

# Animals In Need Summer 2012 News Sheet



Harley



Flora



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Chrissy

## WITHOUT YOUR HELP WE WOULD ALL BE DEAD - THANK YOU FOR SAVING US

Dear Friends,

Here we are half way through the year and yet we are still awaiting new owners for many dogs and cats that have been with us since Christmas. It is so sad that delightful, friendly animals have to spend so much time in kennels—we find it **heartbreaking** especially when we return home after a long day at the Sanctuary. We see our own well loved rescued, dogs and cats enjoying all the home comforts and love and companionship.

I know we are not the only Sanctuary experiencing slow re-homing. It seems to be a sad sign of our times. People are so reluctant to take on a new pet with all the costs involved and it doesn't bode well for the future. None of the animals in our care are at risk but sadly there are so many desperate cases that we need to help but we lack the funds and the space to do so. We try to arrange emergency boarding but there is always a cost. Thanks to all of you who have helped us save the dogs from dying in the pounds and for helping with the poor cats left to fend for themselves on the streets and in gardens. We are receiving more and more calls from people taking on a new property, only to find that the previous owners have abandoned their pet. **What sort of society are we living in when outrageous behaviour like this is a daily occurrence?!**

We are fortunate to have so many good supporters and we can't mention you all, but we are grateful to each and everyone of you. Roy Baines is a name that many of you will have seen regularly in the letters column in the Echo and other newspapers. His letters on our behalf have drummed up an amazing response by way of food and donations. He works constantly to raise our profile and make us a household name. Special thanks to Paul Black of Proctor & Gamble for amazing support by donating regularly large quantities of cat and dried dog food. It's saved us so much money.

We are very fortunate to have the services of Craig Richardson, who, as our animal behaviourist has had wonderful results training some of the dogs. Many of these dogs have now acquired new homes because a well mannered and behaved dog is always easier to place. This is especially important if the dog is a Bull Terrier, because these dogs suffer the most due to bad press and ignorance. If people would only look at statistics they would realise that bull breeds don't even make the top 10 for dogs that bite. This is truly amazing considering that there are so many more of them about than other breeds. Many of the smaller, desirable breeds make the top 5 of dogs that bite. No one is ever put off when we tell them the pretty little Shih Tzu/Yorkie/Terrier sitting in the pen will bite. And yet they will happily walk past the sweet devoted little Staffie begging and appealing to be chosen and taken home.

**To us, all dogs are equal, but it seems to many people some are more equal than others.**

Please support us at our Fun Dog Show on 1st July. Kind regards, Fran, Caroline, Trustees and Staff



Stella



Tudor



Tally



Jackie



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## Cat Outwork Team



**A few words from Margaret Brady, Trustee about the cat outwork.** This is the section of AIN dealing with timid, feral or just plain naughty cats which are difficult to handle for neuter or medication. We try to help the **'forgotten ones'** often living in dire conditions under bushes and sheds, in factories, on railway embankments. There are a few dedicated people who feed these animals on a daily basis which is a big commitment especially in the snow and ice of winter, when food freezes instantly or summer, when maggots appear within an hour. Judy and Margaret take calls from the Sanctuary and from the out-of-hours help line (0151 526 3359) and respond when possible to abandoned or at risk cats such as when owners are evicted and animals left to fend in hostile areas. The domestics are homed via the Sanctuary and the 'wildies' relocated in stables or on farms. Some have to be left in situ and Judy supplies food to cats in Chinatown, at the Cathedral, at Aintree racecourse and in Litherland. The people we meet are 'characters' in every sense of the word. We have more than our share of laughs and tears. **Watch this space for stories...**



# It's a 'Sanctuary Life'

We really enjoy bringing you a slice of our 'Sanctuary Life' as featured on our website. Here are a few snippets from April, May & June.

**EMERGENCY BOARDING**—We have saved many dogs from destruction in dog pounds all over the country that are now in private kennels & will stay there until space becomes available. The last bill was £2000 but it was money well spent as it means that these worthy young lives have been saved. So many nice friendly dogs have now been found new homes. Thanks to all who have contributed to our 'Poundie Campaign' it has been a success and has made a difference.

**REFURBISHMENTS**—We were fortunate to recent grant from the **Pets At Home Charitable Trust** to help with a makeover for our cattery and rabbit areas. The work is well underway and is already showing a marked improvement in quality of life to those animals. Our builders have been busy making 'snuggle' boxes for the cats, insulating the rabbit shed, 'The Warren' and creating an beautiful exercise garden for the rabbits. The rabbits can be seen jumping and skipping for joy.

**CHICKENS**—Our free range chickens are extremely happy at the moment and rewarding their dedicated carers by laying dozens of eggs each day. Norma, cake baker extraordinaire has been sent over 80 eggs to help with the dog show baking.

**EMERGENCY VET TREATMENT**— Sadly this is often out of our control and costs a great deal of money. Animals don't always fall ill at a convenient time. Chrissy, a little dog at the private boarding kennels suffered a prolapse and was rushed to the vets for emergency treatment. Chrissy was in a horrible state and sadly her condition was further complicated by an infected womb which meant she had to have an urgent hysterectomy . This poor little dog had been abandoned half starved and had been obviously had too many litters. Thankfully she is making a steady recovery and is taken home by Kay one of our dedicated supporters, who is lavishing her with love and attention, cooked chicken and fish fingers. See Chrissy's photo on front. She is a sweet girl, not a bit of trouble and desperate for a permanent home of her own.

**SPECIAL THANKS**— To all who have sent in kind donations, food, plants and goods for sale, we couldn't exist without you. Supporter Steve Fitzsimmons found a novel way of raising £100 by selling bowls of hot Scouse. An idea we are going to steal for our November dog show. A date for your diary—18th Nov—come and enjoy a warming bowl and enjoy the show.

**ANIMAL REHOMING**—It's disastrous! We live in hope that it will pick up soon. But as the months fly by, and the familiar little faces still here we feel that this is probably as good as it's going to get. We are looking for other ways to reach the public and potential owners that are out there. It's sad to see these homeless dogs & cats waiting for new owners. It's even more heartbreaking knowing that there are 100s of pets in need of our help & we just don't have the room or the funds to bring them in. It's a fact of life that when an animal is rehomed that it creates a space & the funding to save another life. Some are lucky to have owners that will keep them safe until we or another non-destruction rescue centres can help. Unfortunately there are owners who just don't care. Their unfortunate pets end up on the streets only to be taken to dog pounds with just days to go until they are destroyed. Cathy has been juggling dogs between the Sanctuary and the boarding kennels, just to give the dogs a chance of being seen by the public and hopefully a home.

**ABANDONED CATS**— Once again a number of cats have been abandoned on the site. Many of them are dumped outside the gate and it's by pure luck if they make it through to safety. Little Spice was found mooching around our jumble shed looking for food. Volunteer Charlotte manage to grab her and place her safely in the cattery. She was checked over to make sure she was healthy, she happily tucked into a meal of tuna fish. She now has a wonderful home, so there is a happy ending for this little one. This isn't always the case, many are killed on the road or hunted down by lads with dogs.

**FUNDRAISING EVENTS**— Recent events have helped us raise valuable funds. A Jubilee fair at Hatton Hill Park raised £74.77 and our Southport station collection took £155. Our Maghull stall is an excellent earner & it's thanks to the regular team who man it. We appreciate all who contributed & helped with events. Our April Dog Show raised over £3500 & thanks to Irene and the Shed Faeires, all your unwanted items have been turned into many £1000s.

**SAD TIMES**— Some days are worse than others. We often have a day were every call we take seems to be bad news that involves an animals somewhere suffering. Most recently, Helen on of our supporters called to say a kitten had been dumped out of a car on the motorway, then hit by another car. This was very distressing for her but she managed to get the little kitten to our vet for emergency treatment. Sadly this poor little mite had a broken leg and even after all the nursing care by Margaret and Judy, she died of shock. The same day a ferret, dumped outside the Sanctuary was also killed by a car. This is such an unnecessary waste of life, causing suffering when all people need to do is contact us.




## PLEASE NOMINATE US

**Persimmon Homes** are giving one regional charity the chance to win a house worth up to **£250,000** which they can then keep as an investment or sell to raise funds. Plus 23 runners up will each receive a £6000 donation. Just go to their website [www.persimmonhomes.com/40](http://www.persimmonhomes.com/40) and nominate us and tell them in up to 250 words why we should win. **Nominations in by 18th July 2012**

## Summer Fair & Fun Dog Show

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 1 - 5pm**

Lydiat Parish Hall, Southport Road, L31 4EQ  
50p admission or a tin of pet food

Thank you to all who have sent in, and visited us with donations. It really is vital and all that keeps us going. These donations pay vet bills, specialist food, emergency boarding and other endless expenses. I know a few of you have been active raising money by doing sponsored events. Thank you to Robin, one of our young volunteers, who completed the 15 mile Wirral Coastal Walk and to Vicky Hodson who ran the Liverpool ½ Marathon. Special thanks to one of our good supporters, Barbara Rouse who nominated us and to Liverpool Victoria Insurance for the generous donations of £150. It was a lovely surprise. 

Our usual memories will be mentioned in our Autumn newsletter. But it's with great sadness that we had to say farewell to little Minnie, beloved companion to Hilary and Jim. 'All those we love are never forgotten'

### WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU AT OUR EVENTS

**Sat 14th JULY**—Southport station collection

**Sat 28th JULY**—'New To You' sale 1-2.30pm  
Aintree Village Youth & Community Centre,  
Oriell Drive, L10 0NJ

**Sat 11th AUG**—Southport station collection

**Sat 25th AUG**—Goddard Hall Jumble Sale 1-3pm

**Sun 7th OCT**—Fun Dog Show