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Animal Aid & Advice celebrates it's 50th year in animal welfare and rescue

We thought that our members would like to know how we started out all those years ago, with people who thought they could make a difference.

Our Origins

Animal Aid and Advice began when two dog owners met by chance whilst one was 'walking the dogs' – their conversation ranged from the care of owned pets to the many and various problems affecting the stray, the neglected and the unwanted animals.

Within weeks an idea was born, a lasting friendship had developed and ANIMAL AID &

ADVICE started its life. It was launched by Jean Everett and Doris Gaerty in April 1971. Sadly, Doris has now died but we had the privilege to meet Jean and one of the original co workers Maureen Aldous at our 2017 AGM (see below).

We still uphold the original



Jean (left) and Maureen (right)

policy and aims of working to promote responsible pet ownership and to improve the health and suffering by encouraging the neutering of animals to prevent unwanted litters. To encourage fostering of rescued animals until permanent and satisfactory homes can be found.

All animals in our care are given appropriate veterinary treatment and no animal is euthanised unless deemed necessary by a veterinary surgeon.

Fifty years later we hope that we are still following in their footsteps and continuing to uphold the dreams of those who *'thought they could make a difference'*.

WE ARE BACK AFTER 10 MONTHS OF LOCKDOWN



We would like to thank everyone who helped and supported us in one of the most difficult times in most peoples history. Our charity shop in East Finchley that is the main fundraiser for the charity had to close in March 2020 and had been closed for five months. Before it was able to open, some of our volunteers decided that the shop needed a bit of cheering up and decided

to re-decorate the shop and re-organise some of the areas. Rather than spend money that was needed elsewhere they raided their cupboards and lofts and found lots of tins of paint that were left over from their own decorations. It was great fun deciding which colours could go where and they chose highlights of colour rather than whole walls, to make it appear bigger. Our little shop is now bright

and colourful, at no extra cost to the charity. It may not be to everyones taste, but most customers only come in for a bargain and couldn't care less what was on the walls or even notice. After our make over we were able to open again in August for three months, then had to close again, but hope to open from 12th April 2021. In total we have been closed for ten months.

How Taz saved the fox's life



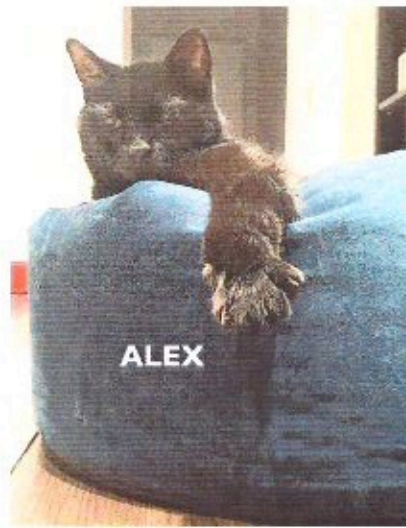
feeling better at the vet's



Driving along the other day, Taz saw an injured fox lying in the road. After stopping the traffic, she eventually wrapped him up in her coat, which he then bled out in. He then passed out when she picked him up. She then phoned the PDSA and they said they couldn't do much with wildlife.. So then she took him to her vet. They said he hadn't been run over, but had been bitten. He responded well to paracetamol and antibiotics and once they had stitched him up, Taz had saved his life!

A 14 yrs old Alex now has a new life. In his early years he was not very friendly and would not come to you or be stroked. Probably over time he mellowed but did not give anything away.

It was noticed that Alex was being very careful about getting around and on taking him to the vet he was found to be totally blind. They found out that this had been caused by high blood pressure so he is



now on tablets to keep it under control but the damage to his sight is irreversible.

He has since found a new home with Cassie & Charlie who say he has settled in so well, loves to be brushed and knows when they are on the sofa and finds his way over to them and jumps up beside them for cuddles.

They do have to keep everything in the same place though, otherwise he gets lost in the flat.

Cats rehomed



Bobo was a stray being fed by a lady in her back garden. Having collected him from the garden and taken him to the vet it was found to have the FIV virus.

If people neutered their male cats they would stay at home instead of becoming the

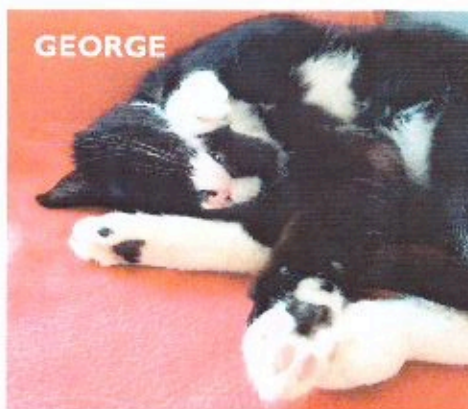
strays that we pick up.

This very handsome boy now lives with Nikki and her husband after her other FIV cat Max had to be put to sleep and is helping them get over their loss. He is a cheeky, fun loving and full of mischief and they adore him already.

Gulliver is the cat in this photo incase you were wondering.

He got his name after Gullivers Travels as he had certainly travelled a long way away from his home to become the stray that was, eating the fox food that was being put out.

He is a gentle giant of a cat and here he is enjoying his new home with his bunny companions.



George again another stray turned up in the garden and spent a happy summer with them. They were moving out of London and asked us to help as they said they would be willing to take him with them even though they had three cats, two children and a dog. After collecting him it was found that he had the FIV virus and as they were moving to a house with a garden they would not be able to keep him as an indoor cat. He is now being fostered by Rebecca whose parents have fallen in love with this lovable boy and are going to adopt him.

more rehoming...

BRETT (right) another stray who needed to be neutered and required quite a lot of teeth out. He needed a cyst removed from his eyelid and a pellet removed from his leg. Although he had been in the wars he was lucky to test negative for the FIV virus.

This lovely friendly boy lives with Carly and Connor and sleeps in their bed. Connor is now having to share her affections.



VALENTINO (left) picked up on Valentines day, hence his name. A beautiful black boy, another un-neutered stray, another tested FIV positive, will people never learn. He has been adopted by Michelle and her partner and has settled in really well, love at first sight.

MESSI (right) Messi has been a rather shy cat and is taking his time to trust people. He has gone to live with Becky and he loves his new scratching post that she has bought him. When he thinks no one is looking he plays with his toys and chases them around and loves dinner time. He will settle in soon and then can go and play in her garden and do cat things.



BILLY was a scruffy skinny looking stray (inset). Now after going through all his treatments and being fed up by his new mum he has evolved into this fluff ball (far left). He is a constant companion to her other cat Betty, they are like an old married couple.



at Buckingham Palace receiving her MBE for Services in the Community

Sylvia was a life time member and avid supporter of our charity for many years. She came every year to our AGM meetings where she was very well known. Sylvia always had cats of her own so when they passed and she was getting older she decided that fostering would be ideal for for

her and to help us. Over the years Sylvia fostered many cats and, after they went to their new homes, she always said, I'm ready for some more please. We kept her well supplied which she thoroughly enjoyed as they were great company. Sylvia was also a keen bird watcher and a member of the RSPB, so fostering cats was perfect, as they were not allowed out, which protected her birds that she fed from these serial killers!

Sylvia also loved her Opera. She regularly went to Covent Garden Opera House and travelled to different theatres around the world like Germany and Italy to watch her favourite Operas and Performers, so fostering was ideal to work around her trips aboard.

We are extremely fortunate that dear Sylvia remembered us with great generosity in her will, which came to fruition at one of the most challenging years for our charity.

Carole Hill 1943 - 2021

Carole Hill has been our Charity's vet for many years. She always told you how things were. Sometimes just a shake of the head and a gentle no, we knew what she meant, as we said a good bye to some poor

cat with no hope. She was sensitive to people's feelings, to know when to be serious, but also with a twinkle in her eye and a great sense of humour. We could often hear her laughing with a client. She loved

her work, and people loved her. Her kindness, compassion and her humour, will be sadly missed by all.



Remember me

We have lost some cats during the year and we would also like them to be remembered as they were much loved and part of someone's family.

Trixie, a tabby and white lady of 16 years, sadly missed.

Toffee, a handsome ginger and white boy of 17, not forgotten.

Gemma, a much loved companion to Joan, who cared for you deeply and still thinks about you.

Tinker, Mary's constant companion, you were both the same age of 93 in human and cat years.

Teddy, 15 years old. You were never that friendly with humans but your cat friend Alex misses you.

Freddie, 16 years, your mum loved you dearly and still does.

Max, 15 years, you left a big hole in your mum and dad's heart. They will never forget you

Barley, a beautiful ginger boy who we were unable to save. We will keep you in our hearts.

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