

FOUR PAWS ANIMAL RESCUE (SOUTH WALES)



Our own van at last

A last we have achieved the dream of a lifetime for Kirsty, our Chair – our own rescue van. This year the Kennel Club Charitable Trust kindly gave us a grant to buy a van that is fully equipped with crates to safely transport our dogs. Not only that, it also serves as a moving advert for the rescue.

Not usually something to get overexcited about but we at Four Paws are – we now have an extra button on our website menu. This is great news as it now means we can accept donations online using PayPal, and also sell more of our goods online.

Why not join in our online raffle to help raise money and win yourself a beautiful blue handmade water bowl – go to our homepage (<http://www.fourpawsanimalrescue.org.uk>) and follow the link from there

This is the button that we're all making a fuss about—it may be small but it means a lot to us

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Neutering

All our adult dogs are neutered before rehoming, and until January 2008 the money for neutering has kindly come from the Dog's Trust – however, from January 2008 Dog's Trust are withdrawing this scheme for all rescues in Britain. We thank the Dog's Trust for their help with this over the last few years and wish them luck in their new ventures.

However, we now need to raise even more money if we want to save the same numbers of dogs as before. Your help, however small, can help us achieve this.

FOURPAWSfacts

This year we have rehomed on average 11 dogs per month. We take in 15–20 dogs per month and some will be moved to other rescues or become long-term residents or some go out on permanent foster. At any one time we have 30 dogs in rescue, usually 10 in kennels and 20 in foster. Currently we have 22 in foster and 14 in kennels, and are taking in on average 5–7 dogs per week from dog pounds (many of which would've been put to sleep).

Please keep looking at our website as it is updated regularly.

In particular, keep a lookout for all our dogs that need rehoming, including our special needs dogs, and the many ways you can help the rescue (also see over on the next page).

We will also let you know how well our dogs are getting on in their new homes

Please contact us at enquiries@fourpawsanimalrescue.org.uk or tel. **07870 571011**

Our website is: <http://www.fourpawsanimalrescue.org.uk>

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

We are entirely self-funded – everything that is donated to the charity goes directly into the rescue – no one draws a salary from the charity as everyone volunteers their own time. The money we raise goes towards vet bills, transport of dogs, kennel bills, food bills, and a few basic administration costs, e.g. telephone calls, stationary, website, and booking of venues for fundraising – all of which are necessary and always done by negotiating the cheapest prices.

We raise our money from pet adoptions and money donations, street collections, charity clairvoyant nights or similar events, coffee mornings, dog shows, carboot and tabletop sales, meet and greets at various stores (e.g. Pets at Home), and occasionally are given money in the form of grants. **FOUR PAWS** are always on the lookout for new ideas to raise money and of course the volunteers to help us do so.

Volunteering for FOUR PAWS doesn't have to be a chore, it can be fun and ultimately it is worthwhile. While we would love people to volunteer a lot of their time for all sorts of things, we are grateful even if its just an hour or so tidying up your loft to find things for us to re-use as tombola or raffle items, or old duvets or material to make pet beds.

Some of our volunteers just help from time to time – running their own coffee morning at work, or an hour or two rattling a tin outside Pets at Home with us one Saturday, or helping us run stalls at a dog show or other event occasionally, or may be have your own car boot sale one day. – whereas others help us week in week out. Others help by making things for us to sell, e.g. pet beds and greetings cards, whereas some may foster a dog or two or help with transport to the vets or to pick up dogs from one of the pounds we work with. **The list of ways to help us is endless.** Please keep looking at our website for things we need and may be suggest other things we may have forgotten.

Maggie our wonderful seamstress needs your unwanted duvets and material to make lots more dog beds.

We also desperately need lots of items for our car boots and tombolas in the run-up to Christmas—so get clearing out your cupboards to make way for all your own Christmas pressies, and put all you unwanted items to good use

Once upon a time there was a wise man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach before he began his work. One day he was walking along the shore.

As he looked down the beach, he saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself to think of someone who would dance to the day. So he began to walk faster to catch up.

As he got closer, he saw that it was a young woman and the young woman wasn't dancing, but instead she was reaching down to the shore, picking up something and very gently throwing it into the ocean.

As he got closer he called out, 'Good morning! What are you doing?'

The young woman paused, looked up and replied, 'Throwing starfish in the ocean.'

'I guess I should have asked, why are you throwing starfish in the ocean?'

'The sun is up and the tide is going out. And if I don't throw them in they'll die.'

'But, young woman, don't you realize that there are miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it? You can't possibly make a difference!' The young woman listened politely. Then bent down, picked up another starfish and threw it into the sea, past the breaking waves and said:

'It made a difference for that one.'

... PLEASE HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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