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Dillon's Story continued

(by Edith Deveraux)

Well, since my article in the Autumn Newsletter, my rescuer and her husband (Mrs & Mr) have decided that I should stay with them for good – hoorah! – though I still have a medical problem.

Six weeks ago I had the big operation I told you about but I was upset when I got to the Vet because – after a kiss and a cuddle – I thought I was being left behind again. I'm glad to report that I need not have worried!

When we arrived at the Vets they put me in a cage. There was a very nice bitch next door and I started to chat her up. The next I knew a lady with a sharp needle came in and ... I woke up in the cage, feeling very sore. I heard the nurse say that I'd had three operations in one go – umbilical hernia, castration and some baby teeth out. The Vet told Mrs that my knee-cap needs to be left for a few more months until I build up some more muscle and get more strength in my leg. Occasionally it pops out of joint but it usually pops back in by itself and it isn't too bad.

I thought you might like to know what my life is like now. Mr wakes up first in the morning and all I want to do is play. He says "let me wake up first" and gives me a nice tripe stick to keep me quiet until he's had his coffee; I wish he would hurry up! Then Mrs gets up and I have a swing on the end of her dressing gown – good fun!

Then we go downstairs and (at last!) Mr plays tug-of-war with me. Mrs takes me out to the park for an hour where I love to play with the other dogs there until we go home and I sleep for an hour. Then I'm ready to play again!

I want to thank all my friends who gave a donation towards my operation. I think it was money well spent and I feel a lot better. Of course, I still have to have my knee operated on sometime next year but, if you'll pardon the pun, I think I've landed on my paws here.

Love & licks to everyone!

DILLON

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Vera Lane, one of our Founders, died on 4 December. We propose to have a tree planted in memory of her dedication to animal welfare.

ME AND MY PAL

We are here all alone with no-one to care.
Our owner has gone; there's her empty chair.
We have barked and meowed for more than a day,
I wish someone would hear and come by this way.

Someone has heard us, he's at the door
(We're sorry about the mess on the floor)
He's gone to the kitchen and got out a dish,
We can smell the food, is it meat or fish?

When we'd finished, he looked down at us,
"I have found a new home, so don't make a fuss"
Into the animal boxes and out to his car,
We didn't like it, but it wasn't very far.

The house we went to was big and bright,
The children's faces showed such delight!
Two baskets were there, together on the floor,
For me and my pal forever more.

from Lynn Walden

from the Trustees

We regret to inform Members that Edith Deveraux has resigned as Trustee, Treasurer and Dog co-ordinator. We record our thanks for her efforts on behalf of *Animal Samaritans* over the years.

We are pleased to announce that Joan Seaman has been appointed Trustee.

We also announce the resignation of the Hon Secretary and Membership Secretary.



***** Please remember to feed the birds this winter!**

Christmas Cards

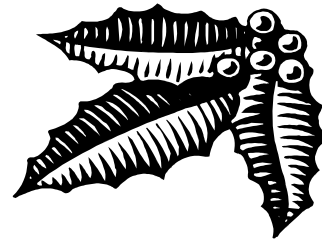
The cost is the same as last year:
£2.50 for a pack of 8.

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.

To all our Members



Merry Christmas &
A Prosperous New Year

*** IMPORTANT NOTICE ***

A.S. is very concerned that people should squash all cans before 'binning' them as stray animals get their faces stuck in them and die horribly. Also, remember to cut up the linked plastic that holds a 6-pack together before disposal.

And here is 'Jack', Gwendoline's latest rescue.
He received 3rd prize at a Rescue Dog Show!



She had a phone call from a local Post Office one Saturday a few months ago – telling her about a dog that had run across a Motorway!

Just look at him now!

Here is the winning poem entry!

by
Gwendoline Lamb,
October 2002.

Animals, be they large or small
New pets, old pets, welcome all!
In pain, in the rain; we won't shirk!
Much love to give; that's our work –
A cuddle, a blanket, a hug well meant
Leads always to an animal being content!
Saved from man's inhumanity to man
A loving home we give, whenever we can!
Man's inhumanity, through ignorance and fear,
All lead to cruelty, neglect ... but NOT here!
Right on the ball, at the end of a 'phone,
In or out, with mobile, we'll never moan!
To rush and help, with loving care
Animal Samaritans' motto: "We'll be there!"
Note the name! Play the caring game!
Save the innocent, with lovely people
... who all feel the same!!!

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.

In Memoriam

Dearly loved and sadly missed we knew 'ROSCO' for such a short time. He was ill when we were permanently fostering him but he was always such a happy chap after his operations.

Charlotte, Marie Louise and Emily Grudginton and Edith

'TILLY PUDDEFOOTS' – A much missed member of the Puddefoots family of Maidstone.

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PET BEREAVEMENT SCHEME : We need a bereavement counsellor. Please contact Chris ☎ 020 8303 1859

(If you need someone to talk to after the death of a beloved pet, call Chris for now)

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Dear Chris,

I want to thank you for the help you gave me over the poor cat I found in my garden.

I had been out all day with a friend, and went out in the garden to take my washing in and the cat was lying on the grass, it must be a stray. It was in a dreadful state and had fly strike.

I gave it a drink and bathed it with warm water and realised it needed a vet urgently but, after phoning the usual places and it also being a Saturday, got no help at all. Then I remembered you and phoned.

As it happens I had also phoned a few vets but they wanted at least £80 just to take the poor cat as an emergency before any treatment. So you were a godsend when you arranged for the cat to go to Foxgrove Vets as they are just up the road to me and, being an OAP, I did not have that amount of money.

Anyway thanks again Chris and please find enclosed as promised with admiration.

Maureen Drake

Dear Mrs Deveraux

I am writing to thank yourself and the trustees for such a kind offer of help for my darling Timmy.



What a load off my mind, I really can't believe it. I cried when I read your letter, I was so overcome. I did write to the PDSA as I did support them and still save postage stamps for them. If I hear from them I shall just tell them that I am getting help already and I enclose a photograph of Timmy just to let you see what he is like. Again, many thanks.

Nan Dixon

In response to a member's enquiry

As promised I am writing to confirm our telephone conversation regarding dogs and pushchairs on buses.

To clarify some of the points you raised, there is no legislation in our updated Conditions of Carriage stating that dogs need to be carried upstairs on double decker buses. They can travel on single deck buses and should only be refused if they are deemed dangerous or likely to upset other passengers.

All operators are aware of this and should have suitably notified their staff. If you find problems with a particular route, let me know and I will investigate this with the operator.

Regarding the number of pushchairs/ buggies on the buses, all operators are aware of the problem and we are working with each of them to try and resolve this issue. The drivers are asked to exercise their discretion, as they need to make decisions taking various circumstances in to account. For safety reasons, aisles should be kept clear at all times. Drivers should therefore be asking passengers to fold up pushchairs in case they cause an obstruction. This would also mean that dogs could not stand at the front of the bus.


I understand that these issues are very frustrating and apologise for the inconvenience. I have enclosed a copy of the Conditions of Carriage for your perusal and hope that it will help to clarify various issues.

If you have any further comments, then please let me know. Customer feedback is very important and helps us create a better service for our passengers.

Lucky Parkhouse, Customer Service London Buses


We urgently need a

dog  co-ordinator
Interested members please
contact Chris Bishop direct

 020 8303 1859

Why not have your pet
microchipped?


We offer a discount service:
ring Sarah at

 020 8304 1933

HELP! HELP!

**MARATHON MAN - Dave
Jenkins will be running the
PARIS Marathon 2003 for
Animal Samaritans.**

Anyone wishing to
sponsor him please
telephone Chris

 020 8303 1859

or write to:

PO Box 154, Bexleyheath,
DA16 2WS

HELP! HELP! HELP!

Christmas Appeal - Animal Samaritans

This is the time of year when animals need our help most. Wild animals find it harder to find food, warmth and shelter. In the new year more new pets are abandoned. With YOUR help we can help them all and we especially ask for YOUR donations NOW. Please send what you can to 'Animal Samaritans', PO Box 154, Bexleyheath DA16 2WS.

AS ALWAYS - THANK YOU !

On a hot summer's day, we were asked to foster two baby rabbits by Chris. They were very young but had to leave their mum who had another litter to look after.



The female, whom we called Bluebell, was very small and sick and it was doubtful she would survive. Her brother Oliver was twice her size and very protective of her. He used to get cross and growl at us whenever we handled her.

We weighed Bluebell on the kitchen scales twice a week and recorded her new weight even if it was the smallest amount. Gradually, with lots of loving care, she went from being the weakest and smallest baby bunny to a big lovely white rabbit with huge ears. We were thrilled. She was so affectionate and loving and we loved her so much there was no way we would be separated from them.

Then just over a year later in August, she went downhill. We tried so hard to save her but it was soon obvious she was too weak to fight this illness.

On the day she died we were having visitors for the weekend, I kept going to her hutch and telling her we would have a cuddle soon. She would raise her head to look at me although she was so weak.

Eventually when I had time for a cuddle she settled in my lap and passed away about two minutes later. I know she waited for me because she loved us as much as we did her. She was one in a million.

Her brother Oliver is still very much alive and well but he now has a new wife. He is our lovable rogue.

Jill Hurst



Our Website

www.animalsamaritans.org.uk

is up and running!

Please visit us from time to time: we hope you like it!

Let us know if there is an item you would like to see there.

Perhaps a Members Page?

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

Have you thought of introducing or becoming an 'Animal Samaritan'?

Annual Subscription entitles you to: Four copies (quarterly) of 'AS News' post free (or by email), a car sticker, badge and a membership card; also animal literature when available

ONCE AGAIN WE ARE OFFERING A PRIZE TO WHOEVER BRINGS IN THE MOST MEMBERS IN JAN & FEB 2003.

The winner of the prize for introducing the most new members in November was Mrs Sarah Goss from Welling who will be getting her bottle of champagne soon. Congratulations, Sarah!

Application form for NEW members

I,, wish to become a Member of *Animal Samaritans*.

My address is:

I have the following pet(s)

I enclose a cheque/postal order made payable to ANIMAL SAMARITANS for £.....

Membership Fees: £8.00 per year – Child/OAP/Unemployed £5.00 per year – DONATION £.....

My email address is: *INTRODUCED BY:..... (MEMBER)*

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