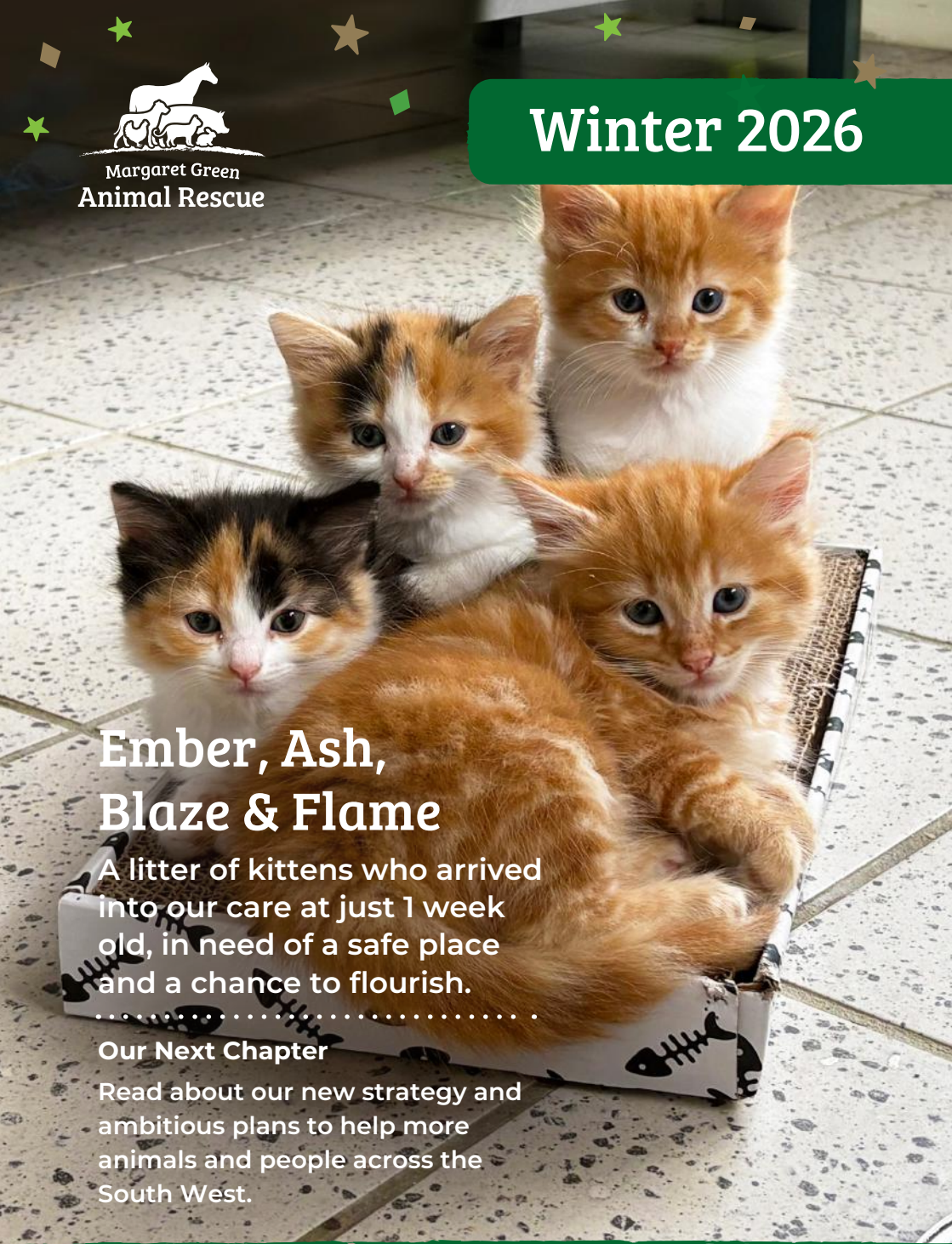
Margaret Green
Animal Rescue

Winter 2026



Ember, Ash, Blaze & Flame

A litter of kittens who arrived into our care at just 1 week old, in need of a safe place and a chance to flourish.

Our Next Chapter

Read about our new strategy and ambitious plans to help more animals and people across the South West.



Dear all,

I am thrilled to be writing my first introduction as Chief Executive of Margaret Green Animal Rescue.

I have now been at the charity for four months and I have been loving every second of it. As someone who grew up in Dorset, returning to lead the county's oldest animal charity feels like coming home.

What drew me here is MGAR's multi-species mission and the extraordinary dedication of its staff and volunteers. I'm most looking forward to building on our founder's legacy and growing our impact for the animals and communities who rely on us.

As part of this journey, I'm delighted to announce our new five-year strategy.

More animals across the South West need rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming than ever before and there has been a particular increase in those with the most complex behavioural needs.

Our strategy is about ensuring we are a modern charity that reflects the needs of the animals and people we serve, so we can continue to be here for those who depend on us not just today, but for generations to come. Please read more on page 3.

This is an exciting new chapter for Margaret Green Animal Rescue, and we are so grateful to have you by our side every step of the way. We have ambitious plans, but at the heart of everything we do is the same commitment we have had since 1965, giving animals care, compassion and a second chance.

Joanna Tiffin
CEO

Starting your Christmas shopping?

Don't forget that we have eight charity shops across Dorset, full of new and pre-loved goodies! Discover good quality clothing, furniture, bric-a-brac and electrical items.

Find your nearest store in:
Boscombe, Kinson, Winton, Ferndown, Wimborne, Wareham, Swanage and Weymouth.

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www.margaretgreenanimalrescue.org.uk

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We have

200+

volunteers who are key to help delivering our mission. Could you join them?

Our Next Chapter: An Even *Brighter* Future For Our Animals

Our new strategy is our forward-looking response to the changing landscape of animal rescue, so we can continue to offer the best possible care for a wide range of domestic and farm animals.

We'll be helping more people become confident, responsible pet owners by reaching out in our communities to share our knowledge and growing our educational work, so fewer animals are abandoned, surrendered or left to suffer.

Investment in our people and facilities is part of this too, including various improvements at our Church Knowle Rehoming & Visitor Centre, such as re-opening The Chase, our grazing area for horses and farm animals.

We are expanding our partnerships, including working closely with organisations such as RSPCA, Cats Protection and Forever Hounds Trust. Through these collaborations, we will reach and support many more animals in need. We will use our expertise to help shape national policy and debate on animal welfare. Your support is helping to make this future possible.

Read more about our plans: www.mgar.org.uk/our-strategy



We're building on our behaviour-led approach, with a personalised plan for every animal, increasing their chance of finding a loving home through our rescue centres, Home Match and fostering services.





Because of kind people like you, we can provide a safe and loving place for animals like Jim, until they find their special home.

Jim's Journey

5-year-old Jim came into our care last summer after being rescued by the RSPCA, alongside several other animals, following concerns for their welfare.

When he arrived, he was underweight and suffering from a severe flea infestation. Poor Jim had been scratching so much that his fur had become patchy and bald in places.

Our team quickly began treating his fleas and providing regular, nutritious meals to help him regain weight and return to full health. As he recovered, his personality began to shine and our team fell in love with him.

Jim remained in our care for almost a year while his case went through the courts. Sadly, it's not uncommon for animal welfare cases to take this long, meaning animals must remain in our care until a verdict is reached. However, once he was ready for rehoming, we soon found his forever family, where he is now thriving with his new owners.

We're so grateful to be here for animals like Jim, but nothing brings us greater joy than seeing them settle into loving homes and begin the happy lives they should have been enjoying all along.





Your support enables us to aid dogs like Rodney in their hour of need, helping them to recover, get back on their paws and find new homes.

We **provide** around

200

meals to the dogs and cats in our care each day.

A Tough Start for Rodney

One summer night, a member of our on-site team was woken by the sound of a dog crying. When they went to investigate, they discovered a young male Lurcher had been abandoned and tied up outside our reception.

With no microchip to identify him, this poor soul, who we named Rodney, was immediately brought into the safety of our care, where it became clear that he was suffering from an injured toe.

Our vets estimated that Rodney was just 9 months old, and an X-ray confirmed that his toe was broken. His foot and lower leg needed to be placed in a cast and bandage for 6 weeks, with regular changes and redressing throughout his recovery.

To give Rodney the best possible chance to heal, he spent his time with us in a foster home, where he could rest and enjoy the comforts of home. Despite his difficult start, Rodney melted our hearts with his happiness and zest for life.



Once he was fully ready, we were delighted to find a fabulous forever home, where he can look forward to a lifetime filled with lots of fun and adventures.

Fergal's Foster Story

Having had a sheltered start in life, Fergal was unsure of the world when he arrived with us from a multi-dog household. People and unfamiliar surroundings naturally made him nervous.

To help him adjust to home life and discover all the luxuries this has to offer, Fergal went into foster care with Freyja, a member of our team.

Over the months, it was wonderful to see Fergal slowly but surely begin to trust Freyja. After 196 days in our care, we were thrilled to see him find his forever home, where he began his next chapter alongside four canine companions, including Dylan and Darcie, who were also rehomed from us.

Watching Fergal blossom and grow in confidence in his foster home was incredibly rewarding. He reminded us that trust isn't built in leaps and bounds, but in the smallest of moments.

Could you open your home to foster a dog in need? We'd love to hear from you. With your help, we can transform the lives of more dogs like Fergal.

Find out more
Contact our Lincoln Farm centre in Dorset.
t: 0330 400 6670
e: lincolnfarm@mgar.org.uk





Foster care gave Fergal the time and space he needed to decompress, experience the wider world and, most importantly, learn that people can be trusted - all at his own pace.



New Kids on the Block

We would like to introduce you to some of our new farm arrivals at our Church Knowle centre in Dorset.

Zazu

This gentle giant is a 22-year-old chestnut thoroughbred who arrived into our care following a change in circumstances. Due to previous injuries, he will be looking for a home where he won't be ridden, but will make a wonderful companion as he has lots of love to give.

Alvin, Sam & Susie

Say 'hello' to Alvin, an 8-year-old runner duck, and his friends, Sam & Susie, who are both 2 years old. These friendly ducks are full of personality, with a loveable mischievous side, and they're looking for a special new home together.

They absolutely adore their pond and frozen peas are a firm favourite! They love following us around their field, always curious about what we're up to.

Zeus, Honey & Maple

Meet our brilliant trio of goats, Zeus the Sannen and his lovely girlfriends, Honey & Maple, the Golden Guerneys. Zeus is an older gentleman who loves a cuddle, while Honey & Maple are a little more reserved, but they are gaining confidence and enjoy receiving treats in their field.

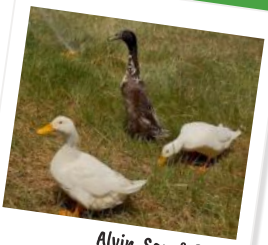
They would love a quieter home where they can soak up plenty of attention, sunbathe and relax. They'll need a warm shelter, hard standing to help their feet during wet weather, a large paddock with lots of enrichment, and sturdy fencing.

Find out more: www.mgar.org.uk/rehoming

Did you know that goats have rectangular pupils, giving them approximately

330°

of panoramic vision!



Alvin, Sam & Suzie



Zeus, Honey & Maple



Zazu



Make a Difference

By fundraising for us, you can play an important role in changing an animal's future. Whether you take on a challenge, organise an event or raise funds in your own way, your support helps us make a lasting difference.

Below are just a few of the ways our supporters have fundraised for us this year:



Clayesmore School

Students raised over £117.67 for our rescue animals from the proceeds of their Crazy Hat Day!



Cake & Jewellery Sale

Gracie, Nancy and Isla ran a homemade cakes, jewellery and glass charms sale at Portland Bill. They raised £200 for the dogs at Lincoln Farm.



Dorset Charity Yogathon

Embrace Yoga held their annual Dorset Yogathon in Wimborne this summer and raised an incredible £1,569 for us!

Fancy a challenge?

If you'd prefer to fundraise for us through an organised event, then take a look at our website. We have something for everyone, from walks to jumps, treks to rides, both in the UK and abroad.

FInd out more
www.mgar.org.uk/events

Thanks to everyone who has fundraised for us this year.
Clayesmore School | Fur-Ever Flowers | Harbour Wellbeing | Christchurch Medical Practice | Westmoor Vets | Weymouth Youth Musical Theatre | South Coast Dog Groomers | Lush | The Vale Family Hub & Wellbeing Community Group | Wey Valley Academy | And many more!





Last year, we **helped** over

630

animals who needed on-site care.



Can We Be Friends?

Taggy and Luna arrived into our care from the same household, each with a litter of kittens – Luna with two and Taggy with four.

Heartbreakingly, Luna lost her kittens shortly after arriving, despite our team's best efforts. Meanwhile, Taggy's kittens were thankfully thriving with the dedicated care they received, as they began their journey towards a brighter future. Taggy and Luna were also given all the love and support they needed, while they awaited their forever homes. Every week, we take in animals who need warmth, comfort and a fresh start. With your support, we can make more stories like this possible.



Find out more
www.mgar.org.uk/friends

By becoming a Friend, your regular gift will support rescue animals in the South West, helping to provide food, shelter, veterinary care and rehabilitation.

Happy Tails

Here are just a few of the heartwarming updates we have received from our ex-residents and their new families...

Casper (Previously Tumble, our summer magazine star!)

"I've been to the beach and woodland down the road. I've walked in the river at the bottom of the hill and met some other dogs… I even calmly said 'hello' to a pretty black Greyhound. Mum says she loves me and I deign to lay on her when she's having a lie in! Dad has taught me about 'cheese tax' and I get a shred or two when he's grating some."

Written by Jo, on behalf of Casper



Don't forget to join our 'MGAR Forever Homes Stories' Facebook group to share your adventures with us and your fellow rehomers!

Noodles (Previously Doodles)

"Noodles is settling in well, although we're thinking the 'not-getting-on-tables' training might take a while!"

Julie & Martin

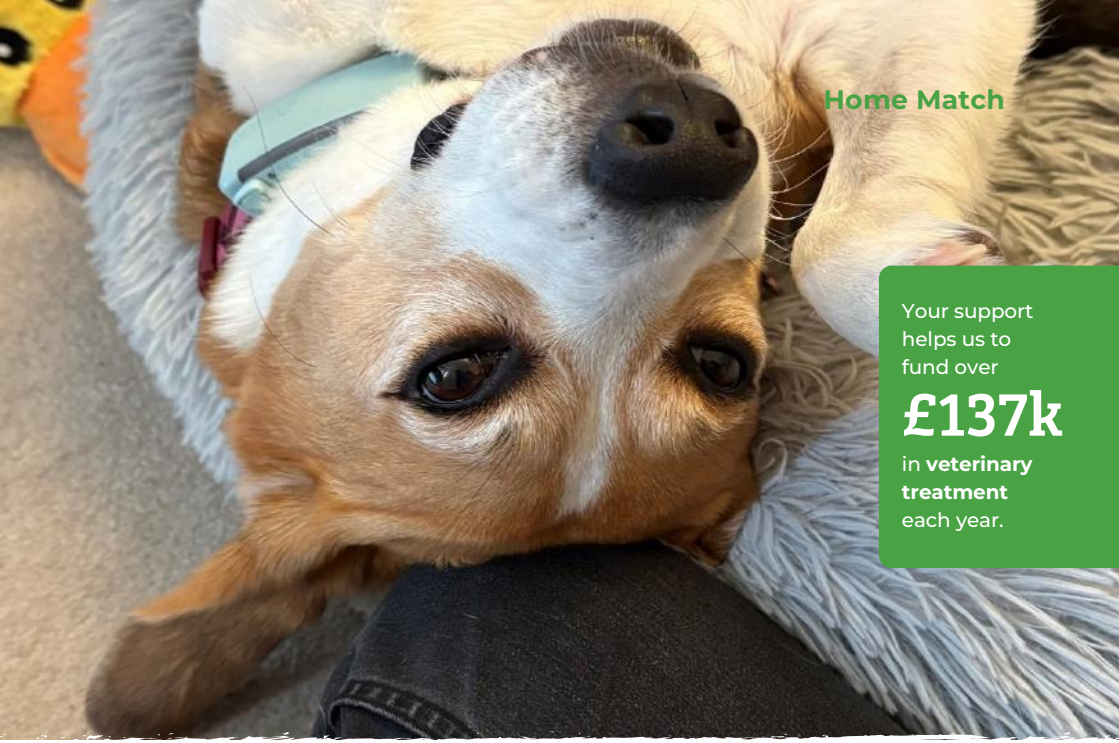


So Low (Previously Polo)

"So Low has been enjoying walks to the beach at the bottom of my farm and seems to be loving life and his new buddies. He has time and space to run, play or just rest and he is always the first to come across the field for his early morning carrot. He is a super gentleman and I am so pleased we found each other."

Sue





Your support helps us to fund over

£137k

in **veterinary treatment** each year.

From Loving Home to Loving Home

We understand that giving up an animal can be a very challenging and upsetting time, but we're here to help throughout the process.

Our Home Match scheme enables us to find a new home for a dog, while they remain in the comfort of their current home, avoiding the need for them to enter a rehoming environment. Once the matching process is complete, they can move straight into their loving new home, providing a much smoother transition for them.

Penny was one of the first dogs to join our Home Match scheme, after her owner sadly passed away. While her family was able to care for Penny in the interim, she needed to find a permanent new home.

Since finding her forever family, Penny has settled beautifully into her new surroundings, including her owners' places of work, and enjoyed a few holidays with her four-legged friends.

If you or someone you know is facing the tough decision to relinquish a dog, please get in touch with our Lincoln Farm centre in Dorset. The team will be on-hand to discuss our rehoming pathways.

Get in touch
t: 0330 400 6670
e: lincolnfarm@mgar.org.uk

Penny was a very cherished companion who fitted our Home Match scheme perfectly, as her family could continue with her routine and care, while she awaited her new home.





Wrapped Up With *Love*

Could you help us spread festive joy and happiness this Christmas?

There's no greater feeling than seeing our rescue animals begin a new chapter with their loving forever families. Sadly, not all of them will be spending the festive season in their new homes this year.

Some will still be waiting patiently for that special person to find them. Others may need a little longer to recover, build their confidence or simply wait for the right home to come along.

But you can still make their Christmas special by:

1

Donating to keep them safe, warm and cared for: www.mgar.org.uk/donate

2

Filling a shoebox with goodies and delivering it your nearest centre or charity shop.

3

Choosing a gift from our Amazon Wishlists and sending it directly to our door. www.mgar.org.uk/amazon-wishlist

Big Give Christmas Challenge

From 1st - 8th December, you could see your donation doubled, at no extra cost to you, through our Big Give Christmas Challenge!

Stay tuned and follow us on social media for updates.