



# Newsletter

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**PROVIDING TENDER LOVING CARE TO NEEDY HORSES & PONIES**



Oreo arrived this summer. Another ex Gypsy pony found wandering on a main road in Cardiff. She was picked up by the Horse Warden, vetted and taken to the pound. She was heavily pregnant and missing one eye. She was understandably very nervous and head shy. It took us quite a while to be able to get some medication into her missing eye. We presume it's a recent injury as she has not yet learnt to compensate for her blindness on the one side.

Her mane and tail were severely matted and it took a lot of time and patience to groom her and keep her damaged eye from getting infected. She also has heel mites living in the feather around her lower legs. Once we had her nice and calm with us we trimmed all the muddy feather off and dealt with the mites and soreness they had caused. She had her foal just two days after arrival.

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Roy was doing his rounds and surprised to find a stranger in her field. Little King had been born on a beautiful summer's morning. He is an unexpected colour but up and doing fine.



All the teams work getting Oreo used to us and trusting us has paid off. King has come to us and unlike Duchess, Oreo has told her foal good things about us and he is so friendly and trusting with us.



How do you catch a scared and very head shy ex Gypsy

pony who won't even let you near her? If you enter her field she moves a safe distance away. How about you leave her alone! Just take her a daily feed, call her and walk away. Repeat. A few days later do the same but this day stay and talk to her! Repeat for a few days. Next day come armed with a French bread stick. You on one end, Oreo on the other. Repeat. Then, as she works her way up the stick you touch her! Off she goes. Repeat, Repeat, Repeat. Soon you can touch her face. A lot later you can touch her blind side also. Repeat, Repeat, Repeat! Now you have a pony that trusts you and even starts to like you with all your carrots and French bread. After King was born. Soon he comes too. Nibbles and sucks the carrots, picks up crumbs and eats them. Soon he is in her feed and ready to bite on the end of the French bread stick and nibble on the carrots.

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When King was born he had a birth mark like the mark Harry Potter has on his forehead on his front leg.

We made up a press release hoping the connection would interest the media. Sadly, not much luck.

Our Granddaughter Ellie is learning about horses. She



loves them all but especially Little King & Duke. Whilst feeding King in sandals she got herself too close and was pinned to the floor by his tiny hoof.

We had tears. She is learning so much She likes just playing with

them but is getting respect for them. Whilst fussing her other new friend Duke recently. She stopped rubbing him so he pawed her for more attention with his front hoof. We had tears but she is learning!



This picture is on her third riding lesson with Sonny at Cardiff riding school. What does that smile tell you?



Rosie has been fostered by Farmers Roger & Marylyn. She has gone to be company for for Zen who is a blanket spotted Appaloosa. Yes! the others in the picture background have Horns they are cows!

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## *Donations have recently been received in memory of;*

Mrs Diana Lowne, Mr Cyril Taylor, Mrs Garfield, Mrs B Hudson, Mrs C K Couldridge  
Mrs Joan M Brown, Ms Shelia M T Sprague, Pauline R Carter, Mr A C Gissing.

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Our friends at “Animal Aid” have a petition running now

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/585547/signatures/new> asking The UK Government to look at Horse Racing and the breeding of foals intended for racing. And to **Introduce national limits on horse breeding**, Please follow the link and sign it for all the Horses & ponies.

The EU has announced a ban on animal cages. Over 3 million hens, mother pigs, calves, rabbits, ducks, geese, and other farmed animals are affected and it is planned to be phased out by 2027. This is a land mark for animal welfare in the EU. We have to hope the UK Government will follow their example. Here is a link to sign a petition to ask the UK Government to follow suit.

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/593775>

The Charities donated Lloyds Bank shares have sent a cheque for the 2021 Dividend £8.13p wow!

**Amazon Smile** sent a commissions cheque for the Ponies bonus from your on-line shopping of £141.16. Then another for £ 26.97. If you would like to join the current shoppers just go to [smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1002933-0](https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1002933-0) or get the **Amazon Shopping app** on your smart phone.

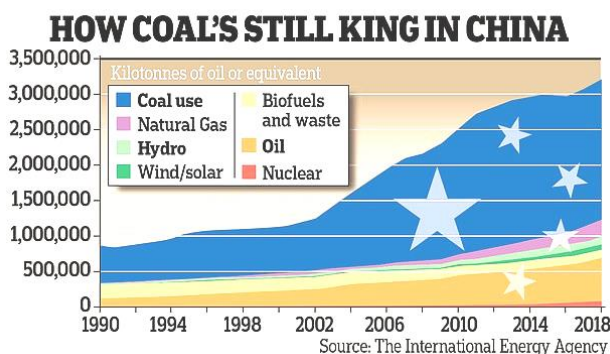
**AmazonSmile currently they are doubling the donations to get you started.**

**Easyfundraising sent £102.54** for your spending between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> June Thank you all 59 of you who have already signed up. If you want to join them go to:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pitpony/>

**Mrs N. Jones’s** daughter wrote to say she was posting her Mums donation for her and thought she probably was our oldest supporter at 103 years old. *Well done you two!*

Zoo’s are to be told “You can’t keep Elephants!” After all the lobbying and dialogue at last action. Hopefully this will bring an end to keeping these beautiful social animals in loneliness. Hopefully it will also reach to Wales and our lonely Elephant Valli will finally have friends of her own kind and no longer need to trumpet at night hoping in vain for a reply.



Mrs Rogers made a Donation in lieu of a birthday gift for Tina O’Shea. And to support Duchess and Duke.

Whilst we all worry about air pollution and climate change some developing countries don’t seem to care at all. China and India are really big consumers of coal and have all the problems associated with it. Hopefully the West don’t use it as an excuse to dither. Their people’s health problems will hopefully get them to change. The graph is from the internet and is difficult

to understand in Black and white. On the internet it’s in colour and much easier to understand.

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From the Left Duke, Tigger & Annie.  
Dukes new play friends.



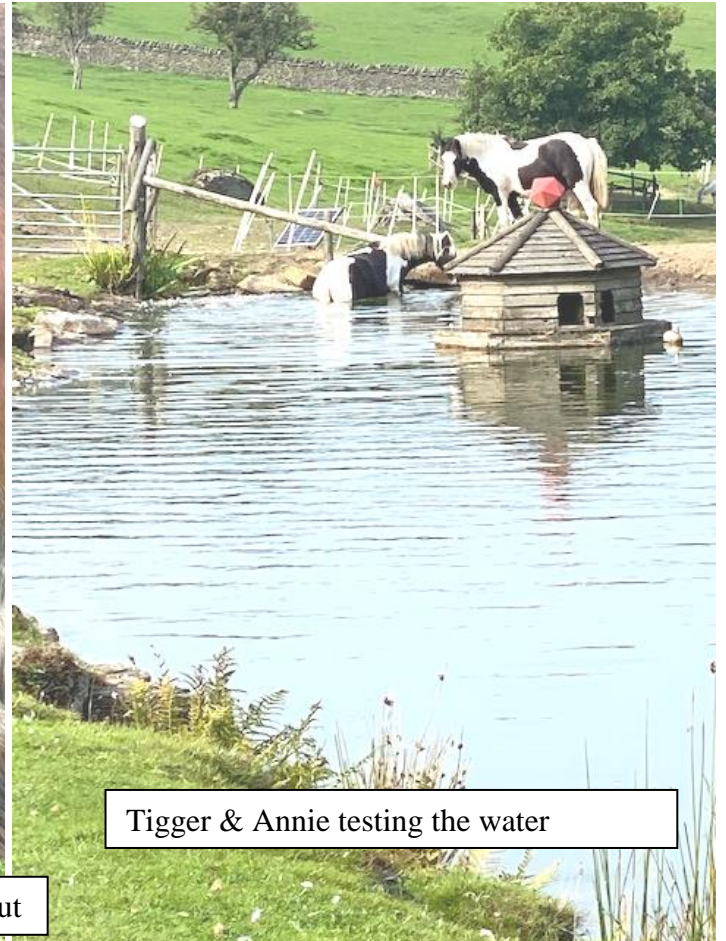
Little ponies mowing the grass

Left Rocket, Bonnie, Geraldine, Megan,  
Poppy. Oreo & King behind the fence

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King gently checking Tinkerbell out



Tigger & Annie testing the water



Annie is another 2021 ex Gypsy pony. She was picked up with Oreo on one of Cardiff's main roads. We think she is Oreo's last year's foal? She is very sweet but terrified of humans like most ex-gypsy ponies. She has made friends with Tigger and lately now Duke. She has kept the girls busy getting her used to humans. It is very time-consuming handling her but so worthwhile. She is now quite forward with us and visitors and comes for fuss and food. She has been left with respiratory problems which we hope mother nature will cure given time. However, we will see what winter brings and investigate with a good vet if needed. This picture of Annie was taken when she was letting Angela pick Blackberries for her. She is not too sure of the taste! Rocket has already walked off unimpressed.

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This is a picture of our pitch at Twinwood music festival 2021. It's an end pitch so a little bigger than most. We had a bit of a disaster when our old Motorhome blew its engine up at the last minute. We borrowed the caravan at the back and had to hire the van to carry all the stock etc. It was a nice show. Drizzly one morning the rest of the time it was fine. Met some nice people. And displayed and sold some of the goodies you send for our stall. We often get asked for Hat Pins and Pop memorabilia

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Sadly, Angel passed away recently. She was unwell for a few days. She died at the centre free from fear, pain or suffering and with people she liked.



We have quite a few of the Trolley/Locker key rings still to sell. They are really useful when you need a £1 coin. Made from Stainless steel and virtually unbreakable. At just £5 each including P&P. Or perhaps you know someone with a public counter who would have some to sell for us?

Angel 19?? – September 2021



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# A little Taste of Wales.

## *Traditional Welsh White Cheesecake Flan.*

**For the pastry;** 125g/4oz wholemeal flour. Pinch of salt. 30g/1oz butter. 30g/1oz white vegetable fat  
**For the filling;** 125g/4oz Caerphilly cheese (crumbled) 125g/4oz soft Welsh goat's cheese. 142ml carton soured cream. Pinch of dry mustard powder. Salt & freshly ground black pepper. 2 level tablespoons plain flour. 3 medium eggs. Salad leaves to serve. 18cm/7inch sandwich or flan tin.

### **Method.**

**Make the pastry;** Tip the flour into a bowl and add the salt, add the butter, add the white vegetable fat, and rub in until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add about two tablespoons water and bind together into a firm pastry dough. Roll out on a lightly floured surface and use it to line the pan. Prick the base and chill for 15 minutes. Set the oven to heat gas mark 7 or 220C. Heat a baking sheet in the oven for 5 minutes then bake the pastry case blind for 12-15 minutes until cooked. Remove from the oven and put aside, reduce the temperature of the oven to moderate, Gas mark 4 or 180C.

**To make the filling;** Beat together the Caerphilly cheese, goats' cheese, soured cream, mustard powder, seasoning and flour, then lightly beat in the eggs. Pour the mixture into the flan case, return the tin to the baking sheet in the centre of the centre of the oven and bake for 25-30 minutes or until the filling has just set in the centre. Remove from the oven and leave to cool for at least 10-15 minutes, then transfer the flan to a wire rack to cool completely.

**To serve;** Serve the flan warm or cold garnished with some salad leaves. (NB not suitable for freezing) Serves 6. approx.; 386 calories + 28grms Fat. Bon appetite!

*Mwynhewch y pryd! (Enjoy your meal)*



Volunteers Carlie and her mum Sian working on Arnie's mane and grooming him. He is still very spooky and terrified of new situations. His time loose on the lanes where he was chased by vehicles up the lane, went into a quiet garden, got chased out, then chased down the lane by a vehicle, went into an entrance then got chased out again. All day long every day until Jools found out and got us to help.

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