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*The first
thirty years...*



ANIMAL CONCERN CUMBRIA

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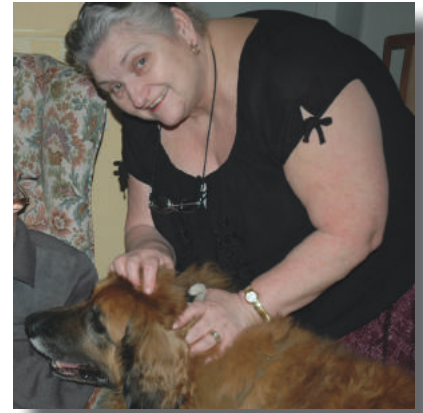
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A message from our Chairman Patricia Stoodley



A warm welcome to all our supporters and new friends reading this special anniversary brochure. In these pages I hope you will find an insight into the past years of our charity.

Animal Concern was created out of a love of animals and a hope to lessen the distress so many found themselves in through no fault of their own.

The hard work of our founders has grown into the county-wide charity we know today. In the early days, committee members sometimes had to put their hands in their pockets to pay bills themselves but it helped greatly that local kennels took in animals free of charge for a long time. Many obstacles have had to be overcome along the way but somehow whenever help was needed, something or someone seemed to turn up at just the right time.

The years have seen many changes in our charity, not least being the ever-increasing number of animals coming into our care every year. We would not be able to continue our work without the generosity of like-minded people who have given of their time and money so that the animals can be found the caring, forever homes they deserve.

It would be impossible to list the names of all those who have helped us so much over the thirty years or all the volunteers who have supported us, but I would like to mention in despatches Gilly Fraser, who has produced this anniversary brochure.

On behalf of the charity - and all the animals
- to everyone who has helped in any way

I would like to say
a profound and very heartfelt

Thank You.

Pat Stoodley

ANIMAL CONCERN CUMBRIA

The story so far...

- ‘To promote kindness and suppress cruelty to animals and attend generally to the welfare of all animals in need of care and attention... to help neglected or unwanted animals and arrange for the provision of good homes for them.’***

Those were the aims of our charity when it was first established thirty years ago – and they still hold true today.

The body we know now as Animal Concern Cumbria owes its origins to the single-mindedness and determination of one woman - Kay Callaghan. In 1981, her passionate desire to make life better for needy animals led her to recruit several like-minded people onto an ad hoc committee. At Kay's request, Bob Ritchie became the first Chairman, holding the post for the first year.



Bob Ritchie

That first small group then invited others to become members, paying the princely sum of just £2 per year. Less than a year later, Animal Concern South Cumbria was registered with the Charities Commission.

From small beginnings indeed...

The charity grew and changed a great deal in its early years. New sub-groups were formed, such as the Caton and District group led by Maureen Simpson and Eileen Gardiner and a Keswick group led by Mary Irwin. Mentored by Kay, Jean Harrison founded the Dalston/Carlisle branch and Linda Lockney founded the Workington Branch, setting up kennels on two allotments rented from Workington Town Council. Groups were also formed in the Millom area led by Ann Sedgwick and in the Penrith area led by Olive Blair and Eden Graham.



Northside Kennels,
Workington

However one thing never changed - and that was the strong belief promoted by Kay Callaghan that every animal deserves the chance to live in a loving and caring home.

Around 1985, Animal Concern South Lakes began looking after the Kendal Police dog pound. A group of volunteers led by Doris Hayton would walk and feed the dogs and clean their kennels every day. If a dog was still unclaimed after a week, the police and local council would share the cost of a vet check, then the animal would be signed over to us. Doris and her team provided this invaluable service for the next twenty years.

In 1987 we changed our name to Animal Concern Cumbria as we were spreading our work into other areas of the county. As with every charity, fund-raising is vital to our very existence and we have been extremely fortunate to have some very hard-working – and innovative – supporters. Eden Graham organised a flag day in Penrith and a stall at a charity fair and many events were staged by the other supporting groups.

Kay Callaghan ran a small tea garden at her home in Skelwith Bridge on the banks of the river Rothay, where visitors were made welcome, but left in no doubt as to Kay's priorities – every table carried a notice saying *'If you object to the animals in this garden, we suggest you go to eat elsewhere.'*

In 1988 a Strawberry Tea was held at Dallam Towers in Milnthorpe, the home of trustee Brigadier Charles Edward Tryon Wilson CBE DSO and his wife Rosemary. Dorothy and Ian Stubley of Hazlemere Café in Grange-over-Sands supplied many of the refreshments, and it was such a great success, it became an annual event and for many years a highlight of our summer calendar. The Brigadier became our first President in 1993.



Dallam Towers
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In 1990 Al Page at Quernmore near Lancaster began helping us with the assessment and training of difficult dogs. His exceptional skills helped many rescue dogs, and some belonging to our members! In the same year Jean Wilson and Hilary Park who both lived on farms near Kendal, offered to house some of our dogs. Both could provide outbuildings and space for the dogs to run about, so we accepted with pleasure.



Fund-raising fun!

1991 saw significant change. Up till then, Ambleside and the South Lakes had been our administrative centre but this year a General Management Committee was set up with delegates from all groups. After a one year trial period, the group was confirmed at our AGM in April 1992. At this time our reserves had increased to almost £32,000.

In 1995 the Penrith branch decided to go it alone, so Dalston/Carlisle became Carlisle/Penrith, while Workington renamed itself the West Cumbria branch. At the next AGM, Kay Callaghan stood down as Chairman of the Management Committee - a post she had held for fifteen years. She had seen her dream grow from a handful of people helping a few unwanted animals to a regional organisation covering all of Cumbria and sometimes beyond. She had also been awarded second prize in the National Dog World/Pet Plan Rescue Personality of the Year. In recognition of Kay's dedicated work and service, she was appointed Vice-President.

Sheer financial survival was very much the name of the game in our early years, and it's truly remarkable that we were able to stick to our fundamental principles that no animal in need of care should be turned away and no life should be ended unless on veterinary advice. However by this stage we had reserves of just over £95,000 and by the end of 1997, thanks to a number of generous legacies, our coffers had swelled to more than £250,000. The Trustees and Management Committee were very aware it was up to them to ensure the money given or willed so generously be used wisely and prudently.

As the century drew to a close and a new one began, there were more changes. Jean Wilson set up on her own, while Hilary Park-Johnson was contracted to run the main sanctuary in South Lakes. The Carlisle/Penrith branch became North Lakes and Solway and Millom became a branch in its own right with trustees appointed to the board. Our Treasurer Jim Hewitson did much of the work necessary to introduce new centralised financial procedures and administration.

2001 was a year many of us in Cumbria would dearly like to forget. Foot and Mouth broke even the stoutest of hearts in the farming community, but we were all caught up in



Paragon

the distress, anger and despair of the outbreak. For those living in north Cumbria where so many animals were destroyed, it was a living nightmare. Other animal charities closed their doors and shut down for the duration, but with the help and guidance of the Paragon Veterinary Group, the North Lakes and Solway branch carried on. As a result, animals were being cared for in spare rooms, summer houses – you name it and they'd be there.

As a group, we've known the sadness of loss. In April 2001 our President Brigadier Charles Edward Tryon Wilson died at his home, Dallam Towers. He had been extremely generous and supportive of Animal Concern and we were all pleased when his widow Rosemary agreed to continue the family's involvement as Vice-President. Kay Callaghan took on the mantle of President.

In 2002, we lost one of our founder members with the death of Mary Irwin from Keswick. It was Mary's dream that Animal Concern would one day have its own sanctuary and she had set up a special fund, raising more than £21,000 for the purpose. In her will, Mary made Animal Concern the main beneficiary, on the understanding that the money would be used to create the sanctuary she had longed for.

Three years later we suffered a major blow when our founder and President Kay Callaghan died at the age of 88. Kay had devoted decades to saving hundreds of unwanted and unloved animals. Her passing marked the end of an era, but to us and to many others, her name will always be synonymous with the best in animal care.

In 2007 the North Lakes and Solway branch lost one of its greatest allies with the death of Eric Holder. He and his wife Joan had been fosterers and committee members, and in his will Eric left Hawksdale Hill at Dalston and its contents to the cause which had meant so much to him. That legacy eventually realised almost £400,000.



Picture courtesy of
Westmorland Herald

In 2008 we were all deeply shocked and saddened when our then Chairman Bernard Outred died in a fire at his home, Cunsey Lodge near Windermere. Bernard had also been a founder member along with his parents and sister Margaret and was a stalwart and very active supporter.

We have many loyal, dedicated and hard-working supporters, and as our roll-call of office-bearers shows, some have given great service to our charity over the years. Gary Harrison, who was effectively Kay Callaghan's 'heir apparent' has been Chairman of Animal Concern for a total of nine years, stepping back into the role following Bernard's death. Gary's wife Jean and son David also play a big part in our work.



Picture courtesy of
Cumberland News

2009 saw a change of structure as Animal Concern moved from having a single President to seven new Patrons. One of these is Rosemary Tryon-Wilson, the last person to hold the Presidency.

In October 2011, Pat Stoodley of Kendal was elected Chair to the Trustees and Board of Management and it is surely fitting that in this year of our anniversary, the Chairman should be from the South Lakes area where the charity was founded 30 years ago.

We look forward to the next 30 years - with hope and optimism.



This lovely painting shows a typical scene in the kitchen of Jean Wilson. It was commissioned by the charity and painted by Stephen Darbishire, then turned into a notecard and sold to raise funds.

Inside is a quote from another of our staunch supporters - celebrity Chef John Tovey. He said...

'I can think of no more caring folk than those actively involved with looking after distressed animals taken into care by Animal Concern here in the Lakes. Being the proud parent of a horribly badly treated Old English Sheepdog, I know only too well the traumas carers go through at the time of rescue. I do think this painting epitomises all the love and care given to such creatures, and shows clearly their total contentment.'



Kay Callaghan (1917-2005) Founder of Animal Concern.

Kay was the second daughter in a family of six children. Dogs and cats were always part of her family home in Worsley near Manchester. Her great Uncle was the composer Frederick Delius and Kay was an accomplished pianist with a great love of music. Following school, she had the choice of going to Vienna to study music or RADA in London to train as an actress. She chose RADA as it sounded more fun - and wasn't disappointed. Her contemporaries and boyfriends included John Pertwee and Peter Williams and she met her future husband Dan Callaghan, a fellow actor while touring England in repertory. When World War 2 began, theatres closed and their acting careers ended.

In 1950 Kay and her three children, Patrick, Judith and Kerry, escaped London to live in Skelwith Bridge, Cumbria where she opened a bed and breakfast and tea garden. Her home was always full of stray and unwanted animals, and she had great concern for those abandoned pets who weren't so fortunate.

Animals can't speak to defend themselves - so Kay became both their voice and their champion. In 1981, she formed Animal Concern and commissioned her son-in-law, artist Stephen Darbishire, to design a logo. That early group had no kennels, no cattery - and indeed no money for boarding fees, vet fees and advertising; but the founding members made up for the things they lacked with enthusiasm, a determination to make it work and a genuine love of animals.

The first cattery at Marton immediately filled up with stray and pregnant cats and litters of kittens dumped in hedges and on roadsides. Helpers rallied to raise funds with fashion shows, coffee mornings, whist drives, sponsored dog walks and Summer Fetes like Kay's annual Rum Butter Tea at Rosewood and Strawberry teas at Dallam Tower. The Regent Hotel held a Christmas Fair every year and thanks to Brian and Christine Hewitt and family, this important event still continues. John Tovey who owned Miller Howe was also a keen and generous supporter.

Kay wrote constantly to celebrities seeking their support and had positive replies from people such as James Herriott, Jilly Cooper, David Bellamy and Spike Milligan. By 1985 Kay was delivering weekly broadcasts on Radio Cumbria, telling the whole county about animals in need of homes and appealing for any kind of help. In 1993 she was nominated for Cumbria Woman of the Year.

In 1997, feeling she could no longer fulfil her role with Animal Concern, Kay sadly gave up her position as Vice-President but her love and devotion to animals never retired. Mum has always been an inspiration to me and her devotion to this cause was unsurpassable. She would be thrilled to know that Animal Concern is still thriving and carrying on its wonderful work to save unwanted animals.

Kerry Darbishire (Kay's daughter)

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Leo the Leonberger came into the Kendal Police pound after being found on the dual carriageway at Ings. A lady took twenty minutes in torrential rain to catch the terrified dog, and she was obviously a true animal lover as he was soaking wet and muddy and made a real mess of her car!

For three days Leo stood with his tail between his legs and his head down and ate nothing. We took him home, knowing that if an owner turned up, they could claim Leo straight from us instead of the pound. Despite much advertising, no owner ever appeared. We slowly got Leo socialised by hand feeding, walking him a little further each day - and giving him a great deal of TLC. After six months he was ready for adoption - but we had fallen in love with him so he became ours, joining the small and toy Yorkies we had already adopted.

Bella the Dachshund became paralysed when she slipped a disc and the Vet suggested she should be put to sleep there and then. However Bella's adopters Margaret and Robin had other ideas. Margaret spent hours trawling the internet and found a company which makes wheels for dogs who have lost the use of their back legs. Bella on wheels became quite a celebrity around Silloth!



Black Lab cross Pippa was 13 years old when her owner died, and was about to be put to sleep when a friend intervened and took her to Animal Concern. She found a home with Amanda Wakefield who already had a couple of golden oldies. She settled with her family very well indeed, proving that older dogs **can** adapt to new households and lead happy, fulfilled lives.

Rav the Terrier cross was just 15 months old when his owner decided to have him euthanised because he had a damaged hip. Vet Craig Robinson suggested the owner contact Animal Concern instead and Rav came into our care. We ran an appeal through the Cumberland News to raise funds for his operation but alas that yielded nothing. However - the op went ahead successfully and Rav went on to a new and loving home.



More of our happily rehomed pets



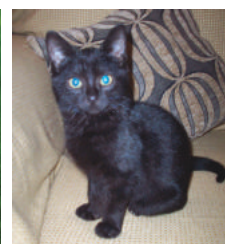
Meg & Ruby



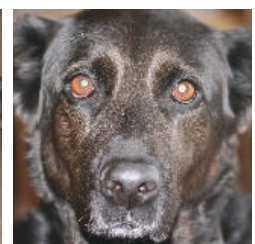
Jay before adoption...



... and after!



Salem



Zara

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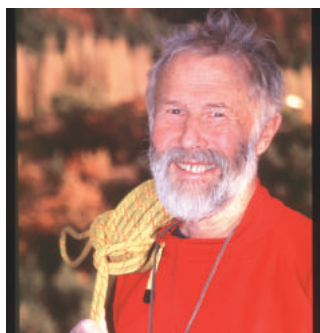
OUR PATRONS



David Black BVM&S DBR MRCVS

David is the Managing Director of the Paragon Veterinary Group, which employs 18 vets, has built a small animal veterinary hospital, redeveloped a farm into a large animal and equine centre with operating facilities, merged with an embryo transfer company, and has an associate practice in Cumbria.

David is also managing director of XL Vets, a growing new company composed of 47 independent veterinary practices all committed to British agriculture and working together to deliver "Excellence in Practice".



Sir Chris Bonington CVO CBE DL

Chris started climbing at the age of 16 in 1951 and it has been his passion ever since. He made the first British ascent of the North Wall of the Eiger and led the expedition that made the first ascent of The South Face of Annapurna, the biggest and most difficult climb in the Himalaya at the time. He went on to lead the successful expedition making the first ascent of the South West Face of Everest in 1975 and then reached the summit of Everest himself in 1985 with a Norwegian expedition. He was knighted for his services to mountaineering in 1996.



Stephen John Darbishire R.B.A

Stephen was born into a family of doctors, musicians and artists, and in 1950 moved to Coniston where his love of the countryside and nature really began - and he also discovered his own artistic talent. Initially he was trained by the late Judith Da Fano who lived at Skelwith Bridge and won a scholarship to Byam Shaw School of Art studying under Greenham and Garrard. In 1983 he was accepted by the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, The Royal Society of Portrait Painters, The Royal Institute of Oil Painters, The Royal Institute for Painters in Watercolours, The New English Art Club and The Royal Society of British Artists. Steve lives in Whinfell with his wife Kerry, daughter of Animal Concern founder Kay Callaghan.



Gilly Fraser

Gilly was born in Aberdeen but is a well-known face in Cumbria, having spent most of her career as a journalist with Border TV. Gilly now works freelance on various media projects, including PR duties for Paragon Vets. She's also a romantic novelist - Mills and Boon published nine of her books as Rachel Elliot and now she's self-publishing under her own name. Gilly's a great animal lover with horses, dogs and cats galore. When she married Cumbrian musician Malcolm Mason, the couple adopted Animal Concern dog Zara instead of going on honeymoon!



John Parkinson

John is the co-founder of Upfront Gallery with his wife Elaine. They are currently building a new 140 seat theatre venue to house events and the resident puppet theatre. The Gallery is the home of the annual Cumbria Open exhibition which is now in its 14th year. John and Elaine have always had a resident Cairn or a Westie over the last 38 years. Smudge is the first man dog to take up residence and he has the most determined character of all the dogs to date.



Eric Robson

Writer and broadcaster, he's been making programmes for more than 30 years. His was the voice on many great State occasions in BBC outside broadcasts - Remembrance Sunday, Trooping the Colour, Royal weddings and funerals and the handover of Hong Kong. For almost 20 years he's been chairman of Gardeners' Question Time on Radio 4. His books include Great Railway Journeys of the World, The Border Line, and After Wainwright. He's Chairman of Cumbria Tourism, a trustee of Tullie House Museum in Carlisle and a Deputy Lieutenant for Cumbria.

Rosemary Tryon-Wilson

Rosemary is the widow of Brigadier Charles Edward Tryon-Wilson who became our first President in 1993 and it's perhaps quite appropriate that she became our last President and held the post until we moved to having Patrons.



ANIMAL CONCERN STORIES

On Christmas Eve in 1993, a man was driving to the airport when he saw an injured deer on the dual carriageway. This Good Samaritan picked the animal up and took it to the Vet. When he phoned later for a progress report he discovered he hadn't rescued a deer at all - but a dog! The Vet named her Bambi - and it stuck.

She was in a very bad way, very thin and with lumps of fur hanging from her.

Bambi was given a foster home by Yvonne Dickens. She already had a dog, two cats, ducks and geese so it was meant to be a temporary measure.

Yvonne says 'Our dog was very kind and gentle to her, seeming to sense she needed help, even letting Bambi help herself to her food, and Bambi always seemed frightened that her next meal would be her last. She was also extremely weak and couldn't walk far. I had some embarrassing moments the first few weeks, when people told me I should be feeding her. I stopped trying to explain why she was so thin, as I could see disbelief on their faces. One person even threatened to report me to the RSPCA.'

Yvonne fell in love with Bambi and soon gave up any attempt to find her a new home. Thirteen years later - Bambi and Yvonne were still together!



And so to the future...



Scale model of the new sanctuary

In 1984, Mary Irwin of Lonsties, Keswick became involved with fund-raising for Animal Concern Cumbria. In the first year the Keswick Support Group, which Mary chaired, raised £4,764 (a marvellous amount at that time) to go into general funds.

But Mary's ambition for the charity was for it to build its own Sanctuary and she opened a separate Sanctuary account for this purpose in 1991. She was sure to have been influenced by the trojan work being done in the west of the county by Linda Lockney and her team.

Mary did not live to see her ambition realised but by leaving her estate to Animal Concern saw to it that the dream remained. We continued to raise funds and now we're almost ready to seek planning permission from the local authority. A suitable plot of land has been identified and we're confident the plans would meet Mary's approval:

***16 dog kennels with heaters and large runs**

Wash room and isolation area

***A cattery for 16 cats with cat social room included**

***A log cabin to provide on-site living accommodation**

***Parking for 20 cars.**

In the Spring 1998 South Lakes Branch newsletter, Mary wrote:

A sanctuary is NOT fee-paying kennels. It is intended as a temporary home for any animals taken into our care. They need freedom to explore within the confines of the premises during the day and the security of their own pen overnight.

It requires dedicated staff on the premises round the clock, 365 days a year and adequate facilities. Animals confined in restricted accommodation are miserable, especially those used to a good home who pine for their owners.

Not only would such a sanctuary benefit animals but also their owners.

Domestic upheavals can result in the need to quickly find somewhere for a pet to await a loving home. Elderly people cannot take their pet into sheltered housing, thus causing much distress. Animals crave unlimited tender, loving care.

Once acquired and adapted, such premises require sufficient funding from investments to pay wages, maintain the fabric and carry out any necessary improvements.

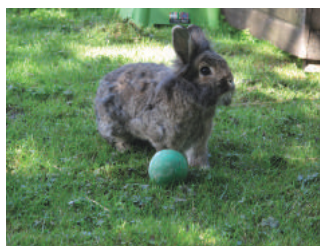
Can anyone help? Hope springs eternal!

If you can help in any way with this ambitious project, please contact
our Treasurer:

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The Eric and Joan Holder Small Animal Sanctuary

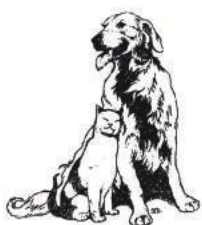
A bequest from Eric and Joan Holder has allowed us to create a sanctuary for small animals, including an extended facility for rabbits, guinea pigs and poultry. The rabbits' exercise area has been doubled in size, and there are four large secure garden size areas big enough for spacious new accommodation for the rabbits to share in non breeding pairs or small groups. So they can now hop, skip, jump and generally enjoy the space on a daily basis instead of having to wait their turn once a week.



Rabbits and Guinea pigs with health problems and/or behavioural difficulties can be hard to rehome as can older animals. However at the sanctuary they can now live out their lives in a safe and stimulating environment. Like their wild counterparts they can express natural behaviour in the company of others. As a result, many people adopting from us have been inspired to further improve their own accommodation for the welfare of their new pets.

The legacy given to us by Eric and Joan means that their love and care of all animals will continue for many years to come. For more information on the facility or for adoption of small animals please contact Kevin Kerr on 016974 76613

We would also like to say a big thank you to ACC supporter Kate Coulson and her gardeners William and Lynn for the donation and construction of the initial 2 enclosures which have been enjoyed by residents past and present.



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A Dog Lost

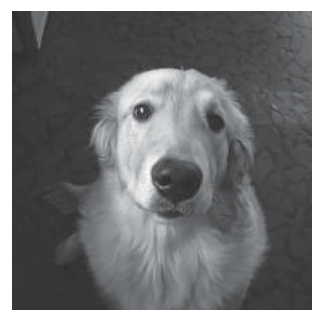
We came to a village and they stopped the car and I got out to smell the trees. After walking on the grass a while I turned round - and they were gone. I ran up and down the road frantically looking for them, but could not find them. I lay down with my head on my paws and waited for them to come back, never taking my eyes off each car in case I missed them. I was shivering in the cold night air but I had to wait there and keep watch.

After a while it started to rain and I crept under the shelter of a bush. I was hungry, I had missed my supper that night. I was tired. I fell asleep cold, wet, hungry and alone in a place I did not know. When I woke in the morning, I remembered where I was and what had happened. Where had my people gone - and why had they left me? I was still hungry and there was bread on the grass. It was old and wet but still tasted good to me. I saw another garden but a man chased me away with a brush. I had only wanted the stale cake he had put out for the birds.

I found a dustbin without a lid and licked bits from a sardine tin and cut my lip. I could taste the blood. A little girl threw me a biscuit but when I ventured closer to get it, her mother chased me away.

For two long, cold, weary weeks, I lived on scraps and slept under hedges with icy winds on my back. There was no nice cosy fire to lie in front of now. Strangers called to me but I stayed away, not knowing if they wanted to pat me or hit me.

Then one day, eager for the milk put down for me, I ventured inside a house. The people there fed me and liked me and I liked them too. They put a collar round my neck and I was taken into something called 'Care'. At last I had a warm bed, food and water and hopes of a brand new home.





Success all round!

One Saturday morning I opened my door to a small girl who held a cage with a small furry animal inside. She asked if I could take him as no animals were allowed in their new house.

Two other children and their mother appeared as I was talking to the little girl and they were all quite upset. They also had two stick insects and a tank of fish to rehome.

I took their address and promised to do my best to help. I went to see an elderly lady who had supported us with bedding and towels for the animals. She had recently lost her cat and was feeling lonely without him. She wasn't sure she could manage to look after the animals but asked to speak with the family to see what she could do to help.

The story ended well for everyone - the three children and their Mum visited the elderly lady almost every day to help care for the animals. The lady became a sort of granny to the children and was delighted to have a whole new family - and pets!

I was in bed and it was still dark when the phone rang and a very agitated woman mumbled something about a dog killing a swan. I went to meet her as fast as possible and when I got there, the rising sun gave just enough light to let us see the dog lying down with the prone swan's neck in his mouth. Or so we thought.



However as we quietly drew nearer to the pair, it became apparent things were not as they seemed. The dog lifted his head, then stood up and shook himself and the swan rose and flapped his wings. The two gave us a long stare, then waddled off together across the grass and disappeared into the shrubbery leaving us standing with our mouths open.

The lady was very apologetic but we were far happier with this unexpected outcome than the one we had been dreading!



In one of her regular Radio Cumbria broadcasts, Kay Callaghan mentioned a Yorkshire Terrier in need of a new home. My Mum decided a little dog would be the ideal addition to the animal family we already had - one Labrador/Collie, one Old English Sheepdog, one lop-eared rabbit, an ever-changing number of Guinea Pigs and two ponies.

Annabel - as she was known then - had been an old lady's pet and was - to put it mildly - quite a demanding little soul, with a personality at least ten times her physical size. She had few teeth and those that were left were in poor shape so our Vet removed most of them. However that made no difference to her - she could still bite - and indeed still draw blood! She was a wonderful character, full of fun and mischief.

We renamed her Fergie which seemed to suit her feisty character. One day friends took her for a walk - it was such a lovely day they went rather further than intended - seven miles to be precise. Fergie was with them every step of the way - but ever afterwards would sit on her bottom and refuse to move an inch if anyone suggested walkies!

ROLL-CALL OF OUR ESTEEMED OFFICE BEARERS

YEAR	CHAIRMAN	VICE-CHAIRMAN	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT
1982	Bob Ritchie	Kay Callaghan		
1983	N. Forsyth	“ (& Chief Organiser)		
1984	“	“		
1985	Bob Ritchie			
1986	Kay Callaghan	Mrs M. Simpson		
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1991	* “			
1992	“	Monica Snashall		
1993	“	“	Brigadier C.E. Tryon-Wilson **	
1994	“	Gary Harrison	“	
1995	“	“	“	
1996	Gary Harrison	Linda Lockney	“	Kay Callaghan
1997	“	“	“	“
1998	“	“	“	“
1999	“	“	“	“
2000	“	“	“	“
2001	“	“	“	“
2002	Bernard Oughtred	“	Kay Callaghan	Rosemary Tryon-Wilson
2003	“	“	“	“
2004	“	“	“	“
2005	“	“	Rosemary Tryon-Wilson	-
2006	“	“	“	“
2007	“	“ (until November) Gary Harrison Nov-Dec	“	
2008	Gary Harrison	Pat Stoodley	“	
2009	“	“	New Patrons	
2010	“	“	“	
2011	“ (until October) Pat Stoodley Oct-Dec	“ (until October) Tony Locke Oct-Dec	“	
2012	Pat Stoodley	Tony Locke	“	

* General Management Committee formed

** Previously a Trustee

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YEAR	DOGS	CATS	SMALL ANIMALS	BIRDS	OTHER
1983	163	133			
1984	170	144			
1985	288	214			
1986	352	288			
1987	417	363			
1988	563	450			
1989	664	434			
1990	1055	750			
1991	806	663	73		73
1992	746	511	89		34
1993	667	531	72		77
1994	811	517	119	17	80
1995	757	537	120		153
1996	407	355			20
1997	458	1103	7		
1998	483	449	45		
1999	489	578	43		
2000	563	468	82	2	30
2001	507	404	58	2	22
2002	445	460	62	11	7
2003	499	382	76	4	42
2004	486	445	121	13	5
2005	325	277	188	51	3
2006	650	467	75	7	14
2007	484	326	86	6	
2008	376	363	154	13	3
2009	211	213	85	12	8
2010	197	165	59		4
2011	234	185	31		11



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