



# Friends Of Baxter Animal Care

'WHERE ANIMALS ALWAYS COME FIRST'

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When our last newsletter was written, we expected to be rehoming animals now but life is full of the unexpected. We have all been impacted by COVID-19 and our hearts go out to all who are suffering in any way, including all individuals and centres that rescue and/or care for animals who are struggling to cope without the financial support normally received from donations. In this month's newsletter you'll find details about new online training, our work at this time, advice for pets, and a key message for Easter. Happy reading and please get in touch if you might like to join our team of volunteers or wish to adopt a cat when we are able to start rehoming.

Sue,  
Founder of Friends Of Baxter Animal Care

## Animal therapy training and workshops - update



Due to the Coronavirus, we are unable to run our therapy workshops, attend events, give talks and implement planned fundraising activities however I have used this time to introduce new live interactive online Reiki training, offered through the Reiki Experience.

A 1-day theoretical training day is being considered for Animal Reiki, which would need to be followed with 2 practical ½ days as soon as this is viable. If this of interest, please let us know and dates will be arranged. In order to learn Animal Reiki, it is an essential requirement to first learn the basics of Reiki, so if you have free time on your hands why not use it and gain a qualification that can benefit you and others for life.

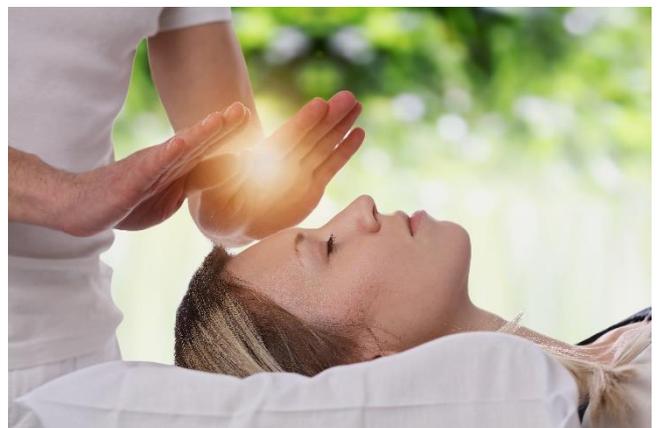
We cannot go to rescue centres to offer treatments either, but are sending Reiki to help the situation and we are offering our distant healing service as usual.

## Live Interactive Reiki Training - NOW AVAILABLE (Level 1 just £99!)

Our new training, includes all of the content of our in-person training at Level I, Level II, Reiki Master Practitioner and Professional Practice.

To comply with the requirements of the Reiki Council and its 8 UK Reiki organisation members however, a practical session is necessary to be attended when social distancing allows. A certificate can then be issued upon course completion that will be professionally recognised.

There is an increased need for healing in the world right now and anything that helps to reduce stress (which lowers immunity) and supports recovery has to be good, so, for the first time ever, the price for level I training has been reduced to 'only £99' for a limited period to make it more affordable for all. For more details contact me or see [www.thereikiexperience.co.uk/online-therapy-training](http://www.thereikiexperience.co.uk/online-therapy-training).



## Animals and Coronavirus

A number of major rescue centres have collectively produced 4 posters relating to pets and Coronavirus please see our Facebook page (Friends Of Baxter Animal Care) to view them. When social distancing restrictions are lifted in the weeks or months ahead, we will crack on with launching our rehoming activity and resume therapy treatments in rescue centres and other 'normal' activities. Our website will provide updates.

In the meantime, Baxter is trying to represent dogs nationwide with some helpful advice and fun ideas. We would love to see activities of your cats, dogs and other animals on our Fb page - just add #belikebaxter to your post.

## #belikebaxter



A few words from Baxter:

- I like routine so please feed me and walk me at the same time as normal (or play with me and let me in the garden at these times).
- Can I be walked by different household members so that get an extra walk a day? I don't understand why it's just 1 walk.
- Play lots and create fun games to keep me stimulated - ball, sniffing games, find the hidden treat, piggy in the middle.
- Give me enough to eat ... but I don't want to gain weight.
- It's lovely having everyone at home but I need 'me-time' too. I don't want separation anxiety when normality returns.
- Show me those yoga moves again .. that was fun! 😊
- Help others in need as a volunteer, if you can from your own home or as an authorised volunteer - maybe walk a neighbour's dog if they are in social isolation and you have no dog.
- Go to our Fb Page and share your #belikebaxter activities. I'd love to see them. I'm there with my best squeaky ball.
- Shake a paw for the carers ... just like me on this photo.

Finally ... I'm sure you do but ... please always pick up after your dog. Many people are seeing that an increased number of dog owners/ walkers/ carers are not doing so and it reflects poorly on all dog walkers.

## Happy Easter!

Easter is here and our best wishes to you all. It will feel strange, and not what many of us would choose – a long weekend at home without family and friends. But, if we all abide by the 'rules' we will safely see one another sooner and animal rehoming can recommence too. This means more animals in need can be rescued and given the care they require. Stay Safe and spend time having fun, burning a few Calories with your pet(s) at home.

Please also remember that chocolate is toxic for dogs, also cats and other animals at certain doses, so to keep it out of their reach at all times!



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