



## Newsletter, Summer, 2017

Hello, and welcome to the summer newsletter. My name is Candace and I am helping Sarah and Dave with the newsletter as they are very busy with the rescue and rehabilitation side. I have 6 hamsters (2 Syrian, 3 Russian Dwarfs and 1 Roborovski Dwarf), and a bearded dragon called Clyde. ☺ I have also helped a couple of poorly pigeons that I found in my garden! Starlight was 9 years old on 6<sup>th</sup> March! It has been a while since the last newsletter, as the rescue has been very busy with new intakes as well as releases.

Starlight are extremely blessed to be chosen to benefit from the next Brambles Fund auction. Previous auctions have enabled them to have literature printed; purchase supplies for stands at shows; purchase Perspex to put between the cages for privacy, and also on top so they can use the space for storage; buy wheels for the degus and hamsters, and order a much needed upgrade to their room divider. In short, the auction has made a huge difference! If you have anything you could donate to the auction please follow the instructions below: 😊

If you would like to donate something to be auctioned off at the next auction (which will run from July 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am to July 15<sup>th</sup> at 8pm), then all you need to do is PM me with:

- A picture of your item(s)
- A brief description of what it is you are donating
- A starting bid for your item(s)
- Whether you are happy to cover UK postage for that item.

If you do not wish to cover the postage (which is fine, please don't feel under any obligation to do so!) then I'll need to know the amount postage will be.

- If you would be happy to post internationally (if the winner pays all costs).

Items will then be added to the album entitled BRAMBLE'S FUND AUCTION- JULY 2017 so you can all have a browse of what's on offer before they go live!

Please remember that items must be:

- In a good condition that you would be happy to receive yourself.
- Free from serious fault or cosmetic defect. Any minor defect must be stated in the description of the item.
- Any cosmetic items, toiletries or food items must be brand new and sealed and within any expiry dates.

We will be accepting donations for the auction until 5th July at 10pm. This just gives me time to get it all sorted before the auction starts on the 7th.

## *Meet some of Starlight's residents:*



*This is Pete, he was found with a broken leg.*

The poor boy had fallen down a hole and had badly broken his leg. They are not certain it's repairable but they will definitely give it a go. Worst case scenario is, he might need to have it amputated. He was very hungry and thirsty having been down the hole a while in awful heat so he was very grateful for food and water, and apparently more worried about his empty tummy than his injured leg!

He had it splinted and has had some painkiller and antibiotic, please keep your fingers crossed for him. He's young and light enough to cope if he does need his leg amputated, but obviously a full complement of limbs would be preferable!



*Meet Bonnie, she was found in a garden down the road from the rescue.*

Bonnie has a nasty virus so is in quarantine at the moment (June). She is very poorly, hardly able to stand let alone eat and drink for herself, so she is on syringe feeds four times a day. She's showing signs of getting stronger now though so Sarah is hopeful she will pull through.

**Update:** Bonnie still needs syringe feeding but she is getting better slowly and is much brighter in herself.



*This is Lucky, the woodpigeon, named as he is very lucky to be alive after being caught by a cat.*

Lucky came to the rescue with a badly damaged wing after a cat attack, and as a result had a nasty infection. He has responded nicely to the antibiotics and has started to use his damaged wing.

**Update:** He is doing amazingly well and his wound is already starting to heal. He is also starting to eat for himself, but he is taking the time to pick out his favourite black sunflower seeds and ignoring the boring bits 😊

*We are looking for forever homes:*



*Luna and Sol - 10  
month old female  
rats.*

Luna and Sol were adopted from a pet shop last October but came to the rescue as their owners had too many rats. Both girls are friendly and easy to handle. Sol is very outgoing and cheeky, Luna is a little more reserved.

Luna and Sol would love a home with their new friends Pika and Yuki or a home where they will join other rats. They are very sociable and like living in a group.



*Pika and Yuki –  
11 month old  
female rats.*

These gorgeous girls would ideally like a home with their friends Luna and Sol. They are also friendly girls and like being handled.



*Sabrina – female  
mouse,  
approximately 1  
year old.*



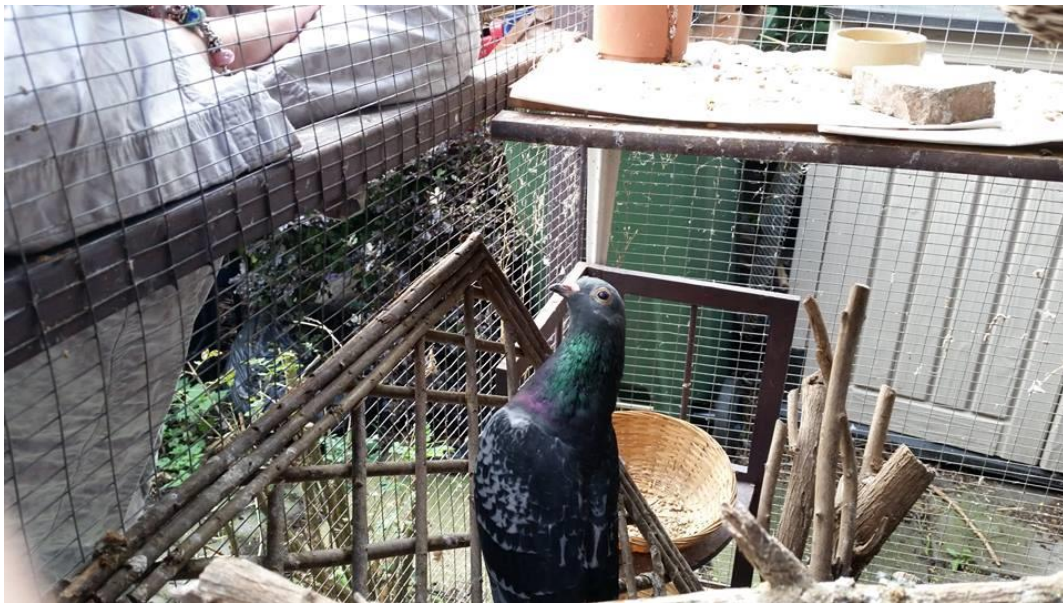
*Tink – around 2 years of  
age. Looking for some love in  
her twilight years.*



## *Highs and Lows*

Tinker-Rose, the shy little Syrian, is reserved for a lovely new home and will be leaving the rescue in a couple of weeks. Mitzky and Kumi are still 'under offer' and hopefully there will be good news regarding their rehoming. Lovely Georgie has been offered the perfect home with a lovely couple who have adopted hamsters from the rescue before.

As many of you already know, Superted sadly passed away earlier in June. Sarah and Dave are devastated at his passing as he was a very special pidge to them. They thank everyone for their kind words of support and condolences. The new aviary will be named Teddy Towers in his honour.



*Goodbye and god bless sweet Ted, you will never be forgotten. Rest in peace beautiful boy.*

# A Plea

Anyone who has adopted an animal from Starlight Trust, can you please get in touch with Sarah with an update. Sarah and Dave love to hear how the animals are doing in their new homes. Thanks!

Also if you are looking to adopt please look at the current animals needing rehoming on their website: [www. http://starlighttrust.org.uk/](http://starlighttrust.org.uk/), there are plenty needing loving homes. So if you can offer one then please get in touch.

# Donations

Donations are always gratefully received and are so much help to the rescue who rely on them to stay open.

You can support the rescue through eBay for charity. eBay for charity is an easy way for buyers and sellers on eBay.co.uk to support their favourite charities. When you sell an item, you can choose to donate a percentage of the sale to Starlight Trust and add Gift Aid too. Also you can donate items off the rescues wish list on Amazon, by looking up Starlight Trust's wish list. Thanks.

A big thank you to everyone who has donated either items or money, the rescue wouldn't be able to stay open without the help.

