

The In's and Out's of Inside Out



BBC Inside Out have been filming with their new presenter Joe Crowley. The date is still to be confirmed when this will be aired. Joe has to say... Never work with children and... What? Why ever not?

This summer I experienced life in the country, the MGFT way...

Week one in my new job with BBC South's Inside Out team and suddenly I'm 'poo-picking', 'pig boarding' and up to my neck in water and dog hair with a bemused German Shepherd. Yes, I'd barely arrived at the BBC when I was packed off to the MGFT sites in Dorset to acquaint myself with one or two characters including Belle, an asthmatic pony, Mary the sunburnt pig and Freddie a three-legged greyhound. There were moments of sheer fun - I was given the Trust's smallest dog, a Yorkie called Nut, to shampoo and discovered my first ever self-drying dog - and then the poignant moments when people faced up to giving up animals they couldn't care for, or a stray came in with evidence of some form of neglect or cruelty.

It's hard not to be taken aback at the scale on which MGFT operates. It seems both the sanctuary at Lincoln Farm and the one at Church Knowle are constantly operating at capacity so there's never a dull moment.

And the range of creatures taken into the care of the dedicated staff genuinely surprised me - what with feral goats, chipmunks, and a fledgling chick lining up alongside the Trust's more numerous dogs, cats and horses.



But after spending a few days on site, it's the human impact of MGFT that begins to become apparent. I know it's never easy giving up a loved pet because circumstances change or you can no longer cope for one reason or another, but the relief, hope and support that the Trust can offer really makes a difference. And, it has to be said that the animals seem to get a good deal out of it too. I'd never realised there were so many ways hay could be served up to horses - if only Egon Ronay handed out stars for equine catering!

Ben

Is a 10 year old male black and white cat. He has been at the sanctuary the longest and tends to get overlooked due to his age and colour. Ben is a very friendly and affectionate cat and loves to sit in the sunshine and have a stroll around. He could live with other cats and older children. If you could offer Ben a home, please ring Church Knowle on 01929 480474.



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Objectives of the Trust

- 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 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.



Welcome to M.G.F.T

In the Spring MGFT newsletter my name was mentioned as the new General Manager of the Trust and its three sanctuaries. Now I have the privilege of writing in the Winter newsletter.

I would like to extend my thanks to all the MGFT staff and volunteers who have made me feel so welcome since I arrived in mid June. Everyone has been very kind and I have been impressed with the efforts made by everyone to provide the highest level of welfare to the animals within our care.

It is our hope that we can increase the number of animals rehomed from the three sanctuaries in the coming year. If you can help rehome one of our animals, or know of someone who may want to rehome, please contact the sanctuary most local to you, the contact details are at the front

of this newsletter.

Those of you who read the Spring newsletter will have read about the financial status of MGFT. One of our key challenges is to raise additional funds to allow us to continue to provide the high quality care to the animals that are with us.

Like many charities, we are wholly dependent upon public donations for our funds. If you are a supporter of MGFT and have made a financial donation to us in the past then I thank you on behalf of everyone at MGFT.

Could I make a request of you as you read this newsletter? Would you consider pledging a regular sum of money to MGFT from your bank account to support our worthy charity? A small amount of £3 per month would go a long way to helping us, a form is on the back page of this newsletter and takes about a minute to complete

and then just needs to be posted to us. We would be most grateful if you could undertake this act of great kindness for our animals.

To make your donation go further you can "gift aid it" by ticking the box on the form, this will allow us to reclaim, for now, an extra 28% of the value of your donation from HM Revenue and Customs. £3 per month currently becomes £3.84 per month at no extra cost to you. Go on sign up today.

Thank you for taking the time to read my newsletter item, enjoy the remainder of the newsletter.

Kind regards

Noel Lockyer-Stevens
General Manager

Our Thanks To...

- Olivia Phillips, Chelsea Sturton and Millie Wortley had been wanting to raise money for MGFT Animal Sanctuary for a while, and decided to do a sponsored bike ride of 35 laps around Winton Rec. They raised in total over £175.



- 2nd Year Equine degree students at Kingston Maurward College held an Equine 'have a go' event and raised over £500 for MGFT
- 2CR and Pampurred Pets promoted pet food donations for local animal charities
- The Ladies of Blandford L.V.A. kindly donated £250
- Brittany Ferries in Poole held various fundraising activities and donated £250

- We held a Charity Horse Fun Ride starting at MGFT Church Knowle. The person who raised the most was Amy Brown with over £80.



- Mansbridge and Balment very kindly organised a sponsored dog walk for us around Burrator Reservoir, it was a lovely sunny day, with everyone in a relaxed frame of mind. They managed to raise £200, not bad for a nice Sunday stroll.
- We would also like to thank Bridestowe & District Riding Club for raising £150 for us at their dog show and Duchy Agriculture College for raising the £150 at their dog show. We really do appreciate their support!

- All that attended the Fashion Show on 17th September. We made a £300 profit on the night.



Photo courtesy of Mark Coutts Photography.

- Pawsitive Dog Training Club of Bournemouth raising some £250 throughout the year.
- Gillingham Dog Agility Team raised £290 with various fundraising events over the summer.





take it easy...



Fundraising used to be a hassle. Lots of fussing around with cheques and envelopes and paper sponsorship forms. But thanks to the internet, it's not like that anymore.

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Animals & the Law

As an organisation dedicated to the care of animals the recent changes in the Law have been welcome, but also concerning. Do you know what your legal responsibilities are?

Firstly the new Animal Welfare Act 2006 places an obligation on all owners and keepers to ensure that the welfare needs of their animals are met. These include the need for a suitable environment or place to live; a suitable diet; being allowed to exhibit normal behaviour patterns; to be housed with, or apart from, other animals as applicable; and to be protected from pain, injury, suffering and disease

In very simple terms an owner

or keeper must consider where an animal is housed or even temporarily kept, how often and how much it is exercised, what distress or anxiety an animal may suffer by being close to or visible to another, and of course must ensure appropriate veterinary treatment is given both in terms of illness or suffering but also on prevention of disease.

These are very welcome changes and we hope that over time the number of animals receiving inadequate care will dramatically decline.

As an example please see our story about Barney.

A Will to Give...

Have you considered a legacy donation to MGFT?

By writing a Will, you not only ensure that your loved ones are cared for, you can also benefit your favourite causes and decide exactly what will become of your property and possessions.

Legacies to charities have the advantage of relief from Inheritance Tax and enable donors to support the valuable work of animal rescue in years to come.

If you want to give MGFT and its animals an amount of money or property by legacy, then speak to your solicitor, or if you have an existing Will your solicitor can make a small amendment for you. You may find the website below useful to help you think about the type of legacy you would like to leave MGFT.

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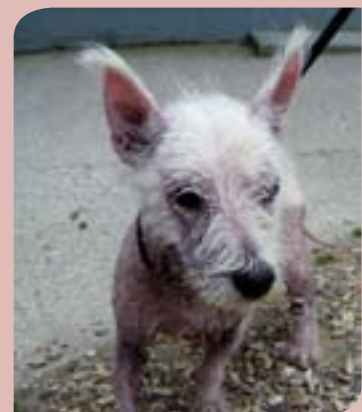
If you have already been kind enough to remember MGFT in your Will, or you intend to do so, we thank you for your kindness. If you have yet to decide on your Will, or would like to support MGFT in your current Will, have a word with your solicitor, and let us know.

Barney the Brave

You may recognise Barney's photo from the newspaper where the RSPCA placed an article about him appealing for information from anyone who knew who he belonged too.

Barney was found abandoned in a car park at a local beauty spot by a member of the public who took him straight to the vet because of his terrible condition. Barney has a very serious skin complaint which causes him a lot of discomfort and results in him missing 80% of his hair.

Barney has now been given a wonderful opportunity of a second chance with us at Lincoln Farm where we will continue his treatment and he can take his first steps on the long, slow road to recovery. And when his condition allows we will find him the loving home he needs and so desperately deserves. Barney is a lovely boy with a very gentle nature despite the considerable discomfort he is in. If you think you may be able to offer Barney the home he needs please contact Lincoln Farm on **01929 471340**



Companion Dog Show and Family Fun Day

MGFT in Dorset had their annual Companion Dog Show and Family Fun Day on Sunday 12th August at Church Knowle.

It was a great success with many visitors, record number of dog show entries, and very favourable comments on how visitors enjoyed the event as well as the opportunity to stroll round the sanctuary. Our overall profit was £12,500 which included the proceeds from the Grand Draw.

Miss Margaret Green also attended the day and drew the Raffle tickets. She is pictured with some of MGFT's volunteers along with the dog that won the best overall MGFT Rescue Dog.



We would like to thank everyone who attended the day to help make it a great success, and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

There was much fun for the family; including the HM Coastguard providing a tug of war, intelligent horsemanship



demonstrations throughout the day, bouncy castle, Cara Dog Training Demo, Catherine with Jilly's Search and Rescue Demo, stalls, refreshments and the much needed Purbeck Ice Cream's cart.



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A Loving Farewell

You may remember this picture from our Spring newsletter, where we were appealing for a loving home for Clyde and Tote, two Bassett Hound x's who were inseparable brothers.

They found a very loving home with one of our supporters Joanna Rosskelly-Williams (who already has a rescue Greyhound and Lurcher from us). The pair settled in extremely well but sadly Clyde was diagnosed with cancer, and after only a few months in his new home was tragically lost. We know he will be greatly missed by Joanna and her family, his brother Tote and everyone who knew him. Sleep well Clyde we will always remember you.



Update on Polly

You may remember Polly (Yorkie) from our last newsletter where we were appealing for a 'forever home' for her. She had been in kennels with us for quite a long time due to previous bad experiences and was therefore very untrusting of people.



Luckily for Polly, member of staff Laura Howlett fell in love with her. By caring for her every day in kennels she was able to gain Polly's trust and help build her confidence. It wasn't long before Polly and Laura were inseparable, it was just a case of Laura convincing her parents to let Polly come home. Being 'doggie' people they soon agreed and it wasn't long before Polly went to live with the Howlett's and their Newfoundland Jake and numerous fostered rescue Labradors (though Polly is obviously the boss)!

A Day in the Life of a Volunteer - Gillian

I have been a volunteer for 18 months.

As I have an indoor job all week it's great to be in the open air. Usually I help on the stables section and even though I knew very little about horses when I started, there were still lots of jobs I could do.

My day starts around 8.30am on Saturdays helping with feeding and catching up on the news from the week. Each Saturday is a little different, often with new horses to meet and health issues to learn about. I then get started on cleaning the stables to ensure they are kept spotless, wash the breakfast feed buckets, take rugs off and lead the horses out to the fields for the day. Some are more lively than others but there are always some gentler ones I can take.

After lunch I help prepare the feeds and medications and then I either find some horses to groom and generally pamper or watch the staff train new horses who have come in which is fascinating. All too soon it's time to give them their tea and bring them in for the night. There are hay nets to fill and bins of hay to soak as well as rugs to put on the horses in the winter.

While I normally help on stables I have also leant a hand with the pigs, sheep and goats. I have learnt a tremendous amount about caring for animals and the staff are always happy to show me things. Everyone is



really welcoming and supportive and I always enjoy my day.

I have got so much out of my volunteering; I am definitely fitter, healthier and more knowledgeable about animal husbandry. You never feel left out and the staff make sure you are safe. I know the staff and animals alike value my input but I suspect the person who really gets the most out of Saturdays is me.

Ideas for Shops and Businesses

Could you display posters, distribute leaflets and packs, pop a collection tin on your counter or even hold a fundraising event for MGFT? Please contact Donna on 01929 477070 for more information.

Best Positions in Bed



Can you make a difference like Gillian?

Volunteers needed at Church Knowle

Volunteers make a major contribution to the work at the Animal Sanctuary:

- any number of hours and/or days to suit you
- general animal welfare on site, i.e. animal grooming, mucking out, feeding, etc
- shop, animal rehoming and general admin



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Bizzy - A New Recruit?

I came over from Southern Ireland on the 16th August with lots of other dogs, all in the hope of finding a new home. We were met by four ladies at Bristol who then decided amongst themselves which of us were going to Dorset and which were going to Devon. Me and my sister were taken to Devon.

We were only 9 weeks old, but full of mischief. A nice lady by the name of Catherine came to see me, she threw toys for me, and was really pleased when I brought them back for her. She must like the Irish, as her other dog by the name of Jilly came from there - Jilly is quite well known around these neck of the woods, apparently she has real fun up on Dartmoor looking for people who may have got lost. She even found an elderly 17 year old Jack Russell not so long ago, who got lost in some

bad weather, and was very confused, but Jilly saved the day, and after a night in the vets recovering from her ordeal, she went back to her very relieved owner. I think she wants me to learn to do the same when I'm older. I went home with Catherine, and boy, I've had a lot of fun, going to puppy parties, and meeting new faces, apparently I'm learning to be sociable. I've been told that when I'm 6 months old I will be registered as a search & rescue dog, and that's when the real fun begins. I will get to meet these animals that roam the moor 'white fluffy things', but I'm not allowed to play with them, I've got to ignore them, well I don't see that as very sociable, but mum knows best I suppose, so I'll have to be on my best behaviour!




In the next newsletter I'll let you all know how I'm getting on, so watch this space!!!!!!



Jerry


We'd like to thank you so much for our dog we adopted in March. She came to us just as if she'd always lived with us, even though she's 9 years old.

She's always wagging her tail – the only time she stops is when she's sleeping! When she came to us you had already been trying to lessen her weight so my husband took her to the 'weigh in club' at our vets. After an hours walk every morning and a ball game every afternoon, both Jerry and husband are much slimmer!



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The Three V's



Venus, Vida and Vinny are three one year old crossbreeds who were found together and brought into us by the local dog warden.

They were all very underweight and absolutely terrified of people and noises. After several weeks in our care they began to trust the staff enough to allow them to handle them. Although still very afraid these dogs were not at all aggressive and just needed time and patience to build their confidence and trust in people. We needed to show this deserving threesome that there is a nicer side to life.

Following the publishing of their story in a local paper highlighting their plight we were inundated with support from the public as well as many people offering them loving homes. A couple of months on and the three are settled in their new homes and doing really well. All it took was a little bit of patience and a lot of love.



Homes Wanted!

We have some gorgeous cats looking for homes at MGFT Wingletang like Nellie & Blackie. A loving home is needed for these beautiful girls born September 2000. Nellie & Blackie have been with us far too long, they came from a loving environment where sadly their owner passed away. Both sisters are very affectionate and love to be groomed and made a fuss of. Can you give them the loving home they deserve? Please ring Church Knowle on 01929 480474.

About Benson!



From the first day that we saw Benson (pictured on the right) at Wingletang, we knew he was the companion for us. After coming over and seeing him a few times we went ahead with the rehoming procedure and took him home with us.

We lost our two dogs within six months of each other, and had been a bit nervous about getting another pet, but we are so glad that we called in to Wingletang when we did.

We were a bit worried about my daughters guide dog Firth, but after 3 or 4 days they are now the best of buddies, and have just about wrecked

our pampas grass in the front garden with their games of chase and play fighting. Benson is already walking without a lead to heel, and is very obedient for a young dog. He comes when called (sometimes twice) but hey! its early days yet, and I am glad to get out and about again.

He loves going out in the car even if its only to Tesco's and back, he just loves being with us wherever we go. My grandson Luke worships him, and he has struck up a bond with my daughter Steff, who is blind and disabled. So thanks again for your superb service to animals.

Eddie & June Madgwick

Violet



Violet came from Church Knowle and is a very small cat, bearing a strong resemblance to a British Blue in other respects.

She shows remarkable intelligence and has been my loyal and constant companion for four years.

Recently I left the back door open for her to make a last quick call into the garden and prepared myself for bed. When I entered the bedroom from the bathroom, she had returned and taken up her place on the second of twin beds. Rather wearily I got into my bed and we settled for the night.

After about an hour she started fussing about, meowing and jumping on and off my bed. Her behaviour was extraordinary and finally she stalked the length of my body!! I can't say that I welcomed her attention and got up briefly. From there I could see the patio light was on so I went downstairs to switch it off and found the kitchen door still open, of course.

When I settled down again, she made a series of chirpy sounds and made herself comfy again on her bed. At the time the episode just seemed like a fortunate coincidence but in the light of day, I realised it was no coincidence, I am the proud owner of a carer-cat!

Mrs Weaver

Mable



Mable the sheep is a Jacob X.

She was born on a smallholding and, unfortunately for Mable, pneumonia stopped her from growing at a normal rate. This meant her only option would have been the slaughter house. We took her in, and now she is 8 months old, at Church Knowle, and looking for a new home...

Four New Arrivals

Bree is a lovely little 3 year old female Jack Russell who was found wandering as a stray and was very obviously pregnant.

When no one came forward to the Council to claim her, she was then signed over to our care at Lincoln Farm. We immediately had her health checked by our vet and scanned to let us know roughly how many pups to prepare for and when we could expect them to arrive! The scan showed four little heart beats and the vet advised that they would probably be born in the next five to nine days but it was difficult to say exactly.

We set a video camera up in Bree's kennel to enable the staff who lived on site to monitor her overnight, she was also checked on, given small feeds and taken out for short walks throughout the night as well. After a week in our care Bree gave birth to four adorable, healthy little pups in the early hours. Luckily there were no complications and the pups soon began to feed. When not even



two weeks old we were able to find permanent new loving homes for the pups once they were weaned and ready to start their new lives. Bree is such a lovely little dog and we would love for her to have a loving home to go to after everything she has been through. **If you would like Bree to become part of your family please contact Lincoln Farm on 01929 471340**

Good Home Wanted



Bunny is a 3 year old Netherland Dwarf who has been in our care since May. Sadly he keeps being overlooked as he is quite nervous and will hide when people try to view him.

He is a lovely boy and with regular gentle handling would make a rewarding pet for an experienced owner. If you would like Bunny to become a member of your family please contact Lincoln Farm on 01929 471340.

Garden of Remembrance

Our Garden of Remembrance at Church Knowle provides a tranquil, rural location overlooking the Purbeck Hills. We are able to offer an appropriate place in the garden where you may scatter ashes amongst the rose bushes. Alternatively you are able to lay a plaque with your chosen wording in memory of your beloved pet.

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Another Successful Day!

Our Lincoln Farm annual sponsored dog walk was held on the 9th September at Wareham Forest and once again was a huge success, being supported by our volunteers and adopters. It was a great chance for people who have adopted dogs from us to meet up and gave staff the opportunity to meet familiar four legged faces again. We were really lucky with the weather, it stayed sunny all day without being too hot for the dogs. At the end of the walk everyone was met with cold drinks and a selection of home made goodies along with a chance to catch up on the gossip, on the gossip. A great time was had by all and over £900 has been raised in sponsorship. A big thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the day such a success!

Princess

Princess is a Yorkshire Terrier who was brought into Lincoln Farm after being found as a stray. She was in a horrendous condition, extremely emaciated and riddled in fleas. Her coat was filthy and matted, she had obviously not been loved or cared for in a very long time. Because of Princess's terrible condition she stayed in the staff accommodation at night and helped with the paper work in the office during the day.



After being checked by our vet Princess had to have a large cyst removed from her side and also have her only remaining tooth removed because it was so rotten. Due to her not having any teeth the end of her tongue does tend to escape from the side of her mouth which staff think makes her look all the more adorable. Princess has a very quiet, gentle temperament and she quickly won the hearts of everyone that met her including Ray and Marian Hands who had recently lost their Yorkie at 16 years. They decided to follow their hearts and give Princess the loving new home she so desperately deserved. We know Princess has gone to the best possible home and will have many more happy years with her new mum and dad.

Phoebe



Just a quick note to let you know how Phoebe is getting on.

She settled in from the moment she walked through the door and has not put a paw wrong! What a fantastic dog she is! Well behaved, obedient off the lead and a loving, affectionate dog in the house. She also had to live with my 2 year old grandson over the weekend and was very good with him. She has met loads of other dogs on walks and is no problem with them either. Her only annoying habit is her fondness for hiding her ball in my pansy bed and then pretending she can't find it until all the pansies are uprooted/dead!!!!!!

Next year we are planting thistles!!!!

Thanks again for letting us adopt such a lovely dog. We'll keep in touch, Becky Rudall



...is now Oscar, adopted in July. He's doing extremely well. He learnt to come when called (to Oscar) very quickly and can enjoy running in fields off the lead which he does a lot; getting fitter and more muscles as a result.

He gets on very well with my 11 year old bitch Dorothy, who is fit but deaf so no good for helping train him. He is a terrible food thief, extremely inventive and clever, everything has

Jasper

to be locked away but I was prepared for that. You said he had been abandoned on an Irish motorway – which had scared him in that he does NOT want to get in the car; quiet and good when in, dribbles a bit, but has to be lifted in (he's heavy) and will try and dance away if I don't put him on the lead. I am putting him in the car, kindly, every day, even if we only sit and eat a biscuit, and it's not getting worse. We have not been to the coves much because of awful weather, but the 3rd time he followed me into the water properly and surprised himself by discovering he could swim really well, so I anticipate him readily swimming with me in the future. Dorothy will only seriously swim if she's the fastest so she will probably stop.

He's very affectionate, and likes to be in whatever room one's in. We're delighted to have him, the cat likes him, Dorothy was plainly lonely before he arrived, and thank you all very much.

Neo



We got a lovely cat from you in February called Neo. We call him Leo now, because he's like a lion. We love him very much and thought you'd like to see how settled he is.

He goes out, but not for long. I'm glad because when he's out, I'm a softie and like him with me. We sit in the garden together in the sun, though.

He's still on a diet and think he's losing weight slowly.

Paula Coe



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Connor



Connor is a 1 year old small male Greyhound who was found abandoned in Ireland.

He spent a short time in an Irish rescue centre before being brought over to us along with other unwanted dogs. Despite everything he has been through he is a really happy boy with a lovely temperament. He enjoys playing with other dogs and is good with children. Connor joined in on our sponsored dog walk with volunteer Alex Shaw who said he behaved impeccably the whole way round. Connor would make a lovely addition to any family which was active and had lots of love to give him. If you are interested in Connor please contact Lincoln Farm on 01929 471340.

Vindaloo



Dear All,

Just a quick note to let you know how Vindaloo has settled in.

We decided to take things very slowly with her and she started off with her own bedroom (ensuite of course). After a few days she was able to explore the whole house but kept separate from our other cats, and then she slowly met the others, and quickly made friends with our ginger & white boy Pippin. She now goes in and out of the cat flap, explores the garden and plays up and down the stairs with Pippin, chasing through the house. I can't believe she's 10 years old as she plays like a young kitten! We adore her and she comes on our laps in the evenings for a cuddle and stroke. Keep up the good work,

Sophie

Wingletang Dog Show

Another brilliant dog show for MGFT Wingletang this year!

There was lots of fun and activities to enjoy for all the family, including the kiddies corner which had a bouncy castle, sumo wrestling and face painting, also the beautiful birds of prey, like the 'Harris Hawk' pictured. MGFT Wingletang would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to make the show a success and to all who came along and supported us. Without you we would not have raised the fantastic sum of



money that we did.

It was lovely to see some of the dogs return to the Sanctuary to visit, and we do hope they bring back their two legged friends to visit next year!

Biggley



Is a beautiful 15 year old male grey cat.

He has a lovely friendly nature and is good with children, dogs and other cats. He has been in and out of rescue a number of times due to no fault of his own and he needs a loving new home. He is diabetic and needs daily insulin, dietary food and veterinary check-ups to keep him in good health. Biggley is very laid back and this routine is the norm for him. If you could offer Biggley a home, please ring Church Knowle on 01929 480474.

Ebony

Ebony is a fell pony X whose owners were emigrating to New Zealand.

She was out on long term loan which didn't work out, but meant she came to us very nervous of men, and as a consequence of running with a stallion she became pregnant.

We expect Ebony to foal early next year.



Wingletang Sponsored Dog Walk

Our sponsored dog walk was again, another excellent event. It included our open day to show all our supporters the building work that has been carried out to improve our facilities for the dogs, cats and staff.



After the walk there were some refreshments available, including a selection of home made cakes, so after everyone was fed and watered, the new and improved facilities were revealed. We all felt proud to show people around the sanctuary.

We would like to thank all who took part, raising money and to the volunteers who helped out on the day ensuring that everything went smoothly. The total amount raised this year was over £2100. Thanks again to everyone's continued support, we hope to see you again next year!

Eleanor's Experience

Thank you so much for having me on my work experience for the week that I was with you over the summer. I feel that I learnt a lot and gained some excellent experience. I was so surprised and impressed at how quickly all of the dogs were rehomed at Lincoln Farm. Thank you for all being so welcoming, I had a really great time and it gave me an excellent insight into what an animal sanctuary is like and to the work it does.

Eleanor

Zorba

Hi everyone,

Its been a good few months since Zorba moved to Dorchester to live with us and we thought you might like a recent picture of him.

As you can see, he is still as chunky, but has settled in very well. He doesn't always get on brilliantly with poor old Murphy, our original cat, but that's probably because although he's 15, Murphs a bit of a live wire and very inquisitive. Poor old Zorba (or Chunky Bum as he's affectionately known) keeps getting pestered and can get very impatient with him, but they tolerate each other pretty well for the most part.

As you can see, one of Zorba's favourite places is the back of the armchair which keeps him well out of Murphy's way and close to us, so if



foods on offer, he doesn't dip out! His other favourite places are the chair in the spare room, the bottom of our bed and all over the place in the garden! He's a lovely chap and all our friends and neighbours have fallen in love with him. We are so happy to have him with us, many thanks for introducing us!

Vanessa and Stuart

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Hi to everyone at Wingletang! We just thought we should email you to let you know how Whisper has been settling in.

She has become almost a completely different dog in only 2 weeks, and the gradual progress she makes day by day has been hugely encouraging to see. Initially we had a dog who was extremely timid, jumpy and would cower at the slightest unexpected noise. Bit by bit this behaviour has been replaced by a dog whose tail never stops wagging, is eager to head out for her walks, who is very affectionate and loves a cuddle and who is now learning to play!

Her response to people has always been good - no malice with this dog! Other dogs has been a different story; initially she would snap at any dog that came too close to her face. Now she's actively playing with 2 local dogs. We have had great success with walking her on gradually longer and longer leads (thanks in large part to the ridiculous 15 metre lead donated by my Mum!), and now we've seen her running at her full speed effortlessly; although neither of us can keep up with her when she does.

As for other training she now comes to her name and whistles, she responds to us when she's being told off as she oversteps her boundaries (something she's starting to do a lot of now! Her over-inquisitive nose gets her in lots of trouble) and she will sit, if what she's sitting for is worthwhile to her - dinner normally helps!

We'd just like to thank you for homing with us a dog full of character, who is now very affectionate, loves our company and contact and loves to play! We couldn't have asked for anything more. Hope to get in touch with you again once she's started her training classes!

Andy and Lucy



Barclays New Growth Fund (raising)

Bank staff swapped suits for shovels when they undertook a wildlife pond and gardening project at our Church Knowle site.

Twenty three volunteers from Barclays House in Poole abandoned their computers for a couple of days to come and give a complete transformation to our current disused duck pond area and also created a new picnic and garden area on what was previously grazing land. Nina Cherry from Barclays in Poole said: "we believe that the expertise and skills of our employees, as well as our money, can make a huge difference to the communities we live and work in. I hope that this project will help promote MGFT and encourage people to visit the centre to enjoy the space that we have created whilst showing appreciation for the work that MGFT do."