

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members and Supporters,

Lets start with some good news. The kennel block that needed total refurbishment is now complete. This has been quite a big task as there was so much rot to dispose of before work could begin, but the new block looks great. Converted from 8 kennels to 6 so the dogs have much more space. New solid roofs, floors and underfloor heating installed and safety shutters for any new dogs coming in so that they can safely be assessed. Hopefully work will soon start on the next block for refurb. Each block is costing out at just under £20,000.

As you can see from the picture, it looks like a palace in comparison to the rotting wood, floors and roofs that have been replaced and hopefully will need just a little maintenance over the years ahead. We still have 3 other kennel blocks to get up to scratch.



We were very lucky to receive a grant from The Dr Sheila Millard-Danks charitable trust for kennel blocks 1 & 2, however, the refurbs are unlikely to be finished this year because we still have to find some more funding to complete kennel blocks 3 & 4, and we have to be sure not to leave ourselves short as the animals still need to be cared for and vet bills paid.

Sadly, this is our worst time of year for rehoming. We have been very active on the homing front over the winter months but although lovely to see a change in the weather it brings seasonal problems too. Cats are in breeding season so lots of little pregnant ladies arriving, many not much more than kittens themselves. They have to stay with us for a few months whilst tending to their offspring. Mating season is a traumatic time for the tom cats too who sustain dreadful injuries fighting over these ladies. Why can't people just be responsible and get their cats neutered! Sunshine and warm weather also brings fleas, and lots of them and maggots in infected wounds, just some of our Spring time delights we face.

So many of the animals coming into our care now, are in a sorry state and needing extensive veterinary work.

Sadly, recently some have reached us much too late and just could not be saved. Two Elderly dogs arrived in a pitiful way, actually the worst neglect I have seen in owned dogs, and due to very serious health issues, we had no option but to have them put to sleep. This is happening with cats too, again owned. It really is a very sad state of affairs, no wonder rescues are struggling. We are struggling to meet the needs of these poor animals and have so many on our never-ending waiting list just waiting for a chance to be rescued.

Apologies for the graphic pictures below. They show one of the elderly dogs we were unable to save who was in a terrible state & an un-neutered tom, that was once owned & chipped, but not neutered. His injuries were even worse that the picture shows, he must have been in unbearable pain. He had been "missing" for some time and his "owners" were not interested when we made contact, & sadly we were unable to save him either.



After all that doom and gloom time for some better news. We recently received £500 from **Dogs in Need** who included us in their payout from their fundraising efforts last year. Also, a lovely £4,000 from **Ceramic Tiles** in Ipswich who gave us a share of their profits as they celebrate their 60th year of trading. Thank you so much.

We need to crack on with some fundraising if we are ever going to get the kennels completely up to standard, and are so glad that some kind supporters have taken some of that burden off us. We are constantly trying to juggle animal care, vet trips, home checks, cat trapping which can be very time consuming, there are never enough hours in the day. I now need to spend 3 days a week in the office just doing admin and that is a struggle in itself. So much paperwork has to be done, phones constantly ringing emails to respond to, accounts, vat returns it is never ending.

We do have the **SAR Mini Fun Day** arranged at the Wickham Market Football Field on May 30th, 10am – 3pm, including a Dog Show from 10am – 1pm, all-comers welcome, and hope that you can all come along. Proceeds of **The Grove Court Dog Show**, on Saturday May 16th are being donated to SAR, so please do go along & support if you can. And, Rachel Rose Events are hosting a **Live Music Charity Night** on Saturday May 16th, at the Bramford Victory Hall, with proceeds being split between SAR & Mind.

Our shop is still thriving and your donations there are always very welcome. The team at the shop are always busy beavering away, making sure that we have a regular, much appreciated income. Please do pop in for a look around, there are often some great bargains to be had. If you would like to help out in the shop & have a morning or afternoon a week free each week, do get in touch, Lucy is always looking for more help.

As all our costs continue to rise, our bank balance is ducking and diving a bit at the moment so we seriously need to raise some additional funds. We are extremely grateful to all of our amazing supporters, without you we would be in a precarious position. It is essential that we can give our guests the very best of everything they need. We are determined not to become another of the rescues closing their doors by being totally overwhelmed by the current immense pressure coming at us from all angles, and it is only with your ongoing support that the SAR team can continue to go above & beyond to help the cats & dogs that need us in our seemingly ever-expanding area.



Gift Aid is such an easy way to increase the value of your donations. Cindy is currently sorting our outstanding Gift Aid claims, so if you are a donor and a tax payer please let us know if you are happy for us to claim gift aid on your donations, this costs you nothing but is a good boost to our income. If you are not sure that you have done this, please just drop us a quick email with your full name/address confirming you are eligible for gift aid, or

complete and return the form below to us. This allows us to claim back 25p for every pound you donate from the government, which is a big win for all of us.

I can-not thank the amazing team at SAR enough for everything they do to for the animals. Despite all the challenges they face daily, they will often drop everything when asked, to go out to find, trap, collect, help an animal in need, driving around at all hours to get things done as they understand that animal welfare is not just a 9-to-5 vocation. Hopefully the longer, dryer days ahead, will make things feel just a little easier for them over the next few months.

As always, thank you for all your support, we know we couldn't do any of this without you. I hope to see some of you at our events over the coming months.

Take care

Jayne

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