



# Willows Animal Sanctuary & Animal Assisted Therapy Unit

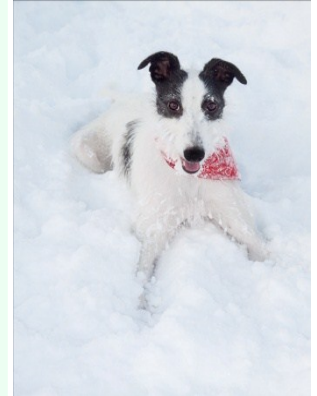
## Christmas 2010 Newsletter



Welcome to the Christmas edition of the Willows newsletter!

We are very pleased to say that we are on course to raise enough money for our winter feed bill and we would like to say a huge thank you to all our supporters for their generous donations that will help Willows feed all it's rescued animals through the winter. However we need this level of support to continue so that the threat of closure can be lifted.

As I write this newsletter Willows is under several feet of snow and we have had to cancel our Christmas Open Day which we had hoped would bring in much needed funds. We are now also faced with the cost of repairing the barn roof which collapsed on the night of December 5th (see below).



Ways you can help

- \* Sponsor an animal
- \* Visit the sanctuary
- \* Offer to fundraise
- \* Become a volunteer
- \* Make a donation
- \* Leave a legacy in your will.

### Sophie



Willows received an urgent request to save a Greyhound from being put to sleep. She had bitten someone who was abusing her owner who has learning difficulties and the court had ruled that she must be rehomed. The social worker assigned to the case had tried other charities but none were prepared to help. We quickly found an experienced foster home for her but she now needs a safe, experienced permanent home without children, cats or small dogs.

### Maggie



On Saturday 25.9.10 we accepted a lamb who had been rescued by a vet student. The poor little lamb had been found collapsed by a roadside. Her callous owner had removed both her ear tags (and could not be identified) and because she had flystrike (she was being eaten alive by maggots) she had been dumped to suffer an agonising death. Luckily her rescuer knew how to treat her and nursed her for three weeks before bringing her to Willows. As you can see from the photo, her back is still quite sore but we are confident that she will make a full recovery and live happily with our other sheep.

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### Update on Ginger Pompom!



On Bank Holiday Monday we noticed that a desperately thin and injured ginger cat had somehow found his way to the sanctuary. He was in a very sorry state — emaciated, filthy and had a broken tail and several ticks and was absolutely terrified! We are delighted to say that after lots of TLC and intensive vet care (including amputation of his tail) he is fully recovered and restored to health although still rather timid. He has been named ginger Pompom because the amputation site has now sprouted long silky hair and resembles a pompom!!



### Disaster!!



Disaster!! One of the barn roofs collapsed overnight (5th December) and four Shetland ponies and a donkey were trapped inside. We managed to get them out but they were all very shocked and one had a nasty facial injury that required a piece of detached bone removing. The vet was here for an hour and a half.

