

RESCUING DOGS ACROSS NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND SOUTH CHESHIRE Dog Rescue National Award Winner 2012

Ref: DIANE BOSTOCK - GREYHOUNDS AND GOLDEN OLDIES RESCUE

Animal lifeline is a registered charity that has been rescuing and rehoming dogs in Staffordshire and Cheshire for 40 years. Soon after we started, before we had our own kennels we used local boarding kennels to house the rescue dogs prior to rehoming. We soon realised that we needed to find a sanctuary that would take our old and infirm dogs who would not be able to tolerate life in a boarding kennel.

We had heard very good things about Diane and her Golden Oldies. In those days she had mostly greyhounds, and we duly went to visit her. She was living in a much smaller home then on her father's farm. We were overwhelmed when we saw how well she cared for the animals despite the constraints of a very small home. All the dogs were lying on sofas and chairs and the home was warm and cosy.

Diane's move to her larger was done purposely for more space to enable her to rescue more dogs. It was such a blessing to us. We had our own kennels by then but could not provide a proper home for the old dogs where they could live out the rest of their lives in comfort. We have continued to use Diane's rescue to this day.

Diane is a very rare person who always strives for the very best for the animals in her care, she will never compromise on the quality of her care. She constantly worries that the house is kept warm enough and the animals receive the best medical care. Her vets bills are enormous. Now she is taking in horses they will also get the five star care hence the urge to provide the ponies with a proper shelter. She would not be able rest if on a cold winters night those neglected animals were not protected against the weather.

We as a rescue feel very lucky to have someone like Diane who dedicates her life to the care of the animals and hope that Staffordshire Moorlands Council give her and the horses the support they deserve and allow her to build the shelter.

Cassie Fletcher

Trustee, Animal Lifeline