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Winter Edition



Dear Friends,

Welcome to our winter edition newsletter. It's been a very busy year for us and we'd like to start by saying a big thank you to all the wonderful Pet Samaritans out there that have supported us in so many ways. We couldn't do any of this without you. We've been inundated the last few months with requests for help. The weather has been so unkind. The recent floods have seen unusually high levels of wildlife and hedgehogs admitted to the sanctuary. Our hedgehog hospital is in overdrive looking after babies and under weight hogs that have been caught out in the cold. Most will stay with us until the spring before being released back into the wild. The winter months are particularly challenging for us with food and supplies in great demand. Many, many thanks to everyone who supports us every month with

a direct debit. It helps us to keep the doors open every day. We now have home collection boxes available, so if you would like one for work or home, please pop down to see us or give us a call and we can send one out. Our Facebook page is proving very popular. We try and post daily updates on the animals and events at the sanctuary. If you haven't visited our page yet, please drop by and give us a Like and a share at www.facebook.com/petsamaritans.

Our Christmas Fayre is on the 8th December this year and we'd love to see you there. Father Christmas will be making an appearance to wish all the animals a Merry Christmas and there will be food and gifts for some last minute shopping in aid of the animals. Our regular 'Knit and Natter' and 'Meet the Animals' events continues throughout the festive season. We are open as usual through out December apart from a couple of days over Christmas and New Year for wildlife admissions—10am till 3pm everyday.

Volunteer Cuddles

Working with people and our local community is very rewarding for us. We meet so many great folks from all walks of life. We work with disabled, disadvantaged and mental health groups as well as local schools and colleges. Recently, Marketstudy Insurance got in touch as they have a scheme to allow their staff one day of paid leave every year to volunteer at a local organisation. Staff member Alex chose to spend her day with us. After having a busy morning cleaning and feeding a variety of animals, Alex finished her day with kitten cuddles (no-one can resist Jack!). Working full time doesn't always allow people to enjoy the company of animals or give something back to their community, so we are delighted to be involved with the Marketstudy Insurance initiative. If you or your company is interested in volunteering with the Pet Samaritans please get in touch, we'd love to hear from you on 01246 455777 or email info@petsamaritans.co.uk.



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Ferrets Reunited

We received a call from Clowns Day Nursery, “we’ve found a ferret can you help”. Of course we said “Yes!”. We’ve had quite a few of these charming little animals in the Sanctuary over the years. Kate is our ferret expert and realised straight away that this chap was somebody’s well loved pet. He was so friendly, clean and well behaved. Ferrets are inquisitive creatures and it doesn’t take much for them to escape and go on a walkabout. Charlie’s dad had been worried sick after the young ferret escaped. Not wanting to bother his family, he didn’t mention anything until a few days later hoping he would return under his own steam. That’s when the power of social media worked its magic! Sure enough his family saw our post and got in touch and we were able to reunite Charlie with his dad. A big thank you to Clowns Day Nursery in Clay Cross for bringing Charlie to us and to EVERYONE who shared our post. You have all played a part in this happy ending!



Wonderful Fund Raising After Collection Box Was Stolen



When Tabby Teas Cat Café first opened several years ago we were delighted when they got in touch and wanted to work with us. The cafe adopted Jelly and we understand she has become a firm favourite. The cafe have supported the Pet Samaritans ever since and have one of our collection boxes at the premises. A few months ago though the collection box was stolen. The wonderful Tabby Teas customers got straight to work and started a fundraiser organised by Emma Grant.

Tabby Teas owner, Charlotte visited us earlier in the week to present the money raised after they more than doubled the £250 target amount. While Charlotte was here she couldn't resist kitten cuddles. Many thanks to all the wonderful people who got involved. If you are in Sheffield, pop in to Tabby Teas and say hello from us—check out their website at www.tabbyteas.co.uk (psst they do great tea and cakes).

We hope to put the money towards getting new services installed to our Cat Cabin. If you or your business would also like to support this project please, visit our donation page at www.petsamaritans.co.uk/donate. We need to raise enough funds for a new electrical supply and fittings for the cats.

Skip Kittens Are All Grown Up

Back in September we had a call from RH Commercial Vehicles in Alfretton. They had been emptying one of their recycle skips and found two kittens amongst the cardboard. Nobody was sure how they ended up there but mum was nowhere to be seen. It was a miracle they had been found as they would not have survived much longer. We collected the two little kittens and news of their rescue got quite a bit of attention. The kittens became rather popular at the Sanctuary and we held a ‘Name the Kitten’ competition. They finally chose their own names at our Halloween event after lots of fabulous suggestions and had their (big kitten) health check at Vets4Pets in Chesterfield earlier this week.

The pair will be leaving us soon to live with their new family and we wish them much love and happiness in their new home.



59 Ticks and Counting

Our wildlife rescue is extremely busy throughout the year and each day we're getting more calls regarding hedgehogs needing help. This year ticks have been particularly rampant and are affecting the UK's already declining hedgehog population. We've seen the problem escalate over the wet summer months with poorly Hedgehogs arriving at the sanctuary with not just one or two ticks but up to 100 or more. Imagine having all those little blood suckers attached all over your body! Removing them is an extremely sensitive procedure and requires a great deal of patience. We have to make



sure the whole tick is removed in one piece and be mindful that the extraction process is painful and stressful for the hedgehog. If hedgehogs arrive with multiple ticks, they will be removed over several

sessions to allow the hedgehog to rest in between. The sessions may be spread over a number of days if the infestation is particularly bad. It's a very time consuming job but we've become quite the experts at

Tick removal. The after care is just as important as the bites can become infected and hedgehogs are

often anaemic and weak. We give the hedgehogs plenty of time to recover before releasing back into the wild. If you see a hog out in the day and it looks unwell or a little wobbly, ticks could be the problem. Give us a call and we'll do our best to help.

Always use a towel or gloves when handling a Hedgehog with an suspected Tick problem as they can bite humans too!

A Big Thank You for the Blankets

Porterbrook Care Home in Sheffield recently got in touch and donated a large quantity of blankets. Thank you for thinking of us. We can always use towels, newspapers, cleaning supplies, blankets and pet beds (please no duvets or pillows) for the animals. We urgently need a new big capacity washing machine and tumble dryer. Our old faithful is not washing properly and is on the way out. We've setup an Amazon Wishlist if you'd like to support the animals directly— www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1Q7GSG7DBCD6 - please send any items to Pet Samaritans, Broomhill Mews, Broomhill Road, Old Whittington, Chesterfield, S41 9EA.



Cat-Fang-Tacular

Our Halloween event was a great success and our thanks go out to every one who turned up to show your support. The costumes were amazing! Our spooky activities proved to be a big hit with young and old entering into the spirit. Pumpkin carving was in demand throughout and a shout out to Carl from C. Cappellano & Sons Gardening services,



who spent the whole day carving pumpkins with the kids and helping out. You are a star!

Our next big event is on the 8th December, when we'll be holding our annual Christmas Fayre. Come along and meet the animals. Father Christmas will be making an appearance and there will be lots of special Christmas activities for the kids along with gifts and shopping in aid of the animals. Mince pies,

homemade cakes and refreshments will be available throughout the day.

Opening times are 10am till late. Lots of parking available on site as you turn



up the drive immediately on your left.

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Hay for Horses

Our herd of little horses are in for the winter months now. Ruby, Daydream, Chloe, Grace, Sundance, Bridget, Dorrit and Bubbles are enjoying being in and out of the cold. They all have various health problems and need extra special care over the cold season, so Laura our horse expert will be taking on the role of mum and looking after them over the winter months. On nice warm days they enjoy a potter out for a bit of grass but by tea time they are all lined up waiting to come in for a feed. Looking after them is very hard work. Daily feet inspections, mucking out, rolling down hay bails, topping up waters, untangling mains and tails, well we know why Laura is so fit! Over the years we've helped all sorts of horses and ponies (as well all manner of farm animals). From owners with dementia who could no longer look after their horses to cruelty cases and everything in between. They stay with us for life at the Sanctuary. We use organic farming methods to maintain our grazing land and use natural treatments when ever possible to care for them. If you would like to buy a bale of hay (each bale costs £35 and we get through at least one a week) please get in touch. We'll send you a photo in return of the horses to keep or give as a gift.



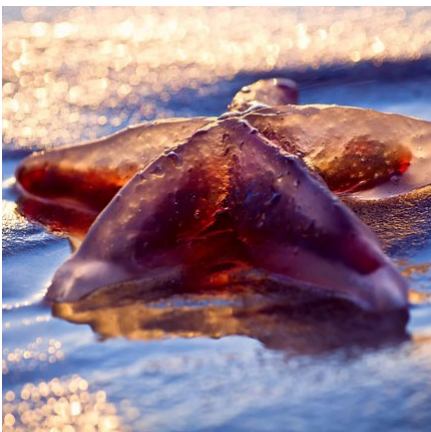
Jack's a Fighter



The team at Brettex Site Services contacted us regarding a little stray kitten they had found on site. The poor little thing had the worse eyes we have ever seen. We are not sure if he was abandoned or how he came to end up where he did but he would have surely died if it wasn't for the great staff at Brettex. His eyes were completely gunged up and at first we couldn't see if he had eyeballs. A trip to the vets was booked straight away for treatment. We are unsure if his eyesight will return fully but for now Jack is settling well and we believe he is starting to see shadows. We hope that with time and the correct care and medical treatment that Jack will make a full recovery. If you would like to help contribute towards Jacks treatment you can make a donation online at www.petsamaritans.co.uk/donate.

Starfish

We'd like to share a poem with you written by Joan, founder of the Pet Samaritans, as we remember her life devoted to animals. Joan passed away late in 2016 but her legacy of caring for animals lives on today at the Pet Samaritans Animal Sanctuary. She was an avid campaigner for animals all her life and it was a common sight to see her surrounded by cats and dogs, usually nursing a poorly kitten or feeding a baby hedgehog as she wrote. We hope to make a collection of her poetry available next year in aid of the animals. Here is a poem she wrote about Starfish. Enjoy.



Starfish, strange and beautiful,
Washed up along the Shore,
Mermaid magical in concept,
Soft symmetry and form.

I've often thought about these
Quirky creatures of the deep –
What are their other worldly thoughts?
I wonder if they sleep?
I stood admiring at this creature,
Maybe God's most perfect plan –

But hang on a minute..... Yuk!
Have you seen them eat a clam?



Thanks Spire MOT and Tyres

Thanks to Dave and his awesome team at Spire MOT and Tyres in Holmewood for getting our little old Van through its MOT once again. Each year we fear it'll be its last but after some quite major repairs we can breath again knowing we have a working vehicle. Fingers crossed it lasts us another year!

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Meet the Animals Events Through out the Year



Our 'Meet the Animals' events have proven to be a big success this year with attendance numbers and requests from Schools and Social groups at an all time high. We recently welcomed a large group of home educated families to our 'Meet the Animals' session and enjoyed meeting all the children who were excited to see our hedgehogs up close. If you didn't know, we run regular sessions through out the year open to everyone from kids to adults. It's an opportunity to come down and see the work we do and get hands on with Sanctuary Life. Through campaigning, education and local communities, we promote animal rights, knowledge and care for the next generation of pet lovers. Usually you can just drop in and take part but if you have a large group or are planning a school trip, please give us a heads up.

We hope you enjoyed our winter newsletter and a little slice of Sanctuary Life. Apologies for all the thank-you's but we have all been moved by everyone's support this year. Please remember the animals this winter and help if you can. A regular donation each month makes all the difference and helps us to continue to save lives (please fill out the form on reverse if you would like to pledge a monthly donation to them). Each year is a struggle to keep going financially and we can only do this with your help. Many, many thanks again for all your kindness and continued support. There are a lot of animals in this little corner of the world who are Safe at Last because of you.

*Wishing you a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year
from Dan, Laura, Jo, Kate and all the animals*



Upcoming events & Opening times throughout Winter

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8th December Pet Samaritans Christmas Fayre 10.00am
11th December Meet The Animals & Christmas Knit and Natter Club Wednesday 11:00am
25th/26th December Closed for visitors
28th December Meet the Animals Saturday 11.00am
1st January New Years Closed for visitors
9th February Vintage and modern jewellery Fayre—11.00am till 4.00pm
Wildlife admissions are throughout December 10am till 3pm —apologies in advance if you can't always reach us by phone but we do not have a dedicated receptionist. Please leave a message and will get back as soon as we can.

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