

# Waggy Tails Rescue

## Spring/Summer Newsletter 2020



Reg Charity No. 1114957

### Letter from the Chairman:

We will not be sending out our normal newsletter this spring but wanted you to know what is happening to Waggy Tails. The current Covid-19 crisis has had a big impact on the work of the charity and our ability to continue our rehoming of the dogs in our care.

Life at the Sanctuary has changed so much over the past six weeks. We are still continuing with a skeleton staff and fewer dogs. Some of our four legged friends have been placed into foster homes so that we have space at Helen's House for emergencies. They are enjoying their new home life but are still up for adoption. We are not able to process any new applications currently but still welcome enquiries.

We have had to say goodbye to our wonderful team of volunteers for the time being to maintain social distancing and to try and protect the staff as much as possible, but will welcome them back with open arms when we are able. They have been contacting us for updates and we look forward to hearing from them.

All our events have been cancelled for the foreseeable future and both our shops are closed so we have lost our income stream. We have applied for grants but as we have a property fund, we do not qualify for most, so will be eating into that pot which has taken us nine years to build up, in order to survive. We have received a number of donations but every penny helps. If you would like to make a donation through CAF, use the donate button on the website or our bank details are below, or by cheque; payable to Waggy Tails Rescue Ltd.

A plea for foster homes generated lots of enquiries and we now have a list of willing homes available to take a dog should the need arise. We have no idea how long this will go on for and what the demand for help will be, but we wanted to be prepared. We are now getting more requests for rehoming as the lockdown continues and people find it more difficult to cope.

People have been generously donating food and treats for the dogs and we have started to pass some of the food, on to two local food banks so that it can be delivered directly to vulnerable people.

Thank you all for your support.

Take care and stay safe.

Virginia Roberts  
Chairman

### Donations:

You can transfer direct to us if you have online banking or you can send us a cheque made payable to Waggy Tails Rescue Ltd

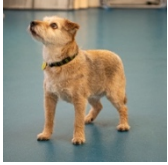
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Dolly says "Thanks for all the snacks this will buy!"

**These are some snippets from  
"The Maizie Diaries"**



My name is Maizie; I am a small dog with a big heart. I am apparently a Border Terrier. I cannot tell you much about my earlier life as I am now about 13 years old and sometimes my memory is vague. I am a senior dog and therefore wise and I have learnt coping mechanisms to manage to live with bigger dogs and other creatures called "humans".

**Saturday January 4th** was a special day. On the first Saturday of each Month "Waggy Tails" has a coffee morning at Parley Cross Community Hall and dogs like me are introduced to people who are interested in adopting a rescue dog. People were sitting in rows of chairs and I and my friends were taken in turn to walk in front of them. I walked steadily on my lead beside Pete and wondered what was going to happen next. People were looking at me – what were they thinking? I hoped someone kind would like me enough to adopt me.

**Sunday 12th January** A few days later, I heard that I was going to visit a new home. Pat and Keith arrived and drove me to their house. We finally stopped and I was carried up some steps to a very different house, it smelt different had lots of space and a warm fire was burning – heaven! There was a big furry blanket in front of the fire just for me.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January** This was an exciting day! I could sense something new was happening, I wagged my tail and was put into my car harness and sat in the back with Pat, my friends at Waggy Tails waved me goodbye and then I was off.

The journey was interesting and eventually we arrived back at Pat and Keith's house, as we walked into the porch I was greeted by a big tabby cat staring at me – I cannot remember if I like cats?

**March** I like the woods; the harbour and I have discovered the beach where I enjoy paddling in the water. I often meet Pat's friends and they say I am adorable! I like to greet other dogs but they do not always want to say hello to me, I wag my tail at them anyway. I have rediscovered the fun of running and jumping; I give my paw and can stand upright on my back legs.

**April** Over the last few weeks I have noticed there are less people and dogs about and I do not go for quite so many rides in the car. We do not have any visitors to the house and the only people I see are the post man and the Sainsbury's delivery man who brings my food. I'm still happy in my forever home though!

**Bailey's Story:**

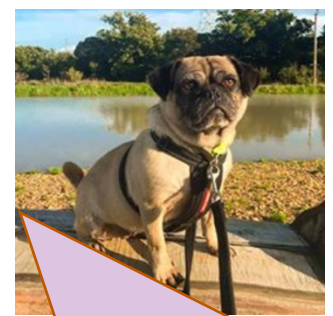
Hi my name is Rosie and I am going to tell you what it like owning a rescue dog from Waggy Tails. You might expect everything to go smoothly at the start but there will always be a few bumps on the road.

First we had to go to an induction meeting where the volunteers told us what it's like owning a rescue dog and how to look after them. After the meeting we met the dogs and there was one that stood out to us, he was called Bailey. I knew he was the one for us when he licked my nose.

After we first met him I felt happy and excited all day. We had a few more meetings after that and then we brought Bailey home for a visit. He's like a comedy dog because the first thing he did was run into a patio door! We had lots of fun that day, and I felt disappointed when he had to go home in the afternoon.

After his visit we decided that he was the dog for us and the next day we brought him home for good. Mum & dad surprised me & my sister Lily by bringing him to pick us up from school, it was the best surprise ever and I had happy tears!

We have now had Bailey for 4 weeks and he has been the joy of my life. He is cheeky, sometimes a little bit naughty but he gives us so much love and we love him and he is the best dog we could have hoped for. **Thank you Waggy Tails!**



**Hi. We are Ross & Dolly and are the longest term residents at Waggy Tails. Please help us find our forever home like Maizie & Bailey.**