



# PAWPRINT

NO 342 ..... 9 March 2024

**O**ur apologies for the lack of a **PAWPRINT** for last month, February, due to circumstances beyond our control. However, we were very busy rehoming 11 cats and 3 dogs, completing all the home checks for each and every one.

We would like to thank everyone for their donations, and **DAVE** the Manager at the **SPAR** shop for his generosity. Thank you all who continue to put food in the trolley at **ASDA, ALSAGER**, we still have 25 cats to feed,

so it is invaluable to us that we receive food for them. Thankyou **JANE EMERY**, who donated a lovely kitchen table and chairs, which when put on the internet raised £90! Another way of raising funds – thanks **JANE**.

As we no longer hold an auction, maybe this is the way forward with larger items we cannot sell at our Coffee Mornings ?

Our most sincere condolences go to **PETER BYRNE** and



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family, on the passing of **JANET**. **JANET** and **PETER** have fostered dogs for us, the latest being **RAFFY**, little scoundrel that he is! **JANET** was always cheerful and smiling, despite her illness and the pain she had to bear, still coming to Coffee Mornings for a natter. She will be great missed by many.

We have received a donation in memory of **PAMELA LESLEY PROCTOR**, and also **JOHN LOVATT**. Our most sincere condolences are sent to family and friends, and our gratitude for thinking of us.

On February 25th we were invited by Greyhound Gap, to have a stall at their market in

Newcastle. Our stall looked lovely, helped with a donation of bric-a-brac from **GAYNOR**, from Audley. Thankyou also to **SUE, JANE and DAVE, and HEATHER** for standing in the bitter cold. However, we were so glad that we went with **POPPY**, to see how she would react to this situation and other dogs. We need not to have worried, she was on her best behaviour, with no reaction to other dogs. She received lots of strokes and donations too, as people read her sad story.

**POPPY** is still waiting for her forever home, please consider fostering her, all bills paid, she just needs **TLC**, a firm but fair hand and she will repay you with love and affection.

# Dogs News

**W**e were very sad to take back **BUZZ**, who was one of our dogs 10 years ago. He is a happy Staffy X Boxer, a very well behaved affectionate dog. Brindle and white, he was very good boy when taken to the vets recently. Only barking at one dog who barked at him first!

***With the two spaniels gone, and AJ too, leaves us with ...***

**POPPY!** What more can be said about this lovely dog, she has survived so much. If you can offer a home to cat/kitten or a dog, please ring Lisa on 07970 194929 or Hilary on 07939 255444,

Once again, many thanks for your support, it is greatly appreciated.

*Hilary, Lisa and  
all the Team xx*

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***One last appeal:  
we are only a small  
Rescue, and could  
do with some  
energetic, caring  
people to create a  
WORKING GROUP  
to raise money, by  
car boots, raffles,  
ideas? Come on  
you youngsters,  
get those brains  
working and  
surprise us all!***

# A TALE OF TWO CITIES... SORRY! CATS!

(not by Charles Dickens)

Cat no.1 in this story was black, unlike the other cat who was pure white; one was neutered, one was not, one was microchipped and one was not. To continue... One day in February, we received a call that an older black cat had been found in Apedale Park. We went out to scan, to find that the cat was chipped to a lady in Wood Lane. Apparently the cat was 16 years old, had been let out in the garden but never went far, except this time, it disappeared... only to reappear 3 miles away in Apedale Park. The owner was overjoyed to have her cat back, and we advised her to keep an older cat in more, as

sometimes they get disorientated and lose their way. We were very sceptical that this cat could have walked 3 miles to Apedale Park from her home in Wood Lane.

***Suspicious?*** There are some very strange people in the world who would think it funny to leave an old cat 3 miles from home.. Just saying.. Meanwhile, cat no.2, the white one, was found in Alsager on Lawton Green Estate, crying incessantly at someone's door to be fed. We were called out to scan. This cat was an entire male, with no chip, unlike the other – all done. We advised that the cat should not be fed as it was encouraging it to stay, in the hope that it would go home. It was a very difficult situation as he refused to go and continued crying in the early hours. After he had been put on Facebook, a

few days later, someone rang claiming the cat. When we enquired why the cat was not neutered or chipped, we were met with hostility and “I’ll smash your face in!”

What a difference to cat no.1

We would like to point out that sometimes rescue work is not all “roses growing round the door”, but can be very hurtful. We are all unpaid volunteers, gladly giving our time to help animals.

***ABUSE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.  
MICROCHIPPING OF CATS BECOMES LAW BY  
10TH JUNE 2024. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN  
RESULT IN RECEIVING A £500 FINE.***

As we reach the end of this story, famous last words will be “**WE SHALL SEE!**”.

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***Alsager Carnival is on 8th June 2024.***

This clashes with our coffee morning. If we are to attend with our ever popular dog show we need a few people to help set up as our loyal regular helpers cannot be in 2 places at once!

The sooner we have some volunteers the sooner we can plan for this event as we will need to sort medals, rosettes, prizes and certificates.

We always enjoy this event as do our four legged friends with their owners, so please come and join in the fun by volunteering! Just let one of the committee know.

# Cats News

**A**s reported at the beginning of this **PAWPRINT**, 11 cats/kittens were rehomed in February. A very big thankyou to **SUE DAWSON**, who helps us so much, for adopting **WILLOWBY**, her son **FLUFFBALL**, and their friend **TIA – ALL 3 !!** They have settled well, which left space for **CLIVE** and **STORM**, the two beautiful tabby boys, who have returned to us as their owner has an allergy to them. Such a dreadful shame, they are so gentle and have been kept so well.

There was also space for newcomer **SOOTY**, as small black and white kitten found on the Church Lawton Estate. Sadly, we feel she has been abandoned there. She has turned out to be such a sweetheart, giving head rubs and cuddles galore. She lives very happily with **CLIVE** and **STORM**, and would be ideal to mix with another kitten as old as he is (5 months) or maybe a little older. Foster spaces do not stay empty for long, so when we received

a call from Attwood Street in Kidsgrove concerning three kittens which 2 ladies from the flats were feeding, a difficult situation was ensuing, as the male cat was mating with the 2 females. We immediately set up the traps and caught them all. **BUDDY**, a ginger and white male aged 10 months, went to fosterer **DOREEN** in Crewe. And **MAUDE** and **MILDRED** went to fosterer **LAURA** in Bucknall. They are approx. 8 months old and very probably pregnant! **MAUDE** is black

and white and **MILDRED** is tabby and white, they are booked in at the Vets on 4th March and **BUDDY** on 8th March. Watch this space! **BUDDY** has come on in leaps and bounds, so affectionate, but the girls have regressed, being very shy. Where did they come from? Obviously from different litters. We appeal again – **GET YOUR CATS NEUTERED.** We dread the months ahead and what they may bring.

**Coffee Mornings:**

**2024**

**NO FEBRUARY COFFEE MORNING**

**13th April 2024**

**11th May 2024**

**8th June 2024**

Also, **PLEASE REMEMBER**, that any donations can now be Gift Aided – forms can be picked up at Coffee Mornings, or ring 01270 875260.

We are now getting a steady flow of Pledges of Loyalty, through Standing Orders, again, forms can be picked up at Coffee Mornings, or ring 01270 875260.

Many thanks for your support.

*Hilary*

**We need some willing helpers to help with the dog show at the Carnival on 8th June! This clashes with our coffee morning and we can't be in 2 places at once!**

If you are interested in joining our committee please see one of the current members: Hilary, Lisa, Jean H, Pauline, Heather, Sue, Jean C or Dave.

We are still desperate for more help unloading and loading the van especially at coffee mornings. Help us avoid a crisis situation....

Please see Pauline or Dave.

*Thank you!*

**Diary Dates**

**Coffee Mornings:**

**Alsager Civic Centre, 9.30 - 11.30**

**13th April 2024**

**Alsager Civic Centre, 9.30 - 11.30**

**11th May 2024**

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