

Dear Animal-lover,

You are my favourite person.

**Yes, you.**

It's thanks to your kind donations that 800 lost and sick animals are rescued every year at Oldingham Cats and Dogs Home. Until they came to us, dogs like Maisy and cats like Buttons were wandering the streets with no hope of safety or affection. They were in desperate need of shelter, medicine and food. It's thanks to generous people like you that they got it.

### **Keep saying no to neglect**

Because when times get tough for pet-owners it's often their animals that are the first to suffer. Take Betsy for example, when her owners could no longer afford to take care of her they panicked. They got into their car, drove over an hour away to a deserted stretch of motorway and left her by the side of the road to fend for herself. She was less than a year old.

Alone in an unfamiliar place, Betsy did the only thing that she could think of: she tried to find her way home and wandered into the path of an oncoming car. When she arrived at Oldingham she was in a terrible state, with a damaged leg and an infection that was quickly spreading through her body. No one thought that she would make it.

But a year later, Betsy has a new family. Her leg has healed and she's back to chasing tennis balls and stealing treats like a normal young dog. All thanks to you.



### **What can your donations do?**

For the price of cup of coffee you could ensure that a dog like Betsy has a place to sleep.

- £5 can feed a starving cat that hasn't eaten in weeks
- £10 provides care for new mothers and the young animals born in the shelter
- £40 can give our dogs comfy enclosures, tennis balls and someone to walk them

But whatever you can give makes you a hero in my eyes. Every penny gets us a step closer to giving each and every one of these animals a shot at finding happiness again in a loving home. Can you become a hero today and help to make that a reality?

## **They need you more than ever**

With so many strays to take care of it's not just new owners that we're looking for. We desperately need generous people to keep our doors open with regular donations - kind people just like Jan:

"I've been donating regularly to the Oldingham shelter for years. My granddaughter has a very severe cat allergy so we can't have them as pets any more, but even though we can't adopt or foster, I still hate to think of any cat suffering and living as a stray. It's great to know that I'm helping other people to find loving new members of the family through my donations"

Jan Libnik, 64, Oldingham Resident and Cat-lover

I know you're the kind of person who wants to rescue these vulnerable animals from a life on the street. I hope you can keep showing dogs like Betsy how much you care with a precious gift that saves helpless cats and dogs from disease, neglect and exposure.

Thank you once again for the kindness that you've shown. It makes all of this possible. You really are my favourite person (and Betsy's too).

With warm regards,

Mike Blatch  
Managing Director  
Oldingham Cats and Dogs Home

P.S. Please help us give a wonderful pet another chance at finding their forever home. We are dependent on your generosity to keep showing these animals the love and care that they truly deserve. Thank you for your continued support.