



# HALFWAY HOME DOG RESCUE

(ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF DOGS AND CATS HOMES)



WELCOME TO THE CHRISTMAS 2011 EDITION



## Announcement

" Halfway Home Dog Rescue is sorry to announce the death of Nancy Horgan following a brave fight against cancer. Nancy was a very valued friend, supporter and committee member, and had been an invaluable help to us both as a regular dog walker, committee member and helping in the rings at our dog shows. Nancy was a great friend of everyone at the rescue and she always had a smile for everyone. We will miss you a lot Nancy"

## ABOUT HALFWAY HOME DOG RESCUE

The Halfway Home Dog Rescue, established in May 2006, takes in unwanted, stray and abandoned dogs from both the northern counties (and more recently Irish pounds) that, if not claimed or rehomed in 7 days may be destroyed, this includes young fit dogs of all breeds. **We rehomed 255 dogs in the period from May to 30 Sep 2011.** These were formal adoptions and do not include other dogs that we saved and conveyed to other rescues etc.

## FUNDRAISING

We are continually fundraising and trying to raise the profile of the rescue. **Pets at Home** have adopted us as their own charity and allow us to collect outside their Lincoln and Newark stores. Do you think you could help us by running a fundraising event for us? We can supply publicity material and fliers for you to hand out. Although we have a dedicated committee and group of dog walkers we always need extra help.

**Since our last newsletter monies raised are:**

Halfway Home Dog Rescue Open Gardens £1,978, Southwell & Nottingham street collections £170, Marathon sponsorship £271, Table top sale at Welton £120, Car boot sale kindly done by new owner of Sox £30, Collection box in 2 local pubs £51, Car boot sale £110, plus our kennel sponsorships scheme is steadily increasing. Just as importantly though, we have individuals who also do various things to raise money to help us continue saving dogs, just recently £106 was raised at a table top sale on Saturday afternoon..... what a great afternoon's work that was.

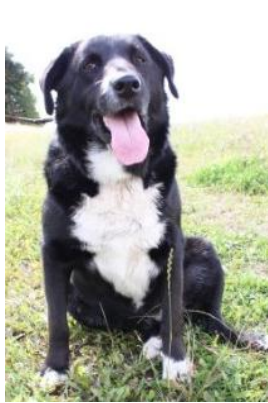
We have various ways of fundraising, our next main one is our street collection in Lincoln on Sunday 18th December. We will be on the High Street around the Stonebow area, if you're busy shopping please come and say hello! Better still if you've an hour or so to spare come and help us rattle our buckets!

The majority of the money that you kindly donate is spent on Veterinary fees. Our biggest single expense is vets fees (approx £44k for 2010-11. As you can see, running a dog rescue is not cheap.



### SPECIAL APPEAL - LONG TERM 'STICKY' DOGS - SIX OF THE BEST!

Please spare a thought for those dogs that are in **foster homes** and those **long term dogs** that have been with us now for some considerable time especially **TANGO, AMBER, MARLEY, JOWBEE, PEPE and REX**. Please consider giving one of these a loving home. For more info about these dogs or the ones in foster please speak to Val or Rose.



TANGO



AMBER



MARLEY



JOWBEE



PEPE



REX

### MEMORIES

Sadly, since our last newsletter we have lost a number of our companions, two of which are worthy of special mention. Sadly we lost Annie - Annie we miss you following us around like a shadow, clearing up any left over treats etc - well anything edible at all! Clyde, loved his fresh bones from the butcher, more than his walks! He also had a very engaging smile!!

Annie and Clyde, we hope you are both getting plenty of treats at Rainbow Bridge!

Annie and Clyde, two beautiful Rotties, sorely missed, Rest *In Peace* xx

## THE MEANING OF RESCUE

Now that I'm home, bathed, settled and fed,  
 All nicely tucked up in my warm new bed.  
 I'd like to open my baggage Lest I forget,  
 There is so much to carry - so much to regret

Hmm... Yes there it is, right on the top,  
 Let's unpack Loneliness, Heartache and Loss,  
 And there by my leash hides Fear and Shame.  
 As I look on these things I tried so hard to leave,  
 I still have to unpack my baggage called Pain

I loved them, the others who left me,  
 But I wasn't good enough - for they didn't want me.  
 Will you add to my baggage? Will you help me unpack?  
 Or will you just look at my things and take me right back?

Do you have the time to help me unpack?  
 To put away my baggage, To never repack?  
 I pray that you do - I'm so tired you see,

**But I do come with baggage - Will you still want me?**

..... Author Unknown

### A few words about our Golden Oldies and lucky Thomas

We've had a few real oldies in recently - Mia who went into a foster home in an awful state - sadly only had a couple of months before passing away (you may have seen her photograph on the website).

George - a 14yr old Labrador that was in pound and going to be put to sleep - now in long term foster with 3 other dogs - his favourite pastime is scrumping apples that fall off the trees or picking tomato's in the greenhouse ! He still enjoys his walks and pottering around - we really don't know how he ended up in the pound. Maybe his owner may have been too old and went into hospital (?)

Then we have Thomas - who had been waiting in the pound since June - he was very lucky that he wasn't pts - luckily Val rescued Thomas and brought him back to the Rescue, where he had to wait again but has now found a lovely new home in time for Christmas. Nice one Thomas!!!



**REGULAR MONTHLY DONATIONS - COULD YOU HELP?**

Over the last year we have taken in, provided all necessary medical treatment and rehomed over 500 dogs, most of which may have died if not taken in by a rescue. If you would like to support us and help us to carry on our work saving dogs from death row you might like to consider making a small monthly donation.

We have a few people who make regular monthly payments - we would like to say a massive THANK YOU to each and everyone of them as it means so much to us to have their support. We appreciate them more than we can say and we realise that we don't thank each one of them individually enough so we'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you again. If you would like to know more about making a donation please see Rose today or contact her on 01673 862193 or email [rosemary.smith5@btinternet.com](mailto:rosemary.smith5@btinternet.com)

We at Halfway Home Dog Rescue would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported us over the past year and those who have raised funds for us. Val would like to express her sincere thanks to the dog walkers who turn up regardless of the weather, without them she just would not be able to cope.

NOTE: VOLUNTEER DOG WALKERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED (ESPECIALLY AT WEEKENDS) AND WILL ALWAYS BE MADE WELCOME!! PLUS WE ARE ALWAYS NEEDING PEOPLE TO HELP US WITH OUR FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES - COULD YOU SPARE AN HOUR OR 2?



**Future Fundraising Events**

**Lincoln** - Sunday 18th December. Our annual Christmas street collection in Lincoln where we will be in the High Street, around the Stonebow area, do please come and say hello to us and the dogs!

**Newark** - Saturday 7th April 2012 (Easter Saturday). Further details to be announced.

*Finally, if you can help with rehoming, fundraising or dog walking, please visit our website on [halfwayhome-dogrescue.org](http://halfwayhome-dogrescue.org) or phone Val on 07808 003152.*

Have a peaceful Christmas and an enjoyable New Year!



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