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Hello and welcome to our Winter Newsletter.

It is lovely to be able to report that almost all the animals featured in the last edition have found lovely new homes. One or two have updates on pages 5,6 & 7. We are still searching for a retirement home for Tyson the elderly German Shepherd who is now beginning to go off his back legs. We will keep him comfortable for as long as we can, but it would be so much nicer for him to be able to end his days in a loving home. Unfortunately he cannot live with children, cats or other dogs but would be fine for a couple or single person who could provide a warm fireside and a patch of grass for him to have a potter as and when he is able. All veterinary costs would be met by the Trust. Carol cat is also still here after 12 months in the sanctuary. She is also beginning to deteriorate due to arthritis and we are appealing for someone special to give her some comfort in her dotage. As with any other fosters the vets costs would be met by the Trust, you would just need to supply food and TLC.



WINTER 2013 NEWSLETTER

INTRODUCING.....



Hancock

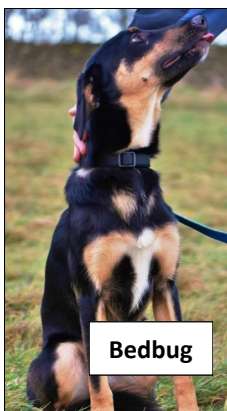
Primrose is a lovely little x Lion-head bunny. She came to us from a flat at the age of 10 weeks, at the end of October. She has had her vaccination but will need to be spayed in the new year and any new owner will need to commit to getting this done. She is a little skittish but has improved a lot while she has been with us and, with regular handling, will become a lovely bunny who could live with a neutered male of a similar size.



Primrose

Hancock is a lovely gentle neutered buck aged 14 months whose elderly owner had to move to sheltered accommodation and couldn't take his rabbits. He is used to being handled and previously lived as a house rabbit so it would be lovely if he could go to live indoors and once again be a pampered bunny. He may be able to live with a gentle spayed doe but he has been bullied in the past so would need a careful introduction.

Buster and Bedbug are two brothers aged 10 months who have come to us from a loving but



Bedbug

overstretched home. They were living with both parents—a German Shepherd mother and Collie father—as well as several more of their siblings as their owner had not managed to find homes when they were little. When they arrived they had never been out on a lead or where they would meet other people, sights and sounds, so everything here was new and very scary for them. They have lovely personalities and are learning to walk on the lead without panicking. They will ideally each need a separate home but with another steady older companion dog to show them the way and an experienced patient

owner to put in the time and work to house train and socialise them. As x collie/GSD's they will need lots of exercise and stimulation, too, so please bear this in mind if you are considering rehoming one of them. **Lucy** is a lovely gentle older lady who would love to be with someone she can attach to. She is very sweet and gets on with all people and animals but suffers badly from separation anxiety. Her previous owner had to move to a non dog friendly care home and unfortunately the first home where we placed her didn't work out due to the way she panicked if she had to be left alone—even for very short periods of time. We think she needs a home where she can be with someone 24/7—she would be safe to live with someone disabled and would even love to be somewhere like a nursing or care home environment as there would always be someone there.



Buster



Lucy

We received these lovely photo's from Sue who rehomed **Scruff** and **Lucky** recently. She says "**Scruff** ticked every box for me! Male older dog and a cuddle boy. What more could I have asked for? It did not take him long to become a big part of our family.

Lucky. This little fella did not have the best start in life (he was found with terribly matted fur in a wheelie bin and taken to Windyway). I'm so glad he has come to live at bunny village.



Scruff



Lucky



Billy, Ben & Charlie

Lucky has so much personality and is very cheeky. He lives with Izzie."

Also **Billy Ben and Charlie**, who were rehomed with Sue's mum & dad— "all three have settled in beautifully."

Twinkle (nee Cheryl) is a tiny silkie cross hen who until recently lived happily with the Windyway flock, that is until a rather large and amorous cockerel came on the scene forcing her to retreat to the safety of a hen run.

Now Twinkle is a 'free spirit' and not suited to the life of an average chicken hence her arrival at my house where a variety of animal companions have made some unconventional bonds.

Twinkle has found her soul mate in 'Leopold' (a rather handsome Hamburg cockerel). They sleep together and share breakfast in the

kitchen – for a small chicken she has a huge appetite and a loud voice if rations are short! Next its time to explore the garden for tasty morsels. Break time is spent with the rabbits, Twinkle thinks sharing supplies is very important especially with Bill my giant continental rabbit who must be at least six times her size. Next comes her appointment in the greenhouse for a good old dust bath, sometimes with Hollister her other cockerel companion – she's a bit fickle in her love life. George the young stag turkey is besotted



Twinkle

with Twinkle and will display for hours as he follows her around the garden. Its a different story when it comes to Bracken the gander – Twinkle knows she's met her match and its proved she can run like the wind when required.

Twinkle prefers to lay her eggs in Jessie the house rabbits bed but if desperate she settles in the Muscovy's cosy quarters – which ever location she comes out clucking with pleasure when the deed is done.

As dusk approaches she cackles loudly at the back door to ensure safety and warmth in the kitchen. Its then time to snuggle on the sofa arm with Ralph, a baby great dane, to catch up with the 6 o'clock news before bed.

I consider myself very lucky to have the company of such a delightful little friend. Helen

MORE HAPPY ENDINGS

On losing our beautiful lion head rabbit Fluffybell (named by my 5 year old and 8 year old nieces, Tiegan and Bella) we decided that it was time to give a rescue rabbit a good home. We visited Windyway returning home with a new family member, the very lovely **Zebra**, now named Zola (by my nieces!) ... We learnt that Zola had been at the centre for 12 months. That was it my decision was made, this rabbit needed a forever home! Zola lived alone for a couple of months and although she was happy I felt she was missing a companion.....off we go back to Windyway (just for a look!!) and came home (that very same day I may add) with the very adorable **Bugsy**. This cheeky gorgeous little fella was found dumped in a car park in Manchester so this little guy needed some special TLC. I'm so happy to say that the 2 of them hit it off big time.....So sweet to see them snuggled up, grooming one another and following each other round like a couple of love sick teenagers!

These 2 little bunnies are simply adorable and so very happy. A very welcome addition to our little furry family



Thankyou Windyway! Sharon

I adopted **Jessie** (collie cross) from you earlier this year. Since getting her she's learnt how to swim and now absolutely loves the water, I can't keep her out of it. She's passed her bronze good citizen award and is currently enjoying both agility and Flyball. I'm still yet to find the "off" switch, but I adore her. Karen

Ann says..... "Already having a 13 year-old boy cat (Smokey Joe) who is a bit of a wimp, I needed to adopt a cat that he would be able to live with. I knew he had lived with older girls before so went to Windyway looking for a girl of about the same age who would be OK with another cat. Difficult decisions, but taking **Sooty** was the definitely the right one. She was the last of a group of cats to be rehomed - having been at Windyway for 11 months and having a bit of a tummy problem - but she has settled in immediately. Her tummy problem has gone, she is very sensible with Smokey Joe and they are brilliant at meal times especially. They have the odd minor hiss when someone is on my knee, or a chair, when the other one wants to be there - but apart from that (which is normal for cats) all is fine. She is very smart, affectionate and talkative and I love her to bits! Thank you Windyway."



Jessie



Sooty



Zola & Bugsy

Lily, Faith and Emily all came to Windyway separately but for the same reason. They were strays who were being fed who turned out to be in kitten. None of the people feeding them felt it would be fair that they should have their kittens and continue living outside.



Lily



Faith

Lily, a stunning tabby, has been with us for 18 months now, her kittens having gone off to new homes as youngsters. It took a long time for her to trust us but she is now absolutely gorgeous, purring, dribbling and headbutting her new friend Faith. Lily is just very quiet and doesn't make much effort to talk to potential new owners, preferring the comfort of her bed.

Faith arrived this summer and was very shy at first but like Lily is very friendly now.

Emily also arrived this summer with 1 kitten and heavily pregnant with a second litter. Her first kitten went off to a new home and she gave birth to 2 kittens, one twice the size of the other. Unfortunately they both died due to birth abnormalities, both were little fighters and we had hoped we could save them but sadly it wasn't to be. We are still waiting for Emily to make friends with us. She is still very worried but we hope she will come round some day. Sometimes we see her playing with toys but she stops and scurries back to bed as soon as she spots you watching her.

Lily and Faith would be lovely cats for someone with time and patience. Both girls would no doubt be very worried at first so would need a lot of understanding, allowing them to adjust to new surroundings and situations. A calm and quiet (childfree?) household would be best.



Emily

For anyone with the facilities to keep outdoor cats we have several ferals and semi-ferals who could live happy carefree lives outdoors without the strain of having to be sociable with humans. You would need to provide warm comfortable lodgings say in a barn or outhouse and keep up with regular feeding and parasite control but in return they may even help out with a bit of pest control of their own!

FUNDRAISING NEWS

In May 2004 I adopted Misty from Windyway and that was the start of a beautiful friendship with my most faithful, loving little girl. Later on in the year I offered to volunteer to help with the fairs etc and my first introduction to this was the Christmas Fair. From then on I helped sorting donations, preparing for and helping at fundraisers. In November 2007 the Trustees approached me and invited me to come on board as a Trustee, which I did and have been one since. When Ann, the Sponsorship and Fundraising Secretary had to retire, I took over these positions.

Life can be very hectic, because, as you can imagine, there is a lot involved in fundraising to support Windyway. We have our shop on Chestergate, which is our biggest fundraiser and also our Centre at Crompton Road. We organise three large fundraisers, being the Spring Fair, Open Day and Christmas Fair. As well as these we also have stalls at Dog Shows, the Barnaby Festival, village fetes etc., and collections at supermarkets and Pet Stores. Misty always accompanies me on the food collections and her favourite thing is to lie on her back near the food trolley, so who can resist that!! Both Chris Earles and myself have also started giving talks/film shows to Groups such as W.I., Church Groups, etc, and also go into Schools and Colleges. My dog Misty and Chris' Mitzy always accompany us, and of course they always "steal the show".

I also visit the kennels most weeks to see our beautiful animals and walk the dogs. Like I have said we work hard, but we also laugh hard as well. I have made some great friends since becoming involved with Windyway. We are always looking for volunteers to help in the shop, sort donations, or assist at fundraising events, and if you feel you would like to do this, please contact one of the Trustees to have a chat. If you feel you would like to help out at the Kennels, then please contact Windyway.

There are also several events organised independently by supporters who then give us their proceeds— Danesford Dog club and Dig It Agility club are regular contributors— and we are very grateful to their members for getting involved in this way.

On behalf of the Trustees I would just like to say a big thank you to all our loyal supporters and band of very hardworking volunteers, because none of this would be possible without you, and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2014.

Please see the insert for forthcoming events.

Pat Barnard



Chris and Pat at Langley Fete

Poppy (ex WW dog) at a Dig It fundraiser

HAPPY ENDINGS....

*Hello to all at Windyway,
I thought you might like an update on Clyde
(adopted from you at the end of June 2013).
He enjoys daily ball games, off the lead on the
Carnival Field in Wilmslow; he socialises very
well indeed with other dogs - his main aim in
life is to play with anyone and everyone. He is
very good at sharing his ball too! He is now a
wonderful and dearly loved member of our
family, and everyday we wish that all animals
could be so loved.*

Thank you for all that you do.

Kindest Regards

Helen Jones and family xx



Clyde and his new dad

Ronnie the collie arrived at Windyway about three years ago, having been in a home with a young girl who adored him. Unfortunately, however, he developed some problems; being aggressive on occasion with other dogs and not always reliable with people. The family therefore felt they could not keep him, and with much regret signed him over to Windyway. Ronnie clearly found life in a rescue kennels somewhat fraught, although it is difficult to say if he felt threatened, anxious, depressed, lonely or a mixture of all of these. As a volunteer he soon became a favourite of mine, for despite the difficulty of his barking and pulling on the lead as he walked past the other kennels, and an occasional nip as he was returned to his kennel, he was actually a pleasure to walk. He was friendly and affectionate, running back on the flexi lead to sit at my feet for a stroke. However he didn't show himself to best advantage to prospective rehoming, and after a long period a friend and neighbour of mine, also a WW volunteer, decided first to foster him, and then to take him on full time. Despite being 10 years old, he has settled well into life with three other collies and it has been wonderful to see a different dog emerge under the love and care of his new owner. I am still lucky enough to walk him regularly, and a relaxed, happy dog, with a grin on his face, runs over the fields, jumps over the stiles, splashes in the stream, and has fun. Ronnie; a friend, and a dog in his element.

Bridget



Ronnie

Ronnie out with his new 'pack' and 3 current Windyway dogs

