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Dear Member,

Once again it is time to think about Christmas so I am enclosing a sample of the card which our Trustees selected from the photographs received during the summer. We are pleased to be able to keep the cost of the cards the same as in previous years i.e. 40p per card including postage and package.

We are pleased to say that Maggie Weaver is happy to deal with the orders once again. She and Ken eventually moved house and are now settled and happy. Maggie can be contacted by phone on 01323 370198: by e mail on weaversloom@tiscali.co.uk or post to 11 Fisher Close Eastbourne East Sussex BN23 6BX. Maggie will include an invoice with your order and payment can be made by cheque which should be made payable to WELSH CORGI RESCUE SERVICE and sent to Maggie

Bob and Moya Wood have again agreed to deal with the postage and packing of the orders.

Could you please make sure that all orders are sent to Maggie BEFORE THE END OF NOVEMBER to ensure you receive your orders before the cards sell out.

Please note that for all other rescue matters you should contact me direct by post, telephone or e mail, as above, rather than troubling Maggie with rescue matters.

Since January this year rescue has been very quiet, even more than usual. However, during August we were very busy with 9 dogs in need of a new home. Two were taken off and placed privately; we re homed 4 and then another 3 came on. At the moment we have 2 dogs needing a home, they are brother and sister of 7 and need to stay together.

So far this year we have re homed 17 corgis who all settled well. We also tried to re home two others who unfortunately bit their new owners, one had to be put to sleep and the other was returned to its owners. Included in the 17 dogs re homed were two pairs of corgis who had to stay together. We were lucky enough to have two ladies who were happy to take two dogs, and they all settled down well. Two of these dogs were in Ireland and Frances Toman, our contact in Ireland, was able to re home them successfully. 8 other dogs were taken off rescue as their owners found homes for them privately. This made a total of 27 dogs handled so far this year.

We continue to receive many calls from people wanting a corgi, either puppies or older dogs. Quite a few of these people ask to go on the Waiting List and others are given details of breeders who may be able to help. It seems sad that there is so much interest in corgis but that they are so hard to obtain.

A report from the Kennel Club in one of the dog papers warns that Mail Order pups are on the rise and says that the UK is sleepwalking into a dog welfare and consumer crisis. New research revealed that an increasing number of people are buying puppies on line or from pet shops instead of from a responsible breeder. So be warned, and be careful where you get your corgis from. I can always give details of breeders if we do not have anything suitable for people on the Waiting List.

In May one of our members, June who lives in Devon, took one of the pairs of corgis – Cassie and Zebedee, whose owner had died. They

settled well with June, but she hadn't realised just how well until they had a plague of squirrels in the area. She would rush upstairs with her airgun and take aim from the bedroom window. Cassie and Zebedee soon realised what was going on and would dash upstairs barking, but they quickly learned to creep up quietly and sit beside her whilst she took aim, then they would all dash downstairs to the garden looking up at a bushes and trees to see whether she had managed to shoot any. June was amazed how quickly they had fitted in with her routine. - Clever dogs these corgis – it seems that they can learn anything!!

One of our other little girls called Butter, but renamed Buttercup, came on for a home as her owner had also died. She was extremely overweight and could hardly walk, she also had a bad skin condition. She was in kennels for some considerable time where the vet shaved off most of her coat in an effort to improve the skin problem. She was rehomed with a lady who works as a receptionist at a veterinary practice. She was on a strict diet and gradually managed to shed quite a lot of weight and now seems stuck on 18kilo. I am sure this will go down in time. She is very happy and affectionate and her energy levels are quite high as she can rush about the house and garden. Her skin is improving and her coat is gradually growing back. Her new owners are happy with her and Buttercup is enjoying her daily walks, so life is better for her.

I apologise for this Newsletter and card being late this year, but in February I broke two bones in my back. It has taken a long time to get treatment for this which I finally had privately in August and September. I am afraid correspondence and paperwork has rather taken a back seat during this time as I was not able to sit at the computer for long. If I have been slow in acknowledging letters and cheques I apologise. I just hope you have not all gone out and purchased your Christmas cards!!

Following the request in my last Newsletter for someone to help with the running of the Service, as, after 24 years I was eager for a break. I was delighted to receive an offer from two of our girls who I know and who show their corgis, Hilary and Jo, and they are in the process of learning the job, with a view to taking it over eventually. Fortunately it

has been quiet for most of the year so they have not had a lot to do. As I have been rather out of action we haven't got far, but no doubt we will sort things out in due course. They are both busy girls who work full time, so we will have to work together, but I am grateful to them for their offer of help.

Can I also just thank everyone who has helped with rescue during the year – Bob Wood and Wally Aylot in Essex, John Eastwood in Yorkshire, Frances in Ireland and Brian Neal for his stamps and envelopes, and everyone else who has offered help, without all this help Rescue could not function.

Can I just remind members that we still have some sweatshirts available, in various sizes and colours, so if anyone is interested please ring, or e mail, as per the details at the top of this Newsletter.

I hope you all enjoyed our lovely summer, what a change it made!!

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A little ditty for you -

*Histories are more full of examples of the fidelity
of dogs than of friends.*

Alexander Pope.

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May I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year

With warm wishes,

Sheila Baker, Hon. Secretary
Welsh Corgi Rescue Service

