

Spirit of the Dog



Rehabilitation Fund

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Welcome to our third Spirit newsletter. We are so pleased to announce that we have exceeded our first aim of raising £5,000 in the first year. In fact at the time of writing the gross total is very nearly £7,000. We are extending our fund raising this year and have many ideas in the pipeline, some of which we will outline in this newsletter.

We are pleased to say that the paper work to become a registered charity is with the Charity Commission and we understand that our paper work is in order. The business plan, complaints procedure have also been completed.

PATRON.

We are still actively seeking a patron and hope to be successful this year.

LOCAL PRESS AND RADIO.

The support from the local press and radio has been fantastic. We have had articles in all the local papers for all our fund raising events.

Claudine gave an interview on Dream 100 on 9th Jan.

Coast FM Visited the Great Holland Class on 16th Jan and interviewed most handlers there. There are some pictures on their web site, which can be accessed via the Spirit web site.

Big L is going to interview Claudine on 1/2/08.

All we need now is to gain some national publicity.

WEBSITE.

We have kindly been offered help by a Professional Web designer to work on our websites, this is beginning this week.

FUND RAISING.

We also have help now from a professional fund raiser to enable us to write to people outline our objectives.

FRINTON LATE NIGHT SHOPPING 14/1/207

This evening was a big success. We raised over £400.00. Our thanks to Margaret and Sue for organising it. They served lovely hot chocolate. Mmm, delicious. Sarah-Jane was dressed in a professional doggie outfit and was a fantastic crowd pleaser, especially the children. Believe me she was brilliant. We plan to do the night again this year.

CAR BOOTS.

The season is approaching and if you have any unwanted bric a brac then please remember us. You can always bring it to classes.

AN APPEAL.

As you are probably aware we collect unwanted mobile phones and used ink jets. However can we ask those of you who have internet access to log onto the Spirit site and subscribe to the recycling organisation. They will just send you some envelopes, which you do not have to use. However if we can get 30 people to subscribe then our charity will be included in their list that any one else can nominate. Thank you in anticipation.

TOMBOLA PRIZES.

We are currently collecting any unwanted Christmas gifts from anyone, so that we can put together a lovely Tombola for the Alternative therapy day on 15th March at the Brotherhood Hall in Clacton. Once again you can always bring them to class, Jean, Jane, Claudine, Trevor or Mal will always be so pleased to receive them.

A POEM.

RANDOM SPIRIT
BY MAL WOOLGER.

A dog sent by the angels, of that I am sure
Random, her name, unusual, I had not heard of it before.
She came from a broken home and was very insecure.
Her eyes are kind, her nature serene,
She is eager to learn and longing to please.
Magic, my Yorkie has fallen in love.
Did my mum send her from Heaven above?

Some of you know that sadly my mum passed away last October. Claudine knew I was looking for another dog and through Spirit of the Dog she found me this unbelievably gorgeous dog.

Finally we want to say a great big thank you to all of you who have supported us and continue to support us in our quest to provide a rehabilitation centre where dogs and potential new owners will be able to work together to achieve a positive outcome.
Eventually the centre will be able to offer seminars, information, education and real tangible help for dogs and owners.

