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Hello and welcome to our Winter newsletter.

Inside as usual we have features on several of the animals currently in our care awaiting adoption as well as a few happy endings. Firstly we'll update you on the animals featured last time (our Summer newsletter can be viewed on the website).

Frankie (Summer cover girl) is still waiting—her skin is finally back to normal and she no longer needs any medication or to wear her buster collar so is much less stressed. Grace the German Shepherdess is also still here and we are looking for a special home for her where her retirement needs can be met. She needs to be the only pet in the household. Trixie and Mitzi have both found lovely new homes and so have all the featured Guinea pigs. You can read some of their happy ending stories inside.

Our seasonal cover photo is of Sam and his new family; his happy ending is also featured inside. We hope you enjoy reading our news and if you have suggestions for future features please let us know.

**Sam is looking forward
to a happy Christmas
with his new family**

Photo by Flashbang Photography



INTRODUCING..

Hello, my name is **Tank**. I'm a rather unusual but handsome cross between an Akita and a Shar Pei. I will be 4 years old on 13th December. I am needing a new home because I suffer from separation anxiety and unfortunately my owner had to work long hours so I was being left alone a lot. I am OK with other dogs once I have been introduced but can be anxious at first. I have lived with children but I prefer ones who will not jump on me or make me over excited. Ideally I would love a new home where I would not be left alone or where I can travel with my new owner.



Tank



Socks & China

Hello my name is **China**. I'm 2½ years old and I live with my friend **Socks**. He's 3; he's very shy so I'm writing for us both (the big wimp)!

Let me tell you a little about Socks first; Socks is a typical boy (he says shy, I say lazy). He sits in his basket until the humans here at Windyway bring our food, then he can't wait to come out! He doesn't mind them putting their hands in to his basket to stroke him and if you're lucky enough to see him out you can pick him up but he is very reluctant to show his face unless there's food

around. I don't know why because he's a handsome chap! I however (China) will sit and show off my beautiful blue eyes all day long and apparently I'm cross eyed! Cool right? I'm told this doesn't affect my eyesight so I've really embraced it. I'm like a kitten; I run around jumping in boxes, batting around my toys and I love climbing my cat tree! I love being stroked and will rub myself all over you. However I do get a little nervous when they pick me up.

Socks and I are both sociable with other cats and dogs too, I hope Socks becomes a little less shy because we'd make lovely pets for an understanding family with older children.

My name is **Ralph** and I think I'm almost 2 years old. I'm more like a dog than a cat; once I get



Ralph

to know you I will follow you absolutely everywhere! I don't mind being picked up but I'm not really a 'cuddly' cat. Having said that you can stroke me all day long and I have a super loud purr. I really, really love my food! I'm on a grain free diet because my skin can get a little sore from time to time but I'm a good boy when the vet has to check me over!

Unfortunately I have FIV which means I can't go outside or with other kitties although other cats don't bother me. I would require plenty of space to stretch my long legs. I have a cat tree at Windyway and I love to climb to the top to survey my land! I'm not very good with small children; bit too much noise for me so an adult only household would be ideal.

Thank you for reading all about me, Lots of Love from Ralph x



Khia

Khia is a very special older lady who came to us unable to bear weight on her back legs. She had to be lifted into the car and provided with lots of soft padding to prevent sores. After being checked thoroughly by our vets she was diagnosed with severe arthritis in her hips, one ruptured cruciate ligament, spondylosis in several vertebrae and a medium—severe heart condition. She was immediately put on painkillers and heart medication and following weeks of kennel rest and careful rehabilitation she is now able to manage several short walks per day and is moving in to a temporary foster home for the next phase of her rehab. She is an

amazing dog who doesn't let her disabilities get in the way of exploring every soft toy, every interesting smell or pile of leaves. Her nose is always on the ground and her tail is always wagging. She has so much enthusiasm that we are hopeful that she will go on to live a happy life for as long as possible. She loves everyone and everything except for cats which she wants to chase. The main problem anyone will have will be making sure she doesn't overdo it and injure herself again. She will always need painkillers and heart medication as well as regular check-ups with the vet. Full adoption or permanent foster will both be considered for this beautiful girl but we would prefer her to stay local to Macclesfield/ Bollington so that we can continue to support and monitor her care.

Also seeking adoption or foster care is **Daisy**, a 4 year old Bulldog. We would love her to find a permanent new home, but she has quite a few health problems which are associated with her breed (skin and eye problems), so is on a lot of medication. This would be a lot for someone to take on, so we are looking for a foster home for her for now. She loves company and cuddles and is getting fed up in the kennels. She is good with cats and dogs but needs an adult only home with someone who is around at home a lot and who will be able to cope with administering her long list of eye and skin treatments. She's not keen on long walks but does love to go for rides in the car.



Daisy

Lucy and Tom are mother and son and are best friends. They are both 6 years old. They are quite shy when they meet new people but if you spend some time with them they soon make friends with you. They must stay together and would love a home where they have plenty of space to hop around and explore.



HAPPY ENDINGS..

My new humans by Sam the 'cover boy' collie

I chose my new humans just before October half term. I wasn't keen to get in their car as my only previous journeys were from my old home to Windyway - then to the vets where something unmentionable happened! Thankfully this time I ended up at my new human's home rather than under the knife.

It's not a bad new pad. They flush with harvested rainwater – which makes the toilet water much tastier than my water bowl. My new little humans have lots of toys in their bedrooms. Every time I go upstairs I select a fluffy toy to rend limb from limb. So far I've decapitated a giraffe and nibbled the eyes and ears off a bear. The little humans also have two guinea pigs living in the kitchen which smell delicious. I can't wait until we eat them ; perhaps we're saving them for Christmas lunch?

My new human has let herself go a bit – so I'm getting her back into shape with a long morning and evening walk. I wake her up every morning. She's been trying to find my snooze function but it appears I don't have one. Out on walks I stay with her most of the time – unless there are llamas, sheep, cows, squirrels, cars or more attractive and exciting human beings in sight – but apart from that I'm totally obedient! My new human does very little housework. It was only once the dog hair was ankle deep she got out the Hoover and discovered I find vacuuming more exciting even than guinea pigs.

During the day my new human sits and stares at a computer for hours on end. Apparently this is what humans call working. It is very tedious so I do my best to liven things up by bringing balls and toys to throw - but sometimes I just have to close my eyes and take 40 winks.

My new human is a good baker. I know that because when no one was watching I took a rather nice pie off the kitchen work top. I ate it all because I thought it was a bit rich for her diet. I'm not sure why she was upset – I only have her best interests at heart. My new humans also said I am strictly not allowed on the sofas or the beds. Well, they can sit on the floor if they want to but I'm certainly not! I sense I'm winning this battle as the new little humans and the grandma human don't enforce these ridiculous rules.

My new family have their little quirks and peculiarities but on the whole I think they'll do. Besides, I've got the rest of my life to get them knocked into shape. **Sam (aged 2 years)**



Puff, Smudge & Flash



Hi everyone, I wanted to say Puff &

Flash (2 of the baby guinea pigs featured in the summer news) have been growing up as very happy guinea pigs and get on ever so well with each other and with Smudge. They really are very happy chaps, and love a good cuddle and as much fresh grass as we're able to bung their way in winter or place their run over in summer. Puff is especially

sociable and wheeks loudly whenever he hears one of us passing by (he's also the greediest and likes a good sniff and little stroke whenever we pass as well). So all is well and good.

Thanks for the boys & for Sue's support at adoption time.

Georgia and family



We have only had Trixie for a couple of months and she has settled in lovely into our family environment. Trixie loves love and affection. She loves going out in the car and walking through puddles and playing with her toys. We take her on long walks and she loves being off the lead. Trixie is even getting along with our parrot. Trixie loves to have a shower and has a blow dry with the hairdryer after her muddy walks. We are glad we found her at Windyway.

Love The Patterson family. X

Hello all. My name is Mitzi (or Mimi as I am affectionately known by my human 2 year old). I came at the end of the summer to my home on a dairy farm. It was a little strange at first, there are a couple of dogs and another cat I share my

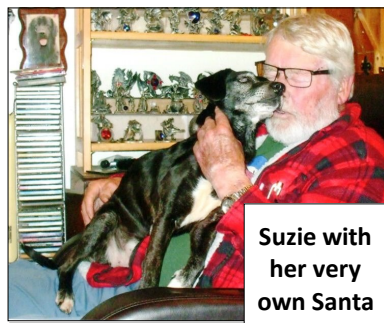


home with as well as the 170 cows but I soon realised that I was very welcomed and loved, even by the farmer! And at night if I sit on his chair arm while he's eating his tea he shares some of his lamb chop with me. I like to sit in the kitchen window and watch the birds on the feeder and occasionally yowl at them. I sometime go for a little walk round the yard but my favourite thing is to lie in front of the fire, purring away and having lots of love from my family. I came to Windyway as a stray, I can happily say I don't consider myself a stray anymore. *Thank you Windyway. Merry Christmas.*

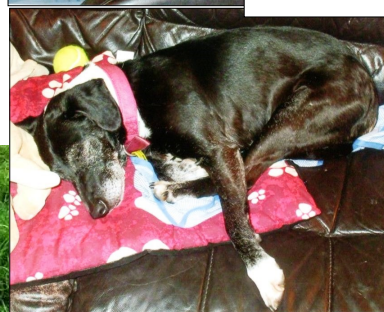
We are all delighted to report a happy ending for Suzie who had been at Windyway for well over 2 years—she was featured in the Summer '15 newsletter. Here is a letter received from her adopters:

We decided to take some old blankets & towels to Windyway for bedding for the animals. Whilst there I casually asked Wendy if they had any mature lady dogs who would like a good home. Wendy introduced us to **Suzie** and despite being short sighted and deaf it was love at first sight for both of us. Suzie has trained us both in just a few days. She enjoys running free round our large back garden then coming in and greeting us as though we have been away. She is a very happy little dog and enjoys lying on the sofa in the evening while we watch TV. She sleeps in her bed on our bedroom floor. She will live with us until she crosses the rainbow bridge. Thank you Wendy, *Marie & John.*

You can never have enough guinea pig pictures so here is one of **Sherlock** on lawn mowing duty in his new home where he and Jake now reside together.



Suzie with her very own Santa



FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS

By Pat Barnard

We held our **Garden Party** in July and thankfully the weather was kind to us. We were once again entertained by the very talented Helen Walford, for which we are very grateful. As usual there were a lot of yummy cakes to be sampled, to go with the cups of tea/coffee being served. We are really spoilt by our "star bakers". A great total of £1,091.21 was raised. In August we held a sale of ladies clothing, shoes and handbags, together with afternoon tea. This was a new event for us and raised a sum of £459.00.



Our **Open Day** was, as usual, held on August Bank Holiday Sunday. Yet again the weather was good to us (apart from a 5 minute shower). This was a huge success and, as always, very well attended. Everyone was busy visiting the many stalls looking for bargains, trying their luck on the tombola, and of course once again eating yummy cakes and drinking tea, and not forgetting our four legged friends who were very willing to test the many treats. The highlight of Open Day is of course our Dog Show and it is so lovely to see our ex-residents back with their families. One of our ex-residents, Alfie (now Archie), at the grand age of 15 years, was adopted by Janet, and they came to see us at Open Day, together with Crystal, Janet's other dog. Much to our delight, Alfie won best in show, (pictured, left, with Janet and a large rosette) and I do not think there was a dry eye amongst us. What a fantastic day and the icing on the cake was that we raised a staggering £2,942.50.

The last big fundraiser of the year was our **Christmas Fair** on the 11th November. As usual people were queuing to come in to get their bargains for Christmas. Her Worship The Mayor of Macclesfield, Councillor Beverley Dooley, visited the Fair and was shown round by our Patron, Adam Partridge. The photo shows (L—R) Adam and the Mayor with Trustees Christine Earles, Jackie Marriott, Karen Nield and myself. As always, it was very busy, and we raised the fantastic sum of £2,356.94.



Our six months as one of the chosen Charities of The **Co-op at Buxton Road, Hurdsfield Road and Co-op Funeralcare** ended in October. A grand total of £2,667.22 was raised. Thank you to them and to their members who chose us as their Charity.

We have also held stalls at various events throughout the year and thank you to everyone who has invited us to these.

Can we say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone, groups and individuals, who have held events and fundraisers for us throughout the year, and to everyone who has given us donations. There are so many of you to be able to name you all, but we really appreciate all the support that we get and consider ourselves very lucky.

THANK YOU **Pets at Home Macclesfield and Baguley, Jollyes Superstore, Tesco Congleton and Morrisons at Buxton and Chapel-en-le-Frith** who have permanent food collections for us.

FINALLY A BIG THANK YOU TO **ALL OUR HARDWORKING VOLUNTEERS** and **ALL OUR LOYAL SUPPORTERS** without whose help we could not achieve what we do.

WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

REMEMBERING....

On the 23rd October 2017 we had to say goodbye to our beloved friend and companion, **Max (aka Doodle)**. Our paths joined when we adopted him from Windyway in 2008 when he was 2 ½ years old. His size could have been off putting for some but both me and my partner were adamant we wanted him. How glad we are that we made that decision 9 years ago, for we have been rewarded with years of loyalty, company and trust.

Max loved nothing more than going for a walk around his usual haunts; The Hollins, Macclesfield Forest, South park and in his latter years the river Bollin. He was a bit of a casanova with the ladies, accumulating many 'girlfriends' on various walks. Despite his size he was scared of his own shadow and has been spooked by a low hanging twig or random noise on multiple occasions.

There don't seem enough words to describe the life we shared with him, each moment is one we now cherish. All we can say is that each day he was with us was one of the happiest, infuriating and funniest we have ever had. We are missing his big presence more than we thought was possible and our home doesn't feel complete anymore....but....one day we will see him again, sitting patiently for us and wagging his big clumsy tail.

Forever in our hearts – RIP Maximus Doodle, Love Mum and Dad x

In October this year the compound cats had to say goodbye to **Charles (aka Mr Charles Feral-pus)**. Charles was a truly one of a kind cat. When he arrived at Windyway in 2012 he



would fly at any member of staff attempting to feed him, hissing and spitting at them but over time developed an overwhelming amount of trust for humans and became friendlier and friendlier, the friendship and love then spread across the compound to all the other cats, to all members of staff, to visitors and even to some of the dogs! Charles was a handsome chap and boy did he know it, he was such a flirt to all other cats and wanted everyone to be his friend. Charles absolutely adored and embraced

all attention; whether it be feeding/grooming time or just a quick fuss in passing Charles appreciated everything.

Sadly Charles became ill and was unable to recover from surgery a sad day all round for everyone who ever had the pleasure of meeting such a beautiful loving cat.

A true gentlemen in the cat world who will never be forgotten.

STATISTICS

We now have computer software making it possible to share some numbers which some of you might find interesting... (as we get to grips with the software the numbers will be more accurate as certain selections have to be made in order for them to be categorised correctly). Between 1.12.16 and 1.12.17 we took in 316 animals and 13 kittens were born here. 319 animals have been rehomed, 23 returned from homes, 23 found animals have been reunited with owners and 10, sadly, have had to be put to sleep.

Max above Macclesfield Forest





We would like to say a very warm welcome to Karen Nield who has joined us as a Trustee and our Secretary and we look forward to working with her. We are also pleased to report that our two shops on Chestergate and our Crompton Road Centre are doing well and we have a reputation as being "the place" to obtain good items at fair prices.

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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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Carols for Windyway

Sunday 10th December 6.00—7.00

**At Teggs Nose Tea Rooms,
Buxton Old Rd, SK11 0AP**

Spring Fair

We are unable to provide any information about a Spring Fair next year as Cheshire East Council are looking to relinquish the Senior Citizens Hall and we do not know at this stage what is happening. If we do hold one the date and details of this will of course be put on our website and in the local paper.

Garden Party at Windyway

Saturday 21st July, 2—5 pm

Open Day at Windyway

Sunday 26th August, 12—4 pm

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