



AS News



OUR NAME SAYS IT ALL

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Visit our secure site: www.animalsamaritans.org.uk

where you can now donate online in total confidence and safety

Object of Animal Samaritans

'To rescue and provide care and shelter for unwanted, abandoned, neglected or ill-treated animals and to provide new homes for such animals wherever possible.

'To assist owners of pets to meet veterinary fees where owners are unable to meet such fees'.

ANIMAL SAMARITANS CALENDAR for 2004 – in Full Colour !

For the first time, AS is producing its own calendar and instead of buying one which is already printed, we have used photographs submitted by our readers. IT WILL BE THE SAME SIZE AS THIS PAGE.

The calendar will be available in late November at a cost of £6.99 including postage and packing.

Please make your cheques payable to "Animal Samaritans".

DON'T BE DISAPPOINTED – ORDER NOW!

Raffle tickets

It's now time to buy your tickets for our Christmas raffle.

You will find two books of raffle tickets with this Newsletter to sell.

If you need extra books of tickets, please contact Chris Bishop.

Please send stubbs back together with payment.

Can you let us have back any tickets you don't want?

Closing Date: 12 DECEMBER

Animal Samaritans

Our Trustees are:

Christine Bishop - Chairman

Sue McLaughlin - Secretary

Jill Hurst - Treasurer

Valerie Croxford – Chairman NW Kent

Sarah Goss

Our Animal Co-ordinators are:

Dogs – Vivienne Simpson

Cats – Sarah Goss

Rabbits/Guinea Pigs – Christine Bishop

Birds & Wildlife – Elizabeth Seng



Photo competition

Congratulations to **Helen Frampton** who has won our first photo competition. A digital camera is on its way to her.

→ Here is her winning photo - *Three kittens in a basket.*

We received pics from many people – Thank you all! – and we specially mention Laura Bishop, Brian & Maureen Hagan, Melanie Kent, Hazel Knowles, Austen Kopley, Alexander Mallace, Chris Nicholson, Vivienne Simpson and Paul Bullen.

Well done to everyone who took the trouble to send in their photos! You may see them in our 2004 Calendar.

Donations & Legacies help us to help animals in need

Once again, *Animal Samaritans* gratefully acknowledges the legacy and all the donations received in the last three months. Our work depends so much on your generosity and we thank everyone on behalf of the animals we are able to assist with your support.

In our next Newsletter we will list all the cats, dogs, rabbits and other animals we have re-homed in 2003.

Thanks to you!

This year we are emphasising general animal welfare. If you look at the back page, you will find offers of free services that will benefit our pets.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Hi! Welcome to the Children's Corner. Auntie Sharon here again!

This Newsletter, my message is sad and then happy. It's about a lovely pet who was brought in to us and looked like this, after being clipped:



You wouldn't think it but *Molly* is a "Dulux Dog" – an Old English Sheepdog – and she was very nervous.

She had been neglected and was badly matted, in need of more than one bath to clean her up but, after being well-fed and told many times by her new owners how much she was loved, she looked like this:



Quite an improvement, isn't it? And see how happy she is now!

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Don't forget - If you have a computer, e-mail me your letters or whatever you like to:

BUNSHAZ@AOL.COM

I look forward to hearing from you and I hope to have your stories printed in the next Newsletter.

In Memoriam

For CHESTER

– a lovely gentle giant
now united with Tara

REMEMBERED ALWAYS

Debbie

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My darling GIZMO

MOST MISSED PET

Hazel

As a rule, we don't usually advertise in this Newsletter but we want to let everyone know about the wonderful, caring vet we use.

Not only does he give all our animals star treatment but he never grumbles about the trouble they can bring to his busy surgery.

He is: **Mr P S Parker BSc.BVET MED, MiBiol. CBiol, MRCVS, LFHom**

and his practice is at: **Sidcup Veterinary Centre, 17 Station Road, Sidcup, Kent DA15 7EN, Telephone: 020 8 300 1581**

If you need kindness and sympathy with knowledge and first-class skill, this is where to get it all.

Christmas Cards

£2.00 for a pack of 8.

Please send cheques or postal orders made out to Animal Samaritans with a note of how many sets you would like, to:

AS Christmas Card Offer, PO Box 154,
Bexleyheath DA16 2WS.

Hurry! Stocks are limited.

Animaline is a registered charity, created in 1993 by writer **Carla Lane**. She is best known for television series which include: *The Liver Birds*, *Butterflies* and *Bread*. Carla now works full time to run the sanctuary which is set in 38 acres of her land in West Sussex. The sanctuary includes four lakes and an area of woodland.

Almost every kind of bird and mammal native to our shores (and some not native) has passed through **Animaline's** sanctuary. Creatures from dormice to Shire horses are assured of tender loving care. Those which can be, are returned to the wild after receiving treatment or surgery on site. Those which through disability are unable to fend for themselves remain at **Animaline**.

We are delighted that Carla has agreed to share some of the stories of the sanctuary and its inhabitants in a regular feature of this Newsletter: **Down Carla's Lane**.

After 16 years of struggle to keep her animal welfare and rescue centre going, Carla Lane has launched an Appeal to raise £500,00 to guarantee the survival of the sanctuary for the next two years to avoid having to close the centre.

The Trustees have pledged a donation to the charity for the next two year's which is to go towards the vets' bills incurred by the centre for its many guests which include: herons and birds of prey through to rabbits, goats, sheep, donkeys, elderly horses - even abandoned cattle. Over the years, **Animaline** has rescued, healed and either released back to the wild, or provided a home for life for thousands of birds and animals.

Animaline has its own state of the art veterinary surgery, and 'housing' for every type of animal - all with appropriate heating and shelter.

Down Carla's Lane

Hello, to all readers of the Animal Samaritan's Newsletter. Here is some news from the **Animaline** Animal Sanctuary in Haywards Heath, West Sussex.

Donkeys and Horses

Everybody loves donkeys, and ours are particularly sweet-natured. Both they and the horses have suffered severely because of the constant rain last winter. We had to rent a barn for Octavia (our Shire) and Rupert (the horse who had his eye removed because of cancer). After 4 weeks they were fretting to come home, but our horse-whispering assistant Sarah has turned them into calm and accepting creatures and they have spent a very happy summer in the sanctuary's fields.

Corky the Crow

Dear, kind and intelligent, good-humoured Corky has a magic personality. Ever since he was set free after treatment he has made the sanctuary his port of call every night. He has made friends with another 'barking' crow. His friend, called Leo, also barks like the sanctuary dogs. Our only fear is that when they travel beyond the sanctuary, during the day, and Leo sits in the tree barking, a gamekeeper might come along and mistake him for a real dog.

Sheep

Sadly, earlier this year we lost old Dolly, the pride of **Animaline**. She came to us from a market and was hardly able to stand. Very soon we had her prancing around and each morning she would come to the feed room demanding, very loudly, her bunch of grapes. After 3 years of this good life she developed arthritis and sadly the very said she was in permanent pain. We had to put her to sleep. What a weepy day that was in the sanctuary. In her place, apart from those out grazing, we have old Ted who is too fat for the sake of his heart and Bleu a young sheep reared indoors, brought to us by someone who loved her dearly but who, herself, had not long to live.

Well, I hope you enjoyed finding out what has been going on at Broadhurst Manor and I look forward to passing on more news in the next Newsletter.

Luv, Carla

Carla Lane has released a book of poetry: ***Dreams and other aggravations***.

Price: £6.50 including postage and packaging. All proceeds will go to **Animaline**. If you would like to purchase a copy, please send the order form and cheques, made out to **Animaline** to:

Animaline Book, The Lodge, Broadhurst Manor, Horsted Keynes, Nr Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH17 7BG.

Dreams and other aggravations

NAME

ADDRESS :

Please send me Copies. I am a member of Animal Samaritans. My cheque for £-----is enclosed.

Pet Insurance Policy

Ask for details of our Pet Insurance Policy which is very competitive for cats and dogs under 8 years of age.

A good investment as Vet bills are rising month by month.

PET BEREAVEMENT

We all encounter tragedy and personal loss at one time or another in our lives. When we are overcome, confused or defeated about ourselves or someone else, we can always contact The Samaritans who will help us through those dark days.

If you are saddened and dejected at losing a beloved pet, you will find a sympathetic ear, understanding and support at our pet bereavement service.

Just call Chris Bishop at ☎ 020 8303 1859

Neutering Offer

Neutering isn't cruel; it is for the animals' benefit. We need to control their numbers which are much too high. Those of you who have un-neutered pets will know how much of a problem they can be when on heat or have unplanned litters.

If you have a cat, dog or rabbit which you think should be neutered but are worried about the cost, we are offering ONE HUNDRED MEMBERS **FREE NEUTERING**.

This offer is limited to one per household. If you wish to apply, please write to us at our PO Box number or telephone us – details below.

Microchipping Offer

Our pets can sometimes stray or, worse still, they can be stolen.

Why not have your pet microchipped?

We offer a discount service: ring Sarah at

☎ 020 8304 1933

And, to benefit our animals, we are OFFERING **FREE MICROCHIPPING** on a one per household basis to the FIRST 100 MEMBERS who apply.



Our Website

www.animalsamaritans.org.uk

is regularly updated

Write to

info@animalsamaritans.org.uk

and send us an e-mail with your opinions; we hope eventually to link as many of our Members as possible through the website

How to contact us



Post

Animal Samaritans
PO Box 154
Bexleyheath
DA16 2WS

for all communications



Telephone

Our dedicated telephone also has an answerphone:

020 8303 1859

MEMBERS – Please Note !

We have completed verifying our membership records but:

1. Please check the details (name and address) we note on your subscription renewal letter.
2. Please check the new Membership Cards enclosed for all recently renewed members.

Application Form for NEW Members

SURNAME: First Name: Miss/Mrs/Ms/Mr

Address:

..... Postcode:

E-mail address:

Adult £8.00 annual subscription Young person (under 18) £5.00 annual subscription

Senior Citizen/Unemployed £5.00 annual subscription

I enclose: Subscription £ Donation £ TOTAL £

Cheque/Postal Order made payable to "ANIMAL SAMARITANS".

Please return to: **Animal Samaritans, PO Box 154, Bexleyheath DA16 2WS**

Please allow 28 days for us to register your new membership - Thank you!