

# Brinsley Animal Rescue Newsletter

## Spring 2014

ISSUE II

# SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

A time of renewal. For the hard core regulars of Brinsley Animal Rescue who have worked so resiliently throughout the season of "staying in", it is a time of hope, of new team members coming in, chatting over a cup of tea and sharing the chores of looking after the diverse creatures that call the sanctuary home.

Sadly, there is steady stream of animals in need of shelter, medical attention and general care; there are always other mouths to feed should resources stretch... From abandoned pets, to injured wildlife, to animals who have somehow escaped the farming industries, Brinsley Animal Rescue offers the chance of life to a lucky few who happened to be in the right place at the right time.

Animals like Lady Marmalade, a gentle, long haired feline, who was found living rough, covered from neck to tail in thick matted fur and with terrible diarrhoea, just a few streets away from the sanctuary. Now she's been to the vets, been wormed and once she is feeling better will be looking for a new home.

At any one time there are upward of a hundred Brinsley Animal Rescue residents similarly looking to be adopted, from cats to cockerels; from geese to goats; from ponies to pigs; and for every animal re-homed, space is freed to rescue one more from disaster.

So if you feel you could give a loving home to a new furry or feathery friend, don't be shy, get in touch!



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Hello, and welcome to another exciting edition of the Brinsley Animal Rescue newsletter! This publication is intended to provide just a taster, a literary hor d'oeuvre, of the drama that is daily life at the sanctuary!

Many thanks to Jen, Beth and Jon for their excellent contributions to this edition, if anyone wishes to submit an article for inclusion in the next instalment, by all means email it to me at:

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Joey and Charlie were saved by Brinsley Animal Rescue during the annual Dartmoor 'Cull' in 2011. Destined (along with the rest of their family) for tiger meat in zoos, these boys were two of the few lucky ones when the sanctuary saved them from the brink of death and brought them from the meat man for £5 each! Thanks to Brinsley Animal Rescue, they have been able to gallop towards a brighter and more secure future.



As volunteers at the centre my mum and I met these brothers in 2013 and fell in love with them. We adopted them in August hoping to build their trust and confidence and also to create a more natural environment/herd for our other two horses Dee and Folly. Seven months later and they're making progress in leaps and bounds. Despite going through their terrible twos, their confidence is flourishing. When we first adopted them we couldn't approach Joey without him panicking; now he's enjoying regular cuddles and both are following people around trying to play and causing as much mayhem as possible! All the work we've done with them has been through kindness, patience and most importantly on their terms; we've just enjoyed being a part of their journey. It's a joy to watch and be a part of; they have definitely found a forever home.

To anyone considering inviting an animal into their life, after full research into their desired companion, I would wholeheartedly recommend and encourage adoption. As an owner of 4 horses, a dog and a cat (5 of which are rescued), I can say it's extremely rewarding for both human and animal.

For more information on animals needing adoption, see [www.brinsleyanimalrescue.org](http://www.brinsleyanimalrescue.org).





## Special Report: Thank you, Kathleen

**In 2013 Brinsley Animal Rescue was approached by the Executors of the estate of a kind lady, who, had unfortunately passed away. Being an animal lover, she had left her estate to animal charities. Her name was Kathleen Robinson.**

**The funding she left enabled the specialist wildlife hospital at Brinsley Animal Rescue to finally be completed, to be fully equipped and to begin treating sick animals.**

**The founders, trustees and volunteers of the sanctuary never met Kathleen but very much hope that she would be proud of how her legacy has been spent.**

**Kathleen's kindness and compassion towards animals in her lifetime will now continue for many, many years.**



## Animals In Need



**Each year inside British laboratories, nearly 4 million animals are experimented on. Every 8 seconds, one animal dies. Cats, dogs, rats, mice, guinea pigs, rabbits, primates and other animals are used to test new products, to study human disease and in the development of new drugs. They are even used in warfare experiments.**

**Common horrific experiments inflicted on animals include: exposure to drugs, chemicals and infectious disease, surgical procedures, inflictions of wounds, burns and pain, food and water deprivation, behavioural experiments designed to cause distress such as electric shock or forced swimming, forced chemical exposure for toxicity testing, through injection or inhalation.**

**This year the UK national march and rally to mark World Day for Animals In Laboratories is to be held in Nottingham. Why not come and join the hundreds of people flocking to the city centre to stand up for the animals? It is on Saturday 26th of April and starts at the Brian Clough statue on market square, at 12:00 noon. See [www.wdail.org](http://www.wdail.org) for more information.**



By Beth H

# Featured Pets In Need Of Homes



## **SQUEAKER**

**This little lad has only just come into the rescue and is booked in for neutering at time of going to press. He needs some female company and is a very vocal and a friendly little fella. He came in with mites but has undergone treatment so that his irritable skin condition has improved. He loves a chin and ear rub and will squeak at the slightest noise of a carrot bag being opened.**

## **FLORENCE AND FAYE**

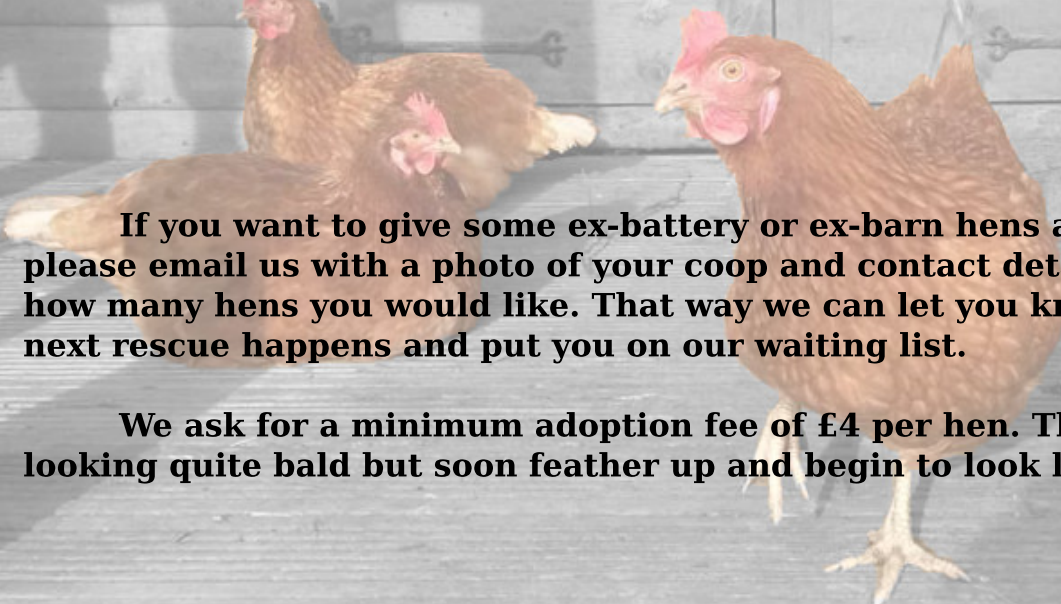
**These two sisters have been at the rescue for two years and we have no idea why. They are a little timid but with lots of human attention they would soon become more confident. They can be a little naughty at bedtime as they scuttle under the hutch refusing to come out but they adore each other and constantly groom each other and snuggle up.**



**At the time of going to press we still do not have a confirmed date for our next hen rescue.**

**If you want to give some ex-battery or ex-barn hens a home then please email us with a photo of your coop and contact details along with how many hens you would like. That way we can let you know when the next rescue happens and put you on our waiting list.**

**We ask for a minimum adoption fee of £4 per hen. The hens come in looking quite bald but soon feather up and begin to look like hens should.**





# Alfred The Great

## ADVANCE NOTICE

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We love receiving letters and emails about the animals we have rehomed. The following story really touched us as Alfred was a very special Buff Orpington cockerel.

We were very sorry to hear that he had died but so pleased that he had such a loving home.

The Brinsley Animal Rescue summer open day will be held on Sunday 10th August 2014, from 11:00 until 16:00. There will be stalls, tea and cake, veggie burgers and lots of animals to see and fuss!

Hi,

I just thought I would let you know that Alfred (Orpington cockerel) has died. I know he was a bit of a favourite when he was at the sanctuary! He was a real character, when I was pottering in the garden he was always with me, especially at coffee time if ginger biscuits were on the menu!!! A year ago he was ill and needed round the clock TLC. so I brought him in the house; little did I know this would start a trend!

Any time after that, in inclement weather when the door was open, I would come out of the garden and find Alfred plus flock fast asleep in front of the Aga!!!

Thank you for letting me give him a home. He will be sorely missed.

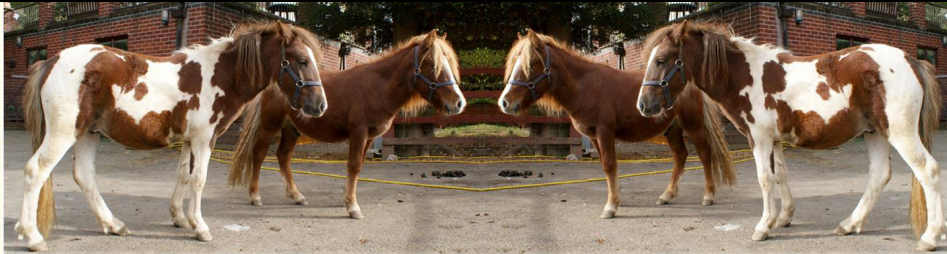
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# Spring Fund-raising Project

In addition to the never-ending bills for food, bedding, veterinary care etc., Brinsley Animal Rescue is currently trying to raise £5000 for specialist, stainless steel, hospital cages (see picture). These will significantly increase the quality of care available at the new wildlife facility.

If you are in a position to financially support this project or the charity generally, please consider the standing order form overleaf.



Thunderbrook Equestrian, in conjunction with Brinsley Animal Rescue, Nottingham are proud to present an educational talk

## The REAL Truth About Feeding Horses Naturally!

by Dr Deborah Carley BSc (Hons) Biochemistry, PhD Biological & Nutritional Sciences, and founder & proprietor of Thunderbrook Equestrian

What is 'natural' horse feed?

Understand the ingredients in processed horse feeds

Feeding the metabolic horse, Laminitis, Cushings, PPID etc

Feeding horses with ulcers or compromised digestion

Does your horse really need that supplement?

Feeding for the Barefoot Horse

Come and join us for an interactive talk with questions and answers!

Admission £7 in advance or £10 at the door

for more information or to buy a ticket, please email [talk@thunderbrook.co.uk](mailto:talk@thunderbrook.co.uk)

All proceeds of the talk will be donated to Brinsley Animal Rescue, 69 Hobsic Close, Brinsley, Nottingham

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Brinsley Animal Rescue

Giving Animals a Second Chance..

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**Saturday  
July 5th 2014**  
Starts at 2pm  
Prompt!

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## Standing Order Donation Form

**Becoming a regular donor by standing order is one of the best ways in which you can help Brinsley Animal Rescue care for animals.**

Regular donations by standing order helps us to plan ahead and cuts our administration costs, meaning that more money can go directly into our projects and day to day running costs of the rescue centre.

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Please complete this form in **BLOCK CAPITALS** and return to YOUR bank

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Name and address of your bank, including postcode:

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Instructions to your bank:

Please make payments and debit my / our account as follows:

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In accordance with the following details:

Pay; The Co-operative Bank, PO Box 250, Skelmersdale, WN8 6WT (Sort code: 08-92-99) for the account of Brinsley Animal Rescue, Account Number 65330663-00, the sum of:

£ ..... paid \*weekly / \*monthly / \*annually starting on ..... (please insert start date, or leaving at least one month from today's date)

Signature(s)..... Today's date ..... date)

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Please return this section only form to Brinsley Animal Rescue, not your bank.

**Thank you for donating to Brinsley Animal Rescue**

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# Meet The Residents

By Jon B

We fetched this poor fox from a nearby town. Initial reports were that the fox was lying in a hedge bottom and looking very sorry for himself, it didn't sound good at all. By the time we got there, all kitted out to rescue him, he had moved. Even a dying animal, fearing for their life, can summon enough energy to move away and escape. They don't know we are there to help. We searched a couple of nearby gardens, then fortunately found him hiding in an out building. We trapped him and brought him back to our animal hospital at the sanctuary, for a good examination.



We found he had mange, which is a parasite that lives on the skin, and causes severe irritation to the host, so much so that our fox had scratched himself crazy and now had infected wounds. He had even gnawed all of the fur off his tail. Ordinarily we treat mange 'in situ' and get people to put the treatment in food, but this guy needed antibiotics and pain relief. We bathed his wounds, started him on a course of mange treatment, and removed a dozen or more ticks.

Other than mange and ticks, he was eating and drinking, and following pain relief, we did all we could for him. Unfortunately though, he died the following day...

It is mentally very challenging rescuing wildlife sometimes, we only interfere if we have too and by the time wildlife are ill enough to be caught, they are often past human intervention to save them. But that doesn't put us off, we do our best for the animals.

We still believe we made a difference to this youngster. He would have died in the cold and wet in a hedge bottom, but instead he passed away peacefully in the warmth of our hospital, with food, water, pain relief and love.



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