

**Windwhistle
Warren
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Welcome to the first Windwhistle Warren Newsletter! We think it's very important to find a way of celebrating the achievements of the rescue centre and raise awareness of the benefits of volunteering. If you have any stories or news that you'd like to share with the other volunteers and Friends please get in touch with Sam Powell at (sammichann@hotmail.co.uk).

Titus' Top Tips for October
with resident expert Titus the Pug.



This month my tips are:

- *Brush your buns and pigs regularly as they will still be moulting ready for their winter coats
- * Although winter is fast approaching fly strike is still an issue - check bottoms every day
- * Bonfire night is just around the corner and very scary - ask around neighbours and check if they're planning fireworks, and if necessary, bring your furry friends inside for the night. A few drops of Rescue Remedy in their water or the radio might help buns and pigs to relax.



Volunteer of the Month

My name is :

Tasmine Iles-Potter

I've been volunteering for: 4 years
I don't have a favourite resident but Pepper is a bit of a rascal
Likes: the animals and people at Windwhistle Warren
Dislikes: when it's raining and the outside litter trays need doing!
My top tip for bunnies and piggies: love them even if they eat your wellies!
The best thing about volunteering is knowing you're doing something worthwhile.

SEBASTIAN AND MELODY RETIRE (Sam Powell)

My vet mentioned Windwhistle several months ago when I took my own two buns in for a checkup. On my first day volunteering I left home with strict instructions from my husband Jon that I was NOT to bring any animals home with me - incidentally Jon is now very keen to come and help out as much as he can!!!

As Mel showed me around I met the lovely Sebastian and Melody who have been living with Alice for quite a while now. Despite their advancing years (Sebastian was thought to be about ten) they were a lively and friendly father and daughter team. Unsurprisingly I couldn't resist the chance to give them a little bit more luxury for their retirement and sure enough within a week of my first visit to Windwhistle Sebastian and Melody were safely tucked in a carry case on their way home with me.



Jon and Melody fell in love instantly, and Sebastian charmed everyone with his wonderful personality - I've never known such friendly rabbits! They particularly enjoyed hopping round the garden with Noodle our chinese crested puppy, followed by a little sleep in the sun.



15 minutes of fame for..... **MELODY**

Breed: Cashmere lop

Home: Currently fostered to Sam and Jon Powell

Likes: Cuddling Jon

Dislikes: Bed time and her sore hocks

Wishes humans would realise: that rabbits aren't an "easy" pet - they need lots of love and care.

Unfortunately on 19th August after a full breakfast and a good morning cuddle Sebastian seemed a bit off colour. Within half an hour he had quietly passed away. It's sad that Sebastian had such a short time in a foster home but it's good to know he had a taste of what a proper home should be like.

Melody is staying with us for now until she finds the husbun of her dreams, and Lady and Queenie (the only remaining bunnies rescued with Sebastian and Melody) have moved in with us as well.

If you'd like to share a story in the newsletter

please email sammichann@hotmail.co.uk.