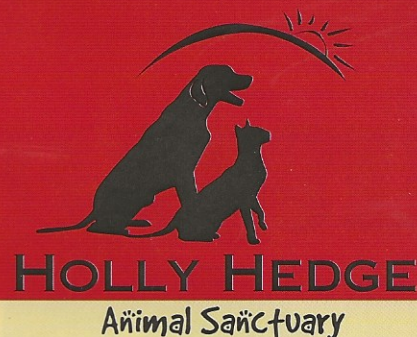


Holly Hedge

# news letter



Providing shelter from harm and  
the promise of a brighter future

## Our annual *fun day* is back!

*Sunday 11th September at Ashton Court*

Our biggest event of the year is back! A great day out for all the family – both two legged and four!

The event is so important to Holly Hedge, it is a day where staff, volunteers, supporters and dogs can get together and have some fun whilst also helping to raise vital funds for the sanctuary. Here's a glimpse of what's taking place this year....

**Holly Hedge Dog Parade** – a chance to see some of our own residents strut their stuff around the ring.

**The Fun Dog Show** – an opportunity to enter your own pet into our fun competition to win prizes and rosettes. There will be various categories to enter.

**The Doggie Sprint** – put your dog speed against the clock in this fun game. Prizes and rosettes to be run for dogs of all ages, shapes and ability! Categories include fastest, slowest and funniest sprint.

**Raffles and Tombolas** – Have a go at winning some of the great prizes that we have on offer, including some grand cash prizes! Tickets are available to purchase now at the sanctuary, from our shop or there on the day. Tickets are priced at £1 each or £5 for a book of 7.

**Agility Demonstrations** - Watch the dogs on the agility course led by Malcolm and his team, from Agility 4 Dogs who have over 40 years of experience working with and training dogs! There is also the chance to have a go yourself.

**Furry Foto Competitions** – Our Furry Foto Competition is open to cats and dogs. All you need to do is bring a picture (or pictures) along with you on the day and enter them for a £2 donation, our judges will then make the difficult decisions and rosettes and prizes can be won.

**The Trade Village** – As always, we have a fantastic array of trade stands offering all sorts from arts and crafts to treats for your pets. We still have some stall spaces available so please get in touch if you would like to reserve a pitch!

**The Kids Area** – We have lots of fun things to keep the kids entertained including games, face painting and a giant bouncy castle!

**Refreshments** – Food and refreshments will be available to suit everybody including hot and cold drinks, cakes, BBQ food and vegetarian options.

We really hope to see you there. We are always looking for extra helping hands on the day so if you would like to be a part of this fantastic event please email [fundraising@hollyhedge.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@hollyhedge.org.uk)



**RAFFLE**

Enter our Summer Raffle to be in with a chance of winning some great Prizes!

**1st Prize: £500**

**2nd Prize: 42" TV**

**3rd Prize: Pet photoshoot**

**4th Prize: Luxury Hamper**

As well as lots of other great prizes.

Tickets are available at the sanctuary, in our shop or by calling 01275 474719 or emailing [fundraising@hollyhedge.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@hollyhedge.org.uk)

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# LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDER



**I am so pleased to be able to tell you that our new kennels are now complete, except for a very small snagging list, which doesn't prevent them from being used. Our rescued canines are much cosier, and appear to be somewhat more relaxed, especially as they have purpose built dog flaps enabling them to go in and out as they wish. The three long stay rooms with their own little gardens are a great success, and the dogs in there seem far more content and laid back, enjoying their home comforts, particularly their sofas and arm chair. There are also six large gardens so that they can have recreational time away from their kennels as well as walks in the woods.**

So now we just need to make the site more appealing by planting some trees and animal friendly plants. Of course, the new builds make the rest of Holly Hedge look rather drab, but we can live with this until we raise more funds – then it will be the cats' turn for a revamp, incorporating a larger area for feral cats during their stay with us, until they are ready to be re-homed.

It would be nice if all the animals we took in were easy to re-home, but this will never be the case, and we totally accept this as the norm. We are not a charity who picks and chooses the best looking, or the best behaved, or those without problems, be it health-wise or behavioral. We are a charity that exists to help those who need us – flaws and all!

Most of our rescues are usually re-homed quite quickly, but from time to time there are those unlucky ones who can spend many months, or even a couple of years with us until that special someone comes along who can see beyond the dog who is barking frantically in the kennel. Likewise the cat who hisses at the sight of an unfamiliar face or recoils at the sound of a voice it doesn't know. Many animals behave differently in a kennel or cattery environment purely because they are in strange surroundings and all the busy comings and goings are completely alien to what was once their way of life. They don't understand that Holly Hedge is a half-way house, and that there is hope of a forever home on the horizon. Because some are bewildered and scared, they can behave out of character which can put many prospective owners from choosing them.

Holly Hedge has come a long way since it first opened its gates in March 1992. It has been a roller coaster of ups and downs, and trial and error, with mistakes made along the way – but we are still here, and always will be as long we are needed. We have a lot to be thankful for, and a lot to be proud of too.

Huge thanks to our supporters, volunteers and all our dedicated staff, you all do a brilliant job for our rescues, and we appreciate each and every one of you – and so do our four legged friends. We certainly couldn't do such a good job without your help. Thank you so much.

*Pauline Leeson*



# WATCH THIS SPACE!

2016 has so far been a great year for the sanctuary. Our new kennel build is now complete and we have welcomed some wonderful new members to our team who have already brought in lots of new initiatives and ideas that are set to help push Holly Hedge forward.

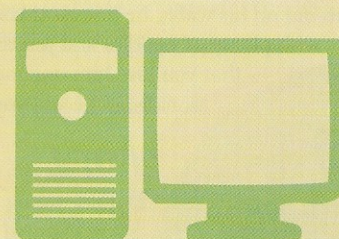
## Putting the Fun in Fundraising:

As you know here at Holly Hedge we receive no government or lottery funding and rely heavily on the kindness of our supporters – a lot of our funds get raised through our many events and this year we have added a whole host of new events to our fundraising calendar including an abseil, murder mystery and overseas treks and challenges – get in touch to find out more!



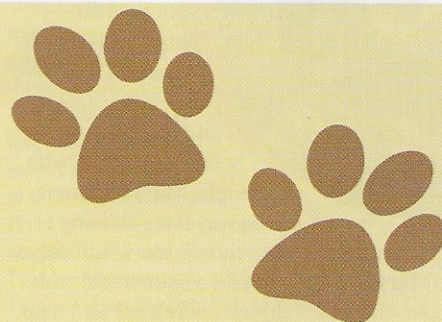
## The Technical stuff:

We are pleased to announce that the Holly Hedge monthly e-newsletter is now up and running. This is a cost efficient way for us to keep our valued supporters up-to-date on all goings on at the sanctuary. If you would like to sign up please email [fundraising@hollyhedge.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@hollyhedge.org.uk)



## Paws for thought:

We have now launched a new **In Memory** initiative. You can remember your beloved pets who are no longer with you by signing up to Paws for Thought, where with a donation you will receive a Paws for Thought pack which will include a wooden paw for you to decorate and then send back to be displayed on our In Memory Wall. Your paw will also be displayed on our online In Memory wall.



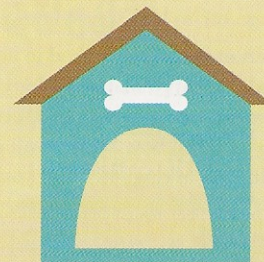
## Going, Going, Gone!:

A great source of income at lots of our events is by holding raffles and auctions but sourcing prizes is a continuous struggle. If you are able to donate anything to us it would be greatly appreciated – please get in touch today!



## Kennel Block:

2016 will see the eagerly awaited Kennel Block Launch. Our brand new, first class kennel block boasts 25 premier kennels with under-floor heating and a stress-reducing layout. The launch party will take place here with fun, games, food and more. The ribbon cutting will be done by a surprise guest and the team will be available to meet with guests to tour the kennel and answer questions.



## Lottery launch:

2016 has seen the launch of our brand new Holly Hedge lottery where you can support us whilst also being in with a chance of winning up to £25,000! Contact us today for more information or to sign up.



**Remember, it's all for our furry friends and everything we raise here will continue to allow us to provide a safe haven for cats and dogs. Keep an eye on the website for updates, new enterprises and watch this space!**



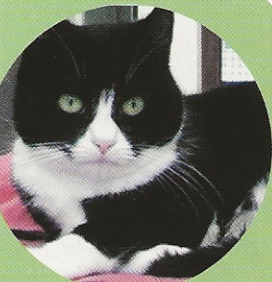
# PLEASE GIVE ME A LOVING HOME

## Bob



Meet Bob – a 3 year old Husky X Labrador who is full of fun, love and affection. Bob is hoping to find an active home where he'll receive lots of exercise, as well as the odd game of fetch! Once you've tired him out on his walks, he'll reward you with plenty of cuddles and just asks that you love him unconditionally, as he will you!

## Mary



Darling young Mary came in with her two kittens Sherlock & Watson. They were all very frightened and had had no social interaction with people. Mary has come a long way since arriving at Holly Hedge, though she is still very shy. Mary is hoping to find a calm home with people who can build her confidence and help her realise that the world doesn't have to be a scary place. Could you be the one to reap the rewards of turning this special little girl's life around?

## Marley

Young Marley is a typical cuddly Staffy who gets so excited at the prospect of some human attention and can't wait for it to be his turn to be chosen and go off to his forever home!

Staffies are often unfairly overlooked in kennels and brindle males seem to be particularly invisible, but we implore you to take a second glance at this wonderful boy. Marley will devote his heart to you, asking only that you love him in return. And who could resist those sad, pleading brown eyes?



## Prince

Poor Prince is still waiting for his forever home and it breaks our hearts to see him looking so sad and restless in his kennel. He's still only a young boy and would love to be adopted and trained with someone who has the time, patience and commitment to devote to his development and wellbeing, as he can be a little wary of new situations. Prince is such a loving dog with so much potential and we are all just longing for him to find his forever home where he can finally experience the happiness and relaxation he deserves.

### A Special Plea from Prince

*My name is Prince – boy that sounds grand,  
But I don't need a royal land!  
Just a cosy home like yours,  
Where I'll feel wanted & adored.  
I don't aspire to jewels & riches,  
Or a kingly throne.  
Just a caring, loving place,  
A pad to call my own.  
I'm full of life & vigour,  
I'd love to go to school.  
If you could take me training,  
That would be really cool!  
Please don't do what I'm used to,  
Pass by without a glance.  
But ask if you can meet & give this  
HANDSOME Prince a chance!*



## Lucy

Dear sweet 15 year old Lucy is such a delightful, affectionate girl who is longing for a loving home where she can spend her twilight years whilst being lavished with lots of TLC and plenty of cuddles. Poor Lucy has really had it tough lately and was feeling very confused and unwanted on arriving here. Can you give her the special home she so deserves and desires??

Lucy gets on well with other cats and she would happily live with gentle, older children; Lucy really would make a wonderful family addition and just wants to feel loved and needed.

Do you have a 'Lucy Shaped Hole' in your heart and home??

Please come and meet her - she could well be the girl for you!



## Aimee

Aimee is a shy, loving 7 year old girl who enjoys gentle cuddles and sitting on laps. Aimee is delightfully chatty and would love to have plenty of company in a nice quiet, caring home with no other pets. Poor Aimee finds cattery life extremely stressful and is desperately unhappy around other cats. In the right forever home, we feel sure the sparkle would return to her beautiful eyes and we'd love nothing more than for Aimee to be relaxed and content at home.

### A Special Plea from Aimee

*I don't like other cats,  
They make me really stressed.  
So in the cattery,  
I'm just not at my best.  
So won't you take the time to look,  
Beyond this frightened face.  
And take me home so I can have,  
My own forever place.  
So now I've finished writing, this 'ole special plea.  
It's all down to you now, to fall in love with me.*



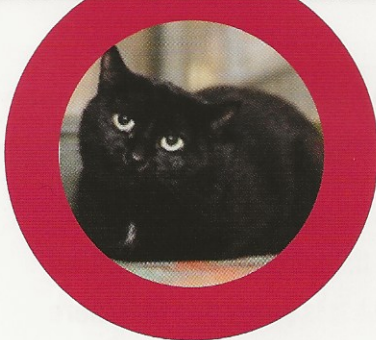


# PLEASE GIVE ME A LOVING HOME



## Batman

Hi, my name is Batman,  
I used to stalk the streets of Bristol far & wide,  
Looking for a place to hide.  
Now I'm here, it's crystal clear,  
That people aren't a thing to fear.  
Too long I have been on my own,  
No longer do I have to roam.  
Although I do have F.I.V.  
Please give me a chance & you will see,  
What a loving feline I can be!



## Sadie

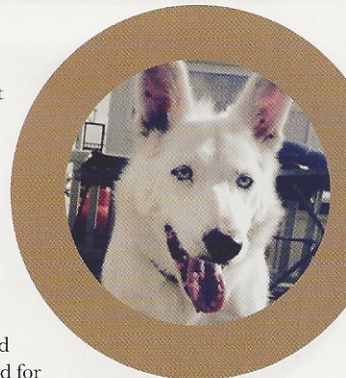
I am a pretty young girl who was brought to the safety of Holly Hedge after being found straying. I was frightened, lonely and in need of a good hearty meal.

I used to spend my days hiding inside my little wooden house, but now enjoy sitting on the ledge of my pen where everyone can see my enchanting 'Chocolate Box' eyes. Wouldn't you like a beautiful new addition to your family?

## Snowy

Snowy is a very sweet and gentle 2 year old Border Collie Cross who is sadly deaf.

A very special loving, patient home is required for Snowy with someone who is willing to help settle him in to a good routine and be around for most of the time for him, as he can be nervous of new surroundings. If you think you can be the very special family to bring happiness to this lovely young chap then please ask to meet him. Snowy will be sure to reward you with love and affection.



## Alani

Our beautiful young Alani is still looking for her forever family to rescue her.

All she yearns for is plenty of love and affection and can't resist rolling over on her back for plenty of tummy tickles!

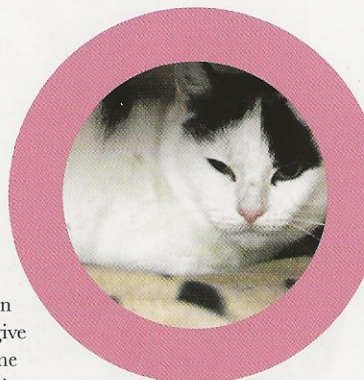
So please give Alani the chance she deserves as she would bring so much joy to a household. Alani is a big strong lady, (with curves definitely made for cuddling), but the biggest muscle she has is her heart!

## Snowie

Hello Everyone,

Well, I wrote myself a special plea last winter, thinking someone would read it, fall in love with me and give me my forever home in time for the Christmas.

But Santa didn't make my dreams come true and I am STILL waiting. I'm a beautiful young girl and I'm slowly gaining in confidence here in the cattery. I know that in the right caring, forever home, I'd blossom into the most purrfect kitty!



## Frankie

Frankie is a handsome medium sized 5 year old crossbreed looking for a new home, as his owners had a change in circumstances. Frankie is a good-natured boy who in the home is a delight; he's house trained, very loving and seeks a lot of attention and cuddles. Frankie

does however have a number of fear related issues, so would need a new home where someone has lots of time available to dedicate to his training and have plenty of experience with similar dogs in the past. Frankie would make a wonderful dog and will offer huge rewards to someone willing to give him 100%. If you would like to find out more about this lovely scruff ball then please contact us today!

### A Special Plea from Frankie

*I wrote a special plea before,  
And pinned it to my door,  
But no one seemed to read it,  
So now I'm writing more.  
I cannot understand,  
Why I am not wanted,  
And crave a loving home,  
Where I will feel contented.  
So won't you make me happy?  
And take me home with you.  
That would really make my day,  
And stop me feeling blue.*

## OUR GOLDEN OLDIES Have a VERY SPECIAL REQUEST.

*Come & meet our  
Golden Oldies,  
They are just divine.  
All of them are thinking,  
'Please can you be mine?'  
They are all so special,  
And surely you can see,  
That a cattery for them,  
Is not the place to be.*

*If you take them home,  
They'll cause you no  
commotion,  
You'll just be rewarded,  
With true love and devotion.  
They'll treat you with  
respect,  
They'll stay so close to home.  
They long to spend their  
twilight years,  
Loved and not alone.*



# A PLEA FROM OUR SEMI FERALS



**There is a big difference in what is deemed to be a 'feral' cat, and a cat that has become 'feral'!**

**Those born in the wild with no human contact, are considered truly feral if they aren't handled before they are 12 weeks old. It is purported that there is no hope of finding them a domestic home as they are so-say beyond help, and it is in their best interest to neuter, and return them to where they came from as long as there is food and shelter available. We have never yet had to do this as patient, domestic homes have been found.**



Often the poor mother has been a family pet, dumped just because she is pregnant, and her irresponsible owners, who should have had her spayed in the first place, don't want kittens running around! In time she too becomes frightened of humans, and who could blame her! The poor mum is now fearful, doing her best to survive and care for her babies.

Some of these abandoned souls are saved by caring people who alert a rescue to their plight, others are not so fortunate and go on to produce more kittens, which then become mothers or sires themselves – so then there becomes a colony of unneutered mums, dads and kittens.

So what happens to these poor victims of a throwaway society? Well, with much in-breeding, leading to genetic disorders, malnutrition, sickness, parasites, as well as predators, human and otherwise, then the colony can be wiped out, and in the process suffer immeasurably. It is true that cats can survive in the wild - that is until they become ill and cannot fend for themselves or hunt for food. So the question arises - when these defenseless, maligned creatures are trapped, hopefully saved and come into rescue, what is to be done with them? Sometimes there is a case for euthanasia, when FeLV or other incurable diseases are diagnosed and the cat is suffering and will continue to do so and is petrified of being handled - after all it is not life at all costs, but quality of life for the future.

Then there is the frightened little kitten with eyes like saucers, not knowing what is in store - the mother who is hissing and spitting and lashing out, defending her babies because she doesn't know what fate befalls them - the unneutered tom cat that has to have a blood test as he has been defending his territory - the kittens whose mother has been killed on the road, and have never been touched by human hand and think of us as the enemy! Our hearts go out to them.

What do we do with them? Well firstly we do everything we can to help them, get them veterinary treatment, and assess the situation over a period of time. Some we have had neutered, treated for parasites and rehomed to outdoor homes such as stables, but mostly these dear, frightened, mistrusting, hissing and spitting balls of fire, have been rehomed where they have been transformed into purring, happy to be warm, cosy and comfortable, much loved pets - food in abundance and able to go in and out as they please, as well as having their owners wrapped around all 4 paws.

At Holly Hedge we believe in giving our would-be ferals the chance of living normal lives, their faith in humans restored, as you will see in some of their happy endings.

Our grateful thanks must go to our staff and our volunteer cat cuddlers and lock up ladies who spend their time sitting in with these deserving rescues, helping them to trust and adapt to thinking that the human race isn't so bad after all. These lovely ladies have done so much to help us rehabilitate and rehome these deserving felines.



*It really isn't pleasant,  
Fending for oneself.  
And to have that sinking feeling,  
That life's left you on the shelf.  
Just like all the others,  
We need a special home.  
And to reap all the rewards,  
Of not being alone.  
So can we tempt you with the  
challenge,  
Of a semi-feral cat?  
You'll find it so fulfilling,  
You can be sure of that.  
Our lives so far have not been  
great,  
So please just take it steady.  
And we will shower you with love,  
As soon as we feel ready.*



# HEARTWARMING HAPPY ENDINGS

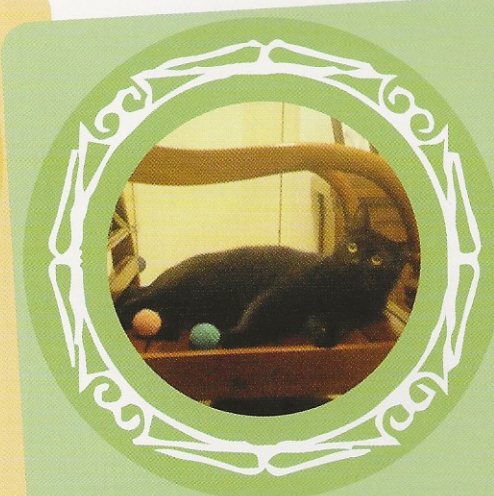


## Rissi

Rissi (now called Misty, as our daughter is called Izzy and was too confusing) is doing fine. After a tricky settling in period, Misty is now integrated into our small family, and enjoys runs twice a day in Victoria Park with her new canine friends. She's very good natured, and apart from shoe chewing and the constant food thievery (typical Lurcher) she is very happy with us here in Windmill Hill.

So, thanks for bringing her into our lives, and keep up the good work!

Love from Stephen and Misty (Rissi)



## Elsa

Love from Mrs Turner and Elsa

I visited Holly Hedge with every intention of bringing home a kitten, but while having a look around, my son spotted lovely Elsa, he read her story and drew my attention to her. Well one look at those beautiful eyes I was smitten, and needed to look no further.

When Elsa came home she was a very frightened little girl, but gradually she has started to trust me. She loves to play ball, and use her scratching pole. She is a very cheeky little monkey, who thinks my bed is where she should sleep, and looks at me as if I should know this. Elsa makes me laugh every day, I'm so happy she has come to live with me, and that my son saw her at Holly Hedge. I can't cuddle her enough, she's adorable.



## Bonnie

Last November I sadly lost Amos, my dear old Holly Hedge ex-poundie. This left a huge, Labrador shaped hole in my heart and home. It took a while to find another companion to love, as I knew I should have someone smaller this time. Little Bonnie came into my life in January. She may be pocket sized, but what she lacks in size, she certainly makes up for in personality and love! In spite of being almost 13 years old, she loves her walks and does her best to keep me fit! She enjoys playing with her toys when we are out and about, but at home likes nothing more than to curl up next to me on the sofa. She also likes socialising in coffee shops and pubs and thrives on the attention and admiration of all those around her! Unlike poor old Amos, Bonnie has always been loved and had come from a very caring home. She is extremely affectionate, is always by my side and I wouldn't be without her.

Love from Pat Hopper and Bonnie



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## Dog First Aid COURSE

Date: 20 November 2016

Time: 10am - 1pm

Venue: Long Ashton Community Centre, Bristol BS41 3DP

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Are you a dog owner, handler, trainer, walker, boarder or rescuer?





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## Archie

Hi Folks,

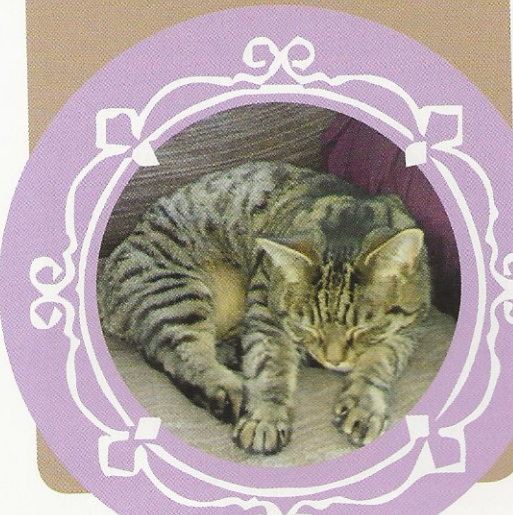
My name is Archie, and I would like to tell you of my new home:

I waited a very long time in Holly Hedge, (9 months), oh it was a long time. I had carers, including Emily and Rose. They did all they could to help and to give me some hope and love.

Then Behold!! One day in December, a couple came to see me; I knew straight away they would adopt me, so I was on my best behavior each time they came. I prayed it would be like getting a Christmas present – and it was!! Going home with them was wonderful. I have my own soft bed and lots of toys. I'm very close to my Dad, but Mum gives me treats. I now go on long walks, had a little swim the other day, but it was cold.....My new menu is fabulous, (a true butcher's dog).

Please do give some pals of mine at Holly Hedge a home – it really is a wonderful feeling.

Love from Archie xxx

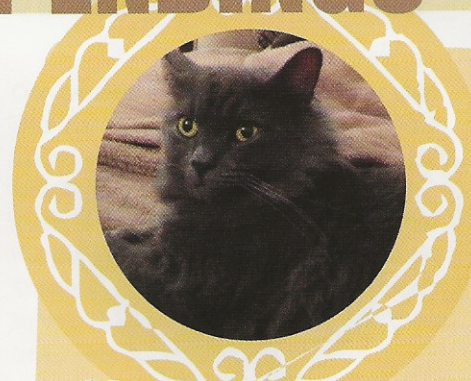


## Tigger

I had wanted a cat for several years having had numerous cats and other pets as a child but my husband hadn't and was not keen. When he did come round to the idea, I visited the Holly Hedge website. Tigger, or Amber as she was known then, a stray Tabby who had been found under a shed with a litter of kittens, immediately stood out. I then visited Holly Hedge three times and Tigger broke my heart because she was so timid, scared and shy, and apparently no one else wanted her for these reasons. Despite Tigger being so frightened, the Sanctuary assured me she had never hissed or scratched anyone and I knew this was a very good sign. I knew we could give her a calm, quiet home with no drama and felt sure with time and on her terms she would come out of her shell. When we got her home, she hid under the oven for 4 days, only coming out to eat once we had left the house or gone to bed; then it progressed to her running off if you entered the lounge if she was in there; then to being on opposite sides of the room as each other. As the weeks went on, she would be comfortable with opposite sides of the sofa and so it went on. I had waited so long for a cat and was desperate for her to respond to me, that ironically she warmed more to my husband first! Tigger continued to build up her trust in us both and I was delighted when, after 5 months of patience and respecting her boundaries, she eventually walked across the sofa from her corner and plonked herself on my lap (before even my husband's lap!!) I knew we had finally got there and she has been such a joy and companion and it has been a delight to watch her grow in confidence and settle. She has also been very therapeutic for my husband's stress levels due to his job and he has been really surprised by quite how much you get out of having a pet. She is quite a character, very playful and loves going outside where everything seems exciting and intriguing! I still respect her boundaries and only offer her attention when she seeks it out, so if she is sleeping or resting, I leave her be. However she loves being on our laps, purring deeply while 'marking time' with her claws, meows when she sees us and definitely enjoys just being in the same room as us and frequently joins us wherever we are in the house! I would recommend taking a chance on a scared little cat who needs a loving home, but remember it has to be all on their terms!

We both absolutely adore her and couldn't imagine life without her.

Sarah Davies



## Houdini

My wife was lucky enough to spend a day at Holly Hedge which was part of a charity day offered by her work and wanted to spend this time helping out in some way at the Animal Sanctuary.

The inevitable happened and she fell in love with a cat named Houdini whom she spent some time with. She came home that evening and spoke about her wonderful experience and how desperate she was to adopt. The following day we went back to Holly Hedge as she wanted to show me the cat she was so smitten with.

Well, when I saw Houdini for the first time he was shy and incredibly timid and wouldn't come out of his Igloo, but you could see he recognised my wife from the previous day, his eyes lit up and I could see he was pleased to see her again. From that moment the application was submitted, how could I refuse after seeing that?

A week or so later we picked him up and introduced him to his new home. For the first few weeks he didn't come out of his Igloo that often and when he did he was quick to go back in. However when my wife was close by he took his opportunity to poke his head out and bit by bit he became a little braver to the point after a few weeks he found another part of the house he quite liked, behind the pillows of the spare bedroom!

Now 4 months in he is completely different to when I first saw him. His confidence is hugely improved (although can still get startled), loves his food and runs around the house at great speed, but also likes quiet time sitting and sleeping with us and getting lots of attention and one too many treats.

It really is wonderful to see him over these months feel more and more and more comfortable with us and the surroundings.

We love having him as part of our family and he is always in our thoughts, we couldn't be without him.

It's amazing how far he's come in a short space of time and we are so lucky to have him.

Thank you Holly Hedge.

Tim & Kelly Ayres



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## Storm

Hello, I'm Storm and I found my new forever home in the brand New Year 2016. My humans spotted me after I'd only just come back from a walk so it was a close thing - 10 minutes earlier they might not have seen me!!

My new house is in Clevedon so I've got some great new walks (runs) to go on & because I'm getting more confident with my new life I now get to do what I love best ...running...off the lead!! I have great fun with new doggie friends that I meet out on my walks, even though I was quite worried about them at first. I love nothing more than them trying to catch me!!

I am also a regular couch potato at my new home, my mum & dad bought a brand new sofa as they are renovating our house & I've grabbed that new sofa for myself.

I've heard a rumour that a passport is on the way for me as my new humans have a brilliant motor-home (which I love) and we are off to France in July so I'm excited to see other new exciting places.

I'm a great girl & I know I'm very much loved in my new home & that I have a great life ahead of me & I hope that all my doggie friends at lovely Holly Hedge get as lucky as me. And thank you Holly Hedge for taking good care of me until my humans found me.

Love from Storm

## Pippa

"What a difference a day made, twenty four little hours ...."

This is my song, because this is what happened to me. My name is Pippa and "What a difference a day made", is exactly what happened to change my life when Jane & Tim decided within "twenty four little hours" of seeing me, to ask if they could adopt me.

I am a Border Terrier/Jack Russell lady who was used as a puppy farm mum and extremely badly abused. I was rescued by the RSPCA and then taken to be cared for by Holly Hedge. I don't want to dwell too much on my previous horrible few years of life, but here goes.

I was kicked, attacked by the other larger dogs, my food was taken from me, as fun games by the humans, so the only thing I had to live for, was to care for my puppies. They were taken from me and then I had more puppies, and more puppies.

Two years after Jane & Tim's last dog Basil had died, they decided to offer a loving home to a rescue dog and here comes the best bit. They had been walking around the sanctuary and were on their way out when, by chance, walked past the cattery and saw me. I remember it now. They were two kind looking people who gently went to their knees and spoke so quietly and called me over. I actually wagged my stump of a tail and even though I cowered, I had a feeling these were nice people.

The next thing I knew, they had come back and Jane, holding me so gently in her arms, got in the car and they took me to the home I live in now. I had a feeling that something good was going to happen to me.

Even though I was scared and crawled on my tummy, they didn't hurt or shout at me. I was given my food and the man, Tim, left me to eat it in my own time and was so kind and gentle. He didn't take my food away and laugh at me - he was so loving, even getting down on the floor tapping the bowl and feeding me meat from his hand.

I have three beds, one on the lounge floor, the other is half of the settee with my own cushion and my toy dog called Cuddles (she was my Christmas present) and my favourite - mum and dad's bed which we all share! I have a special seat in the back of the car, a recycling box which has a straw bale in it to raise it up, a cushion and a blanket, all secured to the seat with bungies. All this so that I can see out of the window!

Life now is almost perfect except for Tilly the cat. She insists on sniffing my ears, which I don't like and I get told off if I give her a toothy smile. Other than that life is fantastic.

I didn't know what walkies were but now I go out every day and I'm not scared of meeting other dogs, no matter what size they are because I am safe with my mum and dad.

Last year we went camping in Cambridge for a week. Wow, was that fun. I walked my little paws off. Mum has this fantastic blow-up settee which then folds down into a Queen size bed. I loved it. When we came back after our walks I would stretch out on the settee and at night we cuddled up on the bed.

Dad works as a tour guide on the open top buses and I have been on it several times. In fact I have been adopted as the official mascot. That's me in the picture on the bus!

I am now a confident, friendly little lady and I have this ability to make people smile when they see me. Everyone thinks I am so cute, which of course I am!

Licks and waggles from Pippa

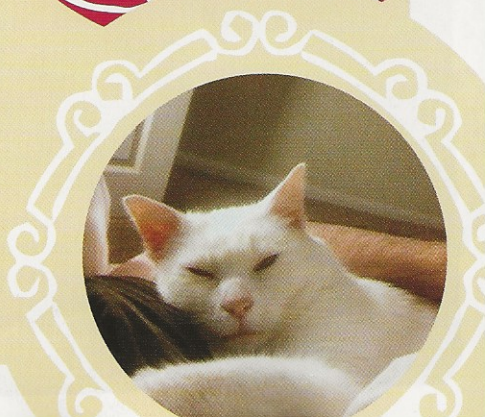


## Pepper

I vowed that I would never get another cat after my little friend (Tabby) died around four years ago.

Recently, my daughter contacted me and asked if I would like to go with her and my granddaughter to Holly Hedge Animal Sanctuary to help them choose two kittens. Whilst we were there I noticed a beautiful seven year old white cat named Pepper, he was deaf (as apparently many white cats are) and had previously experienced bad times before his arrival at Holly Hedge. According to his information all he needed was love and cuddles, and being the old softy that I am, I decided there and then that I would adopt him. I am glad I did, he is a very gentle creature and certainly gets plenty of love and cuddles. He can be rather noisy at times, but I think that his deafness creates a bit of insecurity in him when he doesn't see me around, although he does seem to be settling down nicely now.

Anthony Bryant





# HEARTWARMING HAPPY ENDINGS

## Elsa

When I first visited Holly Hedge I couldn't help but notice the write-up for a grey tabby called Princess. No sign of Princess, so we asked to meet her. There she was in her bed, a big pair of eyes staring at us. She hissed and was clearly nervous and afraid. We left Princess alone not wanting to upset her any further. I went home and Princess was on my mind. I really felt sad for her and I wanted to see her again. The following day my partner and I went to visit Princess. She was still hiding in her bed - she hissed at us as we entered. We stayed with her and spoke gently. The staff gave us a dummy hand to smooth her and some treats. We stayed with her for some time and she was pushing into the dummy hand wanting to be smoothed and a slight purr. Princess was very cautious about coming out of her bed, but she would stretch out to take a treat and quickly go back into the safety of her bed. The following day we visited Princess - she didn't hiss at us and Layla started to stroke Princess with her own hand. She responded so well and seemed so gentle. All the time she still stayed in her bed, only moving slightly to stretch out for a treat. When we left her, Princess's head moved from her bed looking to see where we had gone, that brought a tear to our eyes and I knew she had to come home.

I believed with time and patience Princess would be fine, she just needed that chance. I live in a quiet home and surroundings and knew this was the perfect place for Princess to feel safe and loved.

The day came to bring Princess home. We set up the bedroom so she had the safety of going under the bed. After a few days of talking to Princess and leaving her to just settle in, her head started to poke out from under the bed and we were able to gently stroke her. She never hissed at us again.

After some thought we decided to change Princess's name to Elsa, after the rescued lioness in the programme Born Free. Elsa finally started emerging from under the bed and wandering into the lounge. She was very cautious for a while and any movement from us she would dash away to her favourite hiding place under the bed. As the weeks went on you could see the change in Elsa. It has taken time for her to build her confidence and realise that she is safe in her home.

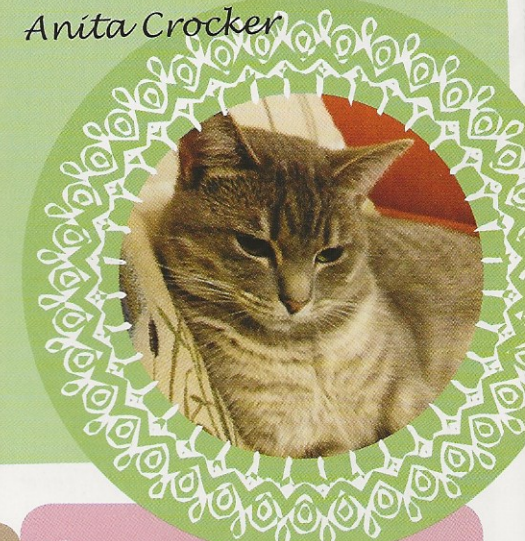
As time went on the progress Elsa has made is remarkable. She now sleeps at the bottom of the bed. She will also lie on the arm of the sofa next to me. She loves being smoothed and having her belly tickled. Elsa is such a loving and gentle cat and loves to play with her toys. If I move Elsa follows me, she really has bonded and she feels relaxed and comfortable.

Elsa still has room for progress but in her own time she will get there. To think we could have walked by her at Holly Hedge as she was tucked away in her bed. She was so afraid and the hissing was simply a sign of fear. I'm so glad we took the time to actually go in and meet her.

We are so proud to be the owners of such a beautiful, pretty cat. Elsa is so loving and gentle. Elsa was given the chance to shine and continues to do so.

We would like to thank Holly Hedge for allowing us to adopt Princess who truly has a very happy ending.

Anita Crocker



## Figgy

My name is Figgy. I am a very handsome, black and silver grey, labradoodle. I can't believe that anyone with my attributes could belong to three different families and I am now on my fourth.

I first started out as a farm dog down in Devon. I was well trained, didn't worry sheep and left cats well alone. My owners parted with me and I am not certain why. I was sent to a dog home where a very nice young couple took me home but it was not meant to be as I had ear trouble in one ear and it was going to cost a lot of money to put me right. I ended up at Holly Hedge where another couple took me on but I was returned once again for talking, but the lady didn't understand because she thought I was growling at her. I was returned to Holly Hedge only to find that my other ear was affected and I was to have another operation which would mean both ear canals would be removed and that I would be deaf. In the meantime my photograph was put on

the website again. I was the office dog and I loved all of the staff and they loved me as well, I was really spoilt. A couple came in to see me with their son and granddaughter and they said they would love to have me. Well, that showed that they knew what they were talking about and as it was almost Christmas they said they would have me home after my operation at the beginning of January. I was given a lovely jumbone as a present and they left. The jumbone was delicious and it was gone in seconds and then I disgraced myself, all over the office.

Well I had my op and my new owners rang to see how I was and were told that I wanted to go home. I was collected the next day and now live in Brent Knoll where my owners have a cattery. When they opened the front door there was this big black cat, one of three, who hated dogs and before it could even hiss, I walked past it with disdain. We are now the best of friends and I pinch their food and they pinch mine. The only problem is one of them keeps getting into my bed so I just climb in beside him.

I had to go back to Holly Hedge to have my ears checked, daft me I thought they were taking me back. I now know they never would. I really love Pat and Mike and they really love me. I am such a lucky dog, I have a nice home, huge garden, in one part there is a pond with a fountain, good for the summer when I want a dip to cool off. I also travel in the car and go out for some nice long walks. My new owners will never part with me - they believe an animal is for life.

Love from Figgy

## Bonnie

Last November I sadly lost Amos, my dear old Holly Hedge ex-poundie. This left a huge, Labrador shaped hole in my heart and home. It took a while to find another companion to love, as I knew I should have someone smaller this time. Little Bonnie came into my life in January. She may be pocket sized, but what she lacks in size, she certainly makes up for in personality and love! In spite of being almost 13 years old, she loves her walks and does her best to keep me fit! She enjoys playing with her toys when we are out and about, but at home likes nothing more than to curl up next to me on the sofa. She also likes socialising in coffee shops and pubs and thrives on the attention and admiration of all those around her! Unlike poor old Amos, Bonnie has always been loved and had come from a very caring home. She is extremely affectionate, is always by my side and I wouldn't be without her.

Love from Pat Hopper and Bonnie





# HEARTWARMING HAPPY ENDINGS

## Ben & Queenie

We went to Holly Hedge with the intention of only getting one cat and immediately found a little black and white female called Queenie who, with her seemingly placid nature ideally fitted the bill. She had been found as a pregnant stray and had been taken in by Holly Hedge as an abandoned two-year old.

Somewhere along the way during our visits to Holly Hedge, an elderly tom-cat called Ben made his presence felt and managed to inveigle himself into our affections so much that when we decided to take Queenie we were left with little alternative but to take Ben as well.

In the early days of getting them home, Queenie would hide wherever she could and was very nervous if anybody came close, whereas Ben on the other hand acted like he'd lived there all of his life. Luckily, the two of them rubbed along together quite nicely from the start and have now formed a compatible relationship.

When we first saw Ben, he was a bit of a rag-bag of a cat with long legs and a handsome face but was suffering from an over-grooming habit which resulted in a significant loss of fur from his tail and hind-quarters making him look very skinny and threadbare. He is now totally settled in and knows he is one of the family.

We soon felt that we had to rename Ben as this title didn't seem to accurately reflect his laid-back character. We now call him Gurf after a cool singer-songwriter from Texas who we are particularly fond of – the appropriate choice we believe, as we watch him slink around the neighbourhood with his extraordinarily long legs. His cool exterior though, belies a truly generous nature, more dog-like in some ways as he rolls over to have his tummy tickled and his paws stroked. Gurf is also now fully recovered from his over-grooming habit and now has a long thick tail and a glossy fur coat.

As for Queenie, she stopped hiding some time ago and now never misses an opportunity to jump up onto your lap and pin you to the sofa.

Queenie and Gurf are now such a part of our household that we can't imagine life without them. Queenie is constantly entertaining us with her Messi-like skills with a ping-pong ball while Gurf looks on disapprovingly.

## Bridget & George



## Oakley

Hello Holly Hedge.

My name is Oakley now called 'Oakley Bear'. Well according to my dad, my story began when the lovely humans from Holly Hedge came and rescued me from a Welsh dog pound. I was not in a good way, I was very timid and extremely underweight. But the lovely caring and dedicated staff provided me with nothing but love and attention, nurturing me back to health. I'm sure the chicken and stag bones really helped too!

I became more and more confident, began to trust humans and demonstrated a lively and friendly nature even after all I had been through, because I really am a star.

I waited a long time at Holly Hedge for my right mum and dad to walk through the doors and became stressed and agitated with my kennel life, seeing people just walk on past my kennel, wondering will it ever be my go? Then one day, my future mum & dad came to visit me. On our first encounter I walked straight on past them providing no eye contact, I'd really had enough of coming out to see people and never being taken to my forever home. Then something awesome happened, two days later they returned again, this time meeting in the greeting room where I was very happy having cuddles, oh and chicken. They returned and returned two- three times a week taking me on outings and treating me like I was already theirs, and when they took me back to my kennel it became obvious that I was really beginning to love these humans and have hope for my future. I refused to walk behind the gate and kept pulling back to my humans for just one last good night cuddle as I knew they were mine forever, and as soon as I saw them I would run straight for them with my wagging tail. In September 2015 my forever parents came to bring me home. I was such a good boy and couldn't believe my luck when my new collar and shiny name tag went around my neck yay! The rest of my past is now history... I have settled in extremely well, I love my long walks in the woods, beach and my own paddock where I have my own horses and chickens. I love nothing more than snuggling in my own double duvet being treated like royalty,

My humans would like to say a few words.

Dad- 'Oakley is an amazing loving and caring boy. He is my Oakley bear my furry best friend. He has settled in amazingly well he is now a piece of my heart, oh and all the dog hair around really proves he really is part of the furniture. He brings me so much joy and happiness in my life and I could not wish for a better dog. Oakley needed just a chance to prove he really is the best. He even knows when I have to wake up for work - at 6.45am every morning he will begin nudging me and becoming vocal. I think he already knows I've ignored one alarm! I just love my boy.'

Mum- 'Well where do I begin? This boy is my world, has brought me up on my lowest days and made me smile and provided me with love and cuddles at times of need. Oakley makes me beam with pride. He has come on leaps and bounds within the home. I left my job to be full time with Oakley until he really was settled. Oakley's separation anxiety was quite bad, however we worked with him increasing the time left each time. Now Oakley can be left up to five hours and all he does is sleep and when we walk in he is so calm, just a quick cuddle and he is back to his relaxed sappy ways. He truly is amazing.'

I have never had any accidents in the home, I am also now very well recall trained and very rarely have my lead on during my adventure walks. I never wander too far from my mummy and daddy. I am a complete super star and just love my new home. My humans have a four year old god daughter and I am amazing with her; we enjoy cuddles, kisses and I let her lie on me. I would just like to thank everyone at Holly Hedge for the love and care I had for almost a year. I wouldn't be where I am today if you hadn't saved me from the pound.

Much love Oakley aka Oakley Bear xxx





# WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**It costs over £9,500 a week to run Holly Hedge and our veterinary bills alone are over £80,000.**

**We receive no funding from the government or National Lottery and rely on the generosity and goodwill of our supporters to keep our kennel and cattery doors open. It is a continuous struggle for us to raise these funds but it is vital that we do so to ensure that we are able to provide help to the ever-increasing number of homeless animals in need.**

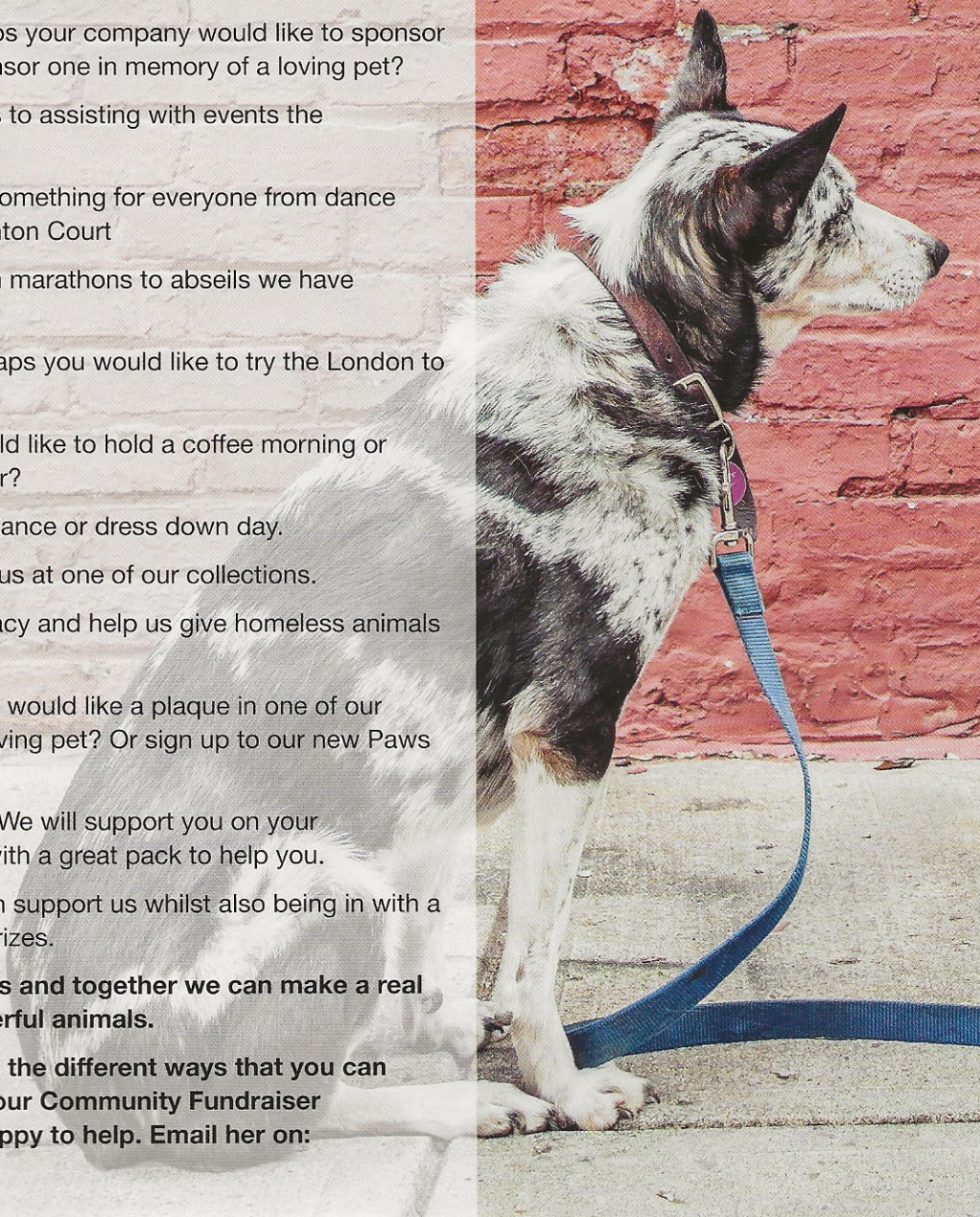
## How can you help?

There are so many different ways that you can help Holly Hedge and here are just a few of them...

- **Buy a raffle ticket in our Summer raffle.** Tickets are available at the Sanctuary, in shops or can be ordered via phone or email.
- **Sponsor a kennel or cat pen.** Perhaps your company would like to sponsor one or perhaps you would like to sponsor one in memory of a loving pet?
- **Volunteer.** From helping at collections to assisting with events the volunteering possibilities are endless
- **Attend one of our events.** We have something for everyone from dance events to our fabulous Fun Day at Ashton Court
- **Take part in a challenge event.** From marathons to abseils we have something for everyone.
- **Take your challenge overseas!** Perhaps you would like to try the London to Paris cycle or trek the Sahara?
- **Fundraise at work.** Perhaps you would like to hold a coffee morning or consider us as your Charity of the Year?
- **Fundraise at school.** Hold a school dance or dress down day.
- **Give a collection tin a home** or help us at one of our collections.
- **Leave a gift in your will.** Leave a legacy and help us give homeless animals that second chance.
- **Leave a gift in memory.** Perhaps you would like a plaque in one of our kennels or cat pens in memory of a loving pet? Or sign up to our new Paws for Thought scheme.
- **Set up your own fundraising event.** We will support you on your fundraising journey and provide you with a great pack to help you.
- **Sign up to our Lottery** where you can support us whilst also being in with a chance of winning some great cash prizes.

**There are so many ways to support us and together we can make a real difference to the lives of these wonderful animals.**

If you would like more information on the different ways that you can support Holly Hedge please contact our Community Fundraiser Hannah and she will be more than happy to help. Email her on: [hannah.wozniak@hollyhedge.org.uk](mailto:hannah.wozniak@hollyhedge.org.uk)





# GOODIES & ADVENTURES!

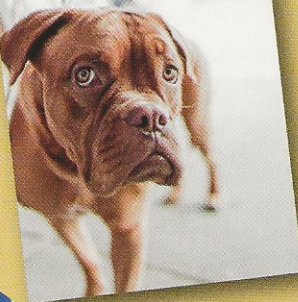
## Text to Donate

Donating to Holly Hedge could not be easier with our campaign text code.

Text **HHAS12** followed by your donation amount to **70070** to donate to Holly Hedge and make a difference today.



**HOLLY HEDGE  
CALENDAR 2017**



## Christmas calendar and cards

Our festive Christmas cards are in stock and are on sale in the shops and at the sanctuary. There are various packs and they are priced at £3 per pack with all profits going directly to Holly Hedge. Please drop by to buy a pack. If you are not local then you can order via phone on 01275 474719 or email

**hannah.wozniak@hollyhedge.org.uk** (please note that there will be a small postal fee for this).

We have also launched a brand new calendar for 2017 which features the 12 winning pets of our calendar competition. The calendar is priced at £8 and will be available to purchase from 1st October.

## take to the skies

Do you want to take part in one of the most adrenalin pumping challenges available whilst also raising vital funds for Holly Hedge?

We will be sending thrill-seeking skydivers up to the dizzying heights of 10,000 feet for the jump of a lifetime.

No previous experience is required as you'll be attached to an instructor who is in complete control of your jump throughout so all you'll need to do is kickback and enjoy the ride. The jump itself will be officially adjudicated too so you'll be able to tell everyone you know you are a certified world record breaker!

You can choose to take part in a skydive at any time of the year, at various airfields.

Email **hannah.wozniak@hollyhedge.org.uk** for more information or to book and receive your skydive fundraising pack.



## HOLLY HEDGE HOODIES AND T-SHIRTS

We are now stocked up with various colours and sizes of our lovely Holly Hedge hoodies and t-shirts, all proudly donning the Holly Hedge logo. Please pop in to the sanctuary or give us a call or email for more information.

**T-shirts = £10 • Hoodies = £20**

## TAKE PART IN A SPONSORED ABSEIL



### 17th September 2016

This exhilarating activity will really test your nerve! By controlling your own descent with back-up from a professional instructor, you will be rewarded with an unforgettable experience. Just don't forget to stop and look at the iconic view!

Uphill Quarry venue is located in the village of Uphill a few miles from Weston-Super-Mare. This is a great abseil venue down a very high slightly overhanging cliff face approximately 35 - 40 meters high!

No previous abseiling experience is necessary to take part in this exciting activity and it is suitable for most ages, abilities and fitness levels.

**Deposit: £35 • Minimum sponsorship: £150**

If you would like more information on taking part in a sponsored abseil in aid of Holly Hedge please email

**hannah.wozniak@hollyhedge.org.uk**

If you are part of a large group why not ask about our fun-filled adventure days which can incorporate abseiling, climbing and canoeing?

Please also contact us if you would like to organise an abseil in a different location, perhaps even host an abseil down your office building!



## Gothic Murder Mystery

On the **27th October 2016** we will be hosting a Gothic Murder Mystery at a secret location to be announced soon.

The evening will consist of a luxury dinner, a murder mystery run by a professional theatre company and guests have the option of staying in the mansion overnight.

Price is £50 including the meal, professional murder mystery, and welcome drink. The option to stay at the mansion overnight will come at an extra charge.

Tickets for this exclusive event are limited so book yours by emailing **hannah.wozniak@hollyhedge.org.uk** ASAP!



# OVERSEAS TREKS AND CHALLENGES

## KILIMANJARO TREK

Treks and cycles take place year round and in amazing countries all over the world so there truly is something to suit any adventurer. Whether it be trekking across the sand dunes of the Sahara Desert, or cycling from London to Paris we have the perfect challenge for you! It's an incredible achievement to complete an overseas trek or cycle, and with a little training anyone can do it. We have such an array of challenges to choose from here are details of what you can expect on our Kilimanjaro challenge...

**Deposit: £399**

**Sponsorship level: £4,340**

Located on the North Eastern tip of Tanzania Mount Kilimanjaro is one of the world's highest peaks and the setting for a truly amazing charity trek! Join us as we trek towards the picturesque snow capped peaks and observe the natural beauty of the Tanzanian landscape. You'll be trekking through a blend of diverse terrains from jungle to volcanic craters before reaching the highest point of Mount Kilimanjaro, Uhuru Peak.

This is an amazing opportunity to trek Kilimanjaro and one of the most beautiful parts of Africa over 11 days and climb to heights of over 5500 meters!

**There are still some places available on the next Kilimanjaro Trek please email [hannah.wozniak@hollyhedge.org.uk](mailto:hannah.wozniak@hollyhedge.org.uk) to book or enquire about our other challenges.**

**DAY 1:** London to Kilimanjaro. Depart London for Tanzania.

**DAY 2:** Arusha. Upon arrival we transfer to Arusha town for a trip briefing and chance to relax before the challenge begins.

**DAY 3:** Start of the trek to Machame Camp. Our challenge starts at Machame Gate, the beginning of our route up the mountain. We start at a steady pace through the lush rainforest giving us the chance to spot some of the colourful birds and wildlife that call this area home. Our campsite tonight is Machame Camp at 3100m.

**DAY 4:** Machame Camp to Shira Caves. After our first night under canvas we wake early for a hearty breakfast before we set off for our second day trekking. We leave the rainforest today and entre moorland plains scattered with rocks and heather. Our camp tonight is by Shira Caves which sits at 3840m.

**DAY 5:** Shira Caves to Barranco Camp. We leave camp behind us this morning and head east for our ascent to the Lava Tower at 4,600m. The scenery dramatically changes as we head into the Barranco Valley where we are met by huge senecio plants before we set sight upon our camp at 3,900m.

**DAY 6:** Barranco Camp to Karanga Valley. Our challenge this morning is the Barranco Wall which we can see from camp. The path to the top is steep but we are rewarded with stunning views across Karanga Valley where we will camp tonight at 4040m.

**DAY 7:** Karanga Valley to Barafu Camp. This morning's walk is a short but steep uphill climb across barren landscapes with lots of boulders and rocks. Tonight we will have the chance to rest and take in Kilimanjaro's neighbouring peak before our final push to the summit tomorrow!

**DAY 8:** Barafu Camp to Uhuru Peak to Millennium Camp. Our trek this morning begins very early and we ascend slowly but surely following the trail of torches in the distance heading towards the summit. This will be a tough day but will certainly provide lots of memorable moments as by sunrise we should be near Stella Point (5750m), which lies on the crater rim. From here we continue our trek to the Uhuru summit (5895m), the roof of Africa! After our celebrations here we descend back down to Millennium Camp (3000m), our final home on the mountain, with a rest stop at Barafu Camp on the way.

**DAY 9:** Millennium Camp to Hotel. Our final trek down the mountain through rainforest leads us the Mweka gate where we collect a certificate of ascent and say goodbye to the mountain. Tonight the celebrations commence with a chance to party with our new trekking buddies and reflect on the incredible challenge we've completed together!

**DAY 10:** Free Day. Today is a free day to relax at the hotel or take a trip into town before we transfer to the airport for our flight back to London

**DAY 11:** Arrive London.



# A TRIBUTE TO REUBEN HALLS

**Monty Halls** came to Holly Hedge and found his best friend **Reuben**. Together they went on many adventures presenting the well-known BBCs 'Great Escape' series in which they lived and worked in remote parts of the UK and Ireland.

We were so proud to have Monty as our Patron and Reuben as our Ambassadors. We were so pleased that Monty and Reuben found each other at the Sanctuary, and that Reuben found fame and a place in the nation's heart.

Sadly Reuben was diagnosed with heart disease in 2015. Breathing became a struggle, he began to lose weight and his muscles gradually wasted away.

Reuben was eventually put to sleep and died in peace in Monty's arms.

**RIP dearest Reuben**, the best Ambassador ever for Holly Hedge, we are all so proud of you. You came to us looking for your forever home and you found it with Monty and his family, you were the most famous and the most loved dog in the West Country. So many people adored you and followed your amazing adventures with Monty. You will always be remembered for being the most wonderful and faithful boy who lived life to the full with your lovely family who will miss you so much. There have been many tears of sadness shed for you, but your memory will live with us always. Who could ever forget Reuben, the wonderful Ambassador of Holly Hedge.

Sincere condolences to Monty and family for the loss of their special boy.



*"My times with Reubs were some of the most rewarding of my life as he was with me constantly – a great, benign, loyal presence. My best friend, the heartbeat by my side..."*

MONTY HALLS





# VE DAY DANCE

Once again our **VE Day party** was a great success – the sell-out event managed to raise a record breaking **£3,700** for **Holly Hedge**.

This has now become a yearly event as the 40s seems to have captured the public's imagination.

Guests dressed up in soldier and pilot costumes as well as other traditional 1940s attire, came along to see the centre decked out in decorations reminiscent of the era.

The fantastic 15 piece **Thornbury Swing Band** performed, and dancers were able to refresh themselves with food and drink from a bar and 1940s style NAAFI van.

There were **ration bags** handed out containing homemade jam, a roll, a 2oz ration of cheese, butter, salt 'n shake crisps and a 1940s style Kit Kat. There was also a raffle, auction and vintage pop-up shop.

Guests were also given a talk by a **Normandy Veteran, Reg Charles**, who has just been awarded the **Légion d'Honneur** – France's highest honour, and there was also a best dressed competition. The lady who won, **Erin Williams**, was dressed in her grandmother's old nurses uniform from the war and wore it in tribute to her.

**We would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who attended along with our fabulous staff and volunteers that helped make the event happen – Ginny Matchwick, Bruce & Celia, Ken Simpson, Nicola Bendall, Valerie Hoare, Jacqui Nelson, Chris & Kate Donnelly, Nicky Leeson, Sean Taber, Dianne Stephens and Hannah Wozniak. We would also like to say a special thank you to Tania Taber who has once again excelled herself in organising a fantastic event in aid of Holly Hedge. Tania does so much for the Sanctuary, we really cannot thank her enough!**



**VE DAY**

Due to popular demand,  
Holly Hedge's next **40s**  
**VE DAY WARTIME PARTY**  
will be held in May 2017.  
Venue to be announced!

So come along and listen/dance to  
the sounds of a 15-piece Big Band  
playing all the swing numbers, and  
meet a Normandy Veteran!



# WITH THANKS!

**Thank you to all of our wonderful friends and supporters!**

Holly Hedge has so many people to thank for their support, and we are so grateful to everyone. We would firstly like to thank our **long standing volunteers** who do so much for us all year round – you know who you are!

Here are just a few thank yous to others who have helped us in the previous months...

Our team of **Bath Half** runners raised an amazing **£2702.39**. We would like to thank everyone who took part and the kind people that sponsored them!

We also raised a fantastic **£2393.33** from the **Bristol 10k**.

One of our youngest fundraisers 3 year old **Beatrice Smith** raised an amazing **£151** for Holly Hedge by taking part in the **Great Bristol Family Mile Race**.

**Tania Taber** for organising a great **disco** event in Long Ashton. The event raised over **£800** and everyone had a great time dancing the night way to some classic tracks from the 80s.

Our wonderful team of **volunteer collectors**, led by the lovely **Dianne Stephens** who does so much for the Sanctuary. We cannot thank **Dianne** and her **volunteers** enough for their dedication and support and would also like to thank the various **supermarkets** and other locations for letting us collect on their premises. If you would like to help with any of our collections please get in touch!

**Clubs Unite** – for raising **£958** at their **VW** event.

**Malcolm Webb** for making and donating a fantastic **A-Frame** for our dogs to play on in the sunshine.

**Kayleigh Lucas** for raising an amazing **£400** in her sponsored **skydive**.

**The Bristol Bad Film Club** for raising **£258.81** in their recent screening of **Zoltan Hound of Dracula**.

**The Federation of Small Business** for their ongoing support with collections and consistently raising funds for the Sanctuary.

**Andersons Waste Management** for coming to our rescue on numerous occasions.

**Tania Taber** for organising another successful **VE Day** event and raising over **£3,700** for the Sanctuary. Tania provides so much support to us throughout the year and without her help this newsletter would not be possible.

**Chapel Farm** for raising an amazing **£625** in their recent dog show.

**Peter English** for kindly going out of his way to collect some important veterinary equipment for the Sanctuary and for purchasing other much needed medical instruments for our veterinary suite.

We would also like to thank all of our other **volunteers, corporate groups, home checkers, cat cuddlers** and **dog walkers** – you all mean so much to us!

And finally we would like to thank the **staff** for making **Holly Hedge** such a special place and helping to make life better for these wonderful animals.



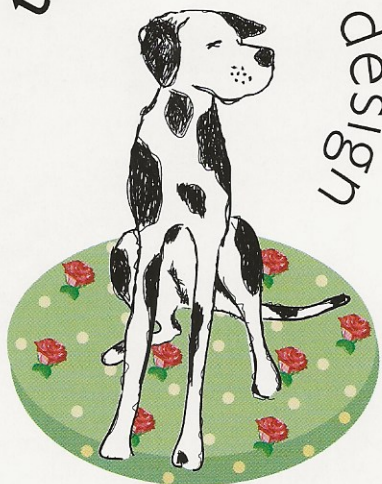
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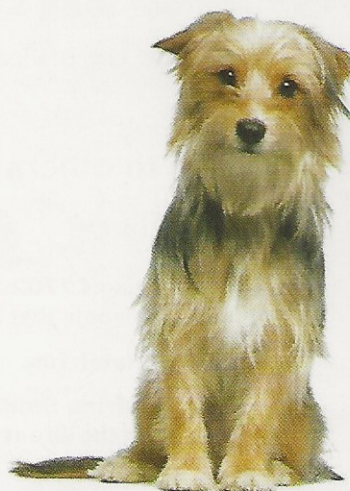
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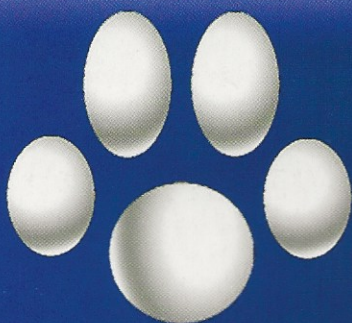
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