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Supporting
Animal Rescue at
Windyway,
Buxton Old Rd,
Macclesfield.

Hello and welcome to our Summer newsletter.

There's a lot to fit in so apologies for the small print inside! All recent newsletters can also be viewed on the website at www.windyway.org We begin as always with updates on the animals featured last time.

Socks and China have found a lovely home and Daisy and Khia are being very well cared for in permanent foster homes—all have updates inside. Ralph also found a lovely new home. Lucy & Tom, Tank and Grace are still looking for homes where their individual care needs can be met. To enquire about these or any of our animals please ring the sanctuary on 01625 422246.

Our cover girl is PIPPA who arrived at Windyway in February this year.

She is a Patterdale terrier crossed with Jack Russell, spayed bitch, just over 3 years old. When people walk around the kennels she doesn't show herself off very well as she springs about 6 feet in the air, barking and sounding very fierce. This is a result of her being teased at a house window from a young age—she feels the need to be protective over



boundaries. Once out of her kennel and away from distractions such as other dogs/ cats etc, she is a super little girl and capable of being a lovely companion as well as advance visitor warning system. She does have loads of energy so will need a lovely big secure garden to have a good run as she would need to stay on lead when out and about due to her strong prey drive. We are hoping to find someone who has previous experience with terriers to bring out the best in her. She cannot live with children or other pets.

INTRODUCING.....



Hello, allow me to introduce us. My name is Buddy (ginger) and my sister is Holly. We are about four years old. We have been at WW for a while now because we were both quite timid to start off with. Holly is still a bit shy but once she knows you she's fine. We absolutely love to hunt and regularly brought presents home for our previous owners. We would love a new home where we could hunt, but could still enjoy our home comforts too. TTFN Buddy and Holly.

Rabbits galore!!

Deja vue? - last year it was guinea pigs, this summer it's rabbits.

We recently attended a house to collect 2 or 3 rabbits—and came away with 5 adults, 6 kits, 1 guinea pig and since then 5 more kits have been born and, as I write, another doe is due to give birth and the mum of the 6 is looking decidedly round as well. When added to the rabbits already in our care it brings our current total to 1 guinea pig and 25 buns, plus some in the ovens so to speak. ALL still requiring homes.

1. Matilda with 6 kits, one of which sadly passed away (Matilda is possibly already in kit again)
2. Holly (arrived in kit)
3. Holly's 5 kits
4. Ringo and Star (bonded)
5. Buffy and Boo (bonded)
6. Biscuit and her daughter Dandy (bonded)
7. Squeak and Socks (bonded)
8. Lucy and Tom (bonded)
9. Skyman (Holly's brother, originally thought to be female by owner and named Sky)
10. Noodles (arrived needing surgery on her nose, confirmed in kit)
11. Parsley and Parsnip (bonded)



HAPPY ENDINGS... Dear Windyway...

Hi there my name is Archie (I used to be called Hercules). My new mum and dad adopted me from Windyway on the 3rd May 2018, Although it's only been a short time in my new home I settled in straight away and I am very happy; I even have a doggy 4 poster bed :)

My uncle Benji, a Springer Spaniel comes to stay sometimes and we love to play together.

I will always be grateful to Windyway for taking me in and caring for me until the right mum and dad

came along, they play ball with me and I have lots of walks. As you can see from my photo I have even been on holiday in the caravan. I am a spoilt little boy but I do give as much love back as I receive.



Archie is a real character, mischievous, full of life and full of fun, he is our faithful companion who enjoys lots of cuddles and never leaves our side. We couldn't imagine our life without him now.

Thank you so much for allowing us to adopt Archie.

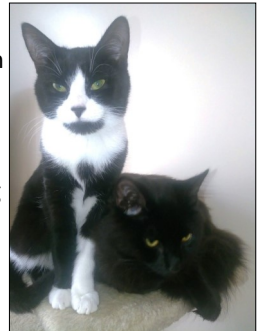
Keep up the good work Windyway; you are all truly amazing caring people.

"Introduced in the Winter 2017 newsletter was English Springer Spaniel Khia. Now 13 and in permanent foster locally, Khia is doing really well. The vets are pleased with her 6 kilo weight loss and much improved mobility. She loves life and most of all she loves socks!"

"We adopted a black and white short hair (who we named Annie) and a black long-haired kitten

(Bailey) from Windyway around Halloween 2017. We've now had them around six months and they're settling into the home nicely. They've both grown a lot in that time, especially Bailey (although he does seem to be mostly fur!). They're pretty inseparable, are usually found walking round the house side by side, running round the house after one another, eating together or asleep in various unexpected places (under the tv cabinet, on top of the wardrobe)! They both were neutered recently and (despite the having to wear the unfortunate cone for a few days) all went smoothly. They'll be venturing outside in the next few weeks for the first time, so here's a photo of them now. Thanks and best wishes" Lou and Rob .

Hello, remember me? I am China, the blue-eyed beauty who appeared in the winter news letter with my then shy friend Socks. The great news is that we found a home! We've moved to live with the Jones family. Being honest, it took us a while to venture out of our bedroom when we first arrived. But slowly and



surely we've grown to love our new house and the woods and garden we now 'own' as our territory. We've even made peace with the 'wolf' who also lives here. We haven't quite mastered the cat flap yet, we make them prop it open for us and even then Socks prefers to come in via the bedroom window. You wouldn't recognise Socks now. He is such a 'suck up'. He spends all his time sitting with the humans watching TV (men!) whilst I sit upstairs on my favourite bean bag. We are still best friends though and often share our food and bed. We'd just like to say a big thanks to Windyways for looking after us until we found our new family.

LITTLE DOLLY DAYDREAM



Early in the new year we received into the sanctuary a little pocket rocket; **Dolly**—a cross between a Staffie and a Jack Russell Terrier. She had been involved in an altercation with another dog, resulting in a few bruises where the other dog's owner had kicked her, and her owner couldn't face the prospect of this happening again. She had also recently reared puppies which had all been rehomed so off she went to our vets for a health check and to be spayed and start her vaccinations. While under the anaesthetic she had several lumps removed and a couple were sent for analysis. The news wasn't good—she had two types of malignant tumour and although they had all been removed they were likely to come back and she would possibly only have 3—6 months left to live. At this point we decided to try and find her a foster home

so she could be given one to one care and enjoy whatever time she had left while we would also be able to monitor her well being and make sure she had regular vet checks. What follows is a beautiful testament from Rick and Gill who gave Dolly her final happy months. You may need to have tissues at the ready.

“When we went up to visit the Windyway little did we know that we'd find such a beautiful little Angel waiting for us. As we arrived we were greeted by a very friendly member of the team who firstly took us to look at the cats. They were all beautiful but none of them were quite right for us, or us for them.

Gill my fiancée then asked if we could have a look at the dogs before we headed home. We were looking for a cat so what happened next caught us both off guard.

The first dog we saw came running enthusiastically towards my fiancée Gill. It was love at first sight. We were informed that the dog was called Dolly, an eight year old Staffie cross with health issues. Gill was intrigued and delved further. The news was tragic. Dolly had terminal cancer and had only months to live.

Undeterred by the heartbreaking news Gill wanted to give Dolly a loving home and who was I to argue. We took her for a walk in the Windyway field and I instantly had a new friend. Dolly would not leave my side and she'd truly won me over.

We went home and discussed the pros and cons of fostering a poorly dog but the pros hugely outweighed the cons. I had never had a dog before so I was keen to see if it was a life for me and we both wanted to give Dolly a wonderful loving home for her last few precious months. We called Windyway and confirmed our decision to go ahead and foster Dolly. They were thrilled that we were willing and able to give Dolly the time and loving attention she would need. We organised a collection time and then the fun really began. We decided to come up with a bucket list for Dolly. We christened her Little Dolly Daydream and set her up with an Instagram account to document all her adventures with us. (Her Instagram is [little_dolly_daydream](#)).

We really wanted to take Dolly to a beach. We had no idea whether she'd ever had the pleasure of the sand and sea so we went ahead and found a dog friendly hotel in Llandudno, North Wales. We stopped off on route at Llandulas beach and she loved it so much, running in and out of the waves as they broke on the shoreline.

She also had a Very cute game of back heeling her tennis ball through her legs which was adorable. She was really embracing life and she'd certainly settled with us. She instantly bonded with my 6 year old daughter Sophia and they played fetch and the happiness and lust for life emanated from them both.

Dolly also loved her walks at the canal, Bramhall park and her almost daily visits to Poynton's Acoustic Lounge cafe which is great for dogs. They'd always welcome her with water and a treat. Thankfully a few shops down

from there was the local pet shop where we could stock up on more tennis balls for Dolly to destroy. At the end of every day she would snuggle up next to us on the couch and then later in between us in bed. She would not leave us. We were a little family.

Gill went for a walk with one day near our house and Dolly dragged her across a small green. At the top of the green was a small entrance which opened up into field and gorgeous seemingly endless countryside. Dolly had discovered her new favourite place which she would guide us to daily.

Up until our last week with her she would still run frantically to fetch her ball seemingly unaware that she was ill at all. This filled our hearts with joy that she was still so happy and active. She also enjoyed her visits to our parents house where she bonded with our family cats and her grandparents.

By this stage Dolly was eating better than us and we spoilt her rotten with chicken, steak and other treats. She deserved it for being such a brave girl and for coping with her dreaded now twice weekly trips to Bollington vets. Our vet Claire and her colleagues were incredibly understanding and caring. Claire could tell that we had really bonded with Dolly and she went the extra mile to put us and Dolly at ease on every visit.

As I sit writing this just short of two weeks since we had to let her go I have an overwhelming feeling that Little Dolly Daydream gave us so much more than we gave her.

She showed us total unconditional love. Dolly displayed an incredible inner strength and a fighting spirit which at times was beyond belief. She was a real shining light and turned heads with her pretty face, lovely temperament, positive energy and colourful jackets where ever we went. We will miss her but she will live on in our memories and hearts forever. If you get the chance to foster or adopt a dog it will be one of the most rewarding and fulfilling experiences you'll ever have.

R.I.P Little Dolly Daydream (2010-2018)"

We can't put into words how much respect and appreciation we have for Rick and Gill. They did an amazing thing which took a lot of courage and emotional strength as well as time keeping vet appointments and doing her treatments. If you have read this and feel you could do something similar for one of our old or 'special needs' animals we would love to hear from you.

Another lady doing this is Helen, who has taken on Daisy, the Bulldog who we featured in the last newsletter. Here's her story: "It was 23rd December when a brave little ginger and white bulldog called 'Daisy Angel' arrived at my house with her suitcase full of medicines, wipes, shampoos and care charts. At first poor Daisy was pretty much terrified of everything and it was very upsetting to see her crouch and hide just

because a crow flew over or a noisy tractor drove past. 6 months later I'm delighted to report that Daisy is happily settled in her new home. Even better news is that now she only needs one tablet daily for her itchiness and a special shampoo bath once a week. The daily nose and eye wipes are still essential. Daisy's favourite things: Chappie and lots of it. A 'Good Morning' roly poly and tummy rub. Watching the moving rock, our tortoise – fascinating. Puppy moments when she resembles a turbo powered sausage and charges round at full speed. A soothing chew on a treat filled Kong. A sneaky cuddle with Mum on the sofa when no one else is looking.

Daisy has touched the hearts of all those who have helped her and I'm just so lucky to be the one able to give her a home.

To me she is 'Daisy Angel' all be it with a slightly wonky halo!"



MORE RESCUE STORIES

When we came up to meet Darcy on a very cold Sunday in February we both saw her as a very unusual-looking little dog. We also realised that at 8 months old and virtually untrained she would doubtlessly present us with a challenge! She has settled down well, but she can certainly make her presence felt, most of all when you take your eyes off her for a moment and she gets up to all kinds of mischief. As a writer, I thought I could express my thoughts better in a poem, so here it is. I do hope you like it.... Hazel

DARCY

What else would we call you if we'd had the chance, As "Darcy" is perfect for you?
You look just like a dog who can dance, When what you love best is to CHEW!

So it's "Put on high tables" for slippers and socks, And anything really we treasure.
For if it's in sight of this sly little fox, Then it's fair game for her pleasure!

And as her main pleasure is to chew, Then, really, my dear, it's up to you
NOT to take off your shoes in the house, And creep about like a frightened mouse!
And always remember, whatever you do, To always provide her with plenty to chew.

BUT she really is delightful, Although her teeth can be quite frightful!
She makes us laugh, she makes us smile, And she will walk mile after mile!

She loves to curl up on our knees, And darts around with speed and ease.
Just don't forget, whate'er you do, That really she just loves to chew!

VIVA—A SWEDISH PUZZLE...

We frequently reunite stray dogs and cats via their microchips and it can sometimes be quite a challenge when owners haven't kept their registration details up to date but one case we dealt with recently really tested our determination! A beautiful cat was brought to us from Reddish Vale where she had been living under the visitor centre and living on handouts (and local wildlife) for several months. A quick scan revealed a microchip but this was from Sweden and not registered on any British database. On calling the Swedish chip company a lot of guesswork in selecting options eventually got us through to an English speaking human. She told me the cat's name—**Viva**, and said she would try the contact number. There was an immediate response from her owner—in Sweden!! It turned out she had brought her to live in Manchester while studying, and Viva had gone missing almost 12 months previously. She had searched for several months but then had to return to Sweden without her. She was overjoyed to hear Viva was alive and well and quickly began the process to bring her up to date with her rabies vaccination so she could fly her home. She is now happily back in Sweden where she belongs. The photos show Viva on her arrival at Windyway, and home with her mum in Sweden.



FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS

Firstly we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated food, toys, bedding etc to our animals at Christmas. We were absolutely overwhelmed by your generosity and it was especially lovely to see groups of school children coming with the hampers they had made up themselves. I always think that these children are the future of our animals. AN EXTRA BIG THANK YOU FROM ALL OUR ANIMALS. Unfortunately we had to cancel the Carol Service in December due to "snow" but we are crossing our fingers and toes that the snow will stay away for this year's planned service. Also we did not hold a Spring Fair this year due to the uncertainty of being able to have the Senior Citizens Hall. It takes quite a few months for us to prepare for the Fair and cannot do this at short notice. Now for good news. Debbie Kruger kindly organised a Disco Night at the Pack Horse Hotel for us, which was a huge success, and raised a brilliant sum of money, thank you Debbie. Macclesfield Pet Food Supplies held a Fun Day in May and invited us to have a stall, which was very successful and they also very generously donated part of the proceeds to various charities, one of which was ourselves—thank you Gayle. This year we have been doing stalls at the Treacle Market and Love Bollington Market, which have done well and it is lovely to meet our supporters and some of our rehomed animals. Thank you to all the ladies who organise these markets and for offering us stalls. Some of the Staff at Marks & Spencer Macclesfield, as part of their MEMSITC Project, came along to our Crompton Road Centre and did a brilliant job of clearing all the weeds and overgrowth and tidying up for us—we did not know the place when we drove in!!! Special mention also to Martin and Doug two of our very friendly neighbours at our Crompton Road Centre, who also came along that day and painted the fences for us. Thank you to you all.

We would like to say a Big Thank you to all of the the other companies, groups and individuals (there are so many and we are sorry that we cannot mention you all individually) that have raised funds or donated money to us and to everyone who sponsors one of our animals.

We would like to thank Senior Aerospace BWT at Adlington who have chosen us as one of their charities of the year and are busy fundraising for us and also have a food collection bin for us at their offices.

Thank you once again to Pets at Home Macclesfield & Baguley and their lovely staff, Jollyes and Tesco at Congleton and Morrisons at Buxton and Chapel-en-le-Frith who have permanent food collections for us. A BIG THANK YOU to all our wonderful supporters and hardworking band of volunteers—none of what we achieve would be possible without you.

We have some super new merchandise, which is selling very well—Birthday and open cards and Birthday cards which include an animal necklace or brooch, key rings and several types of bookmarks. These are available from both our shops on Chestergate and at some of our outside events.

Finally, just a reminder about our 900 Club. For £12 per year you can be entered into our monthly draw for which the prize money is £50 and £100 in December. An application form can be found on our website or available from our shops.

Pat Barnard



Jackie Marriott retired as our Treasurer at the end of March and we would like to say a very special THANK YOU to her for all her hard work as Treasurer over the past 13 years. We are very happy to say that Jackie will still continue with us as a very valued Trustee. We would like to say a very warm welcome to **Jane Arnstein** our new Treasurer and new Trustee and we all look forward to working with her.



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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

Email: windywaytrust@outlook.com or
tel: 01625 420558 and ask for Jenny

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sun 26th August, 12 noon—4.00pm
OPEN DAY AND SUMMER FETE
Windyway Kennels, Buxton Old Road,
Macclesfield SK10 0AP.

Mon 27th August, 10 am—12 noon
DUCK RACE
Riverside Park, Tytherington, SK10 2SL

Sun 2nd September, 10 am—12 noon
WALKIES FOR WINDYWAY
Macc Leisure Centre Athletics Track,
SK10 4AF

Sat 10th November, 10.30am—1.30pm
CHRISTMAS FAIR
Senior Citizens Hall, Duke Street,
Macclesfield, SK11 6UR

Sun 9th December 6.00—7.00pm
CAROL SERVICE
Teggnose Café, Buxton Old Road,
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