

# Waggy Tails Rescue

## Autumn / Winter newsletter 2016



### Summer at Helen's House

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With all the hot weather this summer we have had to do what we can stop the dogs overheating whilst ensuring they get enough exercise, stimulation and socialisation. A great way of keeping the dogs cool is to provide them with frozen Kong toys stuffed with yogurt and Chappie. The dogs love this tasty treat, and it keeps them occupied.



Much of the socialisation takes place in the field where there is plenty of shade, and when it is hot we put out paddling pools for the dogs to play in. Buddy, a Jack Russell cross West

Highland Terrier, and Royal, an American Bulldog cross, in particular love to play with balls in the paddling pools, but some of the dogs just enjoy time out to relax in the shade. Gizmo loves to sunbathe on the grass, and sometimes the dogs just want to sit and be groomed by volunteers.

Buddy is very friendly and playful with the other dogs, but has shown himself to be particularly gentle and understanding with blind Gizmo.

Roman, who has been classified as a Pit Bull Terrier and so is one of our permanent residents, is particularly good for helping socialise the other dogs because of his friendly, calm and even-tempered nature. He is very tolerant of dogs that jump around and bark, and shows it is not the breed of dog that matters but how they are trained and treated.



In August we took in 4 Deerhound cross Collie puppies, Robbie, Glen, Dora and Isla. They are typical puppies, full of energy and mischief, and have certainly provided us with lots of entertainment this summer,

not to mention all the work involved in caring for them.

### Waggy Tails Rescue 2017 Calendar

We are pleased to announce that we will very soon be launching our very own calendar for 2017, featuring pictures of our wonderful rescues. This has been possible due to the fantastic support of the Dolphin Shopping Centre in Poole who have sponsored this, and will sell the calendar in the centre. We will also stock the calendar in our shops and at our events. Follow us on Facebook, or see our website for details of the official launch.

### New Pet Shop Paws 4 Pets

2016 saw the opening of an exciting new venture for Waggy Tails Rescue, a pet shop in West Parley. The shop sells a huge variety of items including all types of collars and leads, bowls, brushes, clothing, pet carriers, beds, blankets, toys and food. We also have a good selection of ornaments and pictures for dog lovers. As we are unable to open the shop every day at the moment, please ring us on 07541 746437 before calling in. We are always in need of volunteers and good quality donations, so get in touch if you can help.



# Christmas and Craft Fair 17th December 9.30 to 12.30

Barrington Centre, Penny's Walk, Ferndown, BH22 9TH

# SUPPORTERS & FUND RAISERS – HOW YOU CAN HELP

## The Great 'Finch' Bake Off



The staff at Finch Group in Southampton held a dress down day and bake off competition to raise money for Waggy Tails Rescue. The competition was won by Julie Wiles with a mouth-watering chocolate cake. After the event, colleagues paid 50p per slice for the cakes with the money going into the fundraising pot for the year, in which Finch are supporting us as their chosen charity. Thanks

to Lynne Gittins, Jo Pitter, Jill Jukes, Julie Wiles and Paul Chapman for baking cakes. Thanks also to Office Manager Tony Symons for judging the competition.

## Cycling Endurance Challenge

On Saturday 2nd July 2016 our small team of volunteers took pride of place in the Dolphin Shopping Centre in Poole to undertake a unique challenge. The target was to cycle 1km for each of the 250 dogs successfully rehomed by Waggy Tails Rescue in 2015. The team were joined by various guests including the Mayor of Poole and completed 300km in just 5 hours 45 minutes, raising in excess of £400. Our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed.



## OSCAR By Sarah Stephens of Oscar Pet Foods

**much more than pet food.** Your local Oscar Pet Foods franchises are delighted to have supported Waggy Tails this year. We supplied goodie bags for all the dogs taking part in the sponsored walk at Upton Park earlier this year and we have offered a free sample of Oscar's quality British-made dog food with every adoption. We have an ongoing donation scheme – book a no-obligation 'taste trial' with your local Oscar Advisor and we will donate £1 to Waggy Tails and increase the donation to £5 if you decide to become a customer. Just let us know that you have a Waggy Tails dog when you book your 'taste trial' You can find out all about Oscar Pet Foods at [www.oscar.co.uk](http://www.oscar.co.uk) or call Sarah (Oscar Pet Foods Avon & Stour) on 01425 674575 to book an appointment or be put in touch with your local Advisor. You can find your local franchise on Facebook too, just search 'Oscar Pet Foods'.

## Volunteering for Waggy Tails

If you have time to spare there are many ways you can help Waggy Tails Rescue. Our office and shops are staffed by volunteers, and we need lots of people to help feed and exercise the dogs, who each have two walks a day. We also need people who can help us with cleaning, laundry, and sorting items donated to the charity by members of the public. To help at our base in Canford Magna you will need to be over 18.

We particularly need volunteers to help in our charity shops in Charminster, Bournemouth and West Parley. To help in our shops you will need to be over 16, but you do not need to have retail experience.

For further information on volunteering please contact us by phone, email or download an application form from our website.

## Congratulations and thank you!

A special thank you to the following couples who thought of us on their wedding day and asked for donations to Waggy Tails Rescue from their guests in the place of gifts. What a wonderful kind gesture, here's wishing you a long and happy life together:

**Sarah & Bob**  
**Suzy & Alan**



## Do you have any spare time to help at our events?

Our team of fundraisers are always looking for new members who can give up some time to assist in arranging and attending our various events. If you would like to find out more about the fundraising team, and discuss how you can help, please contact Paul Chapman on 07432 488666 or by email at [fundraising@waggytails.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@waggytails.org.uk)

## Shop Online with easyfundraising

We have signed up to easyfundraising so whenever you are shopping online you can help us and you don't pay anything extra. Before you shop just go to the website [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk), pick from any of almost 3,000 retailers and shop as usual.



## Waggy Tails Selling

Did you know that in addition to our Facebook page Waggy Tails Rescue Dorset, we have a Facebook page Waggy Tails Selling? We use this to advertise furniture and any extra special, or more unusual items that have been donated to us, so follow our page if you want to see what we have up for sale. If you don't use Facebook, we also advertise

on the Preloved site. It's surprising where some items go, we recently sold a lovely vintage shove-halfpenny board to someone living in Sark in the Channel Islands!

We are always in need of good quality clothes, household goods, furniture, dog accessories and more to sell.





## Gizmo is looking for a retirement home by Foster Mum Pat

Gizmo is a blind Rottweiler/lab cross who has been looking for a home now for over a year.

One of the Waggy Tails Foster Carers took him in to her home for a month for assessment to see how he copes in a home environment.

He was a bit confused at first, as being blind he didn't know where he was, or the layout of the house. Objects such as coffee tables were moved, and it was made sure the pathway from the kitchen through rooms to the garden were clear at all times. It took Gizmo a day to find this path, and within a week he knew exactly the layout.

A stair gate was put at the bottom of the stairs for his safety. He had no difficulty whatsoever in finding his way around.

The garden was very interesting for him, as it was quite a large area to explore. The pots did get a bit knocked over at first, but he soon learned to avoid them. He loved the garden, and spent a lot of time outside. He especially liked to sit in the sun and just relax.



As there were three other dogs in the household he was fed in the garden, away from the others, just in case of any problems. He got on very well with the other dogs (except one, but that was not Gizmo's fault). At first, he did think that any food within his reach was fair game, but at the end of the month had learned that this was human territory and not his.

He slept all night. Gizmo is not terribly keen on walking as he does not like traffic so if he has a big garden, that would be enough. He is friendly with all humans – mostly ignoring them.

This super dog would so much like a home of his own. Better if there were no other dogs so that he could be the centre of attention. Owners would have to be prepared to be firm, as well as loving him. His blindness is no problem to him and an owner would soon forget he couldn't see. He has much love to give and would make a

single person or couple a wonderful companion. If Gizmo is homed in the Waggy Tails area, we could offer the support of our Vet.

## House rabbit in search of a new home

By Neil Davidson



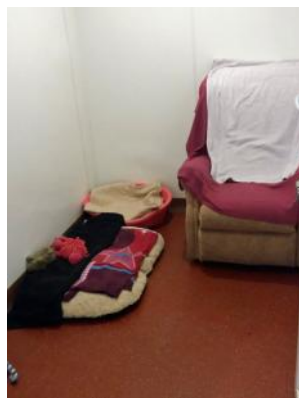
Waggy Tails is pleased to be given the opportunity of finding Danny the Lion Head Rabbit a quality home for him to rest and relax in his twilight years.

He had for many years (seven to be precise) been the companion of a lady who, due to ill health, unfortunately had to part company with him. Danny has impeccable manners and at the same time will be a distinct asset in the "giving cuddles" department of any home. As befits his high class station in life he would need to reside indoors with the humans in the household and will expect to be able to inspect the rooms at regular intervals. His one fault is to check out electrical wiring with his teeth so he would require that temptation to be managed accordingly. If you think your home would measure up to Danny's exacting standards please contact us.

## Inside the sanctuary cabins by Pat

I go into the office once or twice a week and often go into the cabin area of our Sanctuary, Helen's House.

The picture you see here is exactly how all the cabins look. Totally clean, fresh bedding most days, comfortable beds and most of them have armchairs. All the dogs have clean food and water bowls and toys to play with. A radio plays, and outside each cabin is the dogs lead, harness, grooming brushes and log chart. The only thing missing is their own TV!



When the dogs go out for their morning walks, their cabin will be completely washed down, walls and all.

The whole Sanctuary is clean, neat and tidy and a real credit to all who work there – staff and volunteers.

**Nancy Trowbridge** was a lady to be admired. She was gentle, kind and softly spoken, and unswerving in her devotion to animals and Waggy Tails in particular. She was a great knitter and provided us with many lovely blankets to use and to sell. She and her dear husband, Mike, would turn up with their beloved terrier, Max, and carry armfuls of beautiful blankets into Helen's House. Thank you Nancy.



## Volunteer of the year 2016

The WTR Volunteer of the Year shield was awarded to John and Sara Way. Both have been volunteers for many years and have supported the Charity throughout. John's meticulous accounting of the collection tins and Sara's sewing raising valuable funds are both legendary. A Very well deserved award.



### A very happy ending by Rudi

Hello, my name is Rudi, I spent 2 years at Waggy Tails Rescue after I was rescued from a dog pound. My stay at Waggy Tails was very welcome as I was provided with a safe place to rest with lots of friendly people to take me for walks.



My life changed for the better when my forever home was found. My new Mum and Dad attended one of Waggy Tails open days and thought I might be the one for them. I am a black and white terrier/collie, and about 6 years old. Whilst I am very well behaved in the home I do have some issues when other dogs approach me when I am on my walks, and this may be because of an occurrence in my past. I am trying very hard to overcome the problem, otherwise I enjoy my walks. Mum and Dad

cannot understand why it took so long to find me a home because I give them so much enjoyment with my funny antics, and my forever adoring eyes and Waggy tail just make them smile.

## Goodbye to Milo



We know lots of our supporters have followed Milo's story and we are very sad to say that this summer he became ill and passed away.

Milo came in to the rescue as a stray from a pound, and unfortunately shortly

after arriving, a disc in his back slipped and he became paralysed. We will always be grateful to the fundraisers who enabled this very special little dog to have a further 3 years of good quality life. Lots of aqua therapy, manipulation, rehabilitation treatment and a special set of wheels, together with Milo's cheerful disposition, enabled him to cope with his disability, and in January 2015 Milo was lucky enough to find a wonderful home. The last 18 months of his life were spent as a very loved dog enjoying lots of outings and holidays with his family in a camper van. These pictures show what a happy dog he was, he will always be remembered fondly at Waggy Tails.



## LEGACIES

We would like to acknowledge the generosity of these people who have remembered us in their wills:

Mrs Beryl Leake  
Beryl Parker  
Mr Pullen

Ms Erica Terlicki  
Mrs Muriel Woodard

## IN MEMORIAM

We are most grateful for donations received in remembrance of loved ones:

Mr Gordon Beddis  
Mrs Pamela Blaney  
Mr Roy Burr  
Miss Betty Dyson  
Mrs Lilian Gregory  
Mrs Esme Hatch  
Mrs Evelyn Edmonds

Mrs Violet Hersey  
Mr Raymond Jellett  
Mr David Matthews  
Mrs Nora Osborne  
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