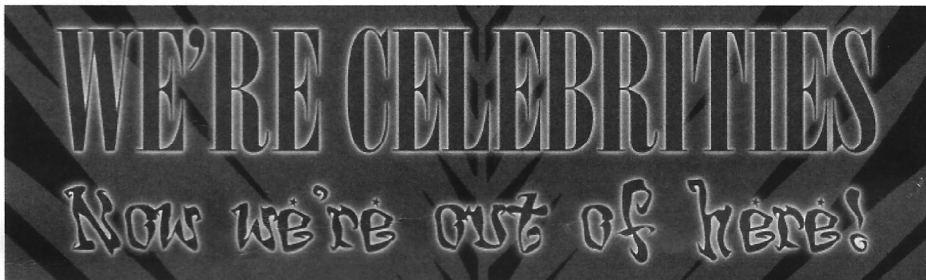


HOLLY HEDGE Newsletter

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Providing shelter from harm and the promise of a brighter future



At the beginning of the year Holly Hedge became Hollywood for the day when channel 5 came to do some filming. They wanted to find an interesting story for a series called Animal Rescue Squad. We were all very excited. The film crew spotted Ant and Dec, a cute pair of dachshund crosses who had been abandoned at Watkins & Tasker vets in Nailsea. Ant had a problem with his hip - the bone was disintegrating making the joint painful - and he needed an urgent operation. Watkins & Tasker did the operation (and gave us a huge discount) and the cameras were there to record Ant's progress every step of the way - from arriving at the vets pre-op to having his physiotherapy in the following weeks. We all fervently scanned the TV listings waiting for our episode to air and finally it did! It all came together really well and "the boys" were great. Pauline even managed to appear on Harry Hill when they did a spoof version (substituting our Ant and Dec for the human versions).

Ant's leg was healing fast and it was time for us to find the boys a new family - it didn't take long and look how well they're doing now...

Letter from Ant & Dec to all our friends at Hollyhedge

Firstly a huge thank you from us both to all our friends at Hollyhedge for all the love and care shown to us when we were very afraid, lost and bewildered and also for all the care given to Ant after the operation to help him walk properly.

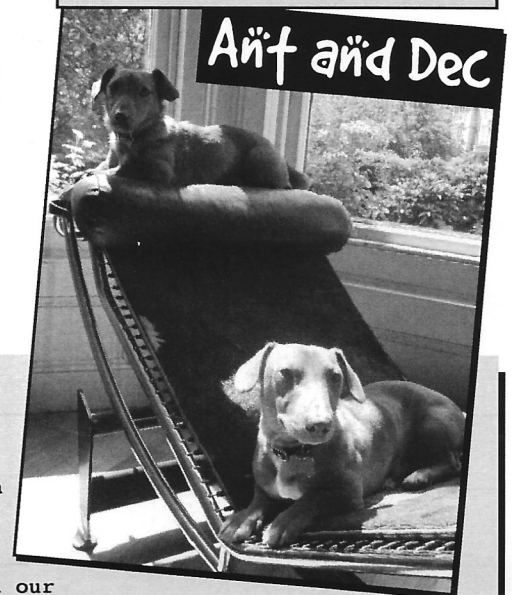
Thank you also for finding us a new home and a new family (Jon, Amanda, Bix and Ella). It was very strange at first and took all our courage to face uncertainty all over again but our new family have been very understanding with us even when we weed inside the house (quite a lot actually) and chewed their things in the first few weeks. They made us welcome in their house and just loved us through those first few weeks. Now we don't look back at all and have our new owners quite well trained. We have a lovely new home and a garden to play in and we are taken for nice long walks up on the Downs. We have made lots of new friends in the road where there are plenty of dogs.

Our new family take us with them when they go out and play with us all the time. In the evenings, we snuggle up with them on the sofa and watch TV or listen to music. When it's bed time we have our own beds or we can share. We always get a cuddle and a kiss goodnight and sleep really well. Although our new family don't really like us going upstairs (that's the cats' territory and we are still getting used to them as they are a bit strange and don't like to play with us), we always try and sneak up during the night and surprise Jon when he wakes up in the morning. We think he really likes it when we lick his face - he makes these funny spluttering noises. After we have woken the family in the morning, we all have breakfast together, ready for a new day of fun and relaxation. Ant and I play lots of rough and tumble which makes the family laugh as we rush in and out of the house.

With fond memories and lots of love, Ant and Dec

We could not have found two more perfect companions - the boys are full of fun and are such loving characters. Jon calls them his 'stress busters' as they greet him at the door each evening when he returns from work, delighted to see him, with tails wagging, full of unconditional love. What more could anyone want? Thank you all...

Jon, Amanda, Bix & Ella



All we wait for Christmas is a foster home



Hi to all who might read this newsletter. My name is Andrea Hirthe and just before last Christmas I thought it would be a nice thing to collect a few bits and pieces for Holly Hedge Sanctuary as a couple of years ago I adopted two very special dogs from there, Gizmo my adorable Rottweiler and Kane my beautiful Boxer. I asked around the local shops, and also friends of mine and got lots of things together, toys, so all the animals could have a present, blankets so they would all keep warm and lots of food and treats to keep the dogs, cats and even rabbits when they come in happy!

Mum had rejected them

On the 18th December, myself and my partner Lee packed his van up to the roof and Gizmo and Kane got in too, and off we went to deliver our goodies! Pauline, who you probably all know, (The Boss Lady!) was in the office and stuck her head through the window at us. She hadn't seen Gizmo and Kane for ages so greeted them and us with open arms; we also unpacked all of the goodies that I might add was extremely appreciated, especially at this time of year and at anytime!

As it was a bit chilly we all went into the office with Pauline and she told us of four 9-day-old Staffordshire bull terrier puppies that had just been delivered to them. Apparently mum had rejected them. Me and my big mouth!! I offered to help! How hard could it be? And I had done it before a few years ago with a litter of 7 Shih Tzu's! Holly Hedge had however tried to put the puppies in with another mummy, but she had just had lots of her own babies and was far too busy with them to accept anymore.

Serious hard work

So that was it! Here we were going to be Foster parents to these 4 tiny babies! So off we went and left Holly Hedge laden down with lots of puppy things! On the way home I called my children Jess and Emily and told them to be prepared for some seriously hard work!!

The first few days were the hardest; we nearly lost one of the pups as he became quite ill. Pauline was great! I called her at god knows what time in the middle of the night on her personal line at home, and she told me exactly what to do! Actually I forgot to say thanks for that, So thanks Pauline! A few days later, with 4 healthy pups, we were getting into a routine, feeding every 2 hours throughout the night, stimulating them to go to the toilet, wee wees and poops! Then when you finally finished doing them all, it seemed to start all over again! It was like having 4 newborn babies relying on you. Xmas day was divided between our Xmas lunch, me doing lots of washing and the puppies feeding!!!

It did start getting a bit easier as the pups got older though! A couple of

weeks passed and the pups opened their eyes one by one, if you have ever seen this for yourself, you will agree it really is fascinating, they were all coming on so well Then they all started going to the toilet on their own too! (yippee!)

Rewarding

During my time hand raising these pups I have done more washing than I could ever imagine, I have been peed on and worse! My fingers and toes have been chewed, my front room has been puppy powered by them all running around, I have had to get up very early everyday (which really is quite hard for me!!) I have had to cut my shopping trips in half, or at least I did when they were feeding every couple of hours! But you know something I can honestly say, other than raising my two very responsible children, Emily and Jesse, I don't think I have ever done anything as rewarding as helping these little guys live, yes I helped before with the Shih-Tzu pups I mentioned but I went home when I thought I had done enough. To look into the eyes of these four adorable babies, to see them running up to me and my family with their tails nearly shaking from their little bodies, where they are wagging them so hard, I don't think it can get much better than that?

I would like to say a big thank you to Lee, Jess, Emily and Kirstie for all of your help and also to all at Holly Hedge for providing me with everything I could have possibly needed for these pups, even at short notice and for letting me have this experience. I wouldn't have missed it for the world!!!

Andrea Hirthe

Holly Hedge would like to say a massive thankyou to Andrea and her family for all their hard work and sleepless nights

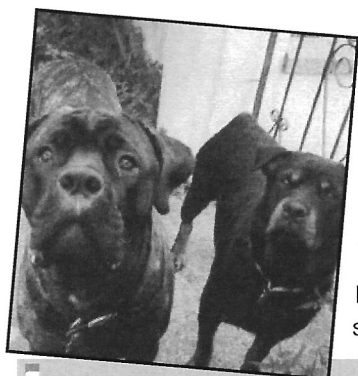


Rottweilers : Perfect Pets

ROTTWEILERS have had a really hard time in the media of late. Of course when anyone, especially a child, is seriously injured by any dog it is horrific, but it is important to remember that these are extremely rare occurrences. Thousands of rotties are kept as pets and the vast majority are just big softies. Dogs are individuals regardless of their breed and dogs of all breeds can show aggression, yes even spaniels and labradors! Socialisation of puppies with lots of different people including children is really important. A well-socialised rottie is no more likely to be aggressive than any other dog.



We have had an influx of young rotties, brought in as strays in the last few months (maybe people are abandoning them due to their bad public image?) Luckily there are still plenty of people who love this breed and many have found new homes where they are proving just how perfect a pet rottweilers can be.



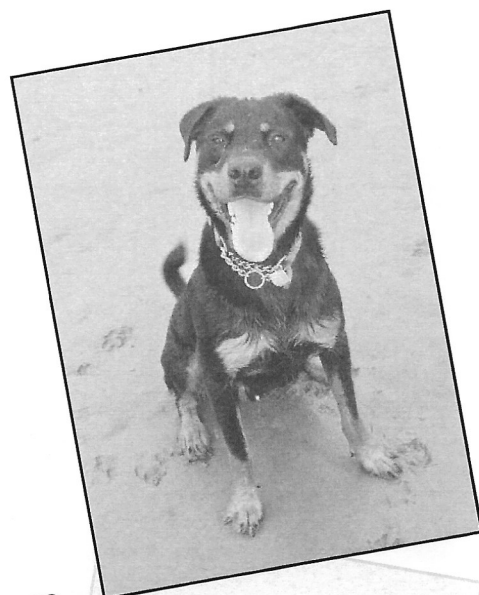
Lara

Just a few short months ago **Lara** the rottweiler was found straying by the dog warden and so came to us. Terribly underweight with sore skin and bald patches Lara looked a sorry state. But from the start Lara's gentle temperament and positive outlook on life won our hearts, and so we were delighted when she found a new home just a month after her arrival.

Hello everyone

Im writing to update you on the progress of our gorgeous girl Lara! she is such an angel! We've been going dog training for a month now and she's so eager to please she's amazed everyone with how quickly she's learned loads of commands. She is wonderful with every dog she meets just wanting to play. Her favourite is herding and she'll run after her friends over the fields for ages. They have such fun! Our other dog Zeus adores her and her him. Ive never seen two dogs kiss each other and cuddle up together like these two. it is so sweet. Lara is definitely a peoples dog. She likes nothing more than lying on her back and having her tummy rubbed. She is so affectionate to everyone she meets. Some people are worried when they first see her as rottweillers have a bad reputation but they soon change their mind when they see how soft Lara is. I hope she can prove to people that each dog is an individual and its not the breed thats the problem. Our lovely Lara does not have a bad bone in her body even after all the abuse she has suffered at the hands of humans all she wants is to be loved. We are so grateful to you for allowing us to take Lara home. She has completed our family and makes our lives enriched just by being in it and we love her so much!! thank you from our hearts.

Katherine, Parrish, Matthew, Samuel and Zeus



Shadow

When **Shadow** and his brother **Bailey** were brought to Holly Hedge they were just 8 months old and hadn't received any training. Bailey was much calmer than his brother and soon found a new owner. Shadow, full of youthful exuberance, was more of a handful and it took longer to find him a permanent home. 18 months later he is a well-behaved happy dog living with a happy family.

We have had Shadow now for nearly a year and he is the most well behaved, loving, adorable dog anyone could wish for.

His new friend Winston is a 4 month old terrier who takes Shadow's tennis ball out of his mouth and runs off and Shadow just trots along beside him waiting his chance to get it back.

He loves to swim and we take him to the beach quite often, he has brought immense pleasure into our lives and we are so proud of him "He's A Star".

*Gill, Nick &
Laura Preedy*



Happy dog Tails



Beau the lurcher was one of our long-term residents at the sanctuary and so staff and volunteers alike were delighted last year when a lovely couple decided to



give him a chance. It was slightly a leap into the unknown as Beau had spent much of his 2 years in kennels and we didn't really know if he had ever lived in a house. Beau came to us via another sanctuary and he was originally found as a stray. We found him to be the most affectionate of dogs but he could also become very boisterous when over-excited and his behaviour with other dogs was unpredictable. He needed someone special, willing to persevere and work through his problems. Thank you so much to Adrian and Catherine for giving this deserving dog a home.

When we adopted beau in November 2007, we quickly discovered that he had no manners at all. He was very stubborn and he messed every night in the house, but with a bit of bribery (he loves cheese) and TLC he is now clean, virtually every night. Taking beau for a walk at first was quite a task, as Beau can be quite a bully when he wants to be, so we had to muzzle him. But now he walks so well, that on occasions we can let him off his lead. Beau loves to play, especially first thing in the morning. He can also be a thief, picking up anything off the floor and running off with them. If you can't find your shoes and you want to go out, then just look for Beau!

Considering beau has spent most of his life in kennels, he has really adapted to home life very well. He is a loving dog, and we have no regrets adopting him.

Adrian & Catherine

LUCY and TESS were residents at Holly Hedge for a short time last year. This pair were real cuties and big favourites with all the volunteers. In fact 2 of our dog walkers fell in love with them and gave them a home!

Tess and Lucy have now been with us for two months and we thought you would like to know how well they are doing in their new home. We had visited the Sanctuary several times to look at other dogs and always ended up talking to these two very friendly, sweet dogs. Although we didn't want two dogs, especially at 7 years of age, which was older than we had planned, there was something about them that persuaded us they were what we had been looking for.

They have been really good in the house. They do not bark much and we have had only a few puddles. They are obviously house trained but we need to get the communication right. That will come in time.

As you said, they love "walkies" and "cuddles", as many and as much as we have time for. They are inseparable. Although they have their own baskets they will often sleep together in one basket. Washing each others face and ears are regular grooming rituals.

They are good with people and have made a hit with the neighbours. They do jump up with excitement on first meeting you, especially Lucy who is amazing with the height that she can achieve, but soon become calm again.

It is interesting to see how different the dogs are in personality even though they are sisters. Tess is the quiet, big sister who can be a bit of a madam when she wants something and loves to sit in the garden and have her coat groomed-followed by choc drops for the privilege. Lucy is a little tom boy with lots of energy but always lets her sister get to the treats first.

We are all getting along fine and I hope we are as good for Lucy and Tess as they are for us.

Thank you to all at Holly Hedge for the good work that you do and for providing the opportunity for dogs like Lucy and Tess to find another home. Best wishes for your continued success.

The beautiful **KIARA** was too much for her previous owner and spent 6 months with us before finding someone with enough energy to take her on. The fact that she's a typical collie didn't bother him as he already had 4 other collies! Kiara loves her new pack.



Kiara has settled in well. The cats weren't too sure at first but now they will even sleep together. The worse problem we've had so far is kiara's ability to find the muddiest puddle in the middle of an otherwise dry field!

Many thanks
Richard



Lady



LADY, a beautiful 4 year old German Shepherd came to us last year after the death of her owner. She was totally confused and very stressed, to the extent that she started chewing herself to bits. One of our office staff said she would try and foster her and although Lady adored her, she was too much for the elderly dog in the home. As he had a spinal problem it was felt that Lady would be better in a foster home with no other animals until she felt secure again. So she went to stay with a really lovely lady who devoted herself to Lady's recovery and even starting training with her. Eventually Lady found herself a permanent home with a couple from Hereford who had seen her on the internet. They were informed of all of Lady's good and bad points but were determined to have her. She is now a totally different dog, calm and relaxed, living with another dog and going to the stables every day where she has plenty of space to run around, and she has even got used to the horses. She has also taken up agility classes which she really enjoys.

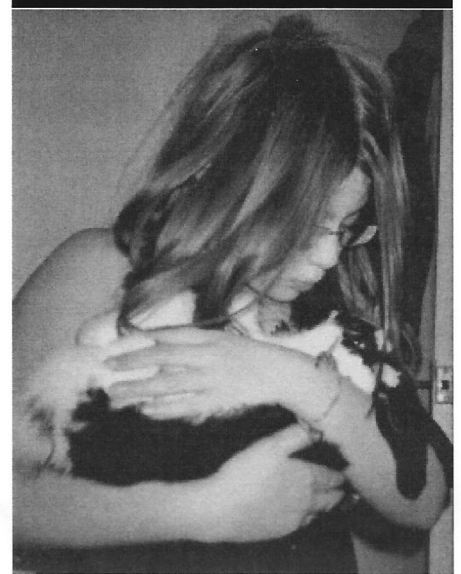
Hi there, Lady here,

Just thought I would let you know how I am getting on with Laura, Dave and Megan.

Megan and I are getting more relaxed with each other and I don't get upset anymore when Laura throws a ball for Megan.

I still have a long, long, long lead attached when I am in the yard with the horses, but Laura does not always have to hold it now as I listen when she asks

Volunteer



12 year old Izzy is a keen Holly Hedge volunteer, she especially enjoys cat cuddling. At the moment we have several rabbits in the cattery that all need good homes. Izzy would like to point out what great pets bunnies make:

"I love my male Dutch-lop, Humbug, he is black, white and fluffy. He likes walks in the park, dandelion leaves and cuddles. He lives in a cage in our conservatory and is litter-trained. He also has a hutch and a run outside connected by a tube he can run through. He needs quite a lot of care and attention but I find that it is completely worth it."

me to leave something and I come back to her when she calls me.

On Saturday mornings we have started doing stuff they call "agility". I get to do all sorts of stuff like jumping poles and running through tunnels. They think I'm very clever because after two goes not only did I go through the tunnel myself I knew I had to go on to the jump after... Dave better watch out because I will get much faster!

love and licks

Lady x



Queenie

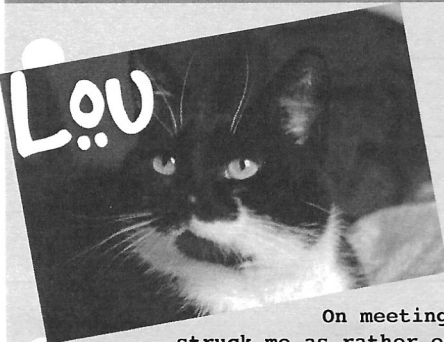


Tabitha



Help the Aged

Jenny, one of our Holly Hedge wardens, writes



LOU was brought to us in April 2007. However, this sweet, friendly cat didn't find a new home until November because her age put off potential owners.

I fell in love with Lou having seen her picture on the internet and she came home with us on 11 November 2007.

On meeting Lou for the first time, she had struck me as rather enigmatic, even by cat standards. Quite what was going on behind those lovely golden eyes was anyone's guess. We hadn't even heard her purr or miaow before we got her home. We are home number 3 for her, as far as the records go, and there were one or two issues that had seemingly put other people off adopting her, meaning that at the time of the adoption she was one of Holly Hedge's longer stay felines. All in all, we were a bit anxious as to how this new cat would be.

As it happens, we needn't have worried. As I write this it's still quite early days, but Lou is settling in really well. She can be quite a cheeky monkey sometimes (eg bedtime and any time at all between official mealtimes), but also very, very friendly, and she has a lovely coat, particularly the markings on her tummy, which, when she lets you see it, somehow puts you in mind of marble cake! She loves company, and while not a traditional lap cat, she loves to sit on a cushion on a lap and have her head tickled. Last night, as I went to sit on the sofa ready to watch Masterchef, Lou was already on the cushion, on my lap before I'd quite managed to fully sit down!

She also scampers around the house like a kitten. We think she's about 8 years old, but you'd never believe it. At times the carpet in our hall is littered with balls of paper, ping pong balls and the odd misappropriated Christmas decoration that she's been chasing around the house (and carrying around in her mouth like a small dog). She also likes dashing up the tree in our garden. It's a good lookout point for spying on furry neighbours - there have been one or two run-ins so far, but as we explain to her, she won't be the new kid on the block forever.

I bought her a scratching platform, and she very obligingly uses this (rather than the carpet or the furniture) every day about twice a day, much to my relief (I was very aware that a lot of scratching posts never get used). She has favourite 'perches' all round the house, scratching platform included.

She's also good at staring at you so long it gets unnerving, even for the most experienced of cat lovers! You can't help wondering, "What is she thinking?"

Happily Lou is also a non-fussy eater, very clean (the methodical way in which she nips each of her claws in turn amuses us no end!) and perfectly house-trained. It was a calculated risk taking her on, but already it has become such fun and so worthwhile. If there is a message here at all, it would be not to discount an older cat as a possible pet, as Lou has proved to be so bright, athletic and funny, despite being a lady of more mature years!

Kirsten Gill and Andrzej Wawrowski

At Holly Hedge we have many older, and some quite elderly cats in for re-homing. Often they have lost their owners through a bereavement or illness. Most of them, despite their age, are still in good health, and they all deserve comfort in their twilight years.

A lot of the older cats find the cattery a very daunting place, many have come from very quiet homes, and to be put into a strange, noisy environment can be scary. Some hide away and others cry by the gate - failing to understand why their world has suddenly changed.

It can be upsetting for the staff to see their forlorn little faces, and we all try hard to home them, but often people say things like: "that's a sweet cat, but I wanted something younger".

Some people feel that older cats will not be able to adapt to being part of a new home. Well, speaking from my own experience, I know that this is not the case. Last year my three old dogs passed away within six months of each other. My house seemed very empty but I wasn't ready to replace my 3 girls.

Then, one day, an older cat was brought to the sanctuary. She looked very sorry for herself, and on closer inspection, we spotted a lump on her tongue. The vet diagnosed a small malignant tumour. It wasn't fair to put her back in a cat pen so I took her home.

Grace, as we called her, was a comical little cat with bags of personality. She was still quite playful, and would often bring me the odd vole as a "present". Grace soon settled into her new surroundings. In fact you would have thought she had never lived anywhere else. She was with me for six months, until the tumour made her unwell, and, sadly, it was time to say goodbye.

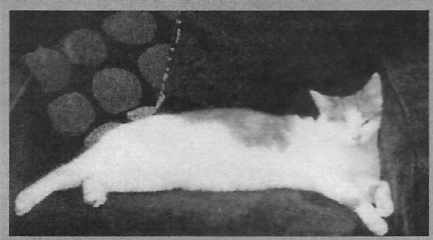
I now live with 2 other "golden oldies". First there is 14 year old Queenie, who was left on her own in a house for months when her 92 year old owner passed away. The only company she had was from a neighbour who popped in to feed her. When Queenie arrived at Holly Hedge, her long coat was solid with matts, and much of it had to be shaved off. After spending so much time alone Queenie was very withdrawn and depressed. For the first month or so she hid behind my sofa, but gradually her confidence grew and one day she jumped beside me on the settee. From then on Queenie hasn't looked back, she loves to be groomed and enjoys having the freedom of a garden, but most of the time old Queenie can be found curled up on "her" settee!

Queenie now shares her home with Tabitha, an old blind cat, who was found as a stray. Despite her handicap, Tabitha copes well, she knows where her food bowls are, and always uses her litter tray and very quickly learnt to find her way around her new home.

So I would definitely recommend an older cat as a companion. They have their own individual personalities, and soon adapt to a new owner. They might not be with you for as long as a younger cat, but they will still enrich your life.



Happy Cat Tails



Letter from Bobby's new owners

We rescued Bobby from Holly Hedge Animal Sanctuary in November 2007. We had previously been looking at other animal rescues but none matched the loving, caring and homely feel we got at Holly Hedge. The first time we saw Bobby it was love, no other cat had come close to the connection we all felt with Bobby, and she was the only cat we looked at!! She came to us, believed to be around 18 months old. Holly Hedge came to have her after finding her stray with something tied round her tail, which as a result her tail had to be amputated, we don't even notice it, just makes us giggle as its long enough still to twitch when she is happy! She is a beautiful cat who is so loving and now happy in her new home and we are so happy with her. She is very good with both the children (7&2) and is now affectionately known as 'Bobo Cat' as our two-year-old tells us.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Holly Hedge!

Tash – the little deaf cat

Poor Tash arrived at Holly Hedge in August 2006 and didn't find a permanent home until October 2007. Originally Tash was re-homed with her mum (who was aptly called Mum!) but the two cats weren't getting on and so Tash was returned to us. Eventually Tash found another home, but was brought back to us yet again when she cried loudly during her first few unsettled nights. Finally Tash is happy and settled as her new owner reports.

Spritzer

Last August a very nervous farm kitten arrived at the sanctuary - underweight and crawling with fleas. With much TLC and patience from our dedicated staff he slowly gained in confidence, and **Spritzer** found a new home in time for Christmas.



Spritzer was very timid and took a week before she let us touch her, but bonded with Bibi very quickly. They now run around the house playing and now is happy and friendly with my other three older cats.

Its worked out perfectly as I hoped.

Thank you very much for a wonderful kitten and friend for Bibi.

Jen and Mike Pearce

Tash

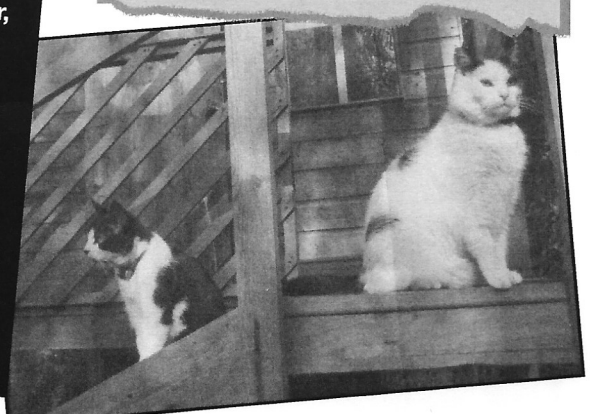
We adopted Tash in October 2007. We already have 3 cats - one of which came from Holly Hedge in 2005 - all aged 13 and as Tash was the same age and hadn't successfully been re-homed, we decided to give her a chance of a new life with us.

Tash settled in well in the first few days - keeping her separate from the other cats was the most difficult! As she is totally deaf, when she wants attention or happily plays, she can meow extremely loudly, so although the others heard we had a new addition, they just couldn't wait to see her!

Despite a number of hisses and harmless swipes, Tash soon got to know the other members of her new family and it wasn't long before she began eating and playing with Whiskey, Soda and Tobias.

She has a tremendous appetite and her sense of smell definitely makes up for her loss of hearing as you can always find her in the kitchen or following us around if we have food. She has got to know what she's not allowed to do by a gentle tap on her nose and although she can be very cheeky at times, as she will often bring home scraps of meat from people's rubbish bags, she is such a little bundle of joy and fun. We wouldn't be without her...

Mark & Lisa Rushkin



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Tibby

Poor Tibby, she is so upset. For all her 12 years she has lived with her beloved owner, who is elderly and has

had to go into a care home. Tibby's world has been turned upside down.

Because she is sad, this beautiful cat hides away, but she is such an affectionate cat, she just needs that special, quiet home where she can relax. An older family to pamper her would make her so happy once more, and her previous owner would be so pleased she is settled again.



Blaze

Blaze is a fun loving chap who will need to go to a home where he will get plenty of stimulation with lots of fun things to do. Just think of all the new and

exciting games you can play with this fantastic young dog! Ideally, he would go to a family with Staffy experience or people used to a boisterous dog. If you would like more information on him, or to meet him, please come into the Sanctuary.



Ralph

Ralph is a lively 3 year old Jack Russell. He was used to being the centre of attention in his original home until a new baby made him feel pushed out. He needs a quiet home

with just one owner so he can receive all the attention and be the centre of someone's universe once again.



Chloe & Breezer

Chloe and Breezer are up for rehoming together as they are mother and son and get on really well.

These two good-natured dogs are used to older children and adore affection. Although Chloe is 12 she is very fit and loves to fetch a tennis ball, 6 year old Breezer struggles to keep up with her!



Mitzi

Mitzi is a beautiful girl looking for a new home. She is loving and affectionate and really

likes her cuddles and kisses! As she is only 2 years old she wants more adventure in her life and has been in our cattery too long - come and rescue her!



Cooper

Cooper was a happy dog until recently when he has found himself unwanted and alone. As you can imagine, he has found this very

hard to understand. Cooper is an older dog (10 years), but he still has a fun side to him, he loves to play and just adores having someone rub his tummy. He walks well on the lead and is good with other dogs. There is so much life still in this gorgeous dog!

Can you offer Cooper a safe, secure home? In return he will be your most loyal companion.



Verity

As Verity came to Holly Hedge as a stray, we don't know a lot about her, but we have found her to be a very sweet natured girl. She loves company and adores

affection. Our vet thinks she is about 8 years old and she is very healthy. If you come and meet her you're bound to fall in love!



Sheba

Sheba arrived here two years ago with her best friend Buster. This inseparable pair waited and waited for a home together but sadly this wasn't to be. Over the

past few months Buster became unwell and sadly he was diagnosed with a tumour and was put to sleep.

Sheba was devastated, but staff and volunteers have helped her regain her spirits. However what she needs most is a caring and loving home to make her life complete. Sheba is 9 years old, has not been used to children, but could possibly adapt to life with a cat or another dog. Could you offer her a fresh start?

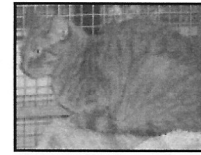


Frostie

Frostie is a very sweet little rabbit who was brought to Holly Hedge after being rescued from a neglectful home where he wasn't given

enough food or water. Now, after some much needed TLC he has gained weight

and become a healthy rabbit. He is a very docile bunny and loves a cuddle!



Lupin

Lupin is a lovable chap who sadly was abandoned by his owner. Unfortunately we only have a small

amount of information on him, but we have found him to be a very affectionate cat who now desperately wants a loving home to call his own.

Lupin's Special Plea...

"Everyday I sit and wait for a loving family to take me home. I watch people come and go, and other cats leaving excited about their new homes. I wait patiently for someone to come and pick me. Longing for someone to say 'that's the cat for me'! I dream of the day when I will have someone to cuddle me, someone to play with me and a lovely garden to sunbathe in. Someone to love me unconditionally and not care that I have FELV and remember that I am a young healthy cat who deserves everything a normal cat has. Holly Hedge has been great to me and are trying to get me everything I sit here dreaming about. They are even going to help pay for Vets bills. Please consider me, I won't disappoint you.

Living in hope.... Lupin xxxx"

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