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PetFostering

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PFSS and The Blue Cross would like to introduce a good friend, Colin Gray.

Hi, my name is Colin and I run the website: Rescue Scottish Pets. I decided to start the Rescue Scottish Pets website after struggling to find rescue shelters and their pets for rehoming online. I realised that many

shelters do not have their own websites or their websites were outdated and difficult to update. So I came up with the idea of trying to start one website where all the pets in need of rehoming in Scotland could be found. I thought this would be of real benefit not only to the shelters by providing an easy and free way to advertise their shelter and pets in need, but also help potential rescuers find pets and to encourage rehoming rather than buying.



Rescue Scottish Pets was launched in November last year and since then has been going from strength to strength. Over 400 pets have been listed on the site for rescue since then. With shelters from Caithness to Dumfries on the site, all of Scotland is represented. I was very pleased to hear of many cases where pets were rehomed having been spotted on Rescue Scottish Pets. Such as an old Labrador going to an excellent new home beside the beach in Nairn, and the puppies who were dumped in a bin to be rescued and rehomed in Fife. In addition, many shelters have been in touch to say they get many more enquiries from all over Scotland instead of just locally now. Raising awareness of shelters is a key aim of the site.

Every month the number of visitors to the site has been growing and it is fast approaching 2000 visitors per month! I hope it continues to grow and more shelters and rescuers will use it. Please visit www.rescuescottishpets.co.uk and have a look around.

Please see the above photos of pets still looking for their new homes.

www.rescuescottishpets.co.uk

As our dog foster carers know, PFSS and The Blue Cross ask that foster dogs are kept on the leash while being walked or in non secure gardens. The importance of this is emphasised through the Control of Dogs Act (Scotland) 2010 which came into being in February this year.

Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010

The focus of the Act concentrates on the “deed not the breed” approach in tackling irresponsible dog ownership. Owning a dog brings many responsibilities for the dog owner and the 2010 Act is designed to highlight the responsibilities of dog owners by identifying out of control dogs at an early juncture and provide measures to change the behaviour of these dogs and their owners before the dogs become dangerous.

The provisions in the 2010 Act will widen the scope for local authorities and the courts to take action against persons in charge of a dog where the dog’s behaviour is deemed to be “out of control”. This will be achieved through the creation of a Dog Control Notice (DCN) regime that will permit (local authority appointed) authorised officers to issue DCNs to irresponsible owners of any dog that has been found to be out of control.

The 2010 Act also amends the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 so that a dog owner or person in charge of the dog can be held criminally responsible where a dog is found to be dangerously out of control in any place rather than only a public place or private place where a dog is not permitted to be. The 2010 Act contains measures which will address the problems of irresponsible dog ownership and this is fundamental in helping to reduce the number of attacks by dogs of all breeds. The provisions contained in the 2010 Act will give additional powers to local authorities for action to be taken against out of control of dogs so as to improve dog behaviour and owner behaviour leading to reductions in the number of future dog attacks that blight our communities.

Source www.scotland.gov.uk



2011 sees the European Year of volunteering, emphasising the vital role volunteers play within the charity sector. It

also promotes the need to involve more volunteers. If you would like to recommend volunteering with PFSS and/or The Blue Cross please do ask anyone interested to call 0844 811 9909, option 5 then 1.

VACANCIES

Sadly we are saying goodbye to PFSS Greater Glasgow Area Organiser, Donald McDonald, and Edinburgh & Lothians Area Organiser, Muriel Sinclair.

We would like to thank both Donald & Muriel for their support. We are very grateful to be keeping both Muriel, and her husband, Bob’s support as they have offered to become the new Recruitment Officers for PFSS throughout Scotland. **If you are interested in finding out more about becoming an Area Organiser** please call Natalie on 0844 811 9909, option 5 then 2

We also have a vacancy on the PFSS board, interested candidates are invited to write to the chair, PFSS, Callander, FK17 8ZU stating why they would like to be on the board and what experience and benefits they feel they would bring to the board.

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Please note annual ‘Friend’ subscriptions of £5 are now due. Please make cheques

payable to PFSS and post to PFSS
PO BOX, Callander FK17 8ZU.
Thanks to all those who have already renewed their subscription.

Thank You

PFSS and The Blue Cross would like to take the opportunity to welcome new volunteers and to thank our dedicated team of existing volunteers. Without you all we would be unable to continue helping Scottish pets and owners. Your support has allowed PFSS to foster 189 pets from April 2010 to March 2011. This totals to 6,585 foster days and an average of 18 pets being fostered each day. It’s impossible to calculate a figure for the social benefit in terms of reduced suffering and stress for both owners and animals but these figures speak volumes for the work of the charity and its volunteers.

Thanks to all those who have fundraised, made donations and donated stamps, particularly foreign stamps. Your donations and fundraising are vital to PFSS and now making a donation is even easier.....

Support us with a text!

Support Pet Fostering Service Scotland by texting a donation. Simply send PFSS01 £3 to 70070 to make a £3 donation. You can donate £1, £2, £3, £4, £5 or £10 by changing the donation amount after the wording PFSS01.

After you've sent the text, you'll receive a confirmation text back containing details on how to add Gift Aid, meaning PFSS could benefit from an extra 25% donation

This service is free for PFSS, and anyone on any mobile network can use it to donate. Your donation will be deducted from your mobile phone credit, or added to your monthly phone bill. You won't be charged for the text message.

Upcoming events:

Doggy Fun Day, Dunlop

Sunday 14 August

The Veterinary Physiotherapy Clinic is hosting its third Doggy Fun Day near Dunlop on Sunday the 14th of August, 2011. The event is a fundraiser for the SSPCA and Dogs Trust. PFSS & The Blue Cross will be taking a stall and would like to invite all our supporters to join us on the day. You do not have to have or bring a dog to enjoy this informal, family day out. There will be demonstrations and stands.

Time: 12-4 / Entry fee £2, kids free

The Veterinary Physiotherapy Clinic, Goldenacre, Aiket Road, By Dunlop Ayrshire KA3 4BW

Dogs Trust Fun Day & Dog Show

Sunday 28 August

Come along to Dogs Trust, West Calder's annual dog fun day held at West Lothian College in Livingston. There is a lot to entertain, a dog show, agility display, doggy dash and many many stalls! We will be taking a stall on the day and would encourage our supporters to attend, we hope to see you there.

Time: 12-3 / Entry free

West Lothian College, Almondvale Crescent, Livingston, West Lothian EH54 7EP

LovePets Roadshow

Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 September

The essential show for pet lovers. The LovePets Show is for people and families who are passionate about their pets. LovePets is the pet exhibition that brings you everything you and your pet are likely to need, all together under one roof. Come and meet experts from the pet industry, talk to them about your pets and get useful information and advice. There will also be plenty of products available for your pets.

Time: 12-3

Entry Adults £8 / Concessions £5 / Children £1 (under 5's are free) / Family tickets £17

Royal Highland Centre, Newbridge, Edinburgh EH28 8NB

Invitation To PFSS

Annual General Meeting

Friday 9th September 1-3:30pm

Please note that those attending the AGM will need to enter the store at the Killermont Street entrance not via the main department store floors and to sign in at their Partners Reception. This venue is providing a free room for PFSS but we are unable to have tea/coffee or food within the meeting room. Refreshments are available before or after the meeting within the John Lewis café.

**(the Board meeting will be held 11-1)
John Lewis, Buchanan Galleries, 220
Buchanan Street, Glasgow G1 2GF**

Looking for love

If you know of anyone looking to adopt an animal, please ask them to call The Blue Cross on **0300 456 8500**. Visit our websites for the most up-to-date details of pets looking for their new home www.bluecross.org.uk or www.pfss.org.uk

Angel



Angel is a very affectionate 11 year old people orientated cat, she is being fostered in Glasgow. Angel always had access to the outdoors but since the death of her owner she had been living indoors in a flat which did not suit her, Angel really needs a house with a garden.

Angel has always been an only pet so we have not seen her with other animals. She is very affectionate and loves to nestle her head into your hands.

Tibby



Tibby is an affectionate 13 year old cat, being fostered in Ayrshire.

Tibby has been happy as an indoor cat or being allowed access outdoors so could live in a house or flat. She has always been an only pet and would probably prefer to have all your attention to herself. She is a very sweet cat who sadly lost her owner and is looking for a new home to offer her love to.

Rambo



Rambo is a 12 year old Husky cross, he is being fostered in Kilmarnock. Rambo is the most laidback dog who gets on well with people, children, other dogs and cats. He loves his walks and lots of cuddles. Rambo doesn't play with toys but bounces around your feet and smiles. Yes, Rambo is an elderly gentleman but he is the most amazing, cheeky, cuddly loving and loyal dog. He could fit into any household and will give nothing but love and affection. This special dog deserves a loving and caring forever home.

Cindy



Cindy is a stunning cat, it is hard for her photos to do her justice. She is 8 years old and being fostered in Glasgow. Cindy would be the ideal cat for someone who spends a lot of time in the house as she really is the perfect companion cat. She just wants on a lap to cuddle all the time. As we suspect Cindy is deaf she would be ideally suited to an indoor home and with a person who will offer her lots of companionship. Cindy is diabetic and on twice daily insulin which she is brilliant at having done, her nature is so relaxed that giving the injections is absolutely no problem. She has a very gentle, kind and affectionate nature.

Miro



Miro is a fascinating cat with a unique personality, she loves a pet but only for a little while then she is happy to just be around you. She is 6 years old and is being fostered in Ayr. She is an independent cat who has lived both indoors and outdoors and has a bond with fellow companion Felix. They compliment each other well, with Miro being more independent and Felix liking a lot of attention. Miro does like to be fed first however! Felix and Miro could be homed together or separately. Miro would be ideal for a house with older children or a busy adult as she is independent and will not demand too much of your time. She is a great character and will be a very rewarding companion.

Felix



Felix is a typical happy and affectionate 7 month old kitten, he is being fostered in Ayr. Felix just loves attention and would suit most homes, ideally he would like access outdoors and he has formed a bond with Miro - they could be homed together or separately. He is a very affectionate cat who will take all the attention you can give him, very good natured and could live with children.