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# Anim-Mates

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Helping animals in need in the South East

Friends of Anim-Mates Quarterly Newsletter

Summer 2013

## Emaciated Penny is now a healthy and happy dog

**WE'VE** good news of Penny, the emaciated Whippet whose dramatic rescue from a motorway service station we reported in our Spring newsletter.

After reading of her sad plight many concerned Friends contacted and messaged Anim-Mates asking of Penny's well-being. So, we are pleased to publish a new photo of Penny taken with her adopter Tim Baker.

Tim has given Penny lots of tender loving care and it really shows. Penny now looks amazing. Thank you Tim.



Penny the day she arrived at Anim-Mates



Penny with adopter Tim Baker in Redhill



**PETS AT HOME** has launched a VIP club card for their customers who can join the club for free, either at a local Pets at Home store or online.

On joining you get a 10% off voucher, an 84 page quarterly magazine which contains up to £100 worth of vouchers, exclusive offers and expert tips and advice on pet care.

Every time your club card is swiped at the fill your favourite animal charity - Anim-Mates, we hope - will be allocated Pets at Home Lifelines. Lifelines will earn us vouchers, which we can redeem for Pets at Home products for the benefit of our animals.

See all our animals at [www.anim-mates.org.uk](http://www.anim-mates.org.uk)

# MEWS in BRIEF



### SAE ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

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Should you not have any of these items, please pass the envelope onto someone who has.



### HAPPY 11th BIRTHDAY TO OUR MASCOT WILLY

Willy Wonka will celebrate his 11th birthday on 16 June.

Willy, who is as mischievous as ever, receives many birthday cards each year from Friends who recall that two vets suggested he should be put to sleep when he was born with deformed legs.



You can see photo albums of Willy through the years on our website - just click on the 'About A-M' tab.

### THANKS MARTIN

Guitarist Martin Botley passed the hat round when he entertained customers at the Fenn Bell Inn in St Mary Hoo.

Over £70 was collected, which Martin kindly donated to Anim-Mates.



### BETWEEN THEM TERESA AND STEVE MAKE IT A CENTURY

Congratulations to Teresa and her partner Steve who both celebrated their 50th birthdays recently.



Their home at St Mary Hoo houses our sanctuary, where they care for over 100 unwanted and abandoned animals.

### OUR WISH LIST

Thanks to all those Friends who continue to donate gifts from our Wish List on Amazon.

We have been overwhelmed by your generosity.



**Want to send a small gift to our animals? Look for the above link on our website to see our extensive Wish List**

**@ eNEWSLETTER** If you would like your next newsletter dropped in your inbox rather than your letterbox email us at [info@anim-mates.org.uk](mailto:info@anim-mates.org.uk)

**VOLUNTEERS** Anim-Mates volunteers don't get paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.

**CHISLEHURST FAIR** The Anim-Mates fundraising stall will not be at this year's Chislehurst Fair.

**PASS IT ON** Once you have finished with your newsletter, please pass it on to a friend.



## Some of the animals who have recently been rescued

Now rehomed



**TED** When his family no longer wanted this lovely Chihuahua we found Ted a space at our sanctuary. See page 6 for full story.



**RAINBOW BOY** Sadly his owner became so unwell he was unable to give his beloved pet the care and time he deserved.

Now rehomed



**COCO** A female guinea pig whom we rescued gave birth to these four babies. All have since been found new homes.



**FELIM and SHERIDAN** These 12-month-old rabbits were rescued when their owner became so ill she could no longer care for them.

Now rehomed



**LIQUORICE and MUFTI** Within 24 hours of a pregnant cat being rescued she gave birth to a litter of beautiful kittens including these two boys.

Now rehomed



**BOBBY** This six-month-old friendly guinea pig needs a new home as his owner developed an allergy to his fur.



**LIL** She has been living in a flat for two years. Because her owner is too unwell to keep her Lil needs a new home. We will neuter her first.



**JUPITER** As he and a female rabbit didn't get on well together Jupiter's owner abandoned him.



**JOVI** When he moved to a new home, the owner of this female rabbit could no longer keep his loveable pet.

## Care For Life news Found after being missing for a year

**MUMMY ARNOLD, who went missing a year ago from the colony of feral cats whose home is our sanctuary, has been found safe and well.**

Feral Mummy Arnold came to Anim-Mates with her two kittens in early 2012 .

After the kittens were domesticated they were found new homes.

As she was feral Mummy Arnold was neutered and then released at Shakespeare Farm to live with all the other feral cats there.

Mummy Arnold, however, must have had different ideas and set off for an adventure on her own. When it was discovered that she was missing numerous



searches were made but none proved successful.

Last month, much to her surprise, Teresa spotted a poster in Medway with a photo of Mummy Arnold on it.

Mummy Arnold had been found straying and some people had put up posters in an effort to find her owner.

Mummy Arnold has been returned to Shakespeare Farm where she will, hopefully, settle for good this time and spend the rest of her life with us.



**Some more of our Care For Life friends**  
**Left, Lucy, Wanda, Jim and Wally**  
**Right, ducks, geese and hens enjoy life by our duck pond**



**JOHN, a former stray, has been in our care for well over a year.**

His fosterer Teresa Bloomfield said: "John, who is about nine years old, enjoys his food and a comfy bed and loves receiving a lot of attention from the volunteers at the sanctuary."

"He also likes being tickled, but what would really make him happy is the offer of a permanent home."

"John could not rehomed in the usual way as he has diabetes and needs injections twice a day, 12 hours apart."

"For 12 months we appealed for a home for John, hoping to find someone who would care for him as their pet and take on the responsibility of injecting him."

Recently our and John's prayers were answered when Sarah Spellman, a volunteer at the sanctuary, asked if she



could permanently foster John in her Gravesend home.

Anim-Mates will meet all John's future vet bills, while Sarah, more importantly, provides all his comforts, love, food and, of course, plenty of tickles.

## Care For Life extra We bid sad goodbye to two of our oldies



**Pumpkin** He came to Anim-Mates via the RSPCA who had found him as a stray and were going to put him to sleep.

Elderly Pumpkin, had a stump for a tail and was practically blind, but he also had a huge heart and loud purr.

We are grateful to Barbara Morrison who lovingly fostered Pumpkin in her Walderslade home for the last few years of his life.



**CeeJay** We are sad to report that another one of our Care for Life dogs has passed away.

After his owner died last November Ceejay came to Anim-Mates as there was nobody to care for him.

Ceejay was a real character and enjoyed his time with us and certainly brought us joy, especially after the sudden loss of our adorable Polo just weeks before his arrival.



**Tiny Flo** kept warm during the cold March days with a coat kindly made for her by Lynn's Bespoke Dog Coats.

Lynn knits dog coats to fundraise for many dog charities.



**John and Janet**, two beautiful geese, have joined us from another rescue centre, where there were so many other birds they could not settle. Fingers crossed they will like their new home.

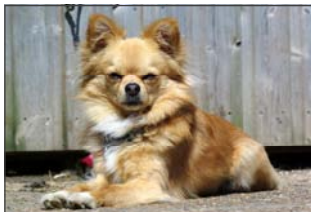
Rescued animals who cannot be rehomed because of age, infirmity or care needs, live permanently in the homes of our

fosterers, where they are treated and cared for as their own pets. There are over 100 animals in our Care for Life.

## Unwanted Ted gives his new family so much pleasure

**D**ESPITE being unwanted by his owner Ted, a four-year-old Chihuahua, proved very popular with readers of the News Shopper. Our appeal in the newspaper to find a new home for Ted brought in over 60 enquiries.

Ted was unwanted by his previous owners as he had suffered a couple of 'seizures'. Apparently, after the first episode he was taken to the vets. We believe all symptoms had passed by the time the vet examined him.



After he was castrated and health-checked we appealed for a new home.

"All people who registered an interest in adopting Ted were given his full history," says Teresa.

"We were not trying to frighten anyone off, but it

His owners were advised by the vet that it could be any number of things but to monitor him and return if necessary.

We understand that after a second episode one of his owners said Ted had to go. It was on this day that Ted came into Anim-Mates care.

Ted was closely watched for any signs or evidence of further episodes and to access his general behaviour. He showed no signs of seizures and most of the time was a friendly, well behaved dog.

When unsure of things he could be panicky and growl and become quite snappy. We worked with this behaviour and a saw massive improvement over the six weeks he was with us.

was our duty to ensure they were made fully aware of the facts, which included that he could never be insured for a future 'seizure' as any company would exclude that from its cover."

Understandably, after considering Ted's history, most of the prospective adopters fell by the wayside, leaving only three people wanting to adopt him.

After the usual homechecks Teresa invited the Sivier family from Calford to visit Ted. As soon as they saw the little lad they knew he was just the dog for them.

Four days after she took Ted home Mrs Sivier said: "He's already given us so much pleasure. Ted is so friendly and greets everyone who comes to the house."



### VOLUNTEERS

Everyone who works for Anim-Mates is a volunteer.

Pictured here are two volunteers who regularly work at our sanctuary.

While her main duties are caring for the cats, Linda Tunbridge loves to greet our horses, including Patsy.

When she has completed her work with the large animals Lisa Inns often looks in on the hens.



## Pet shop helps Anim-Mates to rehome unwanted rabbits

**A** PET SHOP has joined forces with Anim-Mates and a national rabbit organisation to help reduce the number of pet rabbits that end up abandoned in south east London.

White's Pet Centre in Sydenham is caring for and showcasing some of the unwanted rabbits rescued by Anim-Mates to encourage their customers to give them new homes.

The Rabbit Welfare Association and Fund (RWF), the UK's leading authority on rabbit care, has provided advice and information.

As a result of the project, White's now stock extra large hutches and runs, which are suitable for housing two adult rabbits who can enjoy a decent quality of life.

Pet shop proprietors, Liz Duck and Diane Karn, said: "We have always prided ourselves on being an ethical retailer with animal welfare being our top priority".

"Working with Anim-Mates and the RWF has enabled us to give our customers up-to-date information and good advice and to stock the right products for rabbits."

Julie Baxter, Anim-Mates' rabbit fosterer said "I have been a customer of White's Pet Centre for years, and have always felt confident that they looked after the welfare of the animals in their care."

"They provide all the information a potential rabbit owner needs so they can make an informed decision as to whether rabbits are the right pets for them."

"So often a rabbit is bought on a whim and months later, when an owner gets fed up with caring for them, they end up unwanted. Last year over 67,000 unwanted rabbits in the UK were handed into rescues centres."

"We also want to make the days when a pet rabbit lived a solitary life in a small, cramped hutch a thing of the past."



Our volunteers Elizabeth and Julie Baxter are with Liz Duck and Diane Karn, who run White's Pet Care Centre and are holding black rabbits Snoopy and Sooty. These two were rehomed after being seen at the shop, as was Elliot, a black and white lad.



Dedicated rabbit lovers, Julie and her daughter Elizabeth were at the London Pet Show for two days in May explaining how important it is for rabbits to live with a companion and to occupy a spacious hutch with a large run.

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## Fundraising news Friends run their own event for our funds

**FUNDRAISING SUCCESS** Friend Bobbie Bajwa, with the help of Sue Perkins and other volunteers, organised a very successful event in High Halstow Village Hall in May .

Their Authentic Homemade Indian Cuisine Evening was enjoyed by a full house and raised a wonderful donation of £1,115 to our funds.

The idea to host a dinner event rather than booking a restaurant was the brainchild of Sue Swift and Arif Bajwa; a venture which proved to be personal, profitable and fun.



Our congratulations and thanks to Bobbie's family members, Aysha and Yasmeen Bajwa, who cooked the delicious food and to all those who helped to make this such a success.

**CAN YOU SPARE A FEW HOURS?** Anim-Mates has to raise many thousands of pounds a year. One successful way of doing this is from collections at supermarkets and garden centres.

Volunteer Sue Perkins who organises collections at a number of Medway venues is looking to recruit more volunteers who can spend a few hours shaking a collection pot for our funds.

If you could help please give Sue a call on 01634 254172 or 07989 617676.

**THANKS AMY** Friend Amy Johns had a good clearout at home and after selling most of the items at her local boot fair sent us a cheque for £100.

Amy said: "I had never done a boot sale before and found it good fun. It's amazing what people will buy."

Anyone thinking of copying Amy can read tips about running a stall on our website at [www.anim-mates.org.uk/carbootsales.html](http://www.anim-mates.org.uk/carbootsales.html)



**SUMMER FETE** If you haven't been to one of our annual summer fetes do come along and enjoy yourselves on 20 July. You can have some fun while spending a few pennies to help our funds.

It's for all the family with lots of different attractions and events.

**Lots of FUN for all!**

### Summer Fete

In the garden of the  
**The Fenn Bell Inn**  
**St Mary Hoo ME3 8RF**

**Saturday 20 July 12 noon to 4 pm**

**Cake sale** **Crafts** **Pets Corner** **Jump and Bounce** **Teddy Tombola** **Face painting**

**Steph's Brass Band**

In aid of **Anim-Mates** our local Animal Rescue Sanctuary

Some of the unwanted animals who have been rescued

**FUN AUCTION** This annual event will be in November, so don't throw out any knick knacks. Save them to take to the Fun Auction, full details of which will appear in our autumn newsletter.

**JEWELLERY** Do you have any unwanted items of jewellery that we can sell on to help raise funds? Please post any items, no matter how small or large, to Sue Perkins at 31 Church Farm Close, Hoo, Kent, ME3 9AY. Thank you.





## Photos of your Anim-Mates pets



**Top left** Ginger and white Finn was a fluffy kitten when Carole Adams gave him a home in Eltham seven years ago. Now he's a loveable cat who loves to pose for photographs.

**Bottom left** Cairn terrier Zoe, who is looking really good, recently celebrated her 14th birthday in Rainham with owner Judith Martin.

**Top right** Guinea pigs Daisy and Bella were adopted by the Hill family in Whitstable. One of their favourite foods is fresh broccoli.

**Middle right** Pebbles, Poppy and Pasha were 10 weeks old when Pauline and Reg Bromley in Gillingham adopted them in 2011. Reg says "They are now friendly and lovely cats." Pasha, far right, has recovered well from an operation to remove one of her kidneys.

**Bottom right** Adopted in 2008 by Shannon and Katie Harris in Welling, semi-feral Princess has since become domesticated and loves sleeping with Katie's stuffed animals. Can you spot her?



## Your letters and emails to Anim-Mates



**From Natasha Jones, New Ash Green**



Buddy, who quickly became an important part of our family, loves to play on the grass, hop around the house, climb the stairs and generally cause mischief. He is very inquisitive and explores everywhere. He brings laughter and joy to the family, particularly when he pokes his tongue out. We just couldn't imagine life without him.

**From Gill Briggs, Gravesend**



Our lovely tabbies Marley and Lennon had the chop this week and are recovering as expected. Thanks again for sharing these gorgeous fellas with us.

**From Marianne Hazell, Gillingham**



I have introduced Oriana to my other two rabbits. She seems to have no fear about the different things and smells she has encountered. She takes food from my hand and quite happily goes up to my Mum for a nose rub and a piece of dandelion.

**From Karen Woods, Barnehurst**



We have just adopted Evie and Sam who will be loved and well cared for. This is the second time we have adopted from Anim-Mates. You are a great charity that does so much for unwanted and neglected animals. Thanks for the new members of our family.

**YES, we love getting photos and news of your pets. So please email them to: [info@anim-mates.org.uk](mailto:info@anim-mates.org.uk) or pop them in the post to our address shown on page 11**

## Multi-use form for **New Friends / Donations / Sponsor an animal**

✓ Please tick the relevant boxes below

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms

I wish to become a new Friend of **Anim-Mates**, for a minimum donation of £10 for a year, to support animals in need, and to receive a quarterly Newsletter.

*Please do not use this for renewals*

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Address.....

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Post Code.....

\*Tel.....

Signed .....

Date.....

I wish to make a donation to **Anim-Mates** to help animals in need. I would like to receive a Newsletter which will show what my donation can achieve.

I wish to sponsor a **Care-for-Life animal** for a year. I will receive a certificate, a report and photograph of my chosen animal for a minimum donation of £10.

*\*Anim-Mates will call you about which animal you wish to sponsor*

I enclose a donation of £..... payable to **Anim-Mates**.  Or if you prefer to pay by Standing Order, please tick the box and we will send you a form for your bank

### Make your donation worth an extra 25% to Anim-Mates

Please tick the box if you would like Anim-Mates to reclaim the tax you have already paid on the above donation and any future donations you may make. Your annual income tax and/or capital gains tax must be more than the tax all the charities that you donate to will reclaim in the current year. Anim-Mates will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that you have donated.

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Please post this form to: **Anim-Mates, Shakespeare Farm House**  
Shakespeare Farm Rd, St. Mary Hoo, Kent ME3 8RS

## Contact Anim-Mates by phone, letter, email and on the web



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**Website** www.anim-mates.org.uk

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Teresa 07743 331397  
01634 271456



#### Rabbits

Julie 07958 031884



#### Guinea Pigs

Teresa 07743 331397  
01634 271456



# These are some of the animals recently found new homes



**Dougal and Elsbeth**  
play in Sevenoaks



**Dickie**  
is at home in Gillingham



**Felicity** is in  
Thamesmead



**Pepe and Poppy**  
are happy in Frindsbury



**Coco, Chocolate, Sally  
and Patch** like Wainscot



**Ted**  
relaxes in Calford



**Tommy**  
adores New Ash Green



**Lola and Lily**  
love Welling



**Roger**  
likes Bexleyheath



**Caoimhe**  
has settled in Abbey Wood



**Snoopy and Sooty**  
live in Sydenham



**Hercules and Rose**  
have fun in Lewisham



**Coco and  
Milo**  
play  
together in  
Dartford



**Heidi**  
shares  
a large hutch  
and run in  
Gillingham