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### Welcome



As CEO of NAWT, I'm honoured to be working alongside some of the most dedicated and hardworking people I've ever met. And every day when I come to work, I'm reminded of that.

I want to recognise the efforts of the team who constantly find new and creative ways of asking for help and securing new income streams, and then work diligently to make sure it is well spent - never more carefully than right now.

The financial strain affecting the country is having a huge impact on the numbers of dogs, cats and other domestic pets coming into rescue.

Rising vet bills are often cited as the reason why people reluctantly must give up their pets, and inevitably those costs are being passed on to rehoming charities like ours.

Many of the animals coming into us have health problems which urgently require treatment like American bulldogs Bill and Ben on page 10. They are a good example of the types of medical issues we're having to deal with by the dozen this year.

Thanks to you we can provide lifechanging treatments like these and make positive strides in our rehoming services as you will read on this page with the reopening of the Bedfordshire centre.

But we need to make sure we don't totally rely on the generosity of our supporters and you'll find out more about how we're addressing this by supplementing our income generation from other services on this page.

I want to say how much we value the many ways you provide help. Whether it be financial or physical like donating unwanted items, fostering or volunteering, we are so very grateful. From all of us here at NAWT, thank you.

### Titbits



### Bedfordshire centre re-opens

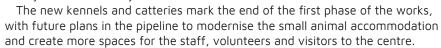
Supporters, volunteers, trustees and local dignitaries gathered last month to officially open the newly rebuilt Bedfordshire Centre.

The brand-new accommodation has replaced several dilapidated farm buildings, vastly improving the experience for the animals on site. The purpose-built catteries and kennels have created a calmer, quieter environment and help to reduce stress.

Paralympian gold medallist Libby Clegg, MBE, officially cut the ribbon and was invited on a tour of the new facilities, remarking the modernisation must be a "dream come true".

Commenting on the day, NAWT CEO Rob Mitchell said: "None of this would have happened without the continued support and help from our friends and supporters, many of whom live locally.

On behalf of the National Animal Welfare Trust, we'd like to say a very heartfelt thank you."





More than half the UK population owns a pet and since 2020, the number of people owning a dog has increased from 51% to 53% this year.

To meet the demand for pet care services, all our rehoming centres are now licensed to offer private boarding facilities to local people. Our Bedfordshire, Cornwall, Essex and Hertfordshire centres offer services for cats and dogs, while Berkshire provides small animal boarding on site.

All pet guests are cared for by our professional animal care teams and all proceeds from the boarding services go back to each centre, to help support the hundreds of animals looking for homes. You can find more information on our website or contact your local centre.

Source: PDSA PAW Report 2023

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"The National Animal Welfare Trust do a fabulous job rescuing and rehoming a variety of different animals. Everyone at Pedigree Pens would like to wish them the very best for the future."

If you would like to discuss an upcoming project or would like more information on the cattery buildings we provided for the NAWT's site in Bedfordshire, please get in touch with us on: 01684 299567.



"The installation guys were very clean and masters of the vacuum cleaner... As for the lift, it's the best thing since sliced bread." Mrs. K, April 2023

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### Crowds soak up the summer fun

We would like to say a big thank you to both our two and four-legged visitors for coming along to support our open day events this summer. Stallholders, sponsors, visitors and volunteers - some of them new to NAWT and some of them old friends helped to raise more than £13,000.

The Berkshire Centre held its first event in four years with queues of visitors turning up to ioin the fun.

Fundraising manager Lisa Harrison-Byrne said: "At Berkshire's Open Day, some of the dogs needing new homes came out for a miniparade just before the dog show and it was a magical experience. They got such a lovely welcome."



Sadly, the September heatwave resulted in some cancellations including Cornwall Centre's Fun Dog Show with the team organising a lastminute cake sale for the home bakes on site instead.

Be sure to get your diary out for autumn as all the centres have busy schedules planned. Follow our Facebook pages for details.

### Please help support our **Double Donation Christmas Challenge**

No matter how carefully we manage usage, the total utilities bill at our centres has shot up from £76,000 to £202,000 over the past year.

With more than 100 pets coming into our care every month, our centres are running at near full capacity. Which is why this winter, we're calling on

supporters to help us keep our doors open to many more struggling animals with the launch of our Christmas Challenge on 28 November (Giving Tuesday).

Last year's Christmas appeal was our most successful to date with a total of £76,000 raised thanks to your generosity.

If you want to take part in our largest fundraising campaign of 2023, please remember to save the date and keep an eye on our socials.







### **Charity Wine Tasting**

When: 18 November Where: Carbis Bay Memorial Hall, Carbis Bay TR26 2TA

Come along for an evening fundraiser with a night of nibbles and a wine tasting hosted by NAWT Cornwall and led by Helen Tripconey from the Silver Sippers Wine Club. Tickets cost £22.50.



### **Ealing Animals Fair**

When: 2 March 2024 Where: Hanwell Methodist Church, Hanwell W7 1DJ

Running for 45 years, more than 40 animal charities and groups - including NAWT - participate in the event, representing a variety of local, national and international animal welfare causes. As well as charity stalls, the daylong programme of activities includes live music, poetry and presentations. The fair is organised by founder and NAWT supporter, Marion Garnett. Entrance is free. More details from ealinganimalsfair.london

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### Money saving hacks





We're all feeling the pinch at the moment so how can we give our pets the best life on a budget? We polled our team and asked them to share their top tips for saving pennies when it comes to pets.



### **DEALS & DISCOUNTS**

Regularly reviewing your spending is one way to see if savings can be made. Brands, retailers and even veterinary surgeries regularly offer rewards

for pet owners.

"Look out for deals, discounts or cashback offers on pet products through your job – we find charity worker discounts offer cashback on loads of quality pet food brands, pet shops, pet insurance and supermarkets, and the offers are available to volunteers as well. There are similar schemes for other job types as well as students too."

Amy Schofield, fundraising officer, Essex.



"Speak to your vets – or contact a few of your local ones – and ask what payment schemes or vaccination plans they offer. Many offer a scheme where you pay a small amount per month and this will cover your pet's annual vaccinations when the time comes. It often works out a little cheaper – and means you don't have a larger amount to pay all at once. Worming and flea treatments are often bundled into in these plans too."

Nicola Leach, fundraising officer, Bedfordshire.

"Ask your insurance provider if they are able to reduce your monthly pet insurance premiums in return for a higher excess fee."

Stacey Sheppard, centre supervisor,





### **CLOTHING**

Old clothing can be re-used in all sorts of ways to keep animals and their accessories warm. Save your fleeces and T-shirts from landfill and see if they can be used to keep pet clothing costs down by re-purposing sleeves or legs from old fleeces or joggers. Look up no-sew or DIY projects to find ideas.



"This is Bubbles, a tiny terrier cross pup that came in without her mum. The Cornwall team didn't have any coats small enough so they cut the toe and ankle off of a fluffy sock and made her a coat."

Louise Clarke, centre manager, Cornwall

"Whatever the size of your dog or cat, if they have had an operation, re-use an old clean piece of clothing like a t-shirt instead of buying expensive post-surgery suits. Items can be cut up and made to fit easily."

Amy Hall, fundraising officer, Cornwall



"In the colder months, you can insulate rabbit and guinea pig drinking bottles with an old sock in the winter to prevent them from freezing."

Josie Hantonne, fundraising officer,
Hertfordshire



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### TOYS & ACTIVITIES

Some of the easiest savings are to be found when it comes to keeping our pets amused. Many are provided from waste materials or by using items found in the home.

"Reusing cardboard boxes, newspaper or rags to create enrichment feeders is a cheap and easy way to keep both dogs and cats here busy, both at the centre or at home.

> The same principle can be applied for rabbits and guinea pigs using toilet roll tubes or old packaging boxes for hay feeders."

Emma Chambers, animal care assistant,





"Using cardboard boxes or paper bags (e.g. deliveries) to make "destruction boxes" for dog enrichment."

Josie Hantonne, fundraising officer, Hertfordshire

"Want an affordordable puzzle toy? Try the towel trick instead. If you look up online, there are many videos which show you how to sprinkle treats on a towel and roll it up to make it interactive for the dog to try to undo." Molly Hall, fundraising officer, Berkshire





As you know from your grocery bills, food is where most of us have seen the biggest hikes in prices and pet food has been no exception with reports of a nearly 60% price increase in some instances this year\*. Here are some thrifty feeding ideas.

\*Source: The Grocer





- "For many dogs, a treat could be a slice of carrot, or an extra cuddle on the sofa! When training, also remember that toys could also work just as well as sausages! Every dog is different, but don't automatically think 'food' when it's time to reward them."
- "Buy food in bulk often food is cheaper in bulk, so why not speak to your friends or neighbours and go in on a large order. Utilise your local Facebook pages to put a message out to see if anyone can do this with you."











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### My life in walks and cuddles





MEET AMY HALL. SHE WORKS AS A FUNDRAISING OFFICER AT NAWT'S CORNWALL CENTRE

Amy Hall with Luna

#### Tell us how you came to work at the charity?

I used to work for a self-catering holiday-let company and after nine years of working there, I really fancied a change. I wanted a job where I knew I'd be making a difference and when this opportunity came up - combined with my love for animals - I had to go for it! Here I am three years later and loving it.

### What does the job entail?

Every month we have a target we need to raise to help pay for our centre costs and so that means thinking up new and creative ways to raise money. This could be organsing events, talking to local businesses and supporters...the list goes on. We also have emergencies to raise money for like stray Collie Roo and her seven puppies. She arrived here so we knew we'd need to find more funds to help her safely deliver her litter. Her story was picked up on the local media and thanks to people's amazing generosity, we managed to raise over £1,000 overnight. Then, we have longer term projects to raise money for such as replacing the rundown outdoor cat pen. This afternoon I'm showing a local business round the pen as they have generously funded the re-fit which will be happening later this year.



### Have you got any pets of your own?

Yes, as a child we always had cats, normally two at a time. We had Shelley, Ginger, Chilli, Izzy and Willow over the years and then, when I turned 18, my parents acquired a Golden Retriever called Ozzy. He was such a sweet and gentle boy, a typical retriever and he passed pregnant, too traumatised to even stand, away about 18 months ago at the age of 14. We weren't thinking of getting another dog but then, about a month after Ozzy died, the centre took in an 18-month-old Golden Retriever puppy. This breed rarely comes into rescue centres like ours so it was clearly meant to be as we took Luna home soon after. I now share her with my parents. Some of the time she stays with me and can come to work with me during the day. She loves it here, especially the paddock although her absolute favourite place is the beach.

I've also got a cat at home who came from the centre called Sparky. He likes to spend lots of time outdoors but when he's inside he is such a lovely cuddly boy and likes to sleep on the bed at night.

### You spend your working life raising money for animals at the centre. Are there any who really stick in your mind?

Honestly every animal that comes in sticks with me but there are some where I share a special moment. Right now, it's Paddy who's been here for more than two years. I made it my number one goal to become best buddies with Paddy and we've got there. We will never give up trying to find him the right home. Lurcher Dillon was another one. He became famous across the nation and beyond a couple of years ago after I wrote a piece about him being the unluckiest dog in Britain.

Of the cats, I remember Buster, who was a stray visiting a local hospital before he came here. He was a real character. Then most recently 10-month-old April who arrived here with two three-day-old kittens who were so malnourished that we were unable to save them. She underwent such tragedy so young but now she's fully recovered and in a loving home (read her story on p.10).

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### Two bulldogs now the picture of health following mange setback



Young bulldogs Ben and Bill arrived at Hertfordshire Centre earlier this year with severe cases of mange. Now recovered from their skin illnesses, the pair have found loving new homes with different families.

Ben's adoptive family spotted him online and were heartbroken to see Ben. Owner Jenna used to volunteer at NAWT and always wanted a rescue for the family dog. She said: "It's amazing how well he's adapted to each one of us. He loves playing

with Hudson, our young son in the garden, and with our

teenager, he will happily hang out with her either sleeping or on the sofa. If he wants to cuddle, he turns into a mummy's boy when he finds me and looks for a belly rub. Ben's got some lameness in his leg so goes to hydrotherapy but apart from that he is well on the mend."

Bill's family report a similarly successful rehoming. Owner Megan said: "It was love at first sight when we saw Bill, even though I'd previously said to my husband that we weren't getting a dog! Bill's a big softie and plays so nicely with our children who are aged four, six and ten. People think he's a big, aggressive dog because of his breed but the reverse is true. His skin is healing well and clearly, he's had amazing care at the rehoming centre because he was so well socialised."



### Ben & Bill

Rehomed: March 2023 Centre: Hertfordshire Breed: American bulldog Ben adopted by: The Huckles Bill adopted by: The Devaney

family

### **Ozzie**

Rehomed: August 2023 Centre: Bedfordshire Breed: Domestic Long

Hair

**Adopted by: The Kovacs** 

family

Nine-year-old Ozzie was spotted by her new owner Kristina online. She had been looking for an older cat, having previously rehomed a 13-year-old cat called Smudge from the centre. Ozzie needed a quiet home and the Kovacs' one fitted the bill.

"At the centre Ozzie had been shy and nervous so I was told to prepare for a challenge while she settles in. I created her own space at home with lots of hiding corners and let her move in at her own pace. I'm happy to say that it didn't take long for Ozzie to bond. Now she follows me everywhere and even sleeps next to me on my side of the bed. If I call her name, then she usually stops and turns around to greet me. She's a really, lovely cat."





Rehomed: July 2023 Centre: Cornwall Breed: DSH Adopted by: Tom Burley

Time was running out for April and her two kittens when they were brought to the Cornwall Centre this summer. The 10-month-old mum was in a bad way. She had mastitis, was underweight and struggling to feed her babies, who were already weak. The team rallied to help the stricken trio but sadly the two youngsters were unable to survive. The pair were believed to be the last babies in a litter of seven.

In the days that followed, April's strength started to return and she was soon back to being a playful kitten herself.

She was taken home by Tom and it wasn't long before she suffered another misfortune, arriving home with a pulled tail injury. Now in recovery after having her damaged tail removed, April is refusing to let this latest drama set her back.

Tom said: "The vet describes April as sassy and I'd say that's true. She's very independent, preferring to lie on my desk as I work over joining me for a cosy cuddle. She's very active - always keen to go out and explore."

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### Ariel

Rehomed: July 2023 Centre: Clacton Breed: Domestic Short Hair Adopted by: Beth Bennett



With a five-year-old whippet called Shadow already living at home, the Bennetts knew it would take some time to find the ideal cat to come and live with them. Their dog used to live with another cat called Bundle, who passed away last year so they knew any new cat coming to live with them would have to be confident.

Beth said: "As well as Shadow, my two young nephews regularly visit the house and so any cat would have to be happy playing with some new friends.

"I was looking at the rehoming sites for a while and as soon as I read about Ariel, I thought she could be the perfect fit."

The energetic kitten was already making an impression at Clacton with her lively personality and very soon after meeting the Bennetts, she was on her way to her new home in Oxfordshire.,

"Ariel and Shadow fell in love immediately. Everything the team said about her personality was true. She's fabulous company and is into everything. She will play with the boys, with Shadow and even comes to the door when the postman comes, as if she was a dog!

"Our family are so grateful to NAWT Essex for entrusting Ariel to us, we love her so much and so do all the neighbours!"



### **Truffles**

Rehomed: July 2023 Centre: Berkshire Breed: Bulldog Adopted by: Tracy and Shane Gibson



Truffles arrived as a stray, covered in mites and bald patches across her body. The tear duct in one of her eyes was not producing any tears, bringing discomfort to her eye and nose. Under vet supervision, it was decided to have the eye removed to give Truffles a better quality of life.

After a successful fundraising drive to raise the money for her op, Truffles' eye was removed. When she had successfully recovered, she was able to go to her new home.

Now she is living her best life with French bulldog Lola where she is teaching her some cheeky tricks of her own, like how to open the stair gate!

Owner Tracy said: "You would never think Truffles has any issues with her sight the way she gets about. Nothing seems to faze her at all. She's such a character. From the moment we travelled down to meet Truffles, we knew it was just meant to be. She's fitted in so well with our family."







### **Harley**

Centre: Bedfordshire

This unlucky fellow has spent nearly all his young life looking for a new home, spending most of his time in foster care while the Bedfordshire Centre was undergoing its transformation.

The playful pup has received lots of interest in that time but sadly, nothing so far has resulted in a permanent home for Harley.

The rottweiler cross loves making friends with new people and enjoys getting lots of fuss and attention. Ideally, he would like a home with someone who he can spend a lot of time with, whilst giving him all the enrichment and exercise he needs.

After so long in rescue, could you help find the perfect home for Harley?

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### Fundraising superheroes

We can't thank you enough for all you to do to show your love and support to NAWT. Your gifts, donations and fundraisers help pets overcome the toughest challenges of their lives.



Melissa Wise



Thurrock Group



Reach Free School

Animals have always played a part in Melissa's life right from childhood. But it's her dog, lurcher, Hal (pictured above), and her two previous dogs, Jack Russells, Barna and Charlotte, who have inspired her to fundraise for National Animal Welfare Trust. After completing a walk, running raffles and entering a zumbathon, Melissa's latest challenge had her reaching for the sky when she undertook a tandem parachute jump with the Army Parachute Association above the Wiltshire countryside in June.

"Skydiving is my biggest feat yet. I wanted to do something a bit different this time round and it was certainly an amazing experience. I'd definitely do it again!"

Melissa's high-flying pursuit raised £750 and earned her plenty of praise for her bravery.

And the sky isn't the limit when it comes to Melissa's ambitions.

Next on the cards is the launch of a fundraising group near her home to raise even more money for the charity. One of our oldest voluntary groups is based in Thurrock, Essex. They play an important role in their community, raising money to help pet owners struggling to pay vets bills. One recent example is covering the cost of dental treatment for a cat belonging to a woman who had taken him on after his original owner went into a care home and could no longer keep the cat.

Treasurer Sally Nelder said:
"The woman only took him in for a routine check-up and was mortified when she found out how much it was going to cost as she didn't have that kind of money. We were able to help fund the treatment and the woman was able to keep on looking after the cat."

Comprising 15 volunteers, the group raise their funds from running stalls at events, primarily at a local church every month.

This year to date, 14 animals have been helped including long-term medication support for a diabetic cat called Princess and another with a liver condition called Mundek.

A pair of ferrets called Nugget and Dottie has inspired a group of year 9 students to fundraise for NAWT Hertfordshire Centre.

The dedicated class from Rickmansworth hosted a "sponge the teacher" event following a tour of the centre where they learnt about the work of the charity.

The fundraiser was a great success with a long queue of students lining up to throw a wet sponge at a teacher in return for a donation to NAWT.

Some of the students also made a presentation to the head to convince the school to host a non-uniform day to raise money for the charity.

A group of year 9s dropped into the centre just before the summer holidays to present a donation of £128.

The project was jointly organised by the school with Watford FC Community Sports & Education Trust. Community project officer Lucy Tearle said: "A big highlight on the tour were the ferrets as the students did not know a lot about these animals and absolutely loved them. It was great getting involved with the rehoming centre and we look forward to doing more in the future."



If Melissa, Thurrock Group or Reach Free School's students have inspired you to fundraise for NAWT, there are so many ways you can help. If you'd like to talk to our team then either contact your local centre or call our head office on 020 8950 0177 (option 1). We can provide posters and leaflets as well as offer advice and tips on how to make your event go smoothly.

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### Martin's legacy to rescue lives on

As a charity, we rely very much on the kindness of gifts left to us in wills. In fact, one in every two homeless animals helped by NAWT are funded in this way.

Many of those kind enough to leave something to us are animal lovers like the late Martin

Pollard whose passion for dogs led him to spend most of his life around them. Martin kept a number of sheepdogs over the years – most of them were rescues – and enjoyed agility and latterly, flyball as it began to take off in the UK

With a talent for technical matters, he become involved in developing equipment for agility competitions including the first timing system.

Martin died in January 2021 at the age of 86 and NAWT were among a number of animal charities who benefited from his generosity.



Dorothy Grange adopted Staffy-cross Daisy in September 2015 from the Hertfordshire Centre. One week later, Daisy travelled with Dorothy and her daughter Samantha to the Isle of Wight but the trip was cut short when Dorothy's father Jack sadly passed away. In the awful days and weeks of grief that followed, Daisy would jump on Dorothy's lap and rest her head on her new owner's shoulder to offer comfort whenever she became tearful.

From that moment on, Daisy became central to the whole family.

She rarely barked, never reacted to other dogs, walked beautifully on the lead, and was so tender and loving to the grandchildren visiting Dorothy's home.

After enjoying eight wonderful years together, Daisy passed away in July this year at the age of 15. Dorothy's daughter, Samantha said: "Until the very end, Daisy still enjoyed her walks (even though they took a bit longer), had a few grey hairs and still had the occasional "zoomies".

"We wanted to thank you for giving us the opportunity to be her furever home. I do hope that one day my mum, when she is ready, will open her heart to another rescue."



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### Brushing up on your pet's teeth

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As anyone who has ever had toothache can tell you, dental pain is absolutely horrible. Unfortunately, our pets are often not very good at telling us when they have a sore mouth and so it is important to have regular vet check-ups and to do our best to help look after

Just like in humans, the most effective way to keep your dog or cat's teeth clean is daily toothbrushing. This should be with a specially formulated pet toothbrush and toothpaste as human toothpastes can contain chemicals which can harm your pet. Unfortunately, not all our furry friends are very keen on having their teeth brushed and so we often need to find other ways to help with their teeth.

their teeth.

Diet plays an important role in your pet's oral hygiene – avoiding too many sugary treats and human food helps to reduce plaque build-up and tooth decay, and specially formulated dental diets exist for pets who are particularly prone to dental issues.



Dental treats and chews can help to slow down the build-up of tartar but do take care when choosing dog chew toys as they can wear down or even break teeth if they are too hard. A good rule of thumb is to never give your dog something to chew unless your nail can make a dent in it when pressed hard.

Sometimes, even with the utmost care and attention, tartar may start to build up in your pet's mouth. If this layer becomes thick enough, then your dog may need to have them professionally cleaned by your vet. Although this can be worrying, it is always better to treat dental problems as soon as they



are noticed as they can rapidly worsen and cause more and more pain.

Katie Mackenzie, veterinary surgeon, NAWT Hertfordshire





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### Come Christmas shopping with us

Finding gifts for people who love animals can be a daunting task – especially if they've already got next year's dog calendar or the latest cute cat item.

Let's take you through some of the ways you can shop with us this Christmas, treat your loved ones and help animals in need.



If you're stumped for ideas, then buying a Christmas gift to benefit a four-legged pal in need, could be the perfect alternative.

We have four gifting Christmas cards available to purchase in lieu of a present. Priced at £10 and £15, each donation card will help keep a homeless cat or dog stay healthy, cosy and warm this Christmas.

### Purrfect gifts for pampered pets

Did you know all our centres stock a range of pre-loved or nearly new pet items? What better way to treat your or a dear friend's pet on Christmas day.





### New exclusively-designed Doodle gifts

Our talented in-house designer, Emma Rowsell, has created a collection of beautiful illustrations of some of our centres' most memorable residents (here they are in the picture gallery above). The collection of mugs, coasters and tote bags are now available online from our centres, charity shops and online shop.



### **Secret Santas**

Our charity shops are a treasure trove of quality pre-loved gifts for those looking for small items such as secret santa gifts and stocking fillers. Buying second hand helps to reduce items from landfill while also benefiting charities like ours. If you can't visit one of our shops in person, then the National Animal Welfare Trust eBay shop is where you'll find a selection of great ideas.

Scan to visit our eBay shop



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We always strive to give all the animals the best possible life while they are in kennels and while our dogs are given plenty of space of their own,

sometimes, it's still not enough. This was the problem for German Shepherd, Bailey, who was finding kennel life quite challenging. So, the team created a supersize kennel for him this summer in a quieter part of the site. Since moving to his new "mansion-kennel", he can often be seen relaxing, stretching out or playing with his favourite toys. Fingers crossed, Bailey may be finding his way to a new home soon!



Now our brand-new kennels and catteries are open, we'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped us to kit out the spaces ready for our new arrivals. Generous members of the public and local businesses have kindly provided us with equipment such as a washing machine to cat agility furniture and of course beds and blankets.

Here's our two kittens Liquorice and Humbug enjoying their new space.





Our dog and cat boarding services went live this summer which means we can now turn our attention to upgrading our dog exercise areas. The work has started by making some much-needed improvements to our fences in order to

keep our four-legged friends safe. We'd like to say a big thank you to our supporters who kindly supported our fundraiser last December to match some funding generously provided by a Groundwork Golden Grant from Tesco.



We've been delighted to welcome dozens of corporates to our centre this summer. They've been a great help to us, assisting with our open day preparations and other maintenance work. The next project is giving our groom room some TLC and updating the equipment we use to keep the dogs looking their best. We're now in a position to start the work thanks to the fundraising efforts of our skydiving champion, Jane Hall, who's managed to raise more than £1,000 towards the scheme.

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We are very fortunate to be supported by our local Tesco in Helston after the team made us their chosen charity. All these items were donated over one long weekend! Thank you so much to everyone who has donated! It means so much to the centre.

### Visiting our centres and shops

#### **NAWT Bedfordshire**

Glebe Farm, Salford Road, Aspley Guise, Milton Keynes, MK17 8HZ Open daily 11am to 4pm (closed Tuesdays) 01908 584000

### **NAWT Woburn Sands** Shop

41 High Street, Woburn Sands, Milton Keynes, MK17 8RB T 01908 587401

#### **NAWT Berkshire**

Trindledown Farm, Wantage Road, Great Shefford, Berkshire RG17 7DQ T 01488 638 584 Open Tuesday - Sunday 10am to 4pm

#### **NAWT Cornwall**

Wheal Alfred Kennels, Wheal Alfred Road. Havle, Cornwall TR27 5JT T 01736 756 005 Open daily 11am to 4pm (closed Tuesdays)

### **NAWT Hayle Shop**

Suite 1-2 Foundry House, Foundry Square, Hayle TR27 4HH T 01736 759 707

#### **NAWT Essex**

The Street. Little Clacton. Essex CO16 9LG T 01255 860 062 Open daily 11am to 4pm (closed Tuesdays)

#### **NAWT Thurrock**

Rehoming and General enquiries T 01375 393 663

#### **NAWT Hertfordshire**

Tylers Way, Watford, Hertfordshire WD25 8WT T 020 8950 0177 (Option 2) Open daily 11am to 4pm (closed Tuesdays)

#### **NAWT Watford Shop**

2 New Road, Watford WD17 2EX T 01923 227 141

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