



December 2018

A Christmas Note from Louie



To our kind and generous human friends and supporters

Seasons Greetings to all of you,

I know I don't see very much (I'm blind now,) and I'm quite an age (no-one is sure exactly how old I am), but as a permanent resident at the Mary Irwin Centre, I get to know a lot and I know there are an amazing amount of dedicated people from all areas across Cumbria and beyond, who give their valuable time and generosity to make sure my friends and I are looked after.

One thing I am really happy to tell you about is that five of my friends at Mary Irwin were rehomed this year to very special places who could give them the best care. These friends were not doing well in regular homes and it looked as though it was going to be impossible to get them out of kennels. But thankfully through the hard work of our the staff team at Mary Irwin and the good hearts of our supporters, my friends have now found their special forever home.

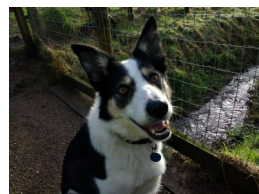
Please let me say to you that all you do no matter how big or small, makes a difference to many animals in need. So whether you foster, hold boot sales, attend our store stalls and other events, street collections, selling raffle tickets, collecting food or spending time with me and my friends, it all helps us to have better lives. We are extremely grateful for all you do and appreciate every kind gesture.

This year you have helped Animal Concern Cumbria directly support over 600 animals, and indirectly support many more through our links with other animal rescues.



The Gift of Giving

2018 has been a great year of fundraising through events and increasing the awareness of Animal Concern work. Sadly many animals are put for rehoming because of their health conditions both physical and mental; such as epilepsy, joint problems, tumours, nerve & brain conditions, skin problems and anxieties. Your support this year has raised over **£12,000** that will help with the cost of these treatments. How pawsome are you!



So from me—Louie, my friends Weeble (brain damaged and disabled, Rosie & Jim (eye conditions), Asher & Rosie (anxieties) and all my friends in need; we want you to know you are our heroes.

Thank you



Your continuing support

To help Animal Concern Cumbria help animals in need, we need your continuing support.

Your generosity is amazing and we are extremely grateful , but as you know there is a constant stream of animals in need. With your help we at ACC can keep on working with those animals, and work with people to help them respect, love and understand the wondrous being of an animal. Your support is so important and you can give this support in many ways , volunteering, donating and membership of the charity.

Members of Animal Concern Cumbria are very important to the charity as they help form the charity work and provide valuable support. Being a member gives you the opportunity to help form what the charity does and you have voting rights on key aspects of the charity such as election of trustees.

The more members in the charity the stronger the charity is and the more it can do to help animals in need; so please consider being a key part of the charity . As a member you not only get the comfort of knowing your fees are doing good work such as contributing to the cost of caring for animals, but also gives you:

- * Voting rights for key decisions in the charity such as appointing trustees
- * A member pack which contains:
- * An Animal Concern Card that entitles you to various discounts in our partner/supporter stores.
- * An animal concern car sticker, pen and lapel badge
- * Access to the Members area on our website



The fees for 2019 (which run from January 1st to December 31st) are:

Individual £12
 Couple £23
 Student £10
 Senior £10
 Junior £7
 Individual Life £100
 Couple Life £190

You can pay your membership in several ways:

1. By bank transfer to: Barclays Bank
Account No: 50311464
Sort Code: 20-18-47
2. Via our website: www.animalconcernwest.co.uk
3. By hand/mail at the Mary Irwin Centre

Please remember to include your name, address and email so that we can contact you and acknowledge your application. Our Privacy Policy is available on our website or by email/mail if you contact us to request a copy.



Louie says *'please remember that your furry friends don't do well with many foods that are around at Christmas. Several things you enjoy are poisonous to us such as; Chocolate, mince pies, Christmas puddings, (the raisins, sultanas, currents all mess-up our tummies badly and can affect our kidneys), onions, garlic and many sweet or spicy things can cause us digestive problems, pain and sometimes are fatal, so please keep them out of the way and don't feed us them even when we give sad eyes'.*

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and look forward to you being around with us in 2019.

