



Friends Of Baxter Animal Care

'WHERE ANIMALS ALWAYS COME FIRST'

September 2019



*September is almost over and we've enjoyed another exciting month of progress. Our new website is live with design co-ordinated leaflets, posters and this new style newsletter, we ran our first Canine Massage and Mindfulness Workshop which was a fabulous success ...more will be arranged soon ... and we have new volunteers joining us to offer free therapy treatments to animals in rescue centres. I am also running on October 13th to help raise funds to support the start of a UK Reiki Federation led Animal Reiki Research project. More details below. Best wishes,
Sue Malcolm, Founder*



Canine Massage and Mindfulness Workshop

On September 14th between 11.15am and 1.15pm our Canine Massage Therapy Practitioner, Jayne Strange, ran a wonderful introductory training event that was immensely enjoyed by the attending dogs (who I must say were very well-behaved) and their carers alike.

Jayne taught everyone a basic technique (effleurage) which is a form of Swedish massage that is relaxing and can enhance the bond between us and our dogs, as well as sharing some simple knowledge about muscles and the dog's body. Dogs were lying down, enjoying being pampered and feedback received included "my dog slept all afternoon" and "thank you for an amazing workshop". More dates to be publicised on our website soon.



New fresh, modern website and marketing materials

A massive thank you to our volunteer graphic designer Lewis Fairburn who has spent months building us a new website from scratch, to take us forward in a more modern and professional-looking way. We are delighted with it.

We will add an 'animals for rehoming' section when we are up and running with this activity. In the meantime, our therapy work, cases studies and training activities are growing.

You'll see new features and information so please have a look. We would welcome your feedback if you have any thoughts or suggestions.

Thanks also to Gary Brook Printers for printing our literature, and so quickly too!



10k run to support an Animal Reiki Research project

As founder of our organisation and also Animal Reiki Co-ordinator for the UK Reiki Federation and Reiki Council, I am aware of countless animals that have benefited from this wonderful therapy. However, to gain the full recognition that Reiki deserves, and hence create the best opportunity for more animals to receive this therapy, robust scientific research evidence is required by the veterinary profession; as is the case for all complementary therapies.

This will be a long-term project, but to raise awareness and initial funds to get started, I am running the Sheffield City 10k on October 13th. See www.reikifed.co.uk for details and to donate please go to www.justgiving.com/crowdfundin/suemalcolm. Thank you

NEW VOLUNTEERS – We welcome anyone who might like to volunteer for us whether on a regular basis or just ad hoc when you have a few hours. Tasks and roles vary, so there's sure to be something you would like to do. Volunteers meetings are held every 2 weeks and Trustees meetings are quarterly.

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