

KEEP YOUR PET

Newsletter // SPRING 2022

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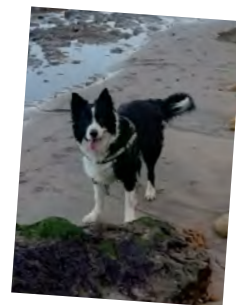
Once again, we have been extremely busy over the winter period at Keep Your Pet. Thankfully, spring is now here, and we can hopefully enjoy a little bit of sunshine on our walks with our 4-legged friends.

We have over 120 volunteers out walking, feeding, fostering, and arranging amazing events. Our volunteers are invaluable, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your time, hard work and amazing dedication.

We have lots of news to share at KYP, so here we go...

A volunteer's story

"D came to KYP in early December and since then has spent time with 2 foster carers. He is a lovely, intelligent dog with a very friendly approach to those who have met him. He loves to be outside and responds with enthusiastic anticipation to the prospect of a walk. He loves being among people, knows how to attract and respond to attention and loves a trip to the pub. He settled quickly in both foster homes and hopefully will be reunited with his owner before too long."



Historic Pub Walks for Keep Your Pet

Why not join Keith for a historic Pub Walk this year? Hear an alternative history of this great city. Walks start from Minstergate YO1 7LG at the junction of College Street and Goodramgate. Tours last for approx. 2 hours.

For further information [click here](#). For times and reservations [click here](#).

To read reviews [click here](#).

In addition to the published dates private tours can be arranged for groups on mutually convenient dates if you have family or friends visiting this year.

Further information can be obtained through contacting Keith on 07592 547326 or pubwalks4kyp@outlook.com

"Dee and I both enjoy walking Jess the dog for her owners. She is a lovely calm dog - an old border collie /retriever cross. We walk through a wooded area in Strensall and share the nature and countryside together. Jess's owners are very grateful to us, as health circumstances mean they are currently unable to walk Jess themselves and rely on family, friends and keep your pet to cover her walks twice a day. This enables them to keep their very much-loved pet with them at home which must be a great comfort at this difficult time."





West Bank Park dog café

The West Bank Park Community Dog Café has been running since October 2020. Being an outdoor event has given us huge advantages as it meant we could work with the Covid restrictions and keep meeting (apart from a couple of months on Zoom). The second Wednesday of each month at 10.00am finds a bunch of friendly and enthusiastic KYP volunteers with their equally friendly and enthusiastic dogs, outside the Bowls Pavilion in West Bank Park. After the meeting and

greeting, the dogs take us on a walk through the woods, much enjoyed by dog walkers, dogs and invited guests. Our guests are people who are experiencing social isolation in one form or another. They really appreciate the relaxed and non-judgemental vibe offered, plus the sheer joy of spending time in the company of dogs. We'd love to see a few more guests if you know anyone who might benefit. Volunteers at the Bowls Pavilion provide hot drinks and a covered veranda where we chat afterwards. The Dog Café now has its own committee to ensure that this unique event continues and can reach more people.

Penny Hutchinson – Local Area Coordinator

Help us while you shop

Keep Your Pet is in the customer vote for a Tesco Community Grant. It's a scheme which gives community projects like us grants of up to £1,500. You can help decide how much funding we get by voting in Tesco Extra and Express stores across York from April - June. Please support us each time you shop at Tesco by voting with a token given to you at the check-out. Making the weekly shop make a difference can't be bad!



Urgent appeal for storage space

We need your help! We need some secure space to store the various items and equipment we need for events. If you know of anywhere please get in touch.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for the help that James College has given us over the past 8 years.

In the press...

Here is Helen Mead's article as featured in The Press this month...

Do pets protect us from memory loss?



HAVING recently written about memory and how to retain it into old age, research has now emerged that owning a pet can help to keep the memory sharp.

I'm not sure I agree with that. I spend so much time catering to our ridiculously fickle female cat that my brain hasn't got room for much else.

"Do you want to go out or don't you?", "What's wrong with that food?", "Don't claw the sofa..."

With these constant distractions it's amazing I remember anything.



We will be attended or hosting a series of events over the next few months. We hope to see you there!

West Bank Park Dog Cafe
13 April

York historic pub walks
Various dates

Strensall Carnival
Saturday 18 June

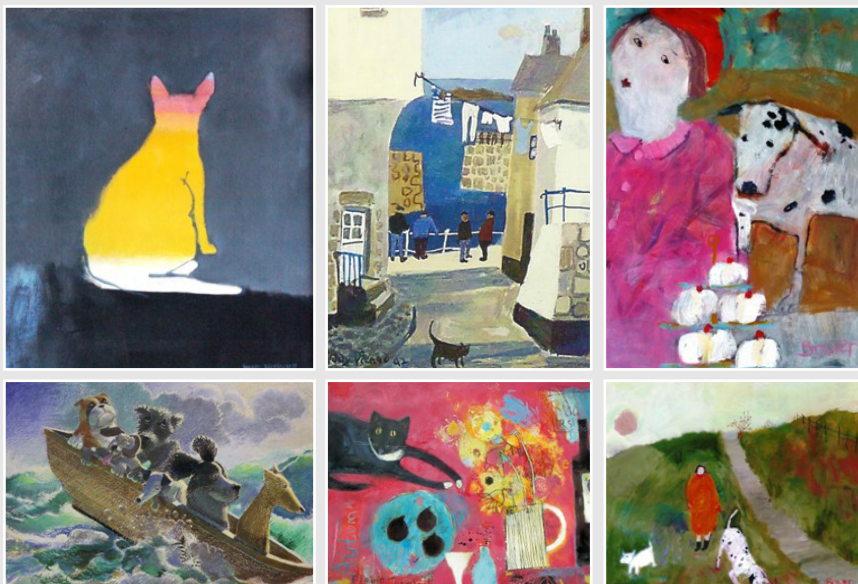
West Bank Park Show
Sunday 26 June

Copmanthorpe Fair
Saturday 2 July

St Crux
Wednesday 20 July

Dog Training Club Fun Dog Show
Sunday 31 July

Knivesmire Dog Walk
Sunday 18 September

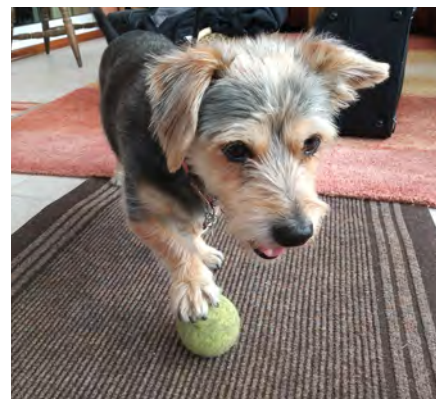


Cards for sale to support Keep Your Pet

£1.50 each or four (of any design) for £5, or 6 for £7, which includes envelopes.

They are available from Kentmere House Gallery, 53 Scarcroft Hill, York YO24 1DF. Or telephone **01904 656507** or **07801 810825**, email ann@kentmerehouse.co.uk or by post.

THANK YOU!



Thank you to Steve, Steve and Harry!

At the beginning of the month, 2 of our volunteers, Steve M and Steve C gave a talk to the Strensall Methodists about the work of Keep Your Pet. Invaluable doggy assistance was provided by Harry!

DID YOU KNOW...5 FACTS ABOUT EASTER

The Easter Bunny legend began in Germany

The holiday was named after the Anglo-Saxon Goddess, Eostre

More than 1.5 million Cadbury Creme Eggs are produced every day

Easter is celebrated on the Sunday after the full moon following March 21st

The white lily is the official flower of Easter



Thank you to Titch and her friend Amadeus their support at a recent event.



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