems with him (Oscar might have something to say on this though) he is just so good, hardly 'huffs' at all now, it only seems to happen when he is excited. Regards, Pam



### Jane

My name is now Jane and I used to live at Wingletang until I found my new mum and dad. I had been found as a stray but am now so happy in my new home.

I am named after my vet who took a routine blood test and she was under the impression that I was a sweet little cat but I soon showed her. She had to have 3 attempts at getting blood from me. As soon as the other cats at home saw me they knew not to mess with me!

My owners still visit the sanctuary and also do voluntary work there and I now also have a new "sister".

Of course, I am better looking than her but we get along just fine. Not convinced she is really my sister but Niki at the sanctuary managed to fool my owners and so I play along so as not to upset them.

My picture is on the board at the animal sanctuary so if you visit see if you can spot me.

### Sonny

Hi all, I am just writing to let you know how Sonny is getting on. He has taken well to his new life, sleeping on the sofa, walking on the moors and eating plenty of tit bits!! On the walk Sonny likes nothing better than finding his way to the stream for a good swim. He also sometimes gets himself in a pickle as you can see. He has only managed to learn one of the tricks I have tried to teach him, basket!!!

I hope every thing is well, I have to go now for a walk as his royal highness is commanding one!! Thank you for the dog, he is the best dog ever!!! Chris Shutt





Ways you can help:

**Dog Walkers** - Can you spare a couple of hours between 10am and 3pm Monday to Sunday to help walk our rescued dogs?

**Volunteer** - We are most grateful for all the support we get from our excellent band of volunteers and would always appreciate more help.

**Sponsor an Animal** - Animals at our Sanctuaries are available for sponsorship from £15 per annum. We will send you a sponsorship certificate including a colour picture and details of your chosen animal.

**Foster an Animal** - Needed for short-term fostering cats or dogs.

Did you know an inkjet cartridge could take up to 1000 years to biodegrade? Or that the Nicad batteries in mobile phones can contain Cadmium, a toxic and carcinogenic substance? By recycling printer cartridges and mobile phones, you are directly reducing unnecessary and toxic landfill and that's good news for the environment – and supporting MGFT! Enter a monthly draw for a weekend escape by sending all your used printer cartridges and old mobile phones to Recycling Appeal, FREEPOST Nat 22768, Falkirk, FK2 9BR and quote on the back "MGFT Animal Sanctuary" or visit [www.recyclingappeal.com](http://www.recyclingappeal.com) for your freepost envelopes.

Happy recycling!

## become a friend

On behalf of the animals, we are grateful for any and every donation you make. **Just £3 a month could help rehome a pet to a loving home**

I would like to make a monthly regular donation of:

£10  £5  £3  other £

or a single donation of £

(cheque made payable to "Margaret Green Foundation Trust")

Title:  First Name:

Surname:

Address:

Postcode:  Tel:

Email:

### Bankers Order

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I confirm that I pay income tax in the UK. I wish MGFT to reclaim tax on all my donations from 6 April 2000

**Higher rate tax payers can claim further tax relief in their self assessment tax return.** Please remember to notify us if your circumstances change, i.e. move house, you no longer pay Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax equal to the tax the charity reclaims.

I would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail  post

Signature  Date

Please fill in the form and send to MGFT Animal Sanctuary, Church Knowle, Wareham, Dorset BH20 5NQ

### Legacies

We gratefully acknowledge the following bequests received:

- Mrs Dorothy Mary Atkins
- Mrs Pauline Bendell – in memory of 'Wellington'
- Gwendoline Brehaut
- Mrs Sylvia Teresa Gibson
- Mr. Greening
- Olga Jennings
- Mrs June Helen Richmond
- Miss S I Sworn
- Miss Barbara June Trowbridge

### In Memoriam

Our sincere thanks for the donations received in Remembrance of:

- Joan 'Snaps' Pickford
- Barbara Bower
- Miss Joyce Cady
- Joan Campbell
- Joseph A Dodd
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