



Friends Of Baxter Animal Care

WHERE ANIMALS ALWAYS COME FIRST

Autumn 2018 Newsletter



Hello, we are well into Autumn and it's time for another update.

We are delighted to be offering our free therapy service to another rescue/rehoming centre and our new fundraising classes, workshops and other activities have kicked off with a great start. Animal Reiki training classes are intended to run from February 2019 and a range of very competitively priced pet toys and Christmas goods, including popular brands, are now for sale – see photos and prices below. We've been out sharing our work and giving talks, and we hope to hear from the Charity Commission shortly regarding our application to become a registered Charity. To support this new status, a smart new website is kindly being built by a graphic designer volunteer. What's more, increasing numbers of volunteers are assisting us to raise awareness, boost our fundraising and offer therapy sessions. There's more below – happy reading!



Best wishes, Sue Malcolm Chair and founder (email:info@friendsofbaxter.org.uk)

Our Volunteers are stars - raising £868!

A massive THANK YOU to volunteers Heather, Sam and Charlie for running the Leeds 10k for Friends Of Baxter Animal Care on July 8th and raising a fantastic £868.32.

They all did amazingly well and the money raised is greatly appreciated. It will go towards the creation of our first centre from which we will further our work to help sick, cruelly treated and abandoned or stray animals, using natural and holistic complementary therapies where they are in an animal's best interest.



Another Rescue Centre to benefit from our services



Linbee Dog Rehoming has become an additional rescue centre to receive regular (weekly) Reiki treatments from us and we have a number of other venues interested.

This rehoming centre is run by a small team who do an incredible job, having rescued and rehomed around 500 dogs in three years. Our primary aim is to help reduce the stress and associated behavioural issues that some of these dogs experience when suddenly finding themselves in a strange place that doesn't resemble home, with no-one they know and lots of other unknown dogs; thus enabling them to be rehomed more quickly.

If you would like to volunteer regularly to help us or Linbee Dog Rehoming to benefit their dogs, email info@friendsofbaxter.org.uk.



Some of our recent activities

Since the Summer newsletter we've been to several dog shows and other events, given a variety of talks, held stalls at car boot and in door sales and repeated our popular FREE Sunday evening distant healing.

BURLEY-IN-WHARFEDALE FUN DOG SHOW

where I was one of the judges for the waggiest tail competition. Here we are with the winners and their families.

It was a great event – one for your diary next August. This was just one of the shows we attended where we offered Free Reiki to many dogs who really enjoyed the experience, and we've been extremely pleased by the uptake and responses received.



This year's **CAREERS WITH ANIMAL'S DAY AT THE LEEDS COLLEGE OF ANIMAL WELFARE (CAW)** on October 13th proved to be a fabulous event again. People of all ages who were interested in possible careers with animals came to find out more about Friends Of Baxter Animal Care, our therapy work and the potential future career opportunities using such therapies. The level of interest in natural and holistic complementary therapies was significant and even greater than last year. We barely stopped talking to visitors all day and our talk "Improving Animals lives using holistic therapies" was very well attended.

We firmly believe that this is not a fad but the way forward for animal care. In New York state alone, hundreds of holistic veterinarians are seeing this as the future. Their numbers are growing and due to their success and popularity the trend is now crossing the Atlantic.

It is a kind, caring and most importantly, effective way to benefit animals. We aspire to lead this trend in the UK.



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Improving Animals Lives using Holistic Therapies
Sue Malcolm
Founder

OUR FREE DISTANT HEALING FOR ANIMALS on Sunday evenings during August proved popular again and the feedback received always makes it worthwhile. We received requests and sent distant Reiki to 23 animals in total, mainly cats and dogs but also a horse who makes it known that she loves her Reiki.

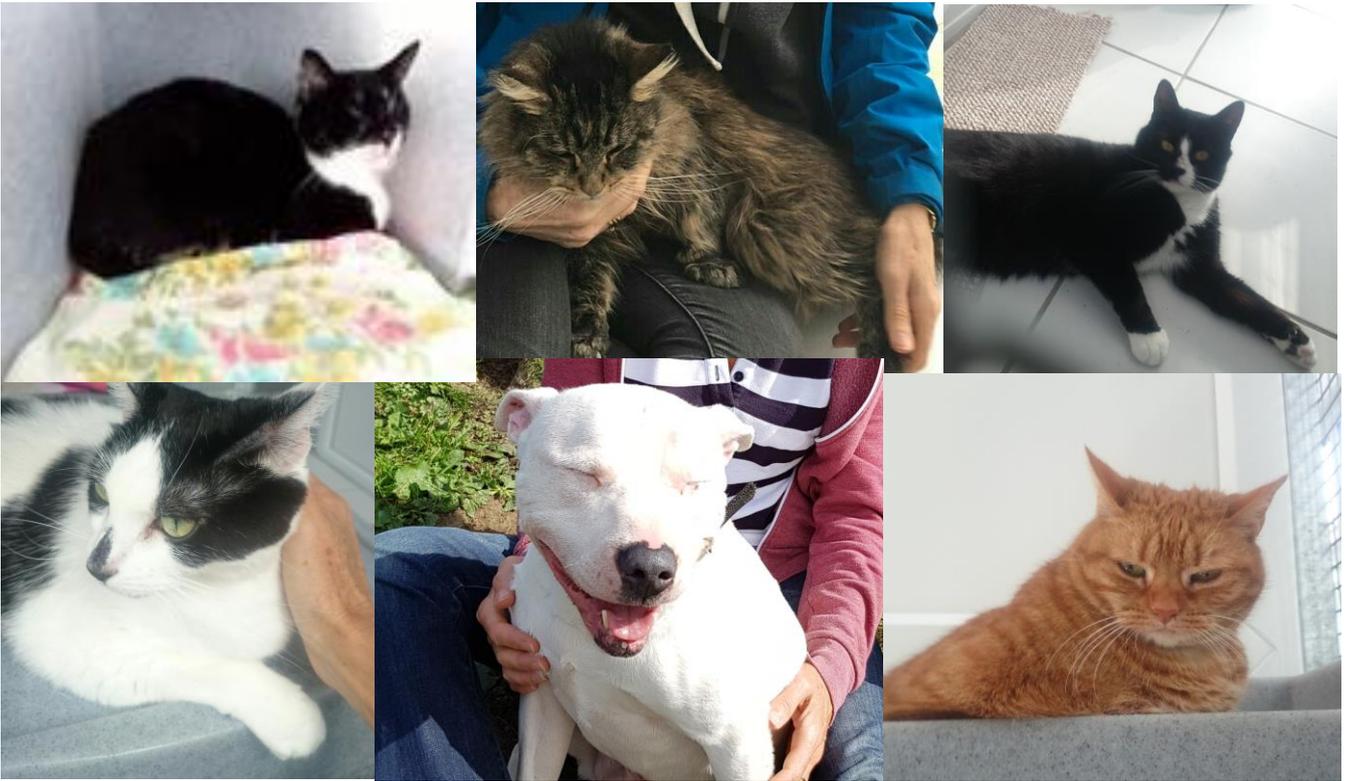
Several owners advised a noticeable difference after the group distant healing sessions. It's lovely to receive feedback! This FREE service will be available again for any animals that may like to receive it during February 2019. In the meantime, paid treatments (locally) or distant treatments (anywhere) are available.





A small selection of animals we've been helping over recent months

Just a few familiar faces .. all with their own story to tell. It's been a pure joy to be just a small part of their lives after they were rescued, lovingly cared for and then went on to be fostered or rehomed.



In the NEWS – Dog Owners beware of Xylitol!

Artificial sweetener Xylitol is toxic to dogs and it could take just one piece of sugar-free gum sweetened with Xylitol to leave an 8-10 kg dog seriously ill. It can lead to hypoglycaemia (dangerously low blood sugar) and needs urgent action. Symptoms can typically develop in dogs within 30 minutes (although they can be faster or take up to 12 hours) and can include: vomiting, lethargy, weakness, difficulty with walking, collapse.

Tragically it can be fatal as shown in a recent Dogs Today Magazine article

https://dogstodaymagazine.co.uk/2018/10/26/killed-by-xylitol-remembering-ruby/?fbclid=IwAR1GHm-FrrVHU7g3pxveRkwHqLsjZ_aREcemEslQ0IFscS-69SMM-Cun8gg

If you give dogs human food, especially diet or low-Calorie foods, **always check the ingredients list!**

Workshops, courses and activities – what's coming up

To support our fundraising, we have a number of generous animal loving supporters making donations to Friends Of Baxter Animal Care when they run different events and activities for us. Here are just a few. For more details and additional activities see <https://www.friendsofbaxter.org.uk/forthcoming-events>

Nov 11th Living Pain Free (Myofascial Release) Workshop at Rivers Meet, Methley 9.30am – 4.30pm £90

Nov 22nd Psychic and Mediumistic Reading Evening, Wakefield 4 - 10pm £35 for 45 mins (recorded)

Dec 9th Spiritual Development workshop1, Wakefield 10am – 5pm (all levels) £45

Jan 27th Spiritual Development workshop 2, Wakefield 10am – 5pm (all levels) £45

Reiki Techniques workshop, Animal Reiki courses and natural beauty pamper evenings also coming up soon



Our sponsored 3 peaks walk in 2019 – Are you up to the Challenge?



Following the success of the sponsored Parachute Jump and Leeds 10k Run in 2018, next year we will be spreading our wings further and organising our own 3 peaks sponsored walk. If you may be interested in joining us please let us know and we'll keep you updated/ involved with the date and planning.

New Pet products for sale

We are now selling a small range of pet toys and accessories including Christmas themed products at great prices. To order, please email info@friendsofbaxter.org.uk. All profits go directly to Friends Of Baxter Animal Care.

Smart Magnetix wellness products including collars and leads are also available from <https://www.friendsofbaxter.org.uk/products>



Giant Moose £7



Holiday bone £4.50



Kong Wubba squeak toys
Small £5
Medium £7.50



Baker's Xmas Tin £4.50



Dreamies Gift Box £4.50



Misfits stocking £3



Whiskas stocking £3



Dog Advent Calendar £2.50



Cat Advent Calendar £2.50



Florescent dog collar
Small (30-40cm) £4.50
Med/Large (40-60cm) £6.50

To Get Involved or Donate

Would you like to join our volunteers group or committee, or just help us on an ad hoc basis, being involved in a revolutionary venture with like-minded people that intends to change the face of animal care in the UK?

- Can you spare a few hours?
- Do you have any relevant skills or contacts?
- To donate go to <https://www.friendsofbaxter.org.uk/donation-request>

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