



# Willows Animal Sanctuary & Animal Assisted Therapy Unit

## Spring 2011 Newsletter

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Willows newsletter! We are delighted to say that due to all the wonderful support we received from all sorts of people we have survived another winter and are now all looking forward to the year ahead. However we need this level of support to continue in order to ensure the survival of the charity. We have decided to make some important changes to the services we offer. Our primary aim will always be to help animals and we have been inundated with requests to help animals this winter (especially cats) all of which we have been able to satisfy. However we have decided to increase the number of placements we offer to vulnerable people on our animal assisted therapy programme and we also wish to offer corporate team building days (which we hope will bring in much needed funding). Willows will therefore only be open to the general public on Saturdays and Sundays from 11am till 5pm. We will reopen with a special Family Fun day on Easter Saturday 23rd April and hope to see some of you then! Our new attractions will include a Living History barn and mediaeval re-enactment displays!

### Perdie



Perdita is a young Springer Spaniel who had been terribly neglected. She was left locked in filth for days at a time and fed and watered only sporadically. She was rescued by a kind lady who was unable to offer her a permanent home. When she came to Willows she was matted, starving and covered in excrement. She is however a beautiful and loving dog and she was quickly given a permanent home by one of our staff and will live happily and safely from now on.

### Chunky Monkey



A few months ago a neighbouring farmer asked if we would take a very wild cat that was causing havoc at his home. When he arrived the cat was extremely wild and attacked everyone! After quiet and persistent care he has become a gorgeous and loving boy (although he cannot be picked up) When the neighbouring farmer dropped by he was utterly astonished at the changes in the cat and had to come back with his wife so that she could confirm that it was indeed the same cat! He has now almost doubled in size and has been named Chunky Monkey!!

### Sophie Update!



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 are delighted to say that we have found a wonderful home for Sophie!

### Disaster Update!



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.

We are delighted to say that many kind supporters donated enough money for us to clear the site of asbestos and rubble and buy materials to build three stables instead of another barn as they would be better able to withstand the harsh winters ahead.



*Ways you can help*

- \* Make a donation
- \* Leave us a legacy
- \* Offer to fundraise
- \* Become a volunteer
- \* Sponsor an animal



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