

A photograph of five rabbits of various breeds (white, brown, and grey) sitting on a large pile of straw. In the background, a wooden fence is decorated with several orange paper carrots and two small, colorful bunny-shaped lollipops (one blue, one yellow). The scene is set outdoors, likely in a garden or enclosure.

**McCARTHY STONE**  
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# PET PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



# **McCARTHY STONE**

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We love well-behaved pets at McCarthy Stone, so we asked our homeowners and employees to send us cute and quirky images of their amazing animal friends. We were overwhelmed by the brilliant response, over 75 entries in total!

We had the difficult job of selecting the wonderful finalists and put them to a vote to decide the winners. The following pages showcase the winning entries and all the finalists that made it to the vote.



# HOMEOWNERS

We needed to choose **two** winning entries from our homeowners.







WINNER!

STOVER COURT, NEWTON ABBOT

PENELOPE FILMER, HOMEOWNER

**Sasha** is full of mischief, very playful and loves children. A great companion

**MEET SASHA**  
**22 MONTHS OLD**



WINNER!

CATHERINE COURT, EASTLEIGH

DAVID & ELLEN, HOMEOWNERS

He is such good company, he is 8 years old in October

MEET **KEVIN**  
8 YEARS OLD





# MEET JEZ 15 YEARS OLD

WILLOUGHBY PLACE

BRIAN DICKENS, HOMEOWNER

He is my life companion

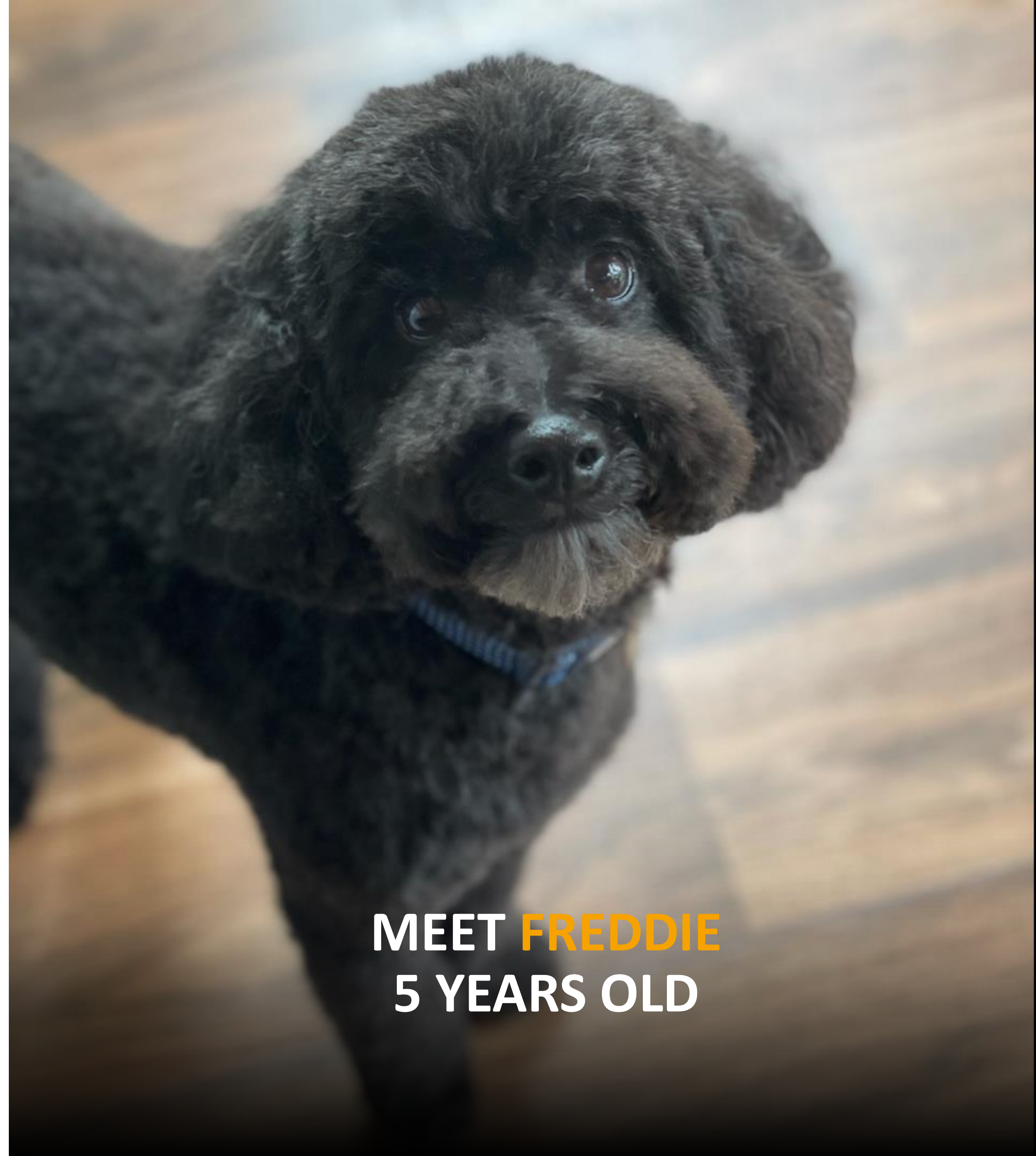


FOLLAND COURT, HAMBLE

BRENDA LEWSEY COCKS, HOMEOWNER

This is my beautiful 5 year old toy poodle, **Freddie**. He is rather a mummy's boy, but no less adorable for that.

MEET **FREDDIE**  
5 YEARS OLD







## MEET DYLAN & DAISY 8 YEARS OLD

MONUMENT PLACE, SALISBURY

LIBBY BARNES, HOMEOWNER

**Dylan and Daisy**, both aged 8 (brother & sister). Dylan is a character and very sociable. Daisy is shy but sweet-natured and very affectionate.



FOLLAND COURT, HAMBLE

DIANE LEAL, HOMEOWNER

MEET **CHARLIE**  
15 YEARS OLD





## MEET **CASSIE** 14 YEARS OLD

**LE JARDIN, LETCHWORTH**

**BERYL PARSONS, HOMEOWNER**

My cat is called **Cassie** and is 14 years old.

What I love about my cat is she is friendly and gentle, especially with children, also she loves to have her tummy tickled.



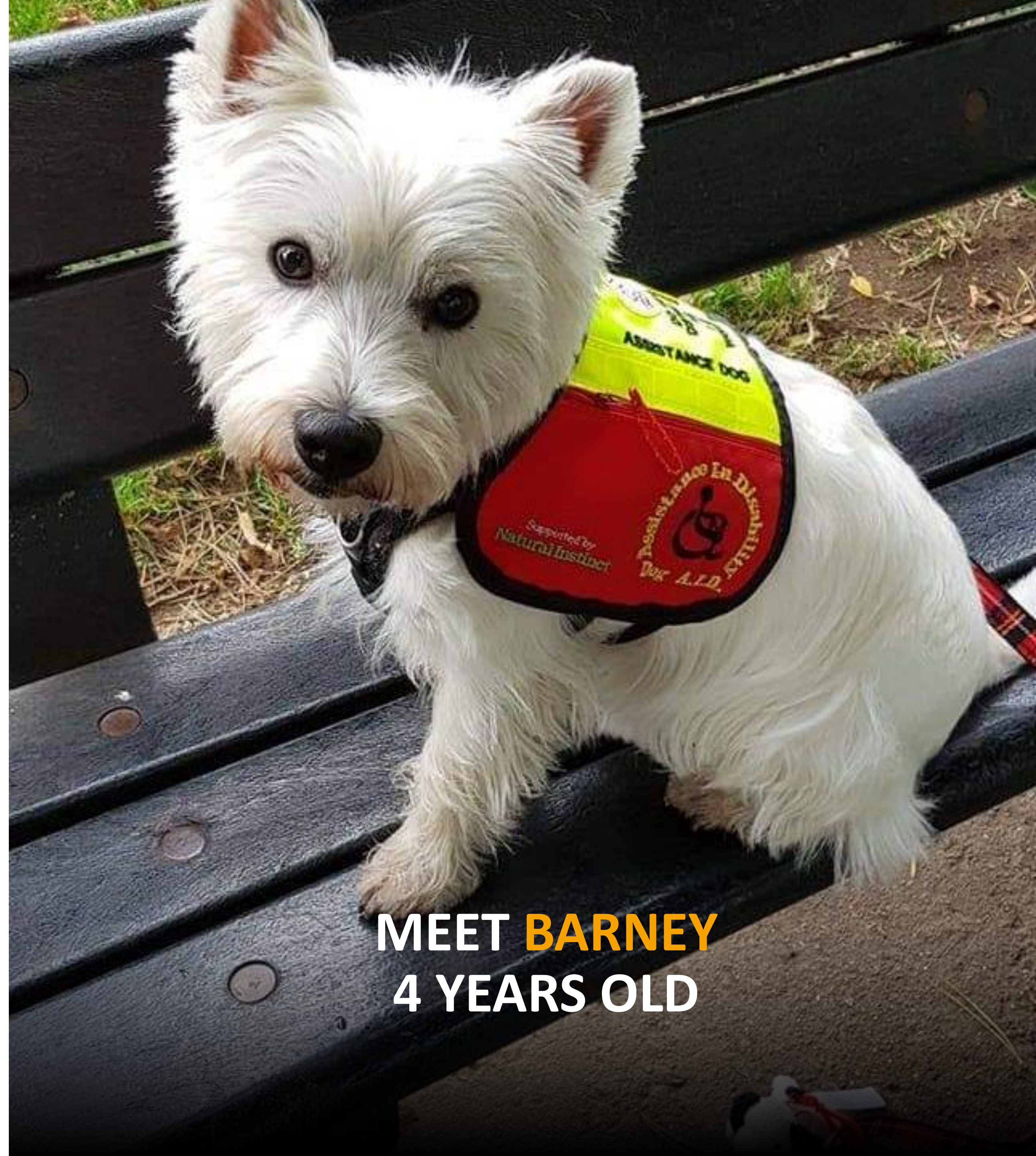
**WILLIAM PAGE COURT, BRISTOL**

**MARGARET RUSSELL, HOMEOWNER**

**Barney** has been with me since he was 8 weeks old. He qualified as my Assistance Dog 2 years ago. He does a lot for me around the apartment including picking up items I have dropped.

He is loved by many of the other homeowners who always stop for a cuddle when they see him.

**MEET BARNEY**  
**4 YEARS OLD**







## MEET **ROLLO** 2 YEARS OLD

**LOWE HOUSE, KNEBWORTH**

**JUNE WILDMAN, HOMEOWNER**

This is a photo of **Rollo** - entitled "Nobody cuddles me"

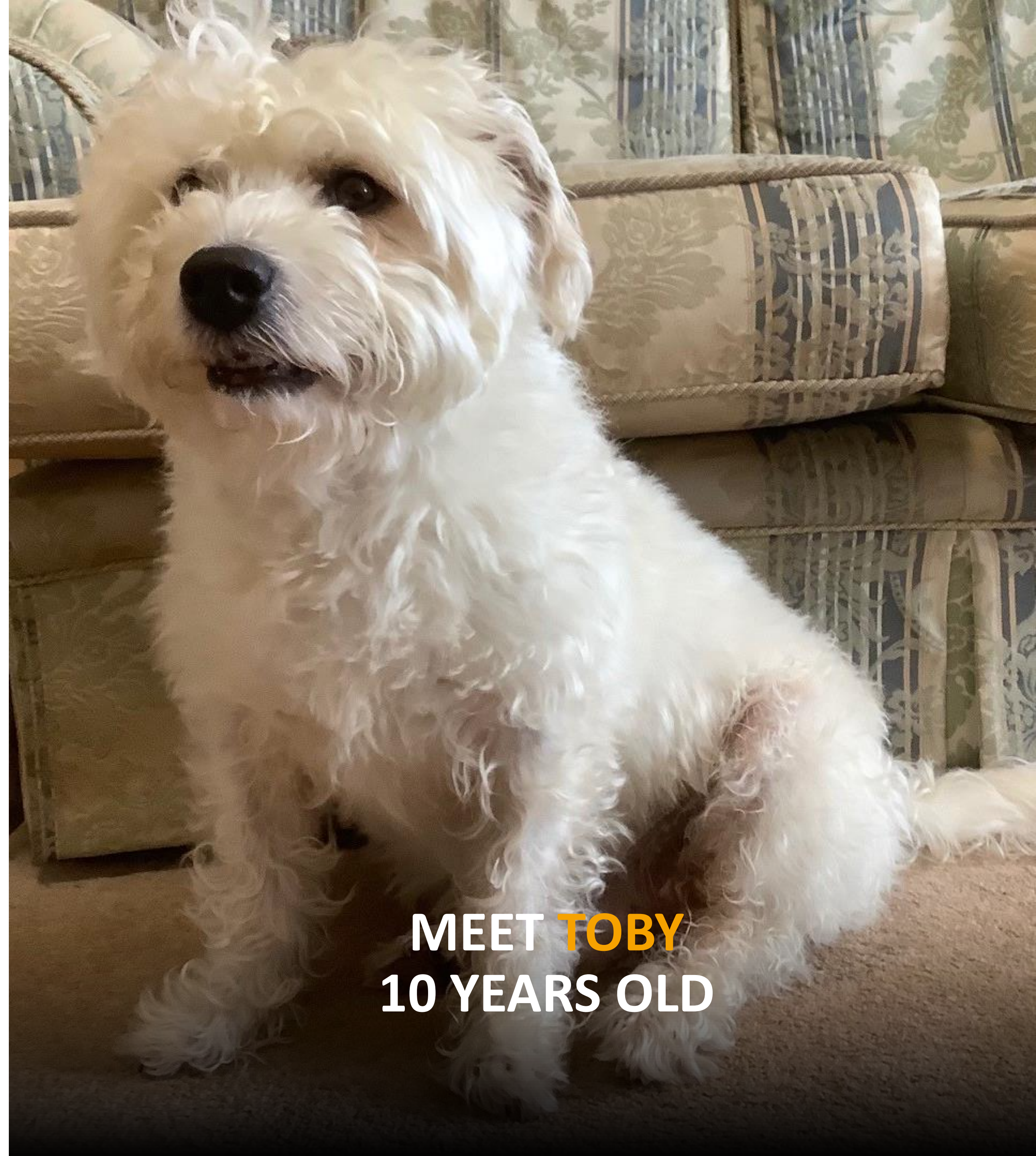


## LADY SUSAN COURT

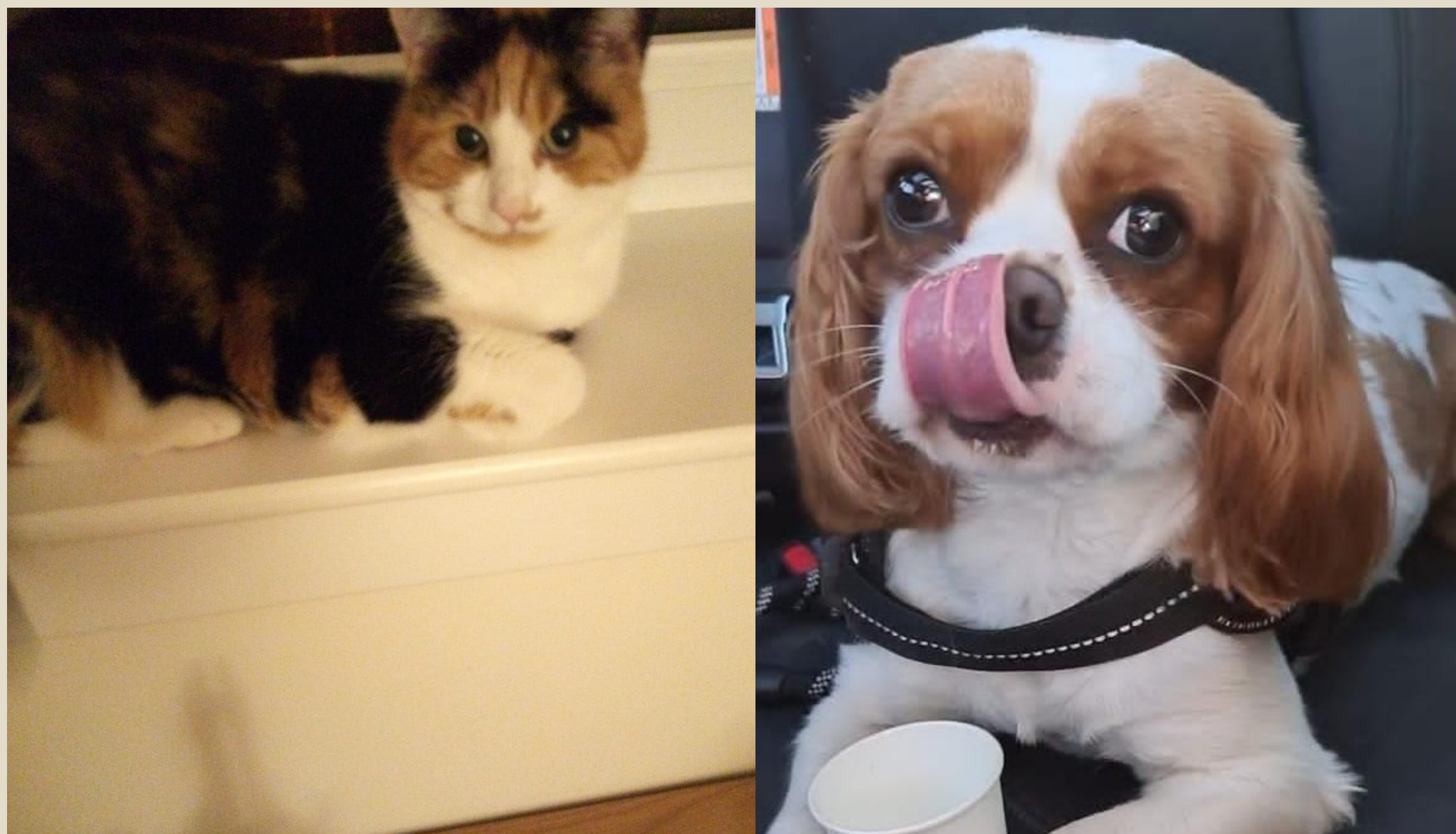
### JOHN CURTHOYS, HOMEOWNERS

Hi. I'm **Toby**, and I'm 10 years old. I am the only pet at Lady Susan Court. Everybody here loves me because of the special way I talk to them, and I love them because of the titbits they give me.

**MEET TOBY**  
**10 YEARS OLD**







## MEET **MIA & HAROLD** 13 & 2 YEARS OLD

### **BRAIDBURN COURT, EDINBURGH**

#### **KATE FOREMAN, HOMEOWNER**

**Mia** has been with me through thick and thin and is a true “4 legged friend.”

Highly intuitive, clever (could even be a member of Feline MENSA), good company, cuddly and therapeutic.

My wee confidante and makes the house, i.e the bits she allows me to use, feel like a home.

**Harold** is a little character, always up to mischief, good fun and loves “walkies” as does his owner so lots of welcome exercise and fresh air.

He has still to learn that he will never outstare Mia the cat.



# STAFF

We needed to choose **one** winning entry from McCarthy Stone staff.







WINNER!

## BROOKES COURT


### SARAH HAYCOCKS, HOUSE MANAGER

These are my pet donkey **Reuben** and **Rufus**. They're both around 5 years old but with very different characters. Reuben is the cheeky chappie who can be quite naughty (he is a stallion/entire), and Rufus is the sensible gelded one, who generally looks on appalled!

During the pandemic we sadly lost Rigby – another donkey who had been with us for 20 years. Reuben was extremely sad and stressed as donkeys do not cope as a sole animal, so we brought Rufus into the fold! Reuben was very excited to have a new friend and all worked out fantastically.

We have had donkeys and ponies for 20 years now and we would not be without them. They have all had fantastic personalities and they are part of the family along with 4 cats (plus a feral) and 20 chickens.

Although it can be hard work, they bring us great happiness and are a pleasure to look after. What is less pleasurable are the 4 and 5am wake up calls of a braying nature!! Thankfully, we only have one neighbour a few hundred yards away, but I am quite sure it travels for miles!!



MEET **REUBEN & RUFUS**  
5 YEARS OLD



LYSANDER HOUSE, ICKENHAM

DANIELLE COWIE, HOUSE MANAGER

Mother and daughter Maltipoo's. The bond they have is truly special. Mummy Tallia still gives Tallulah her daily wash.

MEET **TALLIA & TALLULAH**







## MEET **MEG & MYST** 1 & 3 YEARS OLD

### WILLOUGHBY PLACE

#### SALLY KING, HOUSE MANAGER

What do you love the most about your pet?

“The commitment they show us and each other (and their very long tongues)”



## BECK HOUSE

### SANDRA VIEIRA, HOUSE MANAGER

This is a picture of my Little rescue cat **Bonnie**.

Bonnie is 5 years old and we rescued Bonnie and her brother Ossie when they were 6 months old. Unfortunately, Ossie was shot with an air gun and died 2 and ½ years ago, poor Bonnie was a very sad girl for about 6months.

Since then she has become a very happy cat but does suffer from small cat syndrome and likes to let the other cats on our street know who's boss 😊

MEET **BONNY**  
5 YEARS OLD





**SAY HELLO TO **INDY****  
**13 YEARS OLD**

**PEMBURY, KENT**

**GAIL JOHNSON, AREA MANAGER**

This is my cat, **Indy**, enjoying some evening sun in pembury, kent. She's 13 and is very vocal, you can have a conversation with her which is probably better than some people I know 😊





# SAY HELLO TO **MR BURNS** 8 YEARS OLD

**LOWE HOUSE, KNEBORTH**

**SAM SPILLANE, ADMIN/DUTY**

This is my 8 year old cat called **Mr Burns**. He's very friendly and feels soft like a peach and warm like a hot water bottle!

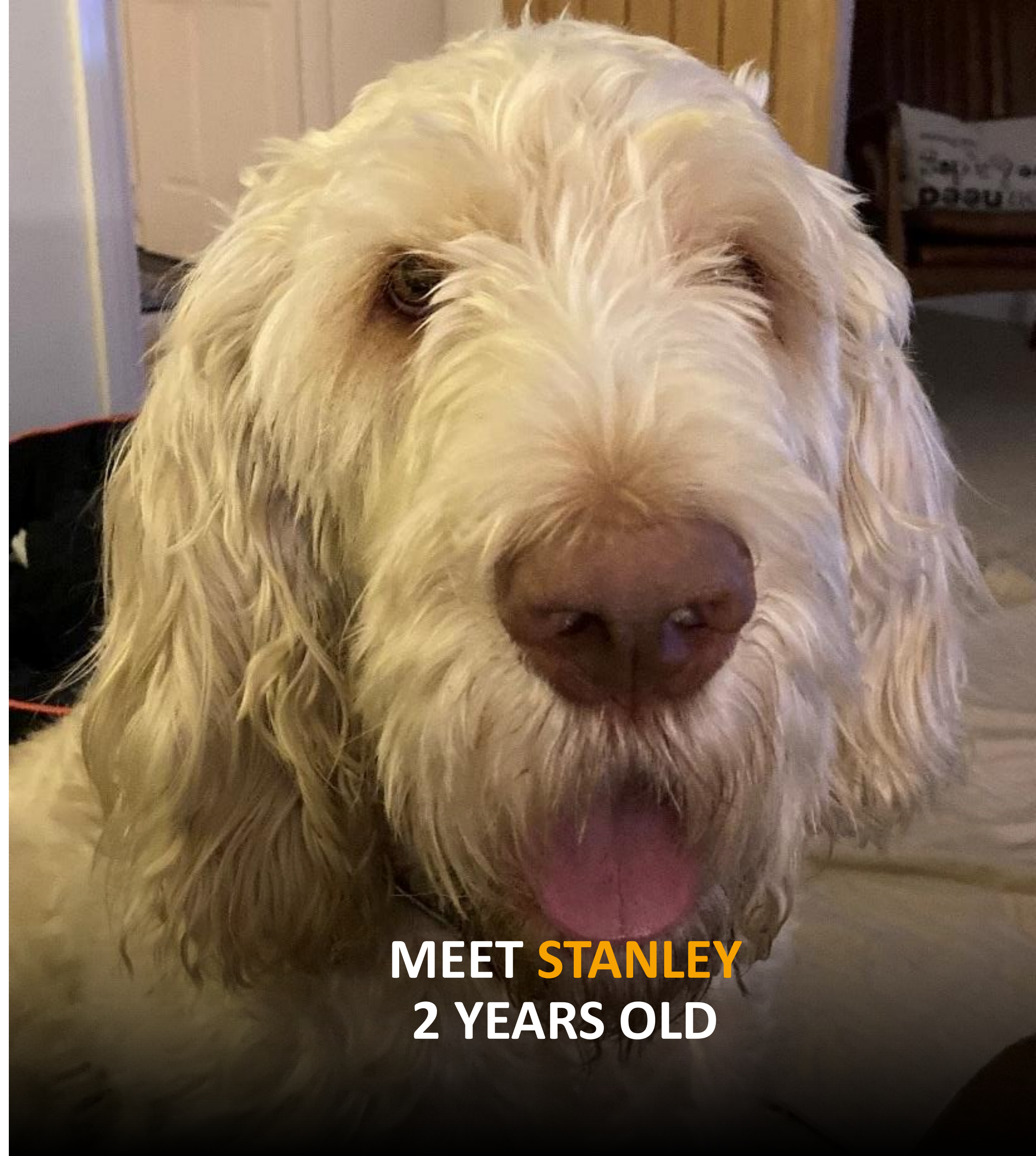


ANDREWS COURT, BEVERLEY

MIKE HESELTINE, CONCIERGE

This is **Stanley**, 2 years old – An Italian Spinone, he's a cheeky chappie and very adorable

MEET **STANLEY**  
2 YEARS OLD







**SAY HELLO TO **ASTON****  
**4 YEARS OLD**

**AWDRY COURT, BIRMINGHAM**

**JAMES CRUICKSHANK, HOUSE MANAGER**

**Aston** is our lovely Jack Russell X Patterdale Terrier. He is a rescue dog, we have now had him for a year and can't imagine our life without this wonderful, loving, loyal, mischievous, full of beans and just amazing member of our family. Aston is very happy to chase a ball on the beach for hours or lie, curled up next to you on the sofa forever.



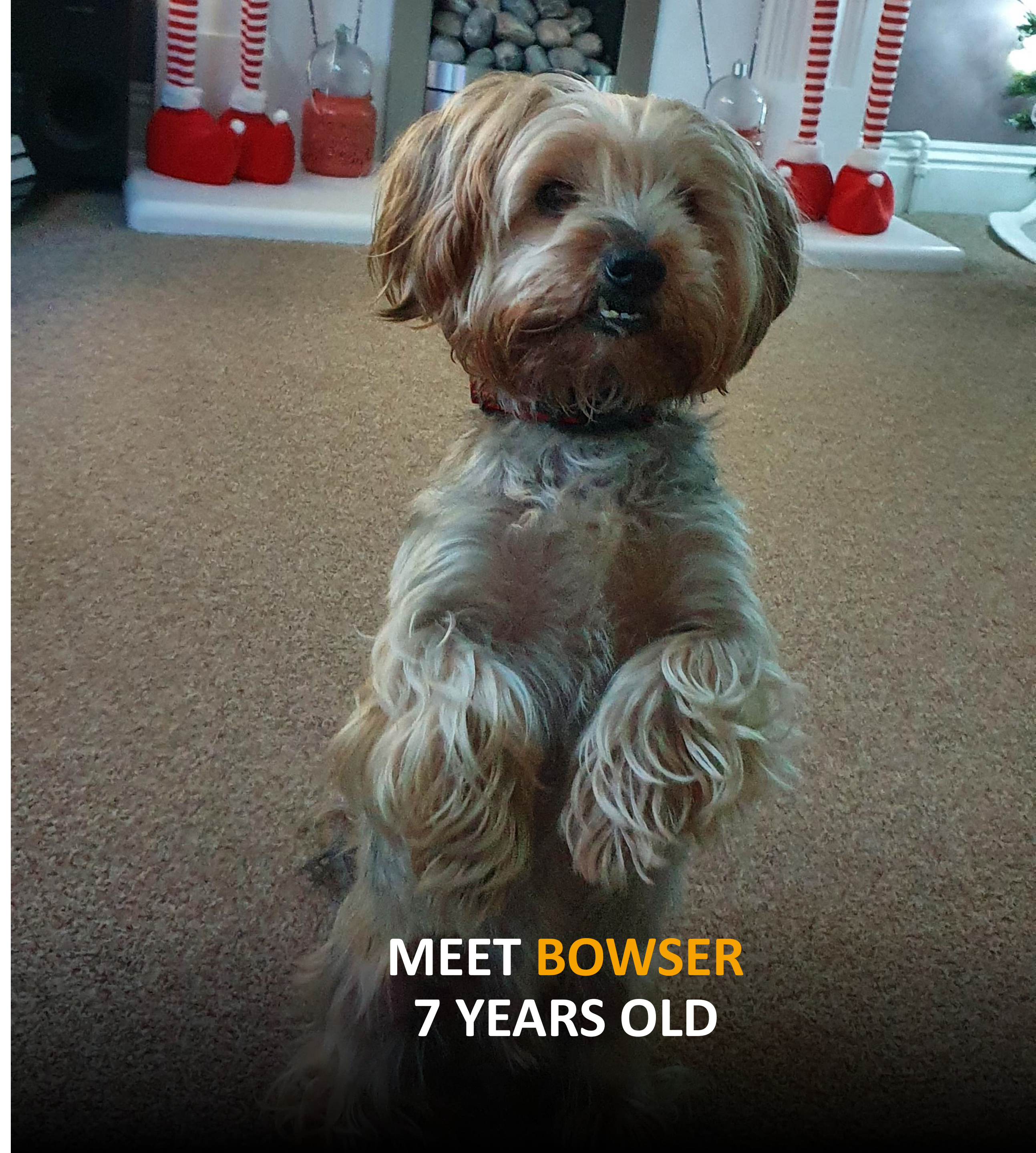
## SOMERS BROOK COURT, NEWPORT

### TRACY MCNULTY, HOUSE MANAGER

**Bowser** is my 7yr old Yorkshire Terrier. I work at Somers Brook Court in Newport, Isle of Wight.

I love his funny little teeth that often make him look like he's smiling, and I love how this dog really looks like his owner! We both have blonde, with a fair bit of grey hair creeping through now!!

We have a lady that lives with us, that has dementia, she has a cuddly soft toy doggy that sits on the arm of her armchair, she gives him a pat and a smooth frequently through the day and asked him. I often talk with her about my dog, she loves to hear stories about him whilst I provide care for her, this often helps to turn a sometimes difficult day into a more relaxed visit as we natter. Her favourite photo of Bowser is this one of him with his head in my yogurt pot, she often recalls this photo with me. Also she loves the bathtime photo wrapped in his towel, the football photo and finally the one where he's up on his back legs as it reminds her of a little meerkat!



**MEET BOWSER**  
**7 YEARS OLD**





**SAY HELLO TO MEG**

**CARRICK COURT, DRAYTON**

**MICHELLE LEGGETT, CONCIERGE**

I am the very proud almost obsessional owner of a Red Welsh Collie called Meg

Her thing every day, is to gather up sticks in the park or bits of driftwood from our local beach on Hayling island

Then she carries them home and dumps them outside our neighbours door for their log burner... TRUE!

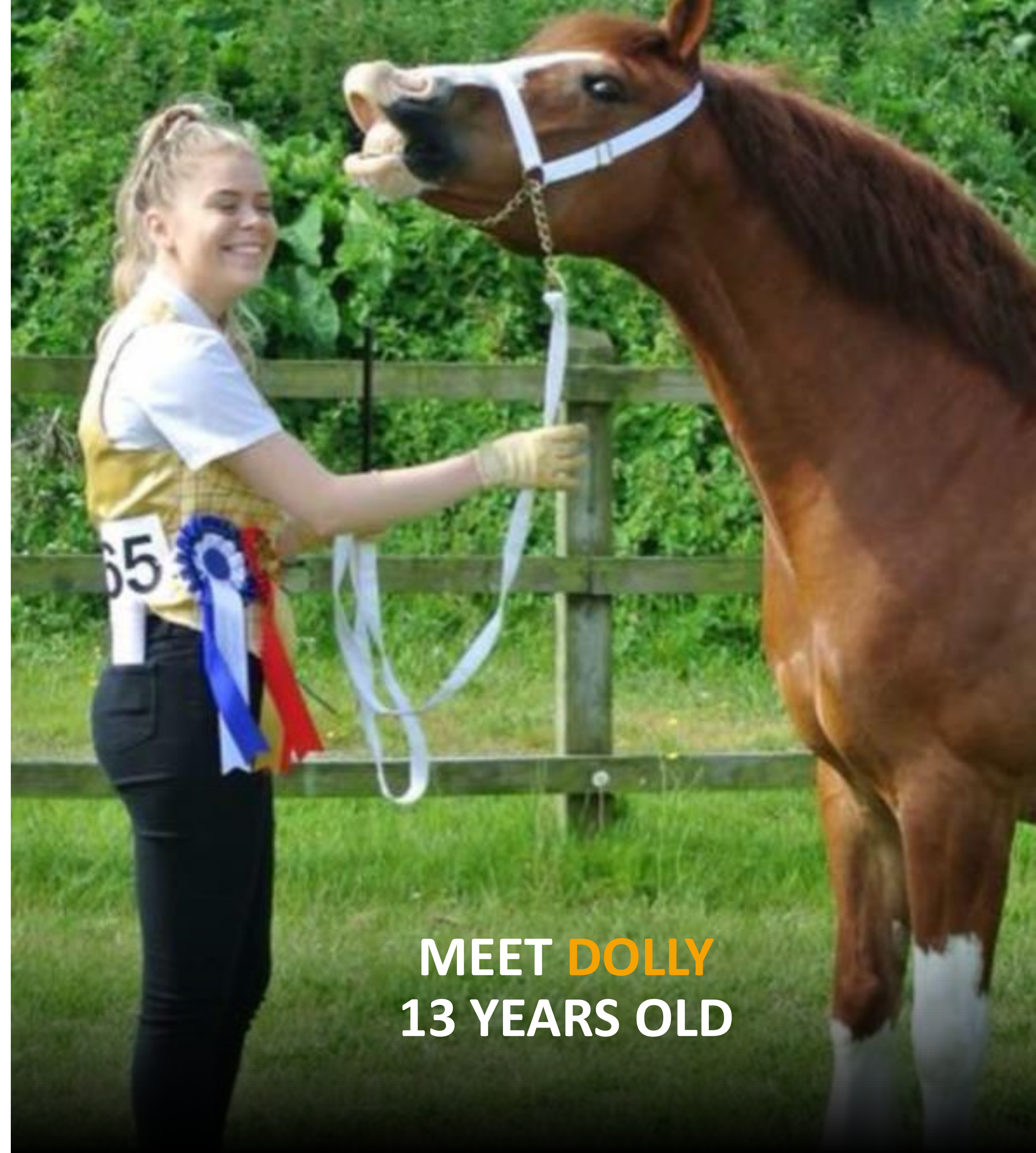


## LAWRENCE PLACE

### CAROLINE LACEY-FREEMAN, HOUSE MANAGER

I think you'll love our horse as much as we do. Her name is **Dolly** (age 13) and she's stabled in Tiptree with my daughters horse Allie. Dolly loves to smile for photos, especially at horse shows and you'll see that in the photo attached. She was very pleased with herself as you can see. She belongs to myself but she's definitely one of the family.

MEET **DOLLY**  
13 YEARS OLD







Patricia (Mum), Benny (Dad), Tommy, PomPom, Peter Rabbit and Bluebell

## MEET THE GRACE FAMILY OF RABBITS



Caramel, Toffee, Biscuit, Cookie and Oreo

## CENTENARY PLACE

### LOUISE GRACE, HOUSE MANAGER

I had a lone rabbit for a year after losing her sister, during last summer's lockdown a friend had some baby rabbits and we decided to get another girl to keep **Patricia** company. **Betsy** arrived and over the months we had several vet appointments with her to check she was definitely a girl. In February this year we discovered that the vets must have made several mistakes with that as we found 3 babies in the hutch. So **Tommy PomPom**, **Peter Rabbit** and **Bluebell** joined the family. **Betsy** became **Benny** and he was neutered the next day, however we were told they mated very soon after having babies and Patricia may already be expecting more, and a few weeks later this was proved to be right when we welcomed **Caramel**, **Toffee**, **Biscuit**, **Cookie** and **Oreo** to the garden!

We now own 10 rabbits as we are a bunch of softies and didn't want to rehome any, they are expensive and hard work (and eat better than I do!) but have given us so much joy!

At Easter it felt essential to have a little photoshoot with a haystack and decorations (what else?!) so you can see Mum and Dad with the 3 older babies on the haystack (that took some work) and the 5 younger in the heart basket.