

Waggy Tails Rescue

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New Waggy Tails Shop in Charminster

Waggy Tails is starting a new venture to raise more money for rescuing and caring for our dogs. 'What's new?' you may ask.... Not only are we excited to increase our capacity to earn more income in a new area but for the first time we will also be using our premises to support another charity. Waggy Tails Rescue has links with Linwood School in Bournemouth, a Special Needs Local Authority school that delivers education to children with special or additional learning needs from 4 – 19 years of age. One of the Trustees at Waggy Tails is also an Assistant Headteacher at the school, she works with the older students helping them prepare for an independent life and a future career. Linwood School will be using the shop to help train their students in the world of retail with the aim of giving them increased future job prospects.

Students of Linwood will also have an area to retail any enterprise goods they make so they start to understand the process of enterprise and the cycle of making and selling

goods. The school's charity is making a contribution to the rent of the shop and the students will use an area upstairs as a quiet area to look at and practice their key skills.

The shop is based on Charminster Road, just by the junction with Alma Road and will be selling clothing, bric-a-brac, books and some furniture. There are no other charity shops or clothing shops on this parade of shops so we are hopeful that we are filling a niche in the local community and providing a service that will generate repeat custom and some new



supporters of Waggy Tails Rescue. We are always looking for volunteers in all of our shops so if you are interested in giving a couple hours of your time on a regular basis to work in the new shop or one of our others then please contact Helen's House for them to send you the volunteers' pack, pop into one of our

shops and pick one up or download one from our website.



Waggy Tails Annual Dog Show 18th June from 12 pm



Judge Tom Mowlem of Vets4Pets
Prizes sponsored by Fish4Dogs



West Parley Memorial Hall, Christchurch Road BH22 8SQ

SUPPORTERS & FUND RAISERS — HOW YOU CAN HELP



Getting rid of a car? You can now donate the proceeds to Waggy Tails? This organisation aims to make it as easy as possible for you, they will collect the car, value it and arrange for it to be sold at auction or scrapped, ensuring as much as possible is recycled. You then have the option of donating all or part of the proceeds to charity. www.gifmycar.org or use the link on our website.

Shop Online with easyfundraising

We have signed up to easyfundraising so whenever you are shopping online you can help us and you don't pay anything extra. Before you shop just go to the website easyfundraising.org.uk, pick from any of almost 3,000 retailers and shop as usual. Or go via the button on our website.

Fundraising & Volunteering

We can't thank everybody who contributes in person but we do appreciate every donation and offer of help we get.

Special thanks to Eileen Wright who organised an American Supper and Bridge evening and raised £583, and to Wendy Gardener who organised a quiz at the Arts University, Bournemouth and raised £945.

Sell for us on eBay We are now listed as a charity on eBay, so if you are selling anything on there yourself, all or part of the proceeds can be donated to Waggy Tails.



Between The Sticks



kindly donated two sacks of footballs to us for use by the dogs at Helen's House. The dogs love to run around in their exercise field with a ball and footballs are particularly good as they cannot be chewed because of their size. We are very grateful for this new partnership.

The Mayor of Poole has chosen Waggy Tails Rescue along with Lewis Manning Hospice and The Chestnut Nursery as her charities of the year for the period May 2016 to May 2017. Incoming Mayor, Xena Dion, is a huge dog lover and has already attended our fundraising team meetings to discuss a packed events calendar during her year as Mayor. Full details of upcoming events to follow on our website, Facebook page and on Twitter.

Street & Store Collectors

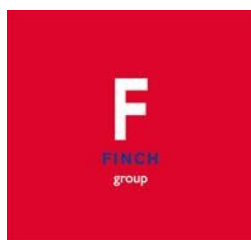
If you have had a dog from us you will realise how important our work is. Have you thought about collecting? It only takes a couple of hours occasionally, so please consider helping us out, even just once or twice a year.



Do you have odd shares 'hanging around', left over from the days when they were handed out like sweets?

If so, and you don't need them, you might find ShareGift is just the job. They accept small numbers, sell them and donate the money to a wide range of UK charities. 120 shares from a volunteer raised £350, she asked that Waggy Tails could be a beneficiary. We have already received £1,000. We don't know how much more will be received, or when, but they say: *Our grants are based on the value of the shares donated to us and the number of suggestions we receive for any particular charity*, so the more people who can help, the better! www.sharegift.org

Finch Group



We are very excited to have been chosen as 'charity of the year' by the Finch Group who are a leading insurance broker with offices in Reading, Basingstoke, Southampton and the Isle of Wight and with clients across the South of England. We look forward to working with everyone at Finch throughout the year and wish them continued success and growth.

JustGiving

Are you taking part in an event and being sponsored? You can use this website to fundraise for us now. www.justgiving.com/waggytails-rescue or use the Just Giving button on our website.

BPE Signs Ltd



kindly produced four pop-up banners at no cost to assist us being 'visible' at events and collections. We would like to thank Andrew Ballington-James and his team for their support which will be extremely beneficial as we move forward with our fundraising and awareness activities.

The Dolphin Centre

in Poole have chosen us as one of their charities of the year for 2016-2017. We will benefit from permanent food bins located in the centre and in Wilkinson's. We also have the option to hold as many events as we like in the centre to raise money and awareness of Waggy Tails Rescue. To enable us to hold more events we require more volunteers to attend such events. If you are interested, please contact Paul Chapman, email fundraising@waggytails.org.uk.

Waggy Tails Charity Shops

We are always in need of good quality clothes, household goods, furniture, dog accessories and more to sell in our shops, and you may find some interesting bargains to buy when you visit them. We urgently need volunteers (from 16 years) for all our shops.

BOSS by his foster mum Pat

Nearly four years ago I was asked by Shelagh, please could I look after a dear old dog they had at Helen's House who came from the Pound. He was a large Mastiff with a growth and only had three months to live. She persuaded me to take him by saying that he was so lovely and only wanted to sit in the sun in a garden. It wouldn't be fair for him to die in kennels, she said.

I had met Boss before at the Open Day and remembered that he was a gentle old man!!

So, along comes Boss – all 59 kgs of him. Yes, he liked the sun in the garden but he didn't much go on the big basket I had for him. I spoke with Shelagh and she said they had a very nice two seater settee at the House and would he like that. Would he indeed. It was a pink Parker Knoll and by far the most comfy seat in our house. He took to it straight away and that was his place.

During the first week we had him, on a walk I lost him! Now, this is a terrible thing for a foster carer to have to admit to!! I went frantic – no sign of him anywhere.

Then I got a phone call from Shelagh to say 'your dog is at no xxx, xxxxx Drive.' I flew round there and sure enough, encamped in their lounge was this huge dog.



Apparently he had gone down a road and coming to this house, looked in through their front glass door. They let him in and he went into their lounge and sat down. They had fallen in love with him and didn't want him to leave! That was the sort of gentleman he was

He had a liking for men's shoes, chewing up a pair of John's new ones! He would take things in reach of his bed and happily chew them up – purses, books and once a whole leg of lamb!

Time went on – the growth not showing any signs of getting bigger or becoming difficult.

He was the gentle giant who never, ever gave any trouble, (apart from his early appetite of chewing) loved everyone, a local celebrity and got on with whatever dog came into the house.

He loved attention and responded with a huge lick and a thumping of the tail.

Eventually time caught up with him – not because of the growth but just old age.

The lovely two seater settee had to go as he couldn't get up from it and instead he had two covered, comfy cot mattresses in the lounge and one in the sun lounge. Right up to the end he was a darling boy and we shall never, ever forget him and remember all the love he gave to us. John, Pat and Boss.

Microchipping As I'm sure you are aware, microchipping your dog became compulsory in England on 6th April 2016. Please make sure you always keep the details held on the microchip database up to date; if you don't then the microchip is useless. It is also compulsory for dogs to wear a collar and tag with their owner's name, address and telephone number on. Remember to add temporary contact details if you are going on holiday.

Not Just Dogs by Mandy McGilchrist

We have lots of rabbits and guinea pigs looking for their new forever homes, and they make great pets for adults and children. Guinea pigs are gentle little creatures and are very interesting to watch as they popcorn around and always get so excited when they know it's food time. All our rabbits are vaccinated and some are neutered. We also have a chinchilla looking for a home.

All these small animals mean we go through a lot of vegetables, hay and pellets, so we are always grateful for donations of these items. They can be dropped off at our rescue centre in Helen's House in Magna Road, Canford Magna.

If you are thinking about offering a home to one of our small animals please get in touch with our office or look on our Facebook pages:

Rescue a waggy tails rabbit dorset

Mandy's Rescue a waggy tails guinea pig dorset

Dog Friendly Pubs We are so lucky to have the New Forest on our doorstep with many good pubs where dogs are welcome. A useful website is www.doggiepubs.org.uk which lists over 5,000 pubs throughout the UK where you can be sure your furry companions will be able to accompany you. You can also get a DoggiePubs App for your phone or tablet for when you are travelling with your dog.

Fostering the small Furrries by Neil Davidson



Apart from dogs Waggy Tails also re-homes small animals. The department runs on very similar lines to the dog operation. All the small animals in our care are fostered whilst looking for new homes and, again as with the dogs, we are always desperately in need

of people willing to foster.

I decided to become a small animal foster parent after realising there was a need and having some experience helping my daughter look after guinea pigs and rats, which I could use to advantage.

I have been fostering now for about three years looking after rabbits, guinea pigs, rats and chinchillas and a very rewarding experience it is too! I have come to realise that the small animals, like dogs, each have their own personalities and foibles. Each one brings its own charms and trials.

For instance over the years I have had a rat chew through the plastic base of its cage overnight so in the morning I was confronted by her sitting on top of the cage looking at me! Or the time recently that a rabbit I was fostering demonstrated his jumping ability whilst exploring my lounge by jumping up the chimney. Luckily it had not been used for years and was quite clean. Needless to say I made sure the chimney was blocked off the next time I let him out!

I have also looked after a very young rat that had been orphaned, having to feed her milk by syringe until she was old enough to feed herself. My nephew eventually adopted her which means I have seen her grow in to a strong happy adult.

At the moment I am looking after a chinchilla and am expecting a new arrival in the form of one or two house rabbits in the next few days. That's the way it is with volunteering for Waggy Tails never a dull moment!

Clyde

Sometimes it takes a long time to find the right home for a dog, but we never give up. You may remember Clyde, a Springer Spaniel who arrived in 2012 and became one of our longest staying residents. We are very pleased to be able to say that Clyde has now found a new home and this is what they have to say about him: 'Clyde settled in very quickly last November. He enjoys long walks and is quite well behaved on a lead now although he still thinks he is king of the neighbourhood. He is cheeky and a lot of fun, definitely a loved member of our family, we wouldn't be without him.'



Sponsor a dog

If you love dogs but can't have one of your own then why not sponsor one of our lifelong residents? Occasionally, for health reasons, a difficult history or just old age, a dog that comes into our care is not able to be re-homed and will be cared for in a permanent foster home. This costs the charity a great deal in medical care, and the only funding we receive is from our supporters.

You could sponsor one of these dogs for as little as £5 a month. When you choose your dog, you'll get your very own best friend. You'll also receive a personal sponsorship certificate with a picture of your dog and its history. Your new pal will send you news updates twice a year and Christmas and Valentine cards. Plus, when you join you will receive a free gift package including pen, key ring and car



sticker.


We currently have 6 dogs available for sponsorship. If you would like to sponsor one of these dogs please contact the office or download a form from our website www.waggytails.org.uk.

LLOYD IS LOOKING FOR A SPECIAL HOME



Lloyd is a 4 year old Staffie who has suffered from anxiety but has greatly improved in his time with us. Lloyd is very affectionate with people, loves to chill out at home and will take any amount of fuss! He is playful, very receptive to training and good at solving doggy puzzles! He would benefit from an experienced home.

how long does it take for a car to get hot?



vehicle temperature		
outside F°	inside F°	
	10 mins	30 mins
70°	89°	104°
75°	94°	109°
80°	99°	114°
85°	104°	119°
90°	109°	124°
95°	114°	129°

Even in the shade, the temperature in the car can still soar quickly to **dangerous levels**.

Leaving the windows open has **little effect** on how hot it is inside the car.

source: pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/116/1/e109.full Petplan GoPetplan.com

A "FIRST" for Waggy Tails – Gala Concert

If you have not already done so, PLEASE make a note of Saturday Evening, 15 October 2016 in your diary.

We are most grateful to the Dorset Police Male Voice Choir, who have offered to entertain us, so that we can have a significant fund raising event. Our principal guest will be the Mayor of Poole (2016/17), who, as you will have read elsewhere, has very generously made Waggy Tails Rescue one of her Charities for her year.

We have the spacious venue of QE Academy, Wimborne and we are most grateful for their generous assistance and terms.

We have 400 tickets to sell, so please help us to make this evening a resounding success by tempting your family, friends and all along for what will really be a most enjoyable evening.

Tickets are priced at just £10.00 each, which will include a "welcome" drink! We will, of course, also give you the opportunity to win a prize or two!

PLEASE, please help us to put Waggy Tails Rescue to the fore and show our appreciation to the Choir, the Academy and all the other folk who are playing their part to help us in our life saving work.

Tickets can be obtained from the office at Helen's House, or any of our shops, or from Trustee Arthur Poulton (01202 874814 or admin@waggytails.org.uk).

Please "strike while the iron is hot" – there is a flyer with this Newsletter which you can send in with your cheque.

Thank you so much – your support really counts!

LEGACIES

We would like to acknowledge the generosity of these people who have remembered us in their wills:

Mrs Muriel Woodard
Ms Eileen Ellery
Ms Peggy Gunson
Mr & Mrs Bassett

Mr Toby Miller
Mrs Beryl Parker
Mr Frank Vatcher

IN MEMORIAM

We are most grateful for donations received in remembrance of loved ones:

Mrs Marjorie Endacott
Mr Robert Legge
Ms Hilda Mabbley

Mrs Frances Parfett
Mr Brian Stanley