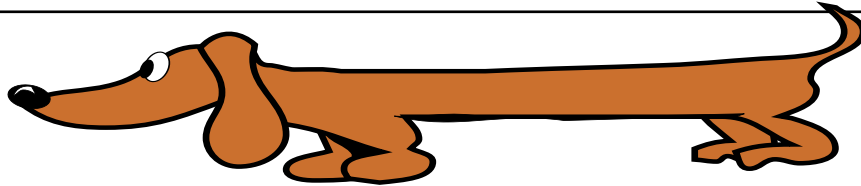


PET BEREAVEMENT

If you need to talk to someone about the loss of your pet, Angela Gatfield would be pleased to speak to you. Angela knows what a lonely experience this often is and has given over 26 years to the pet bereavement service.

Telephone: 01634 253195
or email: gordons@taransay.fslife.co.uk



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Name.....

Address.....

Postcode..... Date.....

What type of pet(s) do you have.....

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

Membership Fees: £8.00 per year - Child/Senior

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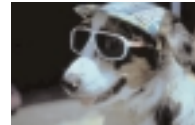
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Newsletter

NORTH WEST KENT BRANCH

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OUR NAME SAYS IT ALL

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES 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".



How to contact us

Post: Animal Samaritans, Teal, Berrylands, Hartley, Kent DA3 8AP

Telephone: 01474 703542

Visit our website: www.animalsamaritans.org.uk

Silvana Valentino-Locke helps Animal Samaritans and is passionate about the welfare of cats. She spends part of her year in Sardinia with her family, where she has a home, and is so concerned about the feline population on this beautiful island, that she has set in motion a scheme to improve the quality of life for cats and kittens roaming uncontrolled on the streets. Darwin Veterinary Centre, Biggin Hill is supplying a Vet and 2 nurses to kick-start a neutering programme. Silvana writes as follows:

S.O.S. Sardinian Cat Neutering Appeal

Case History 1 - ***Gigi, has open infected wounds, desperately in need of medical attention.***

Case History 2 - ***Mother cats shelter under rocks, trying to provide food and shelter for their kittens.***

Case History 3 - ***Mimi, having her umpteenth litter, can hardly stand and has a terrible skin condition which needs urgent attention.***

Sardinia is one of the world's most beautiful islands. Like many such idyllic spots, it is tainted by the sheer volume of unwanted and un-neutered cats left to roam the streets starving and often suffering with a multitude of feline infectious diseases, most commonly, FIV. As well as this, many cats suffer from horrific skin conditions, enteritis, leukemia and are inevitably infested with fleas, ticks and mites. **It is not their fault.** If at least the stray males were neutered, there would be no further pregnancies and therefore no kittens. All of my visits to Alghero in South-Western Sardinia, have been blighted by the sight of these poor, suffering creatures. Alghero is only the tip of the iceberg, but it's a start! We are trying to raise money to start a neutering programme in the area, to ensure that the cat population is kept under control, not only for the sake of the animals, but the residents.

If you can help in any way to stop the unnecessary suffering of these helpless animals and to curb the ever increasing cat population, please contact Silvana:

**Silvana Valentino-Locke, Romney House, Luxted Road, Downe, Kent
Phone: 01959 572 319 Fax: 020 8640 4133 Mobile: 07958 273 118**

**Donations for this appeal can be sent as follows:
Cheques should be made out to Animal Samaritans Sardinia Appeal and posted to Animal Samaritans, Teal, Berrylands, Hartley, Kent DA3 8AP**

Lost, stray or stolen pets

Please contact us for details of our micro-chipping service.



Neutering - Cats, Dogs, Rabbits

Neutering can sometimes be of benefit to animals with behavioural problems. Please seek veterinary advice. We can, however, assist with veterinary fees if you are worried about the cost.

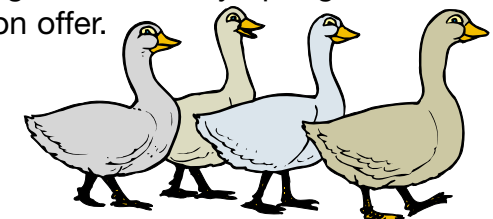
New Cat Service available

We are delighted to be able to offer accommodation facilities for looking after CATS if an emergency should occur, such as someone having to enter hospital. For details, terms and conditions, please contact: Mrs Valerie Wagland on 01474 703906.

Spring Garden Safari

New Ash Green Active Retirement Association (NAGARA)

We would like to thank all the members who helped raise £63 and donated it to us. We understand that members opened their gardens and travelled in and around New Ash Green, on safari, enjoying the delights of the early Spring sunshine and the welcome cups of tea on offer.



**Brownbread Horse Rescue and Disabled Riders
Registered Charity 1029341**

Please give Lynda Webb a call on 01474 874978 if you have second-hand tack and rugs which you could donate to this worthwhile charity. The work of this charity was our feature article in the Spring Newsletter.

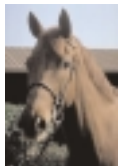


The Horse's Prayer

*Feed me, water and care for me and when the day's work is done,
Provide me with a clean shelter, a clean dry bed
And a stall wide enough for me to lie down in comfort;
Be always gentle to me, and talk to me;
Your voice often means more to me than the reins.
Pat me sometimes that I may serve you,
the more gladly and learn to love thee.*

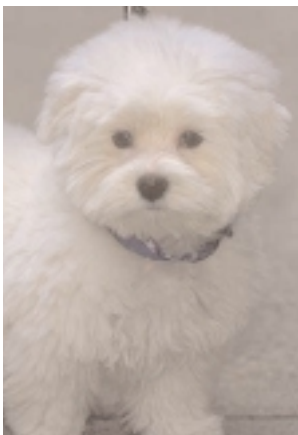
*Do not jerk the reins, and do not whip me when going up hill.
Never strike, beat, or kick me when I do not understand what you mean,
But give me a chance to understand you.
Watch me, and if I fail to do your bidding, see if something is wrong
With my harness, or my feet.
Don't draw the straps too tight.
Give me freedom to move my head.
If you insist on me wearing blinkers to keep me from looking around,
at least see to it that they do not press against my eyes.
Don't make my load too heavy,
And, don't leave me tied up in the rain.
Have me well shod,
Examine my teeth when I do not eat; I may have an ulcerated tooth
And that you know is painful enough.
Do not tie my head in an unnatural position,
Or take away my best defence against flies by cutting off my tail.
I cannot tell you when I'm thirsty,
so please give me pure cold water frequently.
Do all you can to protect me from the sun
And throw a cover over me when I am standing out in the cold.
Don't force an ice cold bit into my mouth,
but warm it first in some warm water, or in your hands.
I always try to do cheerfully the work you require of me
And day and night I stand for hours waiting for you.
And finally my master, when my useful strength is gone,
Do not turn me out to starve or freeze, or sell me to a cruel owner
to be slowly tortured and starved to death.
But do thee my master take my life in the kindest way
And your God will reward you here and hereafter.
You may not think me irreverent if I ask this
in the name of Him who was born in a stable.*

AMEN

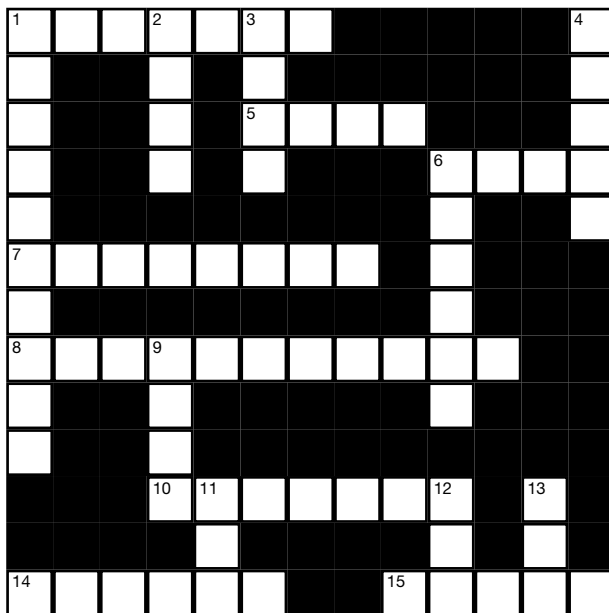


Crossword Puzzle

"Think Dog"



C L U E S



Across

- 1 What we need to teach good behaviour (7)
- 5 The smallest size of Poodle (4)
- 6 At a weekend dog show you may decide to (4)
- 7 In preparation for shows we do, or should do some (8)
- 8 What 1 down is (4. 2. 5.)
- 10 A breed often found digging (7)
- 14 A Collie is born with brains and? (6)
- 15 A dog will use his nose to? The ground (5)

Down

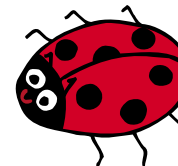
- 1 Mouth watering and good for healthy teeth (1. 4. 5.)
- 2 Without these a dog could not run (4)
- 3 We aim to spend as much? With our dogs (4)
- 4 These may sting (5)
- 6 The greatest dog show in the world (6)
- 9 After a long walk you will need to do this (4)
- 11 We have to find the right food for our dog to? (3)
- 12 To keep up with your dog what you may have to do (3)
- 13 In a public place you must not let your dog? The lead (3)

Crossword Puzzle - Solution



Across

- 1 Ability
- 5 Mini
- 6 Camp
- 7 Training
- 8 Ever so tasty
- 10 Terrier
- 14 Beauty
- 15 Sniff



Down

- 1 A bony treat
- 2 Legs
- 3 Time
- 4 Wasps
- 6 Crufts
- 9 Rest
- 11 Eat
- 12 Run
- 13 Off



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"Rabbit, never used, strongly made £30".

Also seen on television and read about in the newspapers - The dreadful trade in cat and dog fur. If you feel strongly about this issue, please do not purchase clothing with fur trimming and if you feel really strongly please make your feeling known by writing and protesting to: Baroness Symons, The Trade Minister, The DTI, 1 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0ET, and also to the EU Commissioner David Byrne, Dept. of Health and Consumer Protection, The European Commission, Rue de la Loi, B-1049, Brussels, Belgium. (This information supplied by Julie and George Smythe of Maidstone).