

Spring 2006



Dear Friends

Hello and warm wishes to you all from Safe Haven For 98 donkeys and 3 horses in The Holy Land!

It is truly unbelievable how quickly time passes and as always, I have plenty to tell you.

I think perhaps I should start by telling you about the new little donkeys and horses who have recently come into our care. Just before I do however I have to say that we very tragically lost one of our dear old horses back in January. Four years ago we rescued two very old horses who were very close companions,

Angel and Silver. Both in their late twenties they had been severely over worked and malnourished at a ranch where they had both lived.

Once we took them of course their health improved and they enjoyed their peaceful life here but unfortunately Silver recently had quite a serious bout of colic... After initial treatment it seemed to improve before getting worse and eventually it became clear that Silver's suffering was so great that it would be necessary to put him out of his misery... It was bitterly sad and we had to let Angel be by his side for quite a while in order for him to understand and accept that his friend had gone....

Just before this happened, in early December, we rescued a little threesome! Tzvika the donkey and his two best friends, Jasper, an elderly grey horse who looks exactly

like Angel and Jeronimo, a young, lively, baycolt! In a way Silver picked the right time to go because he and Angel had established quite a bond with Jasper so at least Jasper was there to ease some of Angel's sense of loss.... Tzvika, Jasper and Jeronimo had all belonged to someone who had treated them very abusively and they arrived here in an appalling condition – filthy dirty, covered in ticks and open sores. Now of course all of them look great except that Jasper is quite thin and being so old it won't be easy to build him up but he's very happy and well fed and that's what matters.

Next came Sybil, she came from the Arab village of Jisr Azarka and she had been so neglected that her poor hooves were terribly overgrown. Needless to say they are now beautifully trimmed and she feels much



Tzvika

better, we also suspect that there's a chance she may be pregnant!

After Sybil came little Saskia; a small, chocolate brown donk who used to be brought to our resting station in Tayibe every week. She was owned by two young Palestinian boys for whom she worked tremendously hard pulling a heavily laden cart. One week the boys turned up without her, telling us she had apparently lost her footing, collapsed and died.... The following day our Tayibe field worker, Muhammed, noticed a small, brown donkey lying in a ditch with an injured leg but she was very much alive and he recognised her as being the donkey belonging to those boys. She was brought back to the sanctuary, had her injury bandaged and she's now as good as new!

As for the boys; some of our Tayibe staff were tempted to tell the boys that they were not welcome to come to us again but of course that would not help any future donkey they would own and also would not teach the boys. When we next saw them, we sat them down and explained to them why what they had done was so wrong and how they had now lost out on a

future "best kept donkey" competition that we will hold, unless of course they would resolve to change their attitude. They listened to us and said they understood... We are thankfully in the process of producing 1000 new Arabic story pamphlets depicting two families who use donkeys as a means to their everyday livelihood. One family has learnt, through us, the importance of taking proper care of their donkey and the other has yet to learn. Naturally the latter begins to notice the fundamental benefits achieved by taking good care of the donkey ie; not to beat him and to provide enough nourishment, water, adequate rest and shelter etc. And so he too is encouraged to adopt good working practices and soon, he too is reaping the rewards. I will be so happy once they are ready to hand out! We will use them

in schools and also hand them out to working donkey owners.

About three weeks ago we took in another two male donkeys who came from the Jerusalem area. I named them Neddy and Teddy. Neddy has an old injury to his right, back leg that has probably been caused by hobbling. It is very similar to Celia's injury and she's had hers for many years. Little can be done to correct it and they do manage so well just as they are. Poor, poor Teddy had been quite viciously mauled by a rottweiler dog and you can read all about Teddy's case in the Donkey Profile but you can rest assured that he is recovering beautifully.

Next and so far the final one on the list is little Abu Sabber (Arabic for the Father of Sabber!). Actually he's far too young to be anyone's father as he's only 8 months old but his previous owner

Lucy talks to children in the village of Bet Lid



suggested that we call him that. Personally I thought the name was so sweet and suited him so well so Abu Sabber he became! His owner no longer wanted him because he was so young and small and as he couldn't really work he was just being dragged around tied to the back of a cart day after day. The cart was being pulled by a bigger donkey although that was not his mother. In fact someone attending our clinic later that day told us that he believed that Saskia was Abu Sabber's mother! However when they were later introduced to each other back at the sanctuary there seemed to be no recognition whatsoever and yet it wasn't that they had been separated for that long if they had been related.

With all these new little lives to care for and the sheer effort we've been putting into our outreach work lately there has not been a moment to rest. On one hand we don't want to burn ourselves out but on the other hand, when you feel you've made such vital progress in such difficult times, it drives one so forcibly that you feel you just have to keep going.

At least finally spring is in the air and that makes everything here look better. The donkeys are definitely

happier with the drier weather and of course the rich, green grasses in their lower fields are growing taller by the day and in another month or so it'll be time for them to go out there and practise being the "wildedonks" again! The only worry is the thought of the long, hot, gruelling summer approaching, especially for all the poor working animals. Even though I know we are alleviating the suffering for some, there is always the

I cannot dispute the fact that our work does occasionally take us to areas that could be considered as unsafe but we choose to do it and really and truly as long as we are sensible and responsible it is reasonably safe. In my opinion in order to really make a difference and achieve results for animals who desperately need our help, one has to be prepared to take some risks as long as those risks are not life threatening of course.



Teeth rasping in Ras Tira

terrible feeling of knowing there are many who won't be getting any help.... (yet!)

Perhaps now is a good time to move on to report about our outreach/field work. I know that many of you have been concerned and would perhaps like to know more about the situations that we face here and how the current political conflicts affect us.

As you already know we have a wonderful treatment centre running every week in the Israeli Arab town of Tayibe, which is on the Eastern border of Israel backing on to the Palestinian side. Parts of that border are now protected by the much-contested "wall". Most of our donkey, mule and horse owners come from the other side of that

wall; that immediate area covers Palestinians living under Israeli military control. It is sometimes possible for certain equine owners to enter into Israel using back roads and short cuts however during Muslim or Jewish holidays every possible crossing point is sealed for security reasons. Also if there is any sudden military activity for any reason, the borders are sealed at a moment's notice.

The three main services we offer in Tayibe are veterinary, farrier and harness/cart maintenance and repair in addition of course to offering water, shade and food (hay only). A typical day could include replacing worn out harnesses, welding a broken bar of a cart, treating cuts and wounds, demonstrating good working practices with the owners and re shoeing mules and horses.

Trying to educate the owners is an enormous challenge for SHADH but in the six-month period since our weekly clinic began, improvements have been seen and confidence has been built between owners and the team. Sometimes, when the weather is mild and Muhammed offers coffee to everyone the atmosphere can be very pleasant. The



Lucy reaches out to working donkey

owners will partake in grooming their animals, intently watch our foot care demonstration, help our team to clean the station as well as finding time to sit and gossip over a cigarette! Their animals get treated, improvements are noted and the SHADH team feel that they are really making progress.

Sometimes the same owner will return with a different animal or a new owner may turn up with an animal we recognise as having previously treated and for this reason we decided to use a microchip system in order to identify the animals. This way we will know for sure which animal has been treated, what treatment was given, whether it has been dewormed etc, regardless of who the owner is. Records which up until recently were card indexed based on the

name of the owner (the animals do not have names) are now based on the microchip identification of the animal and recorded on computer.

In addition to our Tayibe centre we also run mobile clinics and educational days in two other Arab villages. Both these villages are Palestinian, one - Ras Tira is under Israeli control and the other, Bet Lid, is fully Palestinian, which means it is now under the control of the newly elected Hamas. Both these villages have a certain number of resident donkeys, approximately 50 in Ras Tira and 100 in Bet Lid. Initially we carried out health assessments in each village before forging ahead and treating the animals accordingly and now that we have done that we will continue our work by running a maintenance programme

in each village once every 3 weeks, reducing to once a month if necessary.

In Ras Tira we also held an educational day with local children and Muhammed, from Tayibe and an experienced teacher himself, created a quiz with sweets and chocolates as prizes based on our leaflets in Arabic promoting good working practices and compassionate treatment

I have to admit that there are a few places where I know we are desperately needed but sadly, being able to enter/exit them is simply not a possibility. My four main locations are Nablus, Bethlehem, Gaza and the Jerusalem/Hebron region. The first 3 are currently completely out of bounds but last Saturday we did have a meeting in a Palestinian town called

called Twanneh. This village is surrounded by 21 other villages and in each village there are approximately 30 donkeys. Twanneh is the closest village to Yatteh, which is the big city that all the working donkeys and their owners head for in order to sell their home-grown produce. Because ultimately everybody passes through Twanneh it would be an ideal spot to build a resting station although we would need to buy tanks of water, as these villages are not given a water supply. We also discovered that in Hebron itself there are an estimated 1000 donkeys and a donkey market is held there every Friday. In Yatteh there is a donkey market every Thursday and we have provisionally made plans to attend the market next week and see it for ourselves. The area around Twanneh is quite beautiful, in a bleak way - the hillsides with their almond blossom trees and fields growing a variety of crops reminded me of an antique tapestry. I hope that this will perhaps become the home of our second resting station for donkeys...

So, as you can see, we really do have our work cut out and yes the political conflict does affect us. Could it be considered dangerous for us? I think that depends



Beauty the mule shows off her smile after seeing the donkey dentist

towards donkeys.

At some point during this year we will be setting up a second resting station. I really prefer to do this at a point similar to Tayibe, ie somewhere that is accessible to owners of working animals from across the border if not the other side of the border itself. I have recently been investigating a few locations.

Yatteh, about 15km from Hebron (Hebron is about 30km from Jerusalem). We met with Mr Sabber Hareineh of the Joint Council for Planning and Development in that region and he expressed great interest in our plans and has, in principle, offered us a place to build a little centre close to a school in a small village

on who you are and how you react in certain situations but no, we do not feel in any danger.

We do feel very honoured and fulfilled to be able to make a difference for these tremendously overburdened animals and equally to their owners who, in many cases, would have no other choice than to leave their animal to die or suffer intolerably.

We were recently called to a military checkpoint to take a “donkey” who was allegedly injured and had been abused by a Palestinian man. When we arrived there we found four young Palestinian boys being made to sit on the ground at gunpoint and nearby were 2 donkeys and a horse each tethered to a cart.

The soldiers told me to take the animals, as the boys were about to be arrested but I first insisted on checking the animals over before agreeing to anything. Their condition was relatively good and they were not injured except for a slight saddle sore on the donkey’s backs. I appealed to the soldiers and explained that if I would just take the donkeys it would leave the boys with nothing and eventually anyway they would get more donkeys and what then? I went on to say that the best

solution would be to allow the boys to come over to their animals with us and let us show them how they can stop their pack saddles rubbing the donkey’s backs, treat the abrasions and invite them to one of our weekly clinics. At first I was refused but eventually a policeman agreed to let me do this. Two hours later the young Palestinians seemed to have learnt something and were by now eager to please us by fetching a bucket of water for the donkeys. The soldiers had completely relaxed and we felt good that we’d managed to alleviate a potentially explosive situation for everyone!

I do hope that this will give you a little more insight into what we do and I pray that this work will go from strength to strength. I must say I feel incredibly blessed to have such a fantastic team; my husband Adi and our two Israeli Arab staff; Rami Rakia and Hamer Muhammed lyad and of course our vet, Pierre Sharvit. Without them I would not be able to do it and I am so grateful to each of them.

As usual I would like to appeal to you to please keep those wonderful donations of various equipment and medical supplies coming in. Our requirements are as



Lucy in Ras Tira

follows:

Saffle bits (small to fit donks and a size to fit medium horses), Hoof picks, Headcollars, Grooming brushes, Horse Shoes, Horse Shoe studs suitable for road work), Microchips, Any materials such as girth straps etc suitable for padding/ harnessing, 30 ml syringes, Gauze pads, All bandages, especially self-adhesive types such as Vetwrap, Small pots/ tubes of wound ointment (needed to hand out to owners),

Thank you very much!
Lastly I want to thank every one of you for reading this and for standing by us and supporting us. Words will never convey how deeply grateful I am to you.

With thanks and love,
God Bless,



A Visit of a Lifetime

SHADH supporter Nick Terry writes about his visit to the sanctuary

I have been an arm's length supporter of Lucy and SHADH for a number of years. Like a lot of supporters I was first made aware of the charity's work back in 2000, after reading a fantastic article in The Daily Mail. I got to know more about SHADH and Lucy via email and the usual quarterly newsletters although it was not until the marvellous dinner in London, hosted by Anne Widdecombe, in June of this year that I actually got to meet Lucy face to face.

Those of you that have met Lucy will know she is very much like the famous advert on television "does exactly what it says on the tin". She was and is everything I hoped she would be, kind, funny, gentle, caring, bright, the list goes on and on. I just admire so much

what she and her fellow team have achieved and when I cheekily asked if I could visit the sanctuary in Israel to see first hand the splendid work being done, my request was welcomed with open arms. Here is an account of my few days there ...

It's 3.30pm on Thursday 10th November. I have battled my way through customs, not an easy feat when you have a suitcase loaded with drugs, (well OK only some medical bandages that I had been asked to bring out, but it does help make the story sound more dramatic!). Anyway I'm waiting in the arrivals hall where Lucy said she would meet me. No sign of her whatsoever. So I'm standing there like a lemon when a young boy, who appeared to be about 10, (I later find out

he was actually only 2 years old) comes flying past in a hurry and nearly knocks me off my feet. Three steps behind is mother, and yes you have guessed it, it was Lucy. She runs right past me, totally focused on catching the little man. She then turned around. Her smile lit up the hall, and it's a bloody big hall. We hugged and kissed like old friends and when Robert jumped up for a hug we instantly bonded and I just knew I was in for a terrific time.

The journey from the airport took about 40 minutes. Lucy is a rather quick driver, but I know better than to make any disparaging comments about lady drivers. Various interesting land marks were pointed out along the way but the one I shall remember most vividly was seeing the

security wall around Palestine. Obviously I had heard and seen it on the news back home but it's not until you see it first hand that you can begin to appreciate its size, and more importantly, its message. It did send a shiver down my spine but I can honestly say it was the only time during my stay that I gave security or my safety any thought. It feels totally safe, so please don't be put off visiting.

After an uneventful drive from the airport to the sanctuary, my home for the next 6 days, I had already passed the first test by becoming fully conversant with the words to the song "Postman Pat" one of Robert's

favourites. We turned off the main road, (the new toll road having reduced the journey time from 2 hours to less than one) into a small suburb. After about a mile we turned into a drive and I saw the sign welcoming you to SHADH.

I had always imagined that Lucy lived in the middle of nowhere and certainly not close to residential homes. Nothing could be further from the truth. There is a very short drive at the side of the house before turning into a very large back yard. Immediately you see the stables and almost at the same time, you smell them! Now I don't mean that to sound as bad as it does. So let me be clear. It's not a bad

smell, far from it, personally I loved it. The smell reminded me of my childhood days spent on a farm in Wales, it's a fresh, clean honest smell of straw, fresh air and err...well... donkeys. Trust me, you will love it.

I was introduced to Adi, Lucy's husband. He was charming, friendly and very welcoming and he instantly made me feel at home. However, I was bursting to see the donkeys and I felt I knew so much about everyone of them from the stories I'd read in the newsletters. It was a privilege to see them first hand. Call me an old sentimental fool but I'm sure you could see in their eyes the peace and



Marco Polo, Blossom and Lily



Nick the donkey

tranquillity they now felt being at the sanctuary where food, water, shelter and love was in abundance. You have to visit the sanctuary if for no other reason but to walk in the fields surrounded by the donkeys, possibly the equivalent of swimming with dolphins, it's one of those things we should all experience at least once in our lives. It's hard to describe, but for me it was magical, - the air was still and warm, the donkeys curious and yet gentle, so very gentle. They just followed me around like a puppy dogs with the odd one occasionally giving me a gentle nudge, not because he or she loved me but to see if I had remembered to bring the polo mints! If I could have found a way to bottle that moment I would sell it and make the charity millions.

The following day it was off to work and to the more serious side of what SHADH has been set up to do. We

took a trip to Tayibe, a small village on the boarder of Israel and Palestine. Here Lucy and her team run a resting station for the working donkeys. They can rest, eat and drink and more importantly have any medical treatment needed. Pierre the local vet for SHADH is on hand to carry out running repairs on the animals and in the case of one poor donkey, he actually performed a minor operation. I met Pierre back at the sanctuary, in fact he makes a point of turning up most days if he can. He is without doubt one of the kindest, hard working, caring and compassionate men I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. He took time out to explain exactly what he was doing and why. He clearly loves his job and is such a tremendous help to SHADH and Lucy. It was a pleasure to meet him and spend a little time in his company watching him work.

Before I knew it my few days at SHADH were fast coming to an end. The following morning had started with the very sad news that Katie, a donkey who had been struggling to stand up on her own, was to be put to sleep. I saw first hand the anxiety in Lucy's eyes but also the realisation that she would not let any animal suffer unduly. Again Pierre the vet was on

hand to offer advise and reassurance, the end for Katie was quick and painless. She was laid to rest at the far end of the field with Lucy again showing sensitivity even in death by placing a polo and a rose on her body for her journey to donkey heaven. Bless her!

WThe news only half an hour later was much more encouraging. A lady who knew of the sanctuary had phoned to say she had found a donkey in need of a good home. Adi and I were despatched to fetch him, a beautiful white donkey who was later to be named Nick. What an honour!

My flight home was spent reflecting on my short time in Israel, thinking about the fantastic team working at the sanctuary; The lads who routinely cleaned out the stables, fed the donkeys and ensured the place was kept clean and tidy. Adi who puts so much into his job and the wonderful vet Pierre and of course not forgetting, Lucy, the founder of this fantastic charity. Thank you all for giving me an experience of a lifetime and one that I will never forget. However my final thoughts are for those lovely, peaceful and gentle donkeys who have now found a little corner of heaven, God bless them and all who work for SHADH.

Nick Terry

Letter from Wendy

Here we are almost a quarter of the way through 2006 already and the time has simply flown by, with many exciting developments taking place both in the UK and Israel.

To start 2006 off with a bang, we held a dinner at the Palace of Westminster and how else can I describe this event but as a fantastic success! It was a complete sell-out, with a waiting list for tickets, and those who were lucky enough to attend enjoyed the evening enormously. The venue was amazing, the food was fantastic and everyone dug deep into their wallets to buy raffle tickets and bid in the auction after seeing the moving update video on SHADH's work presented by Lucy. Thanks must go to the Rt Hon Ann Widdecombe MP for hosting this event and to all who gave raffle prizes.

As well as the UK and Israel, SHADH's work is



The Rt Hon Ann Widdecombe MP and Mrs Julia Hey, a guest at the dinner

known across the globe and we are delighted to announce that Lucy has been invited as a guest of honour to the prestigious "Genesis Awards" to be held in March in Beverly Hills. The awards pay tribute to the major news and entertainment media for producing outstanding works that raise public understanding of animal issues. As well as representatives from the media, each year the awards have a guest (or guests) of honour who have made an outstanding contribution to

animal welfare and we are so proud that Lucy's hard work is being recognised in this way. This will hopefully be a chance for Lucy to reach out to potential supporters from the USA and beyond. More about this in the next issue!

Just a quick reminder about our SHADH lottery – if you are not already playing, why not visit our website or telephone us for an application form? It only costs £1 a week to play and the lottery is drawn every day, Monday to Friday. Best of all, the lottery does not cost SHADH anything, it is run by Lottery Service Providers who put up all the prize money. We have already had dozens of winners - why not be one of them?

Wendy All

Join us for the second annual SHADH sponsored walk! The walk will take place on Sunday 6th August and we will once again be meeting at Hove Lagoon at 10am but this time we will be walking not just as far as the West Pier but to the Brighton Pier – and back for those who can manage it! For a sponsor form, please telephone 01444 831177 or e-mail wendy@safehaven4donkeys.org

Teddy

For the donkey profile I usually like to choose one of our longer term residents but with such an unbelievable story of recovery I felt I had to tell you about little Teddy...



Teddy's wounds when he was brought in - raw and ragged

About 3 weeks ago I received a call to tell us about a very poor donkey who had been savagely attacked by a rottweiler dog. When I first saw Teddy I felt sure that we should put him down... He had been bitten very seriously in the femoral region (upper hind legs) and had bites all along his torso although they were superficial in comparison to his legs. As a result of the bites on his legs he had not only lost a fair amount of muscle tissue but had also had two main nerves torn out. This had caused him to lose sensation and function of his left, back hoof and fetlock... However, when we took Teddy out of the trailer he showed such enthusiasm munching on the hay bale in front of him and his new surroundings and future friends that I began to feel that just perhaps we should give him a chance...

I spoke with our vet Pierre who wasn't as concerned about the bites as much as about the loss of

sensation in the lower leg, worrying that it would simply rot and go gangrenous. Whilst I myself, already having quite a few donkeys with part of a limb missing due to having been hobbled, was far more worried about his horrific bite wounds. From sideways on all you could see was what seemed like huge, gaping holes where his haunches should be... Not to mention the look of it all.

Still, together we made the decision that we would indeed give Teddy very intensive treatment and see how he would manage. As the wound area was a very difficult place to dress and bandage and we felt it would heal more quickly if the air were allowed to reach it, we decided to rinse the area every 2 hours or so with injectable antibiotic solution. (I remembered from my Jerusalem SPCA days having found a little kitten with a mangled paw and I used the same treatment and she healed perfectly so I suggested we do the

same for Teddy and Pierre agreed). It was a good move because that together with actually injecting him with antibiotics and painkillers, plenty of good food and love, Teddy's wounds and general condition improved rapidly. The wounded flesh seemed to start regenerating and rebuilding and today the surface has not only filled out almost back to normal but is also much more smooth. He just looks and clearly feels so much better, it's miraculous!

The downside, just as Pierre had feared, was his left hoof and lower leg... it did start to rot and so Pierre had to operate on the site and now Teddy is much more comfortable... He has his own little cordoned off area in the Golden Oldies barn and seems very content in every way. He loves nothing more than a good cuddle and shows his appreciation by grunting at us!

Lucy

A poem



Rufus having a chat
with Daniel



The wounds a few days
later on, smooth and
beginning to heal

George Russell (inspired by an Evening with Lucy Fensom and Anne Widdecombe in January 06)
George says “ Too many donks don’t get past the first three verses –so help Lucy a bit more to make the last verse come true for all needy donks in The Holy Land.”

I’m Walking on Hallowed Ground

*I’m a donkey - the lowest of the low
I’m not very well but I can’t go slow
I’m overloaded with wounds that are raw
I’m can hardly eat as it aches in my jaw*

*I’m wobbling about on this hallowed ground
I’m afraid that for me there’s no love around
I’m aching, starving and my spirit is down
I’m all without hope here in this town*

*I’m giving up on love, kindness and care
I’m far too far down to bother or care
I’m looking forward to death and decay
I’m totally depressed so some others say*

*I’m now abandoned and right round the bend
I’m so lonely and tired and it’s nearly my end
I’m nearly half blind but what’s this I see?
I’m being rescued by ‘Donkey Angel Lucy’*

*I’m now being treated for my sores and ills
I’m now in less pain and get some nasty pills
I’m experiencing great love – life’s all a bit new
I’m walking right into my dreams coming true*

Special Thanks

Firstly, we have to say a fond goodbye and huge thank you to SHADH's former Charity Co-ordinator Felicity Moore. Felicity has been involved with SHADH since the early days and much of the charity's success in the UK is down to her hard work and unstinting efforts on behalf of Lucy and the donks. Felicity took the decision to step down at the beginning of 2006 to spend more

husband Adi Zahor for providing such wonderful photos for the newsletter and website – thanks Adi, you're a star!

In the last issue of the newsletter we launched our brand new "100 Club" and we would like to thank all those who have joined, committing valuable funds towards SHADH's resting station at Tayibe. Membership costs £200 a year – that's only £16.67 a

Diane Warren Foundation and all the trusts and foundations who give to SHADH's work.

Thank you to our patrons – The Rt Hon Ann Widdecombe MP, Anthony Head and Julie Burchill – for all you continue to do for us. Your support is invaluable.

Thank you to Elaine Livesey-Fassel, Gretchen Wyler and the other members of the Genesis Awards committee for recognising Lucy's work by inviting her to be a guest of honour at this year's awards.

Thank you to Keratex Hoofcare Marketing for the donation of products including a hoof repair kit from your new range.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who supports SHADH in whatever way – be it by donations of items, money or time. Your generosity really does mean so much to us all – please keep supporting us as without you, there will be no-one to help the sick and needy donkeys of the Holy Land.

Lucy would like to extend her special thanks to the trustees of the Brooke for their generous grant towards SHADH's outreach work, Sue Moore at British Airways for all her help and support, the Diane Warren Foundation, Angela Ingrams, Nick Terry, all the SHADH trustees and all supporters everywhere!



Lady Raven and Moonbeam

time with her family and we would like to say "thank you Felicity" – it has been a privilege working with you and the trustees, staff and volunteers all wish you the very best for the future.

Thanks also to Lucy's

month – and if you would like to join, please contact Wendy or Maggie for a form.

Thank you to the trustees of the Patricia Long-Leather Trust, the Hickman Animal Trust, the Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust, the

Dates for your diary

- Mon 17 April** "Animal Awareness Day", Hove Greyhound Stadium, 11am to 5pm (supporters Iris Pover and Janet Kingsmill to have a stall)
- Sat 23 April** Haywards Heath Spring Festival, 1.30pm - SHADH to have a stall
- Sun 30 Apr** South Eastern Donkey Show, Surrey - SHADH to have a stand
- Mon 1 May** Cuckoo Fayre, Cuckfield, West Sussex, - SHADH to have a stand
- Mon 29 May** Whiteman's Green Country Fair, Cuckfield, West Sussex - SHADH to have a stand
- Mon 29 May** "Animal Awareness Day", Hove Greyhound Stadium, 11am to 5pm (supporters Iris Pover and Janet Kingsmill to have a stall)
- Sat 3 June** Coffee morning, Martlets Hall Foyer, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, 10am
- Sat 8 July** "Charity Day", Southwick Green, West Sussex, from 10am (supporters Iris Pover and Janet Kingsmill to have a stall)
- Sun 16 July** RSPCA Patcham Open Day, Brighton - SHADH to have a stand
- Sun 30 July** Worthing Festival, Worthing seafront (supporters Iris Pover and Janet Kingsmill to have a stall)
- Sun 6 Aug** SHADH Sponsored Walk, 10am, Hove Lagoon, East Sussex

Please see our website for a full list of events for 2006

COULD YOU SPARE A LITTLE EACH MONTH FOR SHADH?

Hundreds of our wonderful supporters have already set up regular standing orders to SHADH from their bank accounts. These amounts are vital to us as they provide a steady income and help us plan for the future. Could you spare even as little as £2 per month (of course more would be lovely!) on a regular basis to help secure SHADH's future? If so, please complete the standing order form enclosed with this newsletter. Thank you to all those who already have standing orders and to those who would like to but can't - your support is still very much appreciated!

Congratulations to Elaine Fairfax of Animal Friends!



Elaine Fairfax, the founder of Animal Friends Insurance and a long time supporter of SHADH, was named the winner of the prestigious NatWest everywoman Businesswoman of the Year Award in December 2005.

51 year-old Elaine from Gillingham, Dorset beat hundreds of women entrepreneurs to be honoured and recognised as the winner of the 2005 NatWest everywoman Award. The judging panel believed that Elaine had made the most outstanding achievement in business with a unique proposition.

Animal Friends Insurance is the UK's only pet insurance business dedicated

to switching its profits to worthy animal welfare projects around the world. Badly let down by two partners and with no experience of the insurance industry, Elaine set out on a from-scratch learning curve to get to grips with the entire process of policy administration in-house. Whilst many level-headed advisers would have advised against it, Elaine has forged her own path to show how a business can be run successfully without putting short-term profit ahead of a long-term cost to society.

Congratulations on this well-deserved award Elaine and many thanks for all the support that Animal Friends gives SHADH!

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