



Friends Of Baxter Animal Care

'WHERE ANIMALS ALWAYS COME FIRST'

December 2019



Rather than our usual Newsletter, this month I am writing a personal message to end 2019.

My immense thanks go to all of our Trustees who input much time and support behind the scenes, and also our valuable volunteers - animal therapy practitioners and others, without whom we would not be where we are and looking forward to exciting developments planned for 2020. We have now delivered 1000 therapy treatments to benefit cats, dogs, horses, donkeys and birds of prey in animal rescue, sanctuary and rehabilitation centres ... and loved every minute. THANK YOU to all of our team!

As therapy practitioners, the rewards we feel when we see distressed, frightened, unwell and otherwise suffering animals relax, approach us for cuddles, push their sore areas into our hands and lick or nuzzle us with thanks afterwards goes beyond words can express. How many people gain so much love from their work whilst providing much appreciated help? The animal centres with whom we are working have seen the way the animals in their care have responded and we receive many requests for further help. My gratitude extends to them all especially Yorkshire Cat Rescue and The Wonkey Donkey Visitor Centre who have given us additional support. We are looking to help more rescue centres too.



Our loyal volunteers have been a major asset at fundraising and awareness raising events - car boots, dog shows, health fairs, animal welfare/ careers days and more. We always welcome additional help whether regular or ad hoc and without our supporters we would not have resources for further developments. My gratitude goes out also to the tutors working with Friends Of Baxter Animal Care to run workshops and training courses for us too. Feedback has been wonderful and we have more Canine Massage and Tellington TTouch workshops, also Reiki Level 1 and 2 training in January and February to commence the year.

Our refusal to be granted Charity status because the Charity Commission does not see complementary therapies as beneficial to animals or the public when they are widely used, accepted and promoted by our UK veterinary profession astounded us, but we will get there through our rescue/ rehoming activities. These animals will all too have the opportunity for complementary therapies to ease their mental, emotional and physical pains/ ailments in conjunction with any necessary veterinary care.

However, we do need more donations and sponsorship to support our work; we all have only so much voluntary time and personal resource. Every penny donated will go towards our activities to save and improve the lives of animals. If you love the sound of what we do and would like to help in some way we would love to hear from you. Please also look out soon for animals to be adopted and if you could share our social media posts, that would be wonderful. Happy New Year everyone!

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