



# Friends Of Baxter Animal Care

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*Much is happening behind the scenes - our website will soon have a more modern and professional look and our team is growing but we still have volunteer roles available. The demand for Reiki training is flourishing as the number of therapy sessions we are offering has taken a leap forward this year and we also have a response from the Charity Commission regarding our registered Charity application.*

*Best wishes,  
Sue Malcolm, Chair and Founder*



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## What's happening behind the scenes

A graphic designer volunteer is very kindly creating a new fresh and modern looking website for us that will stand the test of time in years to come when we have our own holistic rescue, therapy centre and veterinary hospital. You'll notice a new look to our newsletter, leaflets and other marketing materials soon too.... but more about that when it's launched!

We have a new regulatory affairs manager to keep us up to date on all relevant legalities and a social media team who will bring our social media platforms to life. We still need an Events Co-ordinator, a Fundraising Manager and a new Secretary though. Please contact me for details if interested.

## Therapy update

We have been offering voluntary Reiki sessions to animals in Rescue centres since Nov 2017. Last year we averaged at 33 therapy sessions per month – Reiki in particular. This year we are at 50 per month with room for expansion. If any animal centres would like to know more, or animal therapy Practitioners are interested in joining our team please get in touch.

Additionally, demand for Reiki training via The Reiki Experience is such that courses fill up quickly without us having to advertise! Our follow-on Animal Reiki Level 1 is being offered to our volunteers now and will soon be available. Level 2 (practitioner level) will follow.

## Charity Registration update

We first contacted the Charity Commission about a year ago to discuss our work and plans. We took advice from the Small Charities Coalition, as recommended, believing that our application would be fast tracked. After five months, our application was assessed and further evidence was required. Only after submitting additional data did the Commission inform us that rescuing and rehoming animals, and the provision of veterinary treatments fell within their animal welfare definition. The provision of complementary therapies sadly did not. So..... we now need to raise funding to rescue and rehome animals too, if we wish to re-apply.

**FUNDRAISING MANAGER REQUIRED:** If anyone has experience in fundraising, including corporate sponsorship we'd very much appreciate your help. We need to now raise funds to start rescuing and rehoming unwanted animals.

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