



# Friends Of Baxter Animal Care

'WHERE ANIMALS ALWAYS COME FIRST'

January/ February 2020



Welcome to our first newsletter of 2020. We have enjoyed a great start to the year with a feature on BBC Radio Leeds and in the February Rothwell Record. A new Social Media consultant has joined our team and Woof Woof Washers is raising funds for us on their March open day. February's free distant healing has been directed to Australian animals affected by the bushfires and with the gritters spreading salt we have some important advice for dog owners. Finally, we can't move into March mentioning that the gorgeous Baxter will be 9 on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Happy reading and please get in touch if you read anything of interest or wish to join our team of volunteers

Sue, Founder of Friends Of Baxter Animal Care

## Friends for Baxter Animal Care on BBC Radio Leeds



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BBC Radio Leeds - The Richard Stead Breakfast Show,  
21/02/2020

Friends Of Baxter Animal Care featured on the BBC Radio Leeds Breakfast Show on Friday February 21<sup>st</sup>.

It was a great opportunity to talk about the benefits of our wonderful complementary therapies, especially Reiki and TTouch, and to show how animals can benefit from them. Fast forward to 1hr 47:57 on the link below to hear our slot.

Our thanks to Beth Parsons and Richard Stead on the Breakfast Show - it's fantastic that BBC Radio is helping to raise awareness now that holistic therapies have become so popular for people.

Penny who runs our TTouch workshops will soon offer treatments for us too...details to follow on our website.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p081xgh4?fbclid=IwAR0Vp3dyTMiX6eJX8QSL2OWxrANWydhEdbnVDeTpAKkPiqJBARGQInjF88>.

## What is TTouch?

Tellington TTouch, or TTouch as it is more commonly known, is a kind, effective and forward-thinking way to help build a dog's confidence and improve learning. It recognises that there is an inextricable link between posture and behaviour and uses body work, groundwork exercises and specific equipment to release tension and to promote a feeling of calm and well-being.

Our introductory workshop on Sunday 23/2, taking place at the Wakefield and Leeds RSPCA (East Ardsley), teaches you some basic skills and techniques. If you have a dog that you feel might benefit, it runs from 10.30am - 1.30pm. Pre-booking is essential but we are not completely full yet.



## Healing for Australian animals affected by the bushfires



Every February and August Sunday evening we send free distant healing to suffering animals. Instead of helping animals individually nominated to us this month we have focused on those animals affected by the Australian bushfires. We are now approaching the last Sunday in the month so please feel free to join us wherever you are 8-8.30pm to send love, healing and prayers.

We know that distant Reiki works so it has to do some good. In April the weather forecasters said no rain was expected until April. The world united in loving prayer and thoughts more than I had ever noticed before for the bushfires on the weekend of Jan 4<sup>th</sup> and later that day rain started to fall and it has now resulted in many fires being extinguished including all in New South Wales ... with the incredible hard work of the fire fighters too.

A team of us would love to go out to help affected animals but it has proved more difficult to organise than expected. In the meantime, sending Reiki is quick, free and doesn't require a working visa.

## Rock salt and dogs' paws

Did you know that rock salt (grit) used on roads and pavements can lead to chemical burns on the pads of your dog's paws?

Rock salt can cause dryness and cracking of your dog's pads and prolonged contact can lead to chemical irritation and burns. Even more dangerous is that if a dog licks its paws after walking on rock salt, it can ingest the chemicals used to melt ice and these chemicals can be toxic. Salt poisoning in severe cases can lead to seizures, coma and even death.

Please ensure you clean your dog's paws if they have been walking on gritted pavements and roads.



## Happy 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Baxter



Rescue dog Baxter, after whom our Good Cause is named will be 9 on March 1<sup>st</sup>. He's a wonderful dog and as always on his birthday he'll be salivating as he sits beside me, desperately hoping that the steak being cooked at 4pm is for his birthday tea. No doubt he will return to his bowl repeatedly, just checking if any more might magically have appeared! Arrrrrrhhh bless.... he does love good food!

Wishing Baxter a wonderful day with a lovely long walk, lots of time playing with his favourite squeaky ball and a good snooze...he'll like that!

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