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**SUMMER
2019**

As the lengthening days reach their peak and Summer begins in earnest we look forward to the season of picnics and lemonade, evening strolls, gardens awash with vibrant colour and hopefully good weather. The nesting season is well and truly underway with juvenile songbirds searching for food, and our newly returned swallows at High View Farm utilising the barns and stables once more to bring a new generation into the world. Bees are steadily going about their business, but may need a helping hand during inclement weather, and hoverflies and ladybirds are helping to reduce the aphid population.

Life at the LCH Sanctuary goes on, with several newcomers coming into care, now safe and content. Our hedgerows have transformed into tapestries of nature's beautiful colours, and we take joy in catching sight of strong, healthy bats on the wing at dusk.

Meanwhile work continues in all areas of rescue, from the frontline essentials of saving lives and finding new homes, to the background work of admin, home checking and organising fundraising events. Life is never dull in rescue.

May had a bad start to the month, with the frontline team facing 8 dogs in danger within the space of 3 hours on the very first day. Holding it all together and functioning on a day to day basis is difficult enough, but an avalanche of requests and threats made for a hard week in rescue, possibly the hardest to date. We are lucky to have a very experienced team, dedicated to the welfare of animals, but sometimes even they will falter when confronted with humans who have no compassion, no empathy, and total disregard for life. But knowing that they have made a difference, in saving the lives of creatures who have no one to speak for them, - this brings a special strength, and a stronger resolve.

And THAT is team LCH.

P.S. Here's hoping we have suitable weather for our Summer Fayre on Sunday 14th July at the usual venue of Crofthandy Village Hall, near St Day. Pop it on the calendar now!

Please donate via PayPal: paypal@lastchancehotel.org

JustGiving: www.justgiving.com/lastchancehotel. Donate by text: TLCH03 £5 to 70070*

Donations gratefully received at the LCH Hub Shop, 83 Fore Street, Redruth TR15 2BL

Or if you prefer, please send a cheque, payable to Last Chance Hotel, to :

The Treasurer, Last Chance Hotel, 14 Westdown Road, Delabole, Cornwall, PL33 9DS

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

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Cover pic: Jack and Sally, JRT X sibling pups, who are currently in foster.



The New Generation?

This young lady appeared on our Facebook page recently with the following tribute from LCH founder Sam:

'Let me introduce you to Maddie, she is 6 years old and animal mad... This fabulous young lady has just raised £200 for Last Chance Hotel Animal Rescue... she walked 6 miles during the Easter holidays to raise this money. We are absolutely humbled by this massive effort to help us, but more than that, - following us folk in rescue are young people like this who will become animal

advocates, and a voice for the voiceless. It is truly comforting to know that there are beautiful souls like Maddie growing up in this world and already making a positive mark in the lives of the creatures that live here..'

Just six years old and fundraising for us....already aware of the need for fundraising.... already aware that animals need our help....wise beyond her years and a credit to her family. May there be many more like Maddie, in the years to come.



Summer Cycle

Another certain (not so young) lady, - Beth Scott, a trustee of LCH, embarked on a massive fundraiser on Saturday June 1st. Beth is undertaking a cycle ride from Land's End to John O' Groats, and has been getting herself fit over the last few months for this daunting challenge. A

hobby cyclist, this will be an extraordinary feat of endurance for her. If you would like to follow Beth's progress, take a look at her JustGiving page (www.justgiving.com/fundraising/beth-scott19) - every donation will give her a boost to keep those legs pumping, and wheels turning, up hill and down dale, on the way to her target. Beth aims to reach John O'Groats on 21st June.



DISC Newquay

Homeless people are nearly twice as likely to experience mental health problems as the general population. We are witnessing ever increasing economic adversity in our local

communities. To help support homeless dog owners and those who find themselves struggling with mental health issues, veterinary treatment and dog food, we have collaborated with DISC Newquay "Giving emergency service and advice to the homeless and disadvantaged". They have a Facebook page DISC Newquay, which will tell you more about the amazing work they do.

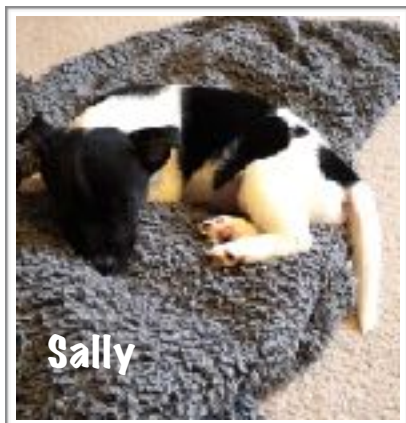
Donations to support this initiative are warmly welcomed.

Pets at Home Charity Drives

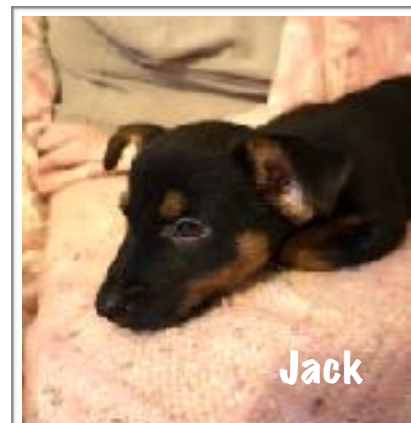
We are very pleased to announce that Last Chance Hotel has been chosen as the nominated Charity of the Year at Pets at Home Pool branch.

Support Adoption for Pets, the charity closely affiliated to PAH, is currently running a Summer Fundraising Appeal – **Help Fill Empty Tummies**, from Friday 17th May to Thursday 13th June, raising money for homeless pets. Our lovely volunteers have been attending every weekend at Pool branch from the 18th May through to 9th June, and many kind people have dropped in to say hello and had a go on the tombola, all helping the appeal. This is a big fundraiser and LCH will be a beneficiary of this and all future similar events at Pool branch, so please do look out for them.

New Arrivals



Our doors have largely been closed recently due to a shortage of funds, but we could not turn away from these two JRT cross pups, who are now in a fab foster home. Jack and Sally will undergo assessment and no doubt will find their forever homes very soon.



An emergency fosterer was needed urgently for two dogs whose owner had fallen seriously ill on holiday, and been admitted to hospital. Lisa Sawtell, the landlady at the Seiners Arms, Perranporth, and her brilliant staff took care of her guest's dogs until they could be collected and taken under our wing with Fiona, one of our fabulous fosterers. These dogs will be looked after until their owner can take them home.

These are just a few of the incomers for the last few months, but new dogs are coming in all the time. If you would like to find out more about them, check out our Facebook page and website, - please see the back of this newsletter for details. We now have a news section on our website Home page; dogs are constantly being assessed and information changes regularly.

Your vote made the difference!!

We were on tenterhooks waiting for the outcome of two award initiatives, of a potential £1000 gift from each of Animal Friends Pet Insurance, and Ecclesiastical Insurance's Movement for Good awards. Thankfully, we were lucky enough to be one of the charities to benefit from both schemes. A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who took the trouble to vote for us, your vote or nomination *really did count*. Two fantastic gifts from these generous companies that will help enormously, and every penny will be spent directly on our rescue animals. Thank you from the bottom our hearts to Animal Friends Pet Insurance and Ecclesiastical, for these fabulous donations, we are truly grateful.



Waggy Tail Endings

Rolo, pictured here with his Westie friend Cassy, joined his foster home in early March. He and Cassy got on so well together, playing all day, sharing beds, virtually inseparable, that his foster mum couldn't bear the thought of splitting them up. And so we added a new member to the 'failed fosterers club', where failing is a celebration.....



This sweet boy came into rescue in mid April at the age of 14 weeks. William is blind due to a birth defect, and sadly, his blindness can never be cured. William needed a family who would be able to cope with his disability, and give him the companionship and guidance that he deserves. Two weeks later he moved in with his special family; he has settled in well, and is already very much loved. Way to go William, have a great life!

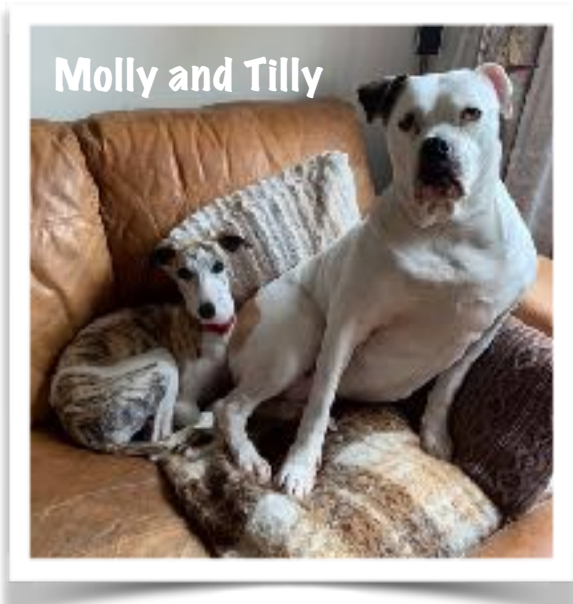


Arnold had been in foster for about 6 weeks, having come under our wing in late March. This cheeky chappie has landed on his paws with Nellie, another Last Chancer, pictured here snoozing with him after their first full day together. We think they are a perfect match.



Fido, a Flatcoat Retriever, also made his way into our care, and after spending some time with his lovely foster mum, has now moved into his new home. Good luck Fido!

2 year old Molly whippet came into rescue in early April as an extremely timid, but very sweet girl. She had to be taken 'unseen', and went straight into foster with Sara and Sym and their gorgeous girlie Tilly. Fast forward three weeks - and Molly officially became a permanent member of the family. This beautiful girl is gradually coming out of her shell, - Sara said that it took a while to get her tail wagging but it was the best sight ever! Congratulations to Sara and Sym for joining the FFC, or 'Failed Fosterers Club', where failing is a wonderful thing. Happy days Molly, AKA 'Little Miss Molly Whipperty Longstockings',- you've landed on all four paws there!



These and the many others who have found their forever sofas, are now looking forward to a fab summer!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Two fabulous events are on the horizon. **Our Summer Fayre** with Companion and Fun Dog Show will be held on **Sunday 14th July** at Crofthandy Village Hall, near St Day, TR16 5JQ. There will be lots of stalls, a fab tombola, raffle, and our usual refreshments and cake. 10am until 4pm, show starts at 12 noon. We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

The August Bank Holiday on **Monday 26th August**, will see us in Falmouth, at the **Princess Pavilion, 41 Melvill Rd, Falmouth TR11 4AR** for a doggy day out. Stalls, games for dogs as well as kids, dog show, and of course refreshments available in the Pavilion cafe.

Make a note of the dates in your diary. *More information on our website Events page.*



Rescues Revisited

We love to hear from our adoptive families, and every so often will feature a story or two from them



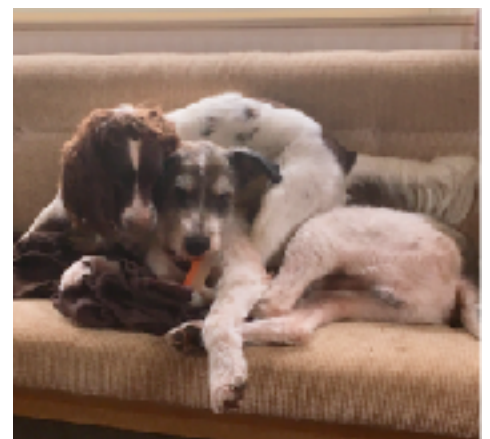
You may remember Pippin, who came into the care of LCH suddenly and in very poor health. He has been adopted by Laura and is now living with her on the LCH Sanctuary. This is his story.

In early December last year, LCH founder Sam received a phone call from an independent animal transporter who was concerned about one of their charges. Pippin was a Romanian rescue dog (or 'Rommie', as they are commonly known); he was being transported to a different foster home within the confines of the Romanian rescue set up. Sam responded to the transporter's request, meeting them and then taking Pippin into the care of LCH. He could hardly stand on his back legs; he was excreting liquid black poo and very dark urine due to starvation and dehydration.



His weight was 18.5 kg; when he was seen by our vet, he scored 1 on the body condition scale, where 9 is perfect health and 0 is dead. All in all, he was in a very sorry state. Pippin went to stay with one of our fabulous fosterers, who showed him love and kindness, and gently fed him cans of ID food to help him adjust to eating again and get his system working properly.

He began to put on weight but it was clear that he needed a more active place to live. Pip also suffered from separation anxiety and wasn't clean in the house at this point. Laura had taken a shine to this boy when she had delivered him to his foster home, so on the 16th December she picked him up and moved onto the sanctuary with him and her other 3 dogs,- two terriers, and a tri-pawed Springer called Lewis. Pippin and Lewis bonded instantly and although Lewis is a year younger than Pip at 2 and a half, he 'daddied' him from day one. Laura says they are so well suited, Pip has learnt to play properly and now he is bigger and stronger than Lewis, he is still very gentle with him bearing in mind Lewis's left front leg is missing.





Pippin has steadily gained weight and is now at his ideal weight of 28.5 kg. He gained 10kg weight in six weeks! He is on 'normal' dry food now with the odd tasty treat, boiled eggs being his favourites. Pip had an operation to remove a large heavy cyst from his shoulder and also his hind dew claws, from which he healed up very well. He is a lovely sociable dog and is responding well to basic training. Considering the massive lifestyle change he has endured he is the sweetest gentlest boy.

Laura says he is good with food but will seize the moment if you leave a tasty treat on the table! She adds "He loves to snuggle up on the couch and prefers to fall asleep maintaining contact with me, which just makes my heart smile. He quickly settled into a normal routine with us, and was clean in the house after a couple of days".

Pip's separation anxiety has improved immensely through careful and patient handling by Laura, and he can now be left without issue.

This gorgeous boy is now happy, settled, and very clearly feels safe and secure with Laura, Lewis and all his new family; after such an appalling start to his life in the UK, he now has a fab future to look forward to.

A wonderful waggy tail ending!



Pippin is just one of many LCH dogs who have needed emergency veterinary attention in recent times, and we will always do our best to ensure that all animals under our wing receive the best possible care whenever required, but we need your help. Our vet bill now regularly exceeds several thousands of pounds a month. If you could spare a few pounds now, or even better, each month, we would be very grateful.

Sanctuary Update

BATS

The unseasonably warm weather in March played havoc with hibernating bats, waking them much too early to find enough food to sustain them. The weekend of 23rd/24th March was a bumper one for bat arrivals, with 4 bats coming in to rescue, all from different places, and being transported to Sue Harlow for her special care. The worries continued into April and May, with several coming in to the rescue with injuries, most likely from cat attacks, and malnourishment. We have been privileged to see so many different species of bat. A Whiskered bat came to stay in April, arriving very thin and dehydrated, and had to be hand fed to get him up to strength.

Grateful thanks to Jason, Theresa, Cheryl Allen and Fiona Dyer for jumping into their 'batmobiles' to come to their assistance, and for the guidance and expertise of Chris and Sue Harlow without whom we would have floundered badly.



New Arrivals

Meet our new kids on the block ... firstly, Mademoiselle Bublè or Bubbles for short... her history is one of abuse, which we won't elaborate on. But she is safe now she has a skin problem which is being addressed daily, she has a massive appetite, and she is loving life now. Bubbles absolutely (and surprisingly) loves people... happy days now sweetheart!

Mademoiselle Bublè needed a pig arc; previously she would have to go into a stable at night, but would much rather have stayed in her day space with all her toys and wallow... Following an appeal, her wish came true as Mark Wicks stepped in and donated a fab new pad for her. Thank you so much Mark, you have made this girl as happy as a pig in mud!



Gandalf the Grey has also joined us at High View Farm, another soul who has only known neglect and hardship. Safe now old man, enjoy the sun and new pastures.



Goose Willis comes to stay

May saw the arrival of Goose Willis the gander, a single handsome boy, who became lonely in his home after losing his girlfriend.

Adding to the goat 'herd' were Willow, Poppy and Timothy, who were no longer wanted at a school which teaches animal husbandry. They are now safe, and have been meeting longstanding residents Womble and William. Poppy (black stripe on her back) has a bad case of Mastitis, she has to be milked 3 times a day and is on a course of antibiotics.



Heras heroes

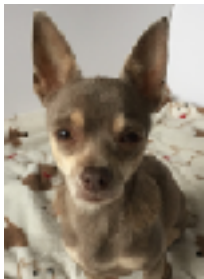
Our grateful thanks to J.J.Jones and Sons Ltd for donating 12 good panels of Heras fencing.. and thank you to Tina Bettison and her husband for sorting them and bringing them to the farm.

A massive bale-in...

Huge thanks to Michelle Jeffery for buying the sanctuary 70 bales of bedding hay. Absolutely fantastic, as bedding is a big expense here...

A huge thank you to Kathy Simmons for the goats' new toys, they absolutely love 'em!

Thank you Naomi Field-Jones for a big box of seeds for the sanctuary veg plot and polytunnel. Fab produce for our animals, we have been sowing them like mad !



Rosie's Mini Quiz

Rosie is an ex puppy farm breeding girl. She came into rescue last September with several other Chihuahuas and now has a loving home with an LCH volunteer. She is very inquisitive (nickname 'Nosy Rosie') so we thought she would be ideal to host a miniature quiz! NB: NOT all answers can be found in the newsletter!!!

Test your brainpower with these collective nouns for animals, all are UK domestic or wildlife

1. A gaggle of....?
2. A charm of.....?
3. A parliament of.....?
4. A business of.....?
5. The collective noun for crows?
6. And for bats?
7. And squirrels?
8. And lastly, cats?

Summer Mix

1. Who are the latest newcomers at the Sanctuary?
2. What is the term used for a dog that has lost one of its legs?
3. Tricky one: Name the only three mammals in the UK that hibernate.
4. Which winged visitors returned to the Sanctuary in April?
5. Pets at Home is affiliated to which charity?
6. How much are Hopley's Coaches hoping to raise?

Poet's Corner

Another little ditty from the LCH fundraiser book 'Rescues in Rhyme and other Pooch Poems'

Fly or Flea?

A little thing just landed on me
Was it a fly or was it a flea?
I'm not gonna know for a while, you see
If it was a fly or if it a flea.
If it was a fly, no trouble there'll be
If it was a flea....

I'll be scratching like crazy all night.

Rainbow Bridge



These precious souls have made their way to the Rainbow Bridge... Riley, Lita, Meg, and Dolly were all Last Chancers, who enjoyed their final years in a loving home, wanting for nothing.

Our hearts and eternal thanks go out to Julie, and to Louisa, Sue, and Carolyn, all LCH volunteers, and their families for giving these beautiful companions the love and care they deserved, when they needed it the most.

Two other dedicated LCH volunteers also said goodbye to their special family members.... Anne lost her boy Sam under very tragic circumstances, and Janet helped her beloved Maggie to Rainbow Bridge following a long fight with cancer.

No matter how they leave us, it doesn't get any easier.... the pleasure from having them in our lives is matched by the pain of losing them. Run free boys and girls, you are so sorely missed.....

Happy Gotcha Day!

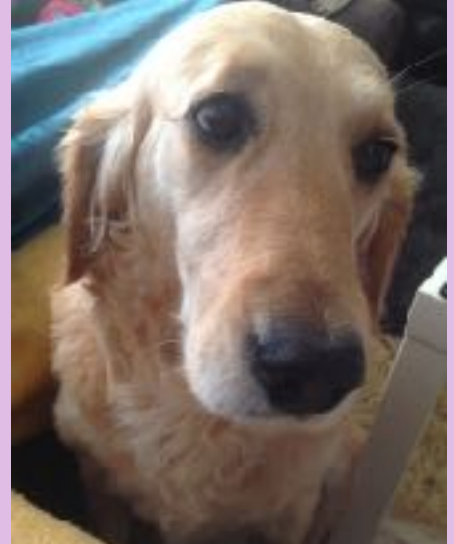
"Gotcha Day" is the name given to the day a lucky hound first came into his or her forever home. Here are a few tributes of that celebration of love



SETH

4 years!! Happy Gotcha Day Sethy. Despite the farts and the constant drool I love this boy 🥰

😂 JG



ANGEL

Happy 1st gotcha day beautiful Angel, you have given us so much happiness x TS

PLUTO

Today it is two years since this gorgeous and funny chap strolled through my door, chose me as his and stole my heart. Not looking bad for a spritely 16 year old. I can truly say I am honoured to share my life with him. SM



BEANIE

Happy "gotcha day" to this special little boy who has fitted into our family so well. He's fearless (thinks he's a Rottweiler 🤪😂) and so loving when he feels safe with you. My Beanie. RR



BAILEY

Happy gotcha day Bailey xxx SJ



SPANGLE

Happy Gotcha Day Spangle...3 years today and still a darling to have in our home

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FINLAY

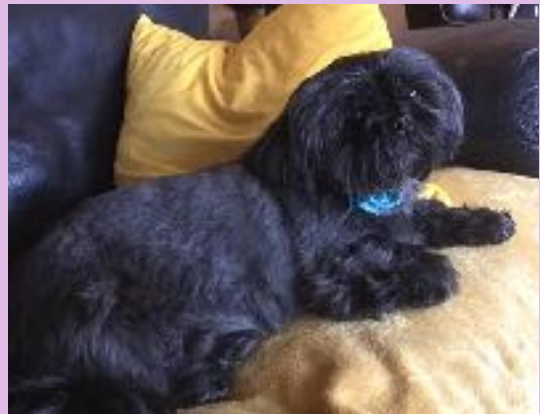
1 year ago we travelled down towards Truro to meet this guy again and bring him home. We love you so much Finlay, our big floof, wouldn't be without you. C A-V



BAILEY

Celebrated Baileys first Gotcha Day this week. He's such a mummy's boy. Love him to bits.

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LOLA

Gotcha Day for Madam Lola 3 years today💖 SC

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 14th July 10am - 4pm LCH Summer Fayre and Dog Show at Crofthandy Village Hall.

Monday 26th August Fun Dog Day at Princess Pavilion 41 Melvill Rd, Falmouth TR11 4AR.

More info can be found on our website Events page and Facebook page

Thank You!

The White Hart tests the Grey Matter

Huge thanks to Anne and Joe Marshall for organising a quiz night and fab raffle at the White Hart Hotel, Holsworthy. Many thanks to everyone who came along to test their grey matter and contribute to a very successful evening, raising over £400 for the animals in our care.



Rats Galore!

A very big thank you to Fiona Barker for organising a Fun Rat Show at Lanivet Parish Community Centre and sponsoring LCH. Thank you also to 'Creeky Classics' car restoration in Rumford for covering the costs of the hall hire so all the proceeds from the show were donated to LCH. Here are a few snaps of some happy rats and the lucky humans they let look after them 😊 photos courtesy of Jez Kemp and his family.



On the Road to a Ton

Hopley's Coaches are aiming to raise a 'ton of money' which will be split between LCH and another animal charity. Through the generosity of their customers, they have already reached over 200Kg, and have donated £175 to LCH since early April, which is hugely appreciated. Thank you so much to everyone who has donated, and to Hopley's, for this fabulous fundraiser.



More thanks...

Facebook Fundraisers

Belated Birthday Greetings to Heidi Lawrence, Teresa Demetriou, and Wendy Newton, who very generously asked their friends and family to donate to LCH via 'Facebook Fundraisers' to celebrate their special days. Thank you ladies, we hope you enjoyed your birthdays!

Also to Elaine Avery and followers of the Naturally Vegan Plot for their kind donations. Thank you all for thinking of our animals in need.



Green Token Giving

Going Green

Very many thanks to customers of Asda St Austell branch who voted for LCH in the recent 3 monthly Green Token Giving Programme. We reached first

place and have received a prize of £500! This is a fab result, and we are very grateful to Asda for running this initiative.

All weather Debbie...

We'd like to thank Debbie Richards for her ongoing support and fundraising. Debbie does various boot sales in North Cornwall, regularly at Pendean boot sale in Bude, and she often battles the elements with a smile on her face ☀️☁️

🌈 thanks Debbie.

Easter Sunday at Trago

Another big thank you to our volunteer Anne Marshall for giving up her Easter Sunday to spread the LCH word at Trago Mills' Easter Fayre at their Liskeard branch. It was a bright and busy day, our gazebo pictured here stands proud before the start of the event. Thanks also to everyone who dropped in to say hello.



Fundraisers



Our first dog show of the year at Crofthandy Village Hall attracted a fab array of entrants. It was lovely to meet so many gorgeous pooches and their doting families. So many pics were taken but this one said it all, - Lily fast asleep after an exciting afternoon, with her three rosettes, including two firsts for 'Scruffiest Long Hair' and 'Dog with a Disability'. Many thanks to everyone who came along, took part, baked goodies for us, and helped make the show a success. We

look forward to seeing you all again at our **Summer Fayre on the 14th July.**



A massive thank you to everyone who joined in our **latest online auction**, either by way of donating items, bidding, or simply sharing the many amazing lots on their Facebook pages. Carla as usual worked her socks off, collecting goodies, organising, photographing, uploading, keeping the

momentum going, and the final result was a fantastic £2631.65 raised for the animals in our care. Huge thanks to Carla for all your hard work, also to helpers Heidi and Kd, and Helen for assisting and collating all the information for payment. What a team!

No more Bonus Ball...

Sadly, we say goodbye to the LCH Bonus Ball page, due to lapsed subscriptions. A very big thank you to our regular fundraiser Andrew Russell who initiated and ran the page; it is always good to try these things, but this one was not to be.

If you would like to help LCH with a fundraising event, please contact the team with your idea on 01209 281159 or email Louisa on louisa@lastchancehotel.org

Our next printed newsletter will be out in Autumn 2019, but you can keep up to date with LCH news by looking in on our website, subscribing to our free monthly email newsletter, and following our Facebook page.

Rosie's Mini Quiz Answers:

Summer Mix: 1. Bubbles the pig and Gandalf the grey pony, Goose Willis, Poppy, Willow and Timothy the goats. 2. Tri-paw 3. Bat, dormouse and hedgehog 4. Swallows 5. Support Adoption for Pets 6. A ton of money

Collective nouns: 1. Geese 2. Foxes 3. Owls 4. Ferrets 5. Murder 6. Colony or camp 7. Dray or scurry 8. Clowder or glaring

Did you Know?

Like all charities, we depend almost entirely upon the generosity of our wonderful supporters. We have several ways in which monetary donations can be made: **PayPal** is easy and convenient for the many people who hold an account.

JustGiving provides another way of donating and also an opportunity for individuals to fundraise for us through sponsorship of a personal challenge. In addition, it allows us to claim back the Gift Aid part of the donation which can add vital pennies.

If neither of these methods are suitable, then we are more than happy to accept donations via **direct bank transfer** using the following information:

Barclays
Last Chance Hotel
Sort code: 20-67-19
Account no: 73797503

(Do drop us a quick email with your details so we can say thanks!)

or **cheques**, if sent to our Treasurer, at the address given on page 2.

Thank you from Team LCH and all the animals!



Legacies are also a vital source of support and we now have a dedicated page on our website which provides information on legacies and about leaving a gift in your Will to Last Chance Hotel. All donations enable us to continue our work in rescue, rehabilitation, and rehoming, and legacies provide a future for the charity, as well as giving us further opportunity to educate, inform and promote responsible pet ownership.

The **Last Chance Hotel** is based in Cornwall and works hard to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home abused and neglected animals.

We take in animals of any kind - animals that other rescue centres cannot take, including ex-bait and ex-fight dogs, the sick, the aged and the terminally ill.

They come to us for rehab and either go to new homes or remain with us for life. Some just come to us for peace and love before they die, after a life of neglect and abuse. No animal is ever destroyed because they cannot be homed.

We are always looking for long and short term foster homes, as well as new loving permanent homes. For more information about fostering or adopting a dog please go to our website

www.lastchancehotel.org. Please 'like' our new Facebook pages, - 'Last Chance Hotel Animal Rescue & Rehome, Cornwall', and 'Last Chance Hotel Sanctuary'.

The Last Chance Hotel Hub Shop is situated at 83 Fore Street Redruth, opposite the fruit & veg shop. Opening hours Mon-Sat 10am - 4pm.

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"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

Unknown

(although often attributed to Winston Churchill)

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