

# Holly Hedge newsletter

Providing shelter from harm and the promise of a brighter future



**HOLLY HEDGE**  
Animal Sanctuary

## FAMILY FUN DAY 2012!



**Sunday 2nd September ASHTON COURT  
(Long Ashton Entrance, next to The Dovecote)**

Our ever popular annual Family Fun Day is back! A great day out for the whole family – with all proceeds coming back to the Sanctuary to help the animals in our care! Have a look at what's taking place this year...

**The Fun Dog Show** – enter your own pet into our fun show and win prizes and rosettes! Categories and times will be on our website nearer the date.

**Raffle and Tombolas** – Have a go at winning some of the great prizes we have on offer, our Holly Hedge Grand Fun Day Draw tickets are available to purchase now, with some amazing prizes to be won, including a **32" HD Samsung Television with two-tiered, high quality tempered glass stand**. Tickets can be purchased at the Sanctuary, or from our Charity Shop in Clevedon (or you can call the Sanctuary and buy them over the phone Monday – Friday on **01275 474 719**) £1 per ticket or £5 for a book!

**Agility Demonstrations** – Watch the dogs on the agility course led by Malcolm, from Agility 4 Dogs ([www.agility4dogs.co.uk](http://www.agility4dogs.co.uk)), who has over 37 years of experience working with and training dogs! There is also the chance for you to have a go yourself.

**Photo Entry Cat Show** – the dogs always have their chance to shine in our fabulous Dog Show, so we thought it was high time the cats got their turn too! We are pleased to introduce our Photo Entry Cat Show, just bring along a picture (or pictures) of your cat/cats and enter them into as many cat show classes as you want (£1 a class).

For more information on classes available please see our website [www.hollyhedge.org.uk](http://www.hollyhedge.org.uk) or visit our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/Holly.Hedge.Animal.Sanctuary](http://www.facebook.com/Holly.Hedge.Animal.Sanctuary) and have a look at the events section.

**The Dog Sprint** – put your dogs speed against the clock! A fun game of speed (we have races for the fastest and slowest!), prizes and rosettes to be won

for dogs of all ages, sizes, shapes and ability!

**The Trade Village** – We have a fantastic array of trade stands offering goods from Jewellery, Fine Arts & Crafts to Massages and Healing for your pets. Our Holly Hedge Team will be there selling great items for you and your pets and will also be running the popular bric-a-brac and table top stalls once more.

**Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Fun Demos and Kids Games** – Lots of fun and activities for the kids to get stuck into!

**Refreshments** – Food and refreshments for everybody including tea and coffee and delicious homemade cakes! Burgers, sausages and a brilliant choice of vegetarian food will also be available.

**Welcome** to our new look newsletter, jam-packed full of heartwarming stories and ways you can help Holly Hedge help more animals in need...

**summer 2012**

**Wild Country Lane  
Barrow Gurney  
Bristol BS48 3SE**

**Tel: 01275 474719**

**[www.hollyhedge.org.uk](http://www.hollyhedge.org.uk)**

**Reg charity No: 294606**





# REHOMING SUCCESSES



## BEAUTIFUL BRUCIE!

We know that many of you were fond of Bruce, our beautiful Bull Mastiff X, who spent quite a long time in our office – so we caught up with Tessa, his new owner...

*Bruce is always at my side and I can say we are very fond of each other – he walks on the Downs daily and lots of people want to talk to us. I am always very proud of him and the way he conducts himself. He is a very obedient dog and always waits for permission to go into a room or into the garden. He is a wonderful fellow who is also very brave learning all these new things - but I know he knows he has done a good job and he just loves to get home and on his bed while I work on the computer.*

*He does not seem sad at all - in fact I am working on making him smile more! He wags his tail a lot and makes me smile! We have the girl who owns 'Happy Days Dog Training' as our neighbour and Hugh, who has a rescued Old English Sheep Dog. So there is a caring community of dog lovers around him... ready with cheese!*

*Bruce conducts himself beautifully and I am very proud of him.*

*Be in touch soon!*

Tessa



## Mia & Vincent

*Hello, First of all please accept our apologies for the delay in letting you know how Mia and Vincent have been getting on! They came to live with us in May and they have both settled in very well and we love having them as part of our family.*

*They are both very loving and fun little souls to be with. Mia especially is very talkative and when she sees us, she runs up and starts to meow. Vincent is also very talkative and loves having his back tickled. They love the garden and both enjoy lazing in the sun and watching the world go by. When they are not doing this, they can be found on the sofa or on the bed asleep and possibly snoring loudly!!!*

*We are both so pleased that they have come to live with us they make us smile everyday with their little individual ways.*

Kind Regards

Diane & Jennifer Gibbens



## Rosie

*Just a quick email to let you know how well Rosie is settling in to her new home. She really is a fantastic girl and we feel really lucky to have found her, she has been enjoying long walks every day, playing with all her new toys (a few cuddly toys have met their end during our play fights!!)...I'm going to have to set a tennis ball budget...cuddling on the sofa and her favourite is bedtime where we get licked and cuddled before she settles at our feet!*

*She has made new friends already, and our family and friends are all enamoured with her gentle ways and lovely personality. She has been enjoying mixing with other dogs on our walks and is really blossoming in such a short time. She is very loving and funny; she will drop a ball or toy on our laps when she wants to play, and likes to sit on us too.*

*What a beautiful big girl she is, and we are already totally in love with her. She totally changed my life for the better instantly, and is my constant companion. She enjoys a car trip, and has already been to Ashton Court, Sand Bay in Weston, and today we explored local fields in the morning and St Georges Park and the docks this evening. We are trying to get her well socialised and will start some beginner obedience classes once she is fully settled in. We are so glad we found our perfect girl with you, I have sent photos of some of her adventures, she is sleeping next to me as I type, snoring away and it is a very pleasant feeling.*

Kind regards,

Sam Ball



# REHOMING SUCCESSES

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF LITTLE GEORGE

Little George came to Holly Hedge aged 11 and a bit, after his owner sadly passed away. We knew this dear old chap wouldn't do well in a kennel at his age, so two lovely people came to mind straight away – Pat and Keith Morris. One phone call and one hour after meeting Jessie (their existing Holly Hedge dog) and getting her seal of approval, off went Little George, tail wagging to live with the Morris Family – below is a story from George before he sadly passed away (at the very grand age of 11 and a half.)



*Allow me to introduce myself – I am 'Little George', a (nearly) 12 yr old Cavalier King Charles Spaniel; I was having a lovely life sitting with my owner all day and having lots of TLC and treats, when my little world came to an end, my dear owner suddenly died. What was going to happen to me? I couldn't fend for myself and where could a dog of nearly 12 go?*

*I met a lady called Pauline who, as other dogs said, ran Holly Hedge and who was good at finding homes for dogs like me. True to form, I was no sooner in Holly Hedge than I was found a home with two more Cavaliers.*

*My humans make sure that my every whim is attended to, and I am glad to say that I now have them totally trained to my routine and food likes (everything), which they suspect is roughly what I was used to in my previous home – a walk before tea, then after tea, then straight onto the settee to watch television; I haven't quite convinced them about this yet...we have two sun beds; one in the conservatory at the back of the house, and one in the lobby at the front, which gets the morning sun. The night time beds, which I share with Jessie, are near a radiator outside the humans' bedroom, at which I cast longing, pathetic looks every night and morning. No harm in trying as, like all Cavaliers, I have a very good line in big-eyed pathetic looks. I very much love my new home, Jessie and my humans.*

**Thank you for giving George a loving home for his last years Pat & Keith, love from all the team at Holly Hedge.**

## May

*We are writing to let you know how well 'May' has settled in with the McCall family in Portishead.*

*We took her home in early September having been at Holly Hedge since she was rescued in May. She was gorgeous and we knew we just had to have her.*

*She has a lovely nature and is very affectionate with all of us. She is also well behaved apart from a 15 minute period in the morning and at night where she gets excited and sprints around the house showing off. She has been introduced to the garden and enjoys walking around on a harness. She has also made friends with our rabbit 'Nibbles' and seems fascinated by her. In the next few weeks she will be able to have a free reign outside.*

*She likes her food and her favourite treat is cod – she goes crazy when she knows it is being cooked for her.*

*We all love her to bits and are looking forward to our first Christmas with her. We have already been looking at silly hats for her to wear on Christmas Day.*

Regards,

*Rob, Nicki, James & Emily McCall*



## Kiki & Tess

*This is Kiki and Tess, formerly known as Queenie and Princess. They are settling in really well and have free reign of the house and garden!*

*Kiki (was Queenie) is most definitely a daddy's girl, and loves sleeping on top or as close as she can get to Chris all night, quite often purring very loudly!! Whereas Tess (was Princess) has taken a shine to me and as soon as I sit down she is on my lap. Kiki enjoys sleeping and eating mostly, but does mooch about in the garden when it's not raining. Tess is revealing herself to be a real character and she often has us in stitches at her acrobatics when playing with her favourite toy (a mouse on a string), I have never seen a cat jump so high, she is acting like a kitten not a 5 year old!*

*We want to thank you all for looking after them so well whilst waiting for us. You do an admirable job in looking after all the waifs and strays that find themselves in your care, they are the lucky ones.*

*We hope you enjoy the photos.*

*Many thanks again,*

*Chris, Victoria, Kiki and Tess xxx*

## website alert!

**Keep an eye out for our brand new website – going live very soon! We are really excited about all the new features.**



# REHOMING SUCCESSES

## HARLEY

*I must tell you about Harley – he’s amazing and loving and bright.*

*Holly Hedge organised the adoption, for us it was love at first sight!*

*We brought him to our house last April, on a spring day so vibrant and sunny.*

*This dog has incredibly transformed our lives, he’s so loving and clever and funny.*

*From the moment he walked in behind us, he settled here in his new home.*

*He ran in the house, had a really good sniff, and has never once wanted to roam.*

*He came to us with his own set of toys, every day we find good times for fun.*

*He wants us to play any time night or day, in the rain or the snow or the sun.*

*But most of all Harley loves water, and our fields run right down to the sea!*

*He belly flops in and splashes around, and he won’t even stop for a wee!*

*He goes out of the house looking perfect, standing tall like a canine dragoon.*

*But when he comes back he is filthy, like a creature from the Black Lagoon!*

*And if we have friends round to dinner, he thinks they’ve just come to see him.*

*He runs round the table with gusto, no one is left out on a limb!*

*I beg you to give Holly Hedge your support; try to help them in all that they do.*

*Go along, lend a hand and you may be surprised – they might have a pet just for you!*

*Poem by Angela Hughes of Clevedon*



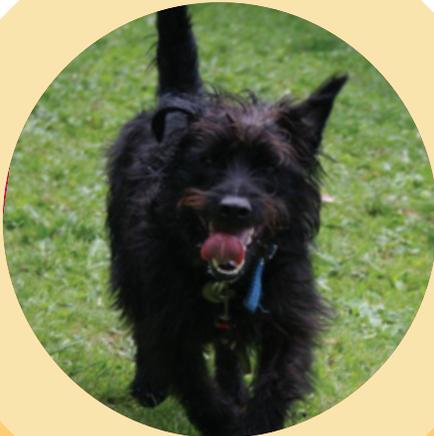
## BENJI

*To Pauline and the team at Holly Hedge,*

*I would just like to thank Holly Hedge for the wonderful work they do. Me and my wife are regular visitors and in May last year, on our usual look around, we found Benji. We fell in love instantly but there was a problem, Benji had an ear infection and was getting snappy. Holly Hedge staff obviously would not let him go until he was tip top and had met my other dog & children. We ended up adopting him a week later and haven’t looked back since! Benji Scruff Purbrick is such a loving dog and he is playful. By the time you read this we will be the proud parents of Ned & Ruby two more Holly Hedge rescues! Without Pauline and the others we would not have had all the happiness we have now.*

*Love you all*

*Les, Amanda, Milkey, Benji & Kids (Ned & Ruby) xxx*



## FEET FIRST

**If you ever feel like a pampering session on your tired feet, why not visit Lorna for some reflexology?**

**ALL PROCEEDS KINDLY DONATED TO HOLLY HEDGE!**



## POPPY

*Poppy is now 11 years old and she came to me when she was 6 months old, having had 3 homes already- basically she was apparently too boisterous to fit into a family with small children. It was sort of love at first sight!! She had only been at Holly Hedge for 10 minutes when I met her. She’s a cross breed but mainly bearded collie- hence the mad barking which still persists, love of water and hugely friendly temperament –loves meeting people, great with children and chilled with other dogs.*

*She is still moderately bonkers - out runs my 5 year old border terrier despite having had a serious operation aged 8 when half of one of her lungs was removed at Langford. Poppy won Best in Show at last year’s Fun Day*

*She basically helps me to take time out from a busy life, and has a large fan club among the dog owners of Blaise woods. She is simply irreplaceable!*

## Ginny



### Reflexology at Russetts

*The pressure therapy of the feet*

**Come along for an hour’s relaxing treatment and pamper those feet – all for £15**

of which every single penny will be donated directly to **Holly Hedge Animal Sanctuary**

For an appointment and for further information, please call

**01275 855766**

and quote “Holly Hedge”

Russetts Cottage, Backwell Common, Bristol BS48 3AD

*Gift vouchers available*

# THE PEN 28 KITTENS



On April 20th, and during the following days, they gave birth to 18 kittens between them. They became known fondly to staff as The Pen 28 Kittens. The kittens too all needed treatment for ear mites and weepy eyes, which proved particularly troublesome as the mums were all so protective of their kittens. The kittens are now old enough to be without their mums, and some have already found loving new homes – and they are all doing well. When they go to their new homes we will ask for an adoption fee of £50 - £85 (depending on whether they are old enough to have yet been neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped) – which is just a fraction of the amount that we have paid out for their care whilst with us.

In March 2012 4 pregnant cats came to Holly Hedge from a private breeder. The cats were all very scared, stressed and in need of medical attention to treat gingivitis, dirty ears and a severe flea infection. We made sure that they were seen by the vet for the urgent care they needed and made as comfortable as could be.

This is just one story about one family of cats that we have cared for. So far this year we have already taken in over 350 cats, kittens, dogs and puppies; each with their own story to tell. Holly Hedge will make sure that the needs of each and every animal through our doors are met – but we can only do this with your help.

## There are so many ways that you can help us. Here are a few:

- 🐾 Make a donation – use the donation form in this newsletter
- 🐾 Become a regular giver
- 🐾 Donate items to our Charity Shop and Table Top Sales
- 🐾 Volunteer your time; we need help with all aspects of the Sanctuary from dog walking to the charity shop
- 🐾 Become a Holly Hedge Animal Fosterer
- 🐾 Buy our raffle tickets
- 🐾 Take part in one of our sponsored challenge events – see our challenge event special
- 🐾 Become a Pen Pal – sponsor a kennel or cat pen right here at the Sanctuary
- 🐾 Organise your own fundraising event – get together with friends, family or work colleagues
- 🐾 Make us your charity of the year at work, school, sports club or local community group
- 🐾 Recycle items like jewellery, mobile phones and stamps through our Charity Shop
- 🐾 Shout about us to everyone you meet!

**For more information about any of the above please contact Katie Love**  
**Katie@hollyhedge.org.uk**  
**or call 01275 474 719**

## MONTY – OUR HERO

Monty is a great favourite with everyone at Holly Hedge, and has already been featured in the Newsletter, Leaflets and Adoption folders as he is so photogenic and such a great Ambassador for his breed – the American Bulldog. He was adopted in April 2007 by Claire and Mike and is often seen collecting for Holly Hedge outside Supermarkets. He's always a huge attraction as he is such a big softie! We have to say that Monty never blows his own trumpet – but on this occasion he has every right to tell the world of how he saved his home from catching fire. We are so proud of 'our hero' – now over to Monty.

### When I, Monty, saved the day

*I'll set the scene, Dad was working on the laptop, and mum was upstairs pottering around. Antiques Road Show was on the television, the lounge door was open, and behind the door was a reading lamp – turned on to give an ambient mood to an otherwise quiet evening. It was so perfect I decided to settle down on my sofa for my ninth nap of the day. After about half an hour of dreaming about chasing balls across the field, I smelt something unusual, I woke up, sniffed the air to locate the direction of this odour, then rolled off the sofa and cautiously made my way across the room towards the lounge door.*

*To my horror the reading lamp was sparking and glowing! I immediately started a deep low rumbling growl toward the lamp. Dad just told me to stop being silly and shut up. I knew this was serious and started barking aggressively at the smoking lamp; again dad told me to stop barking at nothing and get back on my bed. I could understand his attitude as I quite often bark at flies, spiders, bugs and other things I don't understand. As dad was paying me no attention, I decided to run over to him, nudge him with my nose and run back to the lamp while still barking. I had to do this a few times before dad decided to find out what I was barking at. As dad closed the lounge door he could see what had alarmed me, he immediately turned off the socket and pulled the plug out which stopped the lamp smoking, sparking violently and catching fire. He then gave me a hug and lots of praise. I really enjoyed the next couple of days as I was spoilt even more than usual for preventing a house fire. I just did what came naturally, but mum and dad think I am a hero, I suppose I can live with that.*

*Regards, Monty Somerton.*





# CAN YOU GIVE ME A LOVING



**Name: Jasmine**

**Age: 3 yrs**

**Sex: Female**

**Breed: Akita X**

**A little bit about me:**

Jasmine is a truly lovely dog, and is a real pleasure to know. She is well trained and very biddable, and likes to shower everyone she meets with kisses. She will gently offer you her paw, and when she gazes at you with those big soppy eyes she will melt your heart.

Jasmine came to us nursing her two puppies, and was a brilliant mum even though she was sad and bewildered in kennels. Her pups have gone to caring new homes, but this big cuddly girl is still waiting for her turn to be chosen. She adores being around people, and would love a home of her own where she can prove what a loyal and loving companion she could be given the chance. She has so much to offer, so please ask to meet her - Jasmine will greet you with open paws.



**Name: Skye**

**Age: 5 yrs**

**Sex: Female**

**Breed: Black & Tan Rottweiler X**

**A little bit about me:**

Skye is a beautiful, loving girl looking for an understanding home. In her previous home she lived with with a male dog, and she was used as a breeding machine. She was kept in a cage a lot of the time and the only exercise she got was trips to the garden. Because of this she doesn't seem to cope too well with the outside world.

Her new family will need to be patient and help her to overcome her worries and show her that the world isn't such a bad place after all. In return Skye will shower you with love and affection which is what she is best at.

She is the most loving dog you could ever hope for. Please don't pass her by, she's well worth the effort.



**Name: Cassie**

**Age: 8 yrs**

**Sex: Female**

**Breed: Staffordshire bull terrier**

**A little bit about me:**

Cassie came to us from another rescue centre where she had been waiting for a new home for 5 years, we can't believe that she has spent over half her life in rescue kennels, it is just too sad.

Whilst she has been with us she has shown that she is a very loveable and affectionate girl who walks nicely on the lead and knows all her basic commands. Any additional training will be easy as she loves tit bits and will do anything for a treat!

Could you be the one to finally give Cassie the forever home she so deserves, and offer her a place in your heart – where she will become a much loved part of your family? She'll shake your hand on first meeting and you'll instantly fall in love with her – we have, she has so much to give.



# HOME?



**Name:** Jasmine, Cinders and Mowgli

**Age:** (estimated) 1 yr

**Sex:** 2 girls and 1 boy

**Breed:** Black DSH

**A little bit about me:**

Jasmine, Cinders and Mowgli are three needy kittens looking for that special person/people who are up for a challenge with rewarding benefits at the end. They will need to go to a quiet home with people who have the time and patience to bring them round to the loving cats they are just waiting to be. They are quite timid and have spent nearly their whole lives in rescue. We'd ideally like to home them together as they have always been together – we know this is a massive ask and so would be prepared to home them separately to the right home. If you think you have what it takes please give them a chance for a new forever home where they can feel safe and secure.



**Name:** Pumpkin

**Age:** 2.5 yrs

**Sex:** Female

**Breed:** Black & White DSH

**A little bit about me:**

I thought I would write my own plea from the heart as my human carers haven't had any luck, so here goes...Even though I say so myself, I am rather sweet and loving most of the time, and extremely pretty - and I only hope this makes up for my occasional bout of cattitude! I came to Holly Hedge a year ago as I was very traumatised by the presence of young children in my home, and I have been here ever since. I am now even more unhappy and stressed as no-one gives me a second look because I have a little 'flaw' in my character. My carers try to lift my spirits by stroking me and playing dangle the fishing rod, but they are always so busy as lots of other rescues need their attention too. I look at visitors with such sad, lonely eyes as I really am so miserable, but no-one seems to notice, and I am always passed by. I want so much to be loved and wanted once more, and to be in my very own home with no other pets to cramp my style. All I ask is PLEASE, PLEASE give me a chance, I've waited so long for the reserve sign to go on my door, and pray every day that this time it will be ME. Yours with a broken heart, Pumpkin



**Name:** Olly

**Age:** 8 years young

**Sex:** Male

**Breed:** Black DSH

**A little bit about me:**

Olly is a sweet boy who came to Holly Hedge through no fault of his own. He is very friendly and loves lots of company. Olly is looking for a quiet home, with no other animals, with someone who can give him the attention he has been used to. He is finding life in the cattery hard and just can't understand why he hasn't been chosen yet. Please don't pass Olly by – you won't be disappointed.



**HOLLY HEDGE**  
Animal Sanctuary





# FUNDRAISING NEWS



Our Holly Hedge Fundraisers have been busy so far this year, helping us raise the money to keep the kennel and cattery doors open. As ever, we are indebted to these kind and generous individuals, groups and companies alike.

## So what's been happening?



**Janet Temperton and her team of helpers** have raised over **£4,000** through various activities and events including her annual Plant Sale and the Charity Auction – held in Shipham. Both events are a credit to her fabulous organisational skills, and we are very lucky to have her – thank you Janet! We can't wait to hear about her next event, and we'll be sure to let you know too.



**Sam Chapman** held a wine tasting evening and raffle with proceeds being split between Holly Hedge and Marie Curie – the evening raised just over **£700** for the Sanctuary and everyone who went had a fabulous time. Look out for Sam's next event – the **'Bubbles and Cupcake'** evening on the **27th September 2012** – tickets sell fast so be sure to grab yours soon to avoid disappointment. Further details can be found on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/Holly.Hedge.Animal.Sanctuary](http://www.facebook.com/Holly.Hedge.Animal.Sanctuary)



**Vicky Dagan** and her partner **Tania** are well known to lots of you, having rehomed **Annie the Sharpei X**, who came to us in a terrible state some time ago – but who is now enjoying life to the full in her new home! Vicky and Tania organised a BBQ for the Sanctuary and we are most grateful to them for having braved the rain and gone ahead with their event – they rose over **£480!** Keep up to date with further events from Vicky and Tania on Facebook!

On Wednesday 4th April 2012, two generations of the **Blower family** embarked upon a week of walking, in an attempt to cover the entire 84 mile length of Hadrian's Wall. Mother and sons began at Wallsend on the East coast and reached Bowness-on-Solway on the West – raising over **£1330** along the way. We would like to say a huge thank you to you all for taking on such a great challenge on our behalf!



If their story has inspired you to take on a challenge of your own please do get in touch with **Katie** who will be able to offer support and advice to you from start to finish! Email her at [Katie@hollyhedge.org.uk](mailto:Katie@hollyhedge.org.uk) or call **01275 474 719**.



## Kitten cuddlers

Fancy taking on the best job in the world? Kitten cuddlers are urgently needed at the sanctuary – yes that is right...we are looking for people to cuddle the kittens! Socialising our furbabies at a young age is vital to help them become well rounded and adjusted individuals. Our staff place a great emphasis on spending quality time with all the animals – but we are so full at the moment it's getting tougher to give enough time to each and every one of them, so if you have an hour to spare please consider using it to help a kitten become all that he (or she) can be.

Contact the Sanctuary  
[info@hollyhedge.org.uk](mailto:info@hollyhedge.org.uk) or call us  
on **01275 474 719**

# AND THANK YOU TO...

All the team at Holly Hedge would like to express their deep and heartfelt thanks to **Ethical** for their continued and unwavering support; we cannot put into words just how much your extremely generous donations have meant to us and to the future of the Sanctuary, you have helped us plan for a future – making sure that we will always be here for animals in need.

We are grateful to **The Friends of Holly Hedge Fundraising Group** for their continued efforts week after week, tirelessly collecting at Supermarkets, pounding the streets with tins and representing us at events every weekend – we really couldn't do it without you. You all give up your valued time to help the animals in our care and we appreciate you all so much. We would like to say a special thanks to **Dianne Stephens** for organizing the permits, permissions and people for all of these activities, to **Tania Taber** for producing all our posters, leaflets and newsletters – we know how much time and effort this takes and so it really does mean a lot to us, to **Nicky B** for her amazing efforts sorting out the storerooms & food donations every week, to **Nicky Leeson** for her continued support in the office, with events and

with the animals, to **Ken Simpson** for his business knowledge and support, to **Sandy Bingley** our new office volunteer and last but not least to **David & Sandy Bailey** for their help day in and day out with all the tasks they take on – from vet visits to dog walking!

If you are interested in joining **The Friends of Holly Hedge Fundraising Group** please contact **Katie Love** in the first instance [Katie@hollyhedge.org.uk](mailto:Katie@hollyhedge.org.uk) or call her on **01275 474 719**.

We would like to say a big thank you to **Tom Leeson** who provided us with a free photocopier for reception and who also maintains it for us free of charge!

We would also like to thank **Junction 18** for donating fantastic items to our auction and to our charity shop in Clevedon, have a look at their website for fabulous gift ideas: [www.junction18.com](http://www.junction18.com)

A big thank you to **Framptons** for donating high-quality bags of food for the animals – we (and especially our four legged friends) really appreciate it!

Claire, our Holly Hedge Charity Shop Manager wishes to thank the following people: **Pat, Diane, Mary, Rita, Rosie, James, Thea, Peggy, Jo, Penny & Kelly** for all the time they put in, she couldn't make the shop the great success it is without all your hard work. Claire would also like to say a big thank you to **Jan, Margaret** and **Zelah** (who are off to pastures anew) for all the hard work they put in – you will all be missed. It goes without saying that we would like to thank everyone who supports the shop through donation of items and recycling bits and bobs.

**We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you, who, whether on your own, as part of a school, work or community group have supported us – we love to hear about the activities, events and challenges you undertake to raise vital funds for the animals in our care – so please do get in touch with us and let us know what you are planning: [katie@hollyhedge.org.uk](mailto:katie@hollyhedge.org.uk)**





# CHALLENGE EVENT SPECIAL

## Support Holly Hedge – and have the experience of a lifetime!

Trek, climb, jump or cycle throughout the world and raise money for the animals in our care at the same time. We have partnered up with challenge event companies to offer you very exciting ways to help the animals in our care whilst experiencing the challenge of a life time. So if you fancy a trek in the desert, a hike up mount Kilimanjaro, a cycle to Paris or a 10,000 ft free fall parachute jump ten get in touch with Katie on 01275 474 719 or email [Katie@hollyhedge.org.uk](mailto:Katie@hollyhedge.org.uk) We will provide support and advice from start

to finish, branded sponsorship forms and much more – what are you waiting for?



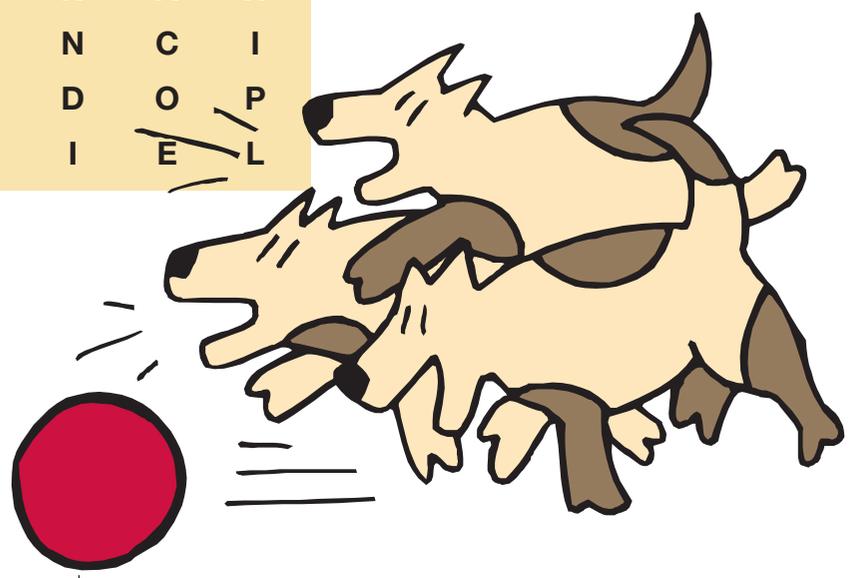
# KIDS CORNER!

### Word search fun – win a FRISBEE!

D	T	S	T	A	I	L	E	C	M
C	E	P	G	D	C	O	K	Y	I
A	V	R	A	G	O	D	I	P	C
L	S	E	I	C	L	S	T	I	R
R	L	C	L	A	W	S	T	N	O
A	B	R	U	S	H	G	E	T	C
L	E	D	O	W	A	G	N	A	H
L	S	Y	P	P	U	P	N	C	I
O	C	A	T	K	B	E	D	O	P
C	T	A	S	P	A	N	I	E	L

Can you find all of our animal related words? Send in your completed word searches and we will pick 5 winners at random! Each winner will receive a Holly Hedge Frisbee! Completed word searches should be sent to: Newsletter, Holly Hedge Animal Sanctuary, Wild Country Lane, Barrow Gurney, BS48 3SE. Completed entries must reach us by Monday 1st October 2012. The 5 winners will be selected at random from all the completed word searches we receive.

- |           |           |         |
|-----------|-----------|---------|
| VET       | CATNIP    | CLAWS   |
| PUPPY     | MICROCHIP | BRUSH   |
| DOG       | LEAD      | SPANIEL |
| COLLAR    | WAG       | KITTEN  |
| TAIL      | CAT       | BED     |
| LONGHAIRD |           |         |



# VOLUNTEER ASK



## EVENT HELPERS NEEDED...

Fancy helping out at our events? We would love to hear from anyone who can help at our weekend events, like Fun Day on Sunday 2nd September. From car park marshals to bouncy castle supervisors we need you! Our events are only the success that they are because of all the people who give up their time to make them happen.

If you can lend a hand please contact Katie in the office  
**Katie@hollyhedge.org.uk** or call  
**01275 474 719**

## Supermarket and Street collection Volunteers needed!

We are seeking volunteers to help us with our supermarket and street collections. This is one of the most important arms of our fundraising activities. Without the dedication and support of our fleet of fundraising volunteers we simply wouldn't be here. It's not all just about the money either, our collection volunteers chat to the public about the vital work of the Sanctuary and let them know about all the gorgeous animals in our care that are seeking new forever homes.

So if you enjoy being around people, are confident in talking to the public about our work and have a few hours to spare here and there please do get in touch. It's a great way to help if you don't have much time to spare as an hour really can make a great difference – and you don't have to commit to every weekend or month.

**For further information about helping at our collections or for information about volunteering in general please contact the Sanctuary [info@hollyhedge.org.uk](mailto:info@hollyhedge.org.uk) or call 01275 474 719.**

## Volunteers needed at our charity shop in Clevedon!

We are seeking volunteers to help at our **Charity Shop in Clevedon**. If you enjoy being around people and doing a wide and varying range of tasks, then this could be the place for you! You will be the first point of contact for our customers – helping them with any queries they may have. You will also sort through donations and price them, man the till and make sure that the shop is well presented.

Perhaps you have knowledge in a relevant field – are you a bookworm? A movie master? Or maybe you have an ear for music, a passion for fashion or a great eye for an antique? You could really help us turn people's donations into pounds! An eye for detail and good organisational skills are always a valuable asset.

Whatever your reason for volunteering in our shop, there is always great satisfaction in knowing that the profits raised will go towards all the cats and dogs in our care – ensuring that we are able to provide love, food, a warm bed and veterinary care where needed.

**For further information about volunteering at our charity shop please either pop into the shop for an informal chat with Claire (our shop manager), email [info@hollyhedge.org.uk](mailto:info@hollyhedge.org.uk) or call 01275 219 086.**



**family fun day!**  
 Providing shelter from harm and the promise of a brighter future

**Sunday 2 September 2012**  
 11am - 4.30pm  
**Ashton Court**  
 (Long Ashton entrance, next to Dovecote)

- Fun Dog Show • Agility demonstrations and have-a-go with your dog
- Bouncy castle • Holly Hedge doggie games • Dog sprint • Face painting
- Loads of stalls • Table top sales • Tombola • Raffle • Children's games
- Refreshments and MUCH MUCH MORE!

A day out for all the family – well-behaved dogs-on-leads welcome!  
**FREE parking!**

For more information  
**[www.hollyhedge.org.uk](http://www.hollyhedge.org.uk)**

Holly Hedge Animal Sanctuary, Clevedon, Nottinghamshire, Notts. NG5 8JG • Tel: 01275 474719

Please put the poster (on the back page) up at work, at school, at your local gym, supermarket, doctor's surgery, pet shop and anywhere else you can think of! Please just make sure you ask permission first! Thank you – from all of us at Holly Hedge Animal Sanctuary.

## CALLING ALL BAKERS

If you know your sugar from your starch then we'd love you to bake us some cakes for our Fun Day in September!

If you fancy helping out then please get in touch with Katie in the office [Katie@hollyhedge.org.uk](mailto:Katie@hollyhedge.org.uk) or call 01275 474 719





# family fun day!

**Sunday 2 September 2012**

**11am - 4.30pm**

**Ashton Court**

**(Long Ashton entrance, next to Dovecote)**

- **Fun Dog Show • Agility demonstrations and have-a-go with your dog**
- **Bouncy castle • Holly Hedge doggie games • Dog sprint • Face painting**
- **Loads of stalls • Table top sales • Tombola • Raffle • Children's games**
- **Photo entry Cat Show • Refreshments and MUCH MUCH MORE!**

**A day out for all the family – dogs on leads welcome!**  
**DONATIONS ASKED FOR PARKING!**

**For more information:**

**[www.hollyhedge.org.uk](http://www.hollyhedge.org.uk)**

**Wild Country Lane, Barrow Gurney, Bristol BS48 3SE • Tel: 01275 474719**

**Reg charity No: 294606**

