

WINTER 2016 NEWSLETTER



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Animal Rescue
at Windyway,
Buxton Old Rd,
Macclesfield.
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Hello and welcome to our Winter newsletter.

Inside we have features on several of the animals currently in our care awaiting adoption, as well as a few happy endings—some from many years ago. Firstly we'll update you on the animals featured last time (our Summer newsletter can be viewed on the website). Alfie the teenager and Casper rabbit are still at Windyway; Obi the deaf cat will be winging his way to his new abode at the beginning of December: as a result of the appeal in the summer a lovely lady got in touch who has had deaf cats before and has a special pen in her garden so Obi will be able to play out safely. She has just been waiting for building work to be completed in her house before Obi moves in. He is going to be one pampered cat!! Hopefully the next newsletter will contain 'Happy endings' stories for him and some of the others featured inside.

Our cover girl this time is Skye;

She is a beautiful 12 months old border collie. When she arrived at Windyway she was full of anxieties and had no idea how to walk on a lead or interact with other dogs. She is slowly making progress and is now able to enjoy a walk in the field without constantly being on guard. We feel she is now ready to find a home where she can continue to blossom into a happy, carefree dog, preferably with someone who has loads of time and energy to invest into helping her achieve her full potential.



INTRODUCING.....

Pippin (thanks to Sian Budgen, one of our volunteers, for the words and photo).

My previous owners lived on an estate in Macclesfield, but they left me behind when they moved away. A lovely lady named Susanne managed to catch me and asked Windyway if they would be able to look after me. At first they had no space, so I was temporarily put in the care of the attentive staff at Bollington Vets, who kept me safe until a pen became available. I am a very affectionate boy; I love having a fuss and getting cuddles - especially when there are treats involved! I am also very playful and I can often be found chasing string or chewing on toy mice.

Sadly, I have been tested positive for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV); it infects and attacks the white blood cells in my immune system, meaning that I am more likely to catch the infections and diseases that other cats may fight off easily. The disease affects between two and five per cent of the UK cat population and it is often passed on through biting during fights. This does mean that I will need to be kept indoors in my new home and away from other cats, however I can still live a long and happy life just as any cat would. As an indoor cat, I may need cheering up from time to time, so having access to scratching posts and lots of toys will help to keep me entertained. I love to sit on windowsills too, so keeping a bird feeder outside will provide me with plenty of distractions.

I have been at Windyway for a couple of months now, and though I love the staff and everything they have done for me, I am ready to find a new and loving forever home!

The Blue Cross charity has provided a helpful and detailed page on FIV here: <https://www.bluecross.org.uk/pet-advice/fiv-cats>

We have 3 more FIV positive cats in our care at Windyway, all of whom will need indoor homes. It may be possible to bond a couple of them to rehome together so that they would have company but we haven't tried this with them so far. They are



Pippin

pictured with their profiles.

Sylvie arrived at Windyway with her sister Stella (not pictured) back in March. They are almost 6 years old. Sylvie is FIV positive, Stella is negative which goes to show how difficult it is to pass on as they have lived together their whole lives. They are very timid



Sylvie



Grover



Ella

so would need a quiet and patient household. **Grover** came to us as a stray from Macclesfield town centre—he had been living as a feral for a couple of years but is quite a friendly boy now. **Ella** arrived in October when her owner was taken into hospital. She is 11 years old and in addition to being FIV positive she has mild kidney disease so is on a special diet. She does not require medication at this stage. She is a super friendly girl.

Below is a testimony from Jenny who fostered Felix who was FIV positive until he passed away recently at the age of 19 (ish)

“Said our goodbyes to Felix a couple of days ago, hard decision to make and broke my heart. Got him from Windyway a few years ago at the grand old age of 17; wasn't sure if he would settle, going from being in the cattery to the a crazy household full of kids and a mad lab, but it didn't take him long. Still keep hearing his little jingle bell, miss him under my feet and the house is a lot quieter now we are down one very vocal cat. So happy he got to spend his last few years in a loving family home making the most of being the top dog, tormenting the dog with games of hide, seek and pounce, endless demanding cuddles from the kids, being carried around like a king, and food on demand.

Older cats can give you just as much as a young cat can without committing a possible 20 years of your life caring for them. RIP Felix xxx”



Felix



Bodhi

Smokey

Smokey and Bodhi are brothers, born in 2014 and they are beautiful affectionate boys who were originally rehomed from Windyway as kittens but returned to us when their owner’s circumstances changed. Bodhi is very fit and Smokey looks the picture of health but, unfortunately, this is an illusion. Smokey has been diagnosed with advanced heart disease for which there is no treatment or cure. We would love him to spend his final months in a loving home where he can be pampered and fit a whole lifetime into the short time he may have. Both boys love to play outside in the day-time; Bodhi in particular loves climbing and is often found on top of the pen door if it is open! They both love plenty of cuddles and must stay together.

You may have noticed that nearly all the cats featured have some kind of health condition. The trustees have kindly agreed to assist with vet fees which are related to their existing conditions so please don’t let financial constraints prevent you from adopting any of these beautiful cats.

HAPPY ENDINGS..

Beautiful **Summer** was abandoned in the driveway at Windyway in 2015. She had just given birth to 3 kittens and was such a sweet natured happy little girl. Here is an update from her new family; *"Hello!*

Just to give you an update. We adopted Summer the cat in 2015. She is now named

Penny and has made a fantastic addition to our family. She is so friendly and purrs constantly, particularly when she is in front of the fire or next to a radiator. Our 3 children love her. I have attached a pic. Thank you xx" Karen



Socks and Scamp came to Windyway separately, both found as strays. Both bunnies had problems; Socks was quite a naughty boy and bit quite a few people while he was here; Scamp had problems with her teeth and needed dentals relatively



frequently. Once neutered they bonded really well and we weren't sure anyone would ever offer them a home until Liz came along—this is what she said recently: *"They are both doing really well, they enjoy having a play in the run and can quite often be seen having a cuddle together!"* here they are pictured in their new home. We have received a photo of a finger with a plaster on (naughty boy, Socks) but decided not to print that one!!

*"**Lucy** came to stay with us at the beginning of September. We had only recently decided we wanted a dog to join our family and Lucy was the first dog we saw - it was love at first sight. She has settled into family life really well and is even good friends with our cat - they can regularly be found sleeping together or chasing around the house.*



We have become a much more active family with Lucy's arrival and we all enjoy taking her out for walks. We like to find a walk that includes water as Lucy loves to have a paddle and swim; we imagine this is because she used to be walked in the Lake District by her previous owner. We are regularly complimented on her behaviour on these walks, but really can take no credit for this, it was clearly the time and love of her original owner that has produced such a calm, loving, well behaved dog.

We would like to thank everyone at Windyway for helping us and Lucy we are so lucky to have found such a beautiful dog." Emma

And here are a couple from longer ago—animals whose poor start in life took a turn for the better once adopted by kind, understanding people and our thanks go to them for sending their stories and for giving Jemima and Molly the lives they deserved.

"18 years ago I adopted a very frightened very abused kitten from Windyway. My daughter who was only 3 at the time was a fan of Beatrix Potter, however she got the duck and the cat confused. So the lovely kitten got named Jemima Puddlecat! Causing much amusement at the vets. It took her a long time to trust anyone but eventually she would accept myself, my daughter and my neighbour if anyone else came to the house she would hide and people would ask if I actually had a cat or just kept bowls out for decoration. She loved to go out in the garden but rarely left the safety of it, she would run from birds or anything that moved. Inside the house she would play with toys, steal food cooling on the side and at night snuggle next to me. She was a very loving cat to those she trusted.

Sadly at the age of 18 Jemima Puddlecat developed heart failure and died peacefully in my arms she now sleeps forever in my garden close to the bench and the pond that she loved. Thank you Windyway for being there you allowed me the chance to have 18 years of love and trust from a beautiful cat." Jackie x

And this from Jonte & Mike: *"I hope you're sitting down. Back in 2006 we came to you to have a look around. We saw a border collie x at the back in a kennel, very nervous and would not come out. After sitting on the floor for about 30 minutes she showed her face. Her name was **Molly**, so nervous yet so nosy. We decided to take her for a walk with our other dog and they seemed to get on. We said that we would take her home for a couple of weekends to see how it goes. Molly seemed to settle in but was still very nervous. I will keep this as short as I can.*

We adopted Molly. Over the next 10 years she became our world. She has been round Europe twice, travelled the UK from Inverness to Lands End many times. She has been the "Golden Oldie" in "Your dog" magazine, the front cover of the Cheshire dogs home calendar, always being mentioned on Radio 2 (Jonte & Molly).



Molly

She had her 18th birthday on the 8th August. Here is the sad bit. 2 days later we had to make the decision to let Molly go to sleep, her back legs had given up on her and she was so, so tired. She passed over the Rainbow Bridge on the 9th August. We would not have had the best dog in the world if it had not had been for Windy Way trust. Thank you so much for all the work you do. Molly sends her love from heaven."



Jemima Puddlecat

FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS

We held our annual **Open Day** on August Bank Holiday Sunday. Except for a quick shower, the day stayed fine for us. A good time seemed to be had by all. People getting their bargains, trying their luck on the tombola and raffle and picnicking on scrummy refreshments, and not forgetting the doggies dining on their favourite biscuits. As well as everyone having fun, we raised a brilliant total of £2,626.98. A well deserved thank you to **Danesford Dog Club** who raised the sum of £170.00 for us by having a stall, games and an agility course.



Judges deliberating at the Open Day fun dog show;

Our **Christmas Fair** took place on the 12th November at The Senior Citizens Hall. People were queueing up waiting for us to open. We are always amazed at the fantastic donations people give us. The stalls were laden with all sorts of goods, a cake stall with the most delicious cakes (we have some really brilliant bakers out there) and everyone took time out to have a cup of tea and refreshments served by the ladies in the kitchen. When the money had been counted we were over the moon to find out that we had made £2555.21.

The Co-op Supermarkets in our local area have chosen us as one of their three charities to benefit under their new membership scheme. If you are a member, and you choose our charity, every time you buy Co-op branded products and services 1% of what you spend will go to us. If you are not a member, or are one, but have not chosen a charity, it would be great if we were your choice, which will help us to look after our animals. The stores participating in this are **Thornton Square, Ivymeade, Westmorland Drive (Upton Priory), London Road, Macclesfield, and Co-op Funeral Care Broken Cross**. The Co-op at Thornton Square have also contacted us advising that they would like to hold a day's in-store charity event for us.

THANK YOU to the customers of **Waitrose Poynton** who nominated us as one of the monthly charities under the store's token scheme. Every time they shop they are given a token to put into the collecting box of their chosen charity. Waitrose kindly handed us a cheque for £560.00.

THANK YOU to the following who have permanent food collection bins for us, which is much appreciated. They are **Pets at Home Macclesfield, Morrisons of Buxton**

and **Chapel, Tesco's and Jollyes Superstore Congleton. Marks & Spencer Macclesfield, and The Co-op Thornton Avenue and Ivymeade** now kindly have collection bins for us also.

We have again been invited to take part in the **Congleton Santa Sleigh collection** this year. Our evening will be Thursday 8th December from 6.30-8.30pm around the Woodlands area and the starting point is The Cheshire Tavern. Seven kind people have already volunteered to collect for us, but the more the merrier. Should you wish to take part, please e-mail me on patbarnard@btinternet.com, message me on Facebook, or contact me by telephone.

Jobling Gower Solicitors of Park Lane Macclesfield are celebrating their 20th anniversary. . They regularly raise money for different charities, ourselves being one of them. They are proposing to organise twenty specific fundraising activities to be shared equally between those charities and have kindly included us in their anniversary project.

As part of our being their chosen charity of the year, **Marks & Spencer Macclesfield** are having a monthly bag pack for us on the last Friday of the month. If you are able to spare an hour to assist in this, please contact Wendy Baguley, our Shop Manageress, or one of the Trustees.

We run a **Sponsorship Scheme**, whereby you can choose one of our animals to sponsor. We do not ask for any set amount. If you wish you can make regular payments by standing order, or just pay as and when you are able. You will receive an update on your chosen animal twice a year, together with a copy of our latest newsletter. You can also arrange to visit the animal. A copy of the Sponsorship application can be obtained from our website, or alternatively contact myself, Pat Barnard, Sponsorship Secretary.

We also have our **900 Club** whereby you pay a yearly fee of £12.00 and for this your name goes into our monthly draw and the lucky winner receives £50.00. If you wish to join, please e-mail Mike Droy at mike.droy@gmx.co.uk or alternatively leave a message for him at our shop on Chestergate – 01625 423344.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK all the individuals who have raised money for us throughout the year, as these are so many it would be difficult to list them here, but we appreciate your support and look forward to many more.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU to all our supporters and our hardworking team of volunteers and to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Pat Barnard –Fundraising Secretary.



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We at the sanctuary would also like to express our thanks to all the trustees and volunteers who work so very hard behind the scenes so that we can carry on doing the work with the animals.



We would like to announce the opening of our second shop in Macclesfield on Saturday 26th November. The shop is double fronted, has



lots of space and is just across the road from our other shop on Chestergate. We will be selling items of furniture, second hand pet

items, some lovely pictures, our own merchandise and lots of other bits and pieces that we have struggled to fit in our other shop because everyone is so generous.

We consider our charity to be extremely lucky to be in this position when other charities are struggling to make ends meet. The reason for our success is down to the generosity of our brilliant supporters. This has only been possible because of people like yourselves, reading this article and donating, volunteering and helping us to stand out as one of the larger local charities in this area. The love of animals and your vital contributions have made us so successful.

The new shop will be just as much of an asset as our other shop and increase our income in time for Christmas.

If you have any donations that need collecting please contact us and we will try to get to you as soon as we can with one of our vans.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Carols for Windyway

Sunday 11th December 6.00—7.00
At Teggs Nose Tea Rooms,
Buxton Old Rd, SK11 0AP



Spring Fair

Saturday 8th April 2017, 10.30—1.30
Senior Citizens Hall, Duke St,
Macclesfield



JOIN OUR VOLUNTEERS LIST

**Can you spare a couple of hours during
the day or the evening or maybe a
couple of times per year?**

We are looking for people to sort donations, help with fundraising events, work in our shops, drive our van, do some administration, ebay items and generally help us to keep tidy.

We would love you to join us

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