

KEEP YOUR PET

Newsletter // NOVEMBER 2021



A massive thank you to all our volunteers and supporters

As we come towards the end of what has turned out to be another year of Covid restrictions, we would like to thank everyone for their incredible contributions. From practical support with pets to fund raising, publicity and helping with all other tasks that are needed to make the scheme the success it continues to be, our owners have relied on you at a time when their pets have been more important than ever to them.

You have made a huge difference and we hope you enjoy the festive season and have a very happy and healthy New Year.

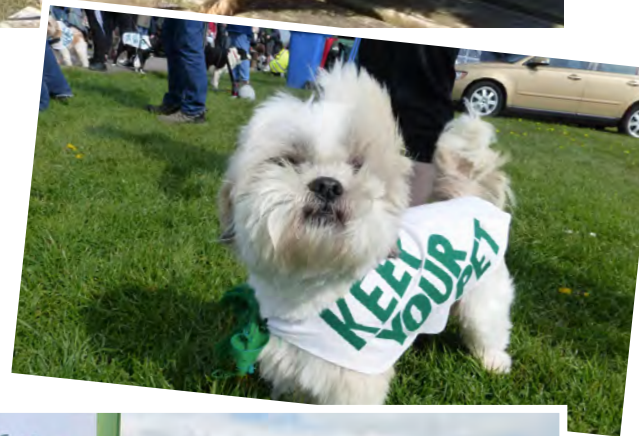
Find Keep Your Pet on Just Giving

During 2020 and through the Covid 19 pandemic, Keep Your Pet, through its wonderful volunteers was able to continue supporting over 100 cases.

We have been inundated with owners, family members, social services and hospital staff ringing to ask for advice regarding the care of pets. People have been unable to leave their homes due to self-isolating and therefore have required support taking animals to the vets and collecting food.

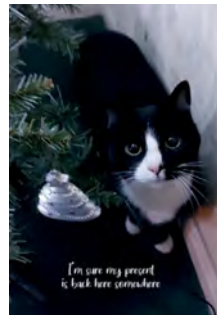
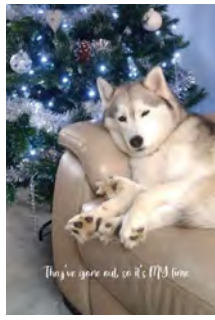
We have continued helping owners, who are most at risk and have the greatest needs, to walk their dogs throughout lockdown. We have also continued to foster dogs that were already in our care and any new ones that needed help. Owners have been contacted regularly by telephone to have a chat and a catch up.

This has been an extremely busy time for Keep Your Pet and the support from our volunteers has been amazing. All that has been sustained without any regular fundraising activities and will continue as long as we have willing and available volunteers.



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Buy Christmas cards AND support Keep Your Pet

There is still plenty of time to send seasons greetings to your loved ones so don't forget the Keep Your Pet Christmas cards.

They are sold in packs of 4 at £3.00 per pack, the designs are shown above and we have limited stock available so be quick not to miss out!

To buy please contact Stephen Marshall on **07929 719286** or by email stephen.marshall2@homecall.co.uk

We need your eyes!

All areas of York have Community Notice Boards and they can be a valuable means of promoting Keep Your Pet and seeking volunteer help for specific tasks.

We are trying to compile a list of all the locations, so it would be very helpful if everyone could check their area and let us know where the boards are.

Each board should have details of the person responsible for adding information but if not just the location of the board would be a help.

Please send any information to Keepyourpet@ageukyork.org.uk



Volunteers needed...

We have so many lovely, hard-working volunteers but we are always on the look out for people to help with the more practical tasks such as leaflet distribution and helping at one of our fundraising events.

If you think this could be something you could help with please contact Keepyourpet@ageukyork.org.uk

Virtual Christmas Fayre

Check out Keep Your Pet on Facebook from November for our Virtual Christmas Market.

You'll find the details of goodies for sale in aid of Keep Your Pet all in one place, such as Christmas cards, doggy wreaths and homemade gifts. The purrfect opportunity to get prepared for Christmas and shop locally!

Christmas dog advent wreaths

Treat your dog to a gift lovingly homemade and £1 per wreath will be donated to Keep Your Pet.

Each one is made with 24 dog bones (a mix of Pedigree gravy and Bonio Mini bones), tied into a festive wreath and all for only £8.50.

To order please contact Clare on **07779 377 715**.



Good news from St Crux

Keep Your Pet held a pop-up cafe and stalls at St Crux church hall on 20th October. The weather forecast was abysmal but some of our dedicated volunteers started at 7.30am assembling gazebos and tables, decorating the railings, unloading stock and displaying craft items, books and bric-a-brac.

More wonderful volunteers arrived to set up the cafe with delicious sandwiches and home-made cakes.

The day proceeded with a steady flow of customers, despite showers and the continuing wariness of a lot of people to be in an enclosed space. We took £716. After hall hiring expenses etc. the final figure was £615.83.

THANK YOU!

A big Thank You to all the volunteers involved in raising this amount. We couldn't have done it without the contribution of time and effort from each one of you.

Historic Pub walks for Keep Your Pet - Your help needed

As York has opened up again, guided walks around the city covering York's historic pubs have been provided by Keith Martin since May to raise funds for KYP.

A majority of tours are advertised through Visit York, others are specifically requested by groups of more than 6 people. So far income from the tours has been £900. The tours have been very well received but numbers undertaking them have been relatively low. Keith is now seeking help to improve this next year. If you are interested, you can help in a number of ways:

- by coming along on a tour yourself and encouraging friends or family to attend a tour.
- by encouraging any community groups that you are involved with to organise a private tour.
- with the administration required to manage and expand the publicity, including on line.
- by indulging your interest in York's history and getting involved directly as a guide, (training will be provided).

If you are interested, you can find out more about the walks on the following site: yorkpubwalks.wordpress.com or if you want to get involved contact Keith directly by emailing pubwalks4kyp@outlook.com or call 07592 547326.



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