

A Miracle at Hillside...

Home to over 1000 rescued animals...

Sugar (below) was brought to us in such an emaciated condition that she collapsed on arrival and, for a while, we were unsure if she would survive.

Had we known then that she was in foal we would have hardly dared to hope for a happy outcome. Yet, against the odds, not only has she recovered, but she has also given birth to a healthy foal (right) who we've named Spice.

Sometimes, with your help, amazing things can happen....



Hillside

Animal Sanctuary

Summer/Autumn 2010



WITH
CHRISTMAS CARDS & GIFTS

Hillside is home to over a 1000 rescued animals...



Patron: Martin Shaw

...while campaigning on behalf of others in need, particularly the millions who suffer every day in the intensive factory farming industry.



Main Sanctuary and Office Address:
Hillside Animal Sanctuary

Hill Top Farm
Hall Lane Frettenham
Norwich NR12 7LT

and our new rescue and visitors' centre at:

Hillside Shire Horse Sanctuary
Sandy Lane West Runton

☎ 01603 736200

e-mail: contact@hillside.org.uk

www.hillside.org.uk

Founded in 1995 by Wendy Valentine

Open Days
Visitors welcome at
Hillside Shire Horse Sanctuary
West Runton, Norfolk
Daily 10am - 5pm
From Easter until last Thursday in October
Closed Fridays & Saturdays in April, May, September & October
(open Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Sunday and Monday)
Closed Saturdays only in June, July and August
and
Hillside Animal Sanctuary
Frettenham, Norfolk
1-5pm on Sunday 12th September 2010
& 1-5pm on the following Sundays in 2011
22nd May, 19th June, 17th July,
7th August & 11th September



Unusual friends - we thought you might like to see Socks the lamb snuggling up with Rosie, a pet rat (with Sally the dog close by) pictured in Wendy's sitting room in 2007. (Left) Socks when first rescued, in front of the fire and (right) as he is now.



In 1999 we gave sanctuary to four dairy calves (pictured right on arrival at Hillside) who would otherwise have been destroyed. Eleven years on they are still living contentedly with our other rescued cattle. You can see them above, pictured during the summer with our founder, Wendy Valentine.

It is only through the kindness of our supporters that we are able to offer so many animals a home for life.

Because, every year, we take in so many animals, there are countless untold stories like that of Socks the lamb who was brought to us in 2007 by our investigation team. At just a few days old he was found shivering and dying in a cold wet field. We were not sure he would survive but with lots of TLC he recovered and you can see him pictured on the opposite page with his friends.



Below you can see some of our 300 horses and ponies. If it wasn't for your kindness most of them wouldn't be alive to enjoy a natural life, free to graze the summer grass in the company of their friends.





Please consider a gift to Hillside by Standing Order . . .

Just **£3** a month will help provide us with regular funding to ensure continuous care for the animals in our Sanctuary, as well as helping us to campaign for animals in need. If you would like to make a regular donation please fill in this form and *return to us*. To adopt an animal by Standing Order, please fill in both the **Adoption Form** on page 24 and the **Standing Order Form** below, and *return both forms to us*.

Thank you for caring . . .

Standing Order Form

Bank Name _____
 Bank Address _____
 _____ Postcode _____

Please pay Hillside Animal Sanctuary Ltd
 A/C No 70560088 Sort Code 08-90-14
 The Co-operative Bank, 69 London Street, Norwich NR2 1HL
 £_____ on the _____ day of _____ 20____
 and afterwards on the same day each
MONTH/QUARTER/YEAR until further notice
(please delete as appropriate)

My Name _____
 My Address _____
 _____ Postcode _____

My Account No. _____ Sort Code

My Sanctuary No:
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This Standing Order is for: **Donation**
(please tick as appropriate) **Adoption**
Both

Signature _____ Date _____

Please send to:
 Hillside Animal Sanctuary, Hall Lane, Frettenham, Norwich NR12 7LT



Mum and baby

Our Highland family ...

Rescued Highlands enjoying life by the sea at our West Runton Sanctuary



A gentle family stroll - mother, father and baby makes three

Following our rescue of seventeen Highland cows earlier this year, seven Highland calves have already been born! (The bulls have had an 'op' to prevent any further patter of tiny hooves). A big thank you to everyone who responded to our appeal to make this rescue possible and save so many lives.



Our woodland provides the Highlands with natural shelter



Dennis 1985-2010

It is with heavy hearts that we have to tell you that we have lost our dear Dennis. He was put to sleep on our vet's advice after he developed an incurable stomach condition.

We have enjoyed Dennis's company since 1995 when he was one of the first rescued animals to come to the Sanctuary. He was quite a character and brought much happiness to everyone who visited him and to those who cared for him.

Dennis will be fondly remembered and we all miss him very much. His ashes have been scattered at Hill Top Farm where he enjoyed the best part of his life with us.

We're sure Dennis would be pleased to know that a special fund in his memory has been set up to help the other rescued donkeys in the Sanctuary.

We have chosen donkeys, Danny with his mother Adele, to follow in Dennis's footsteps. Adele came to the Sanctuary in July 2008, along with five other donkeys all in poor condition, and shortly afterwards she gave birth to her son, Danny. If you would like to adopt these donkeys, please see the adoption form on page 24

We would like to thank everybody who has adopted Dennis over the years - your support has been greatly appreciated.



Dartmoor Foals



We were pleased to take into our care four Dartmoor foals that otherwise were due to be shot. Every year tourists visit Dartmoor and the New Forest and 'marvel' at the sight of the wild ponies with their foals running free. Little do most visitors know the reality of what happens to the foals in October when the tourists have gone home. They are mercilessly parted from the mares to be sold at auction. At these sales frightened foals cry in vain for their mothers and often can be seen trying to suckle milk from another foal. Very few find a permanent caring home as most are slaughtered or transported around the country by dealers trying to make a few pounds more on them.

Primrose on arrival ...



At just one day old, Primrose was found all alone on a busy road miles from the nearest pig farm. Over the years we have taken in several piglets in similar circumstances. The ONLY conclusion we can come to is that the piglets are being born while their mothers are being transported to slaughter and falling through the slats of the lorries.

... and with Trixie



Primrose with new friends at the Sanctuary, including Trixie, a rescued Jack Russell



Bruno

We took Bruno in with an chronic skin condition (*left*) which his previous owner couldn't bring under control. After staying with Wendy, our founder, who gave him a wheat and meat free diet, along with natural treatments and supplements, there was an immediate and, as you can see from the pictures, a continuing improvement (*right*). Bruno is a happy boy now. (Natural remedies included seaweed, omega oils, garlic, herbs and cider vinegar given internally and externally; also regular herbal baths.)





Buttercup and Thistle

We rescued Buttercup and her calf, Thistle, from a cattle sale in Wales during our undercover investigations. Buttercup was so distressed trying to protect her calf in this alien environment. Disorientated, the cattle were calling out in vain for parted friends, with most heading for a grisly end. Cattle sales are held all over the UK and I would urge anyone to see for themselves the torment animals have to endure before ending up on somebody's plate.

As every life is precious, we were so pleased to be able to at least bring Buttercup and Thistle to the safety of the Sanctuary. You can see them enjoying life in peaceful surroundings at Hillside on page 13.

When Buttercup was rescued she was covered in ringworm, a fungal disease of the skin. Treating her lesions with cider vinegar completely cured her condition.



Stills taken from undercover footage

Tiny

Tiny came to us when he didn't grow fast enough for the farmer. He is now great friends with ex-dairy cattle, Bluebell and Pixie who live at our West Runton Sanctuary.

Jet the pigeon

Jet (*top left*) was rescued by a prison officer after inmates tied her to a brick and then placed bets to see how long it would be before she died. She was severely dehydrated, starving and also had a broken wing. As you can see she has recovered well and is now living contentedly with her other rescued feathered friends.



Wild in the Sanctuary

This wild pair of Egyptian geese that flew into Hillside obviously hadn't heard about our 'no breeding' policy!



Just left behind at the Norfolk Show



A farmer left 17, one day old broiler chicks, in a box at a Norfolk Show after they'd been used as exhibits, to perish. They are now safe at Hillside.

Sooty and Jack

We rescued this little pony, Sooty, with his donkey friend Jack. Sooty was in poor condition and covered in lice...



...with some basic TLC he was soon looking and feeling much better.



Abandoned on our doorstep

Somebody just drove up and tied this bewildered nanny goat to a skip a few yards down the road from our main Sanctuary entrance - and then drove off. She is now living happily with our other rescued goats.



Providing for the animals...

Lorries loaded with hay and straw arriving at the Sanctuary to provide our animals with food and bedding are a regular sight, especially during the cold winter months when the animals require extra fodder and straw to keep them warm. This year, because a lack of rain has caused a national shortage of hay and straw, we are extremely worried about the imminent rising costs we will have to meet in order to provide our animals with the necessary forage.



If you would like to help to feed and care for our animals, please make your kind donation on page 14 or the back page under 'General Donation'. Thank you.



Our Supporters Write . . .

A Utopian Dream Made Real

We made our first visit to Hillside Animal Sanctuary's farm at Frettenham to take some bedding for their new dog rescue centre.

At first it was the quietness that struck us, the stillness. We were early and only a few people had arrived. Below us in immaculate paddocks cattle grazed or stood reflective, tranquil in seas of grass. As we passed those great beasts they gazed at us with solemn curiosity. One cow slowly lurched into a slow, measured walk towards us and stood at the fence, head tilted towards us. I stretched out my hand, expecting her to move away, but she pushed her head towards me more insistently. She wanted me to acknowledge her. She wanted contact. I thought of her sisters across the world, in factory farms, milked to death, anonymous, indistinguishable from millions of her kind. I scratched behind her ears. She will not remember me. Why should she? But I shall remember her.

As we continued down the hill we saw a young family standing near a horned bull who was quietly drinking, his muzzle deep in the water trough.

Mighty shoulders and sweeping horns should have inspired fear of his strength, but he was completely still, accepting the nearness of the family without nervousness or concern. The great mass and mystery of him encompassed them all.



Beyond the cattle paddocks were the horses, ponies and donkeys, all without exception sleek, rounded, gleaming, bright eyed, like creatures in a Walt Disney animation. They, however, were real flesh and blood, living testimony to the love and care given to them without compromise.

We saw him at a distance, standing close to the fence in a paddock of smaller ponies. A piebald horse. He rolled his eyes upwards, showing white as we approached and I thought to myself, he looks skittish. Not skittish. Blind. Rescued from certain slaughter. Here loved, regarded, fed, sheltered.

Of what use is a blind horse? What is his value? Should we not be unsentimental, and send him to slaughter? Is he not a drain on our resources, using up money better spent on more 'worthwhile' causes.



Name them. Identify these causes which are better than this living example of the urge to protect, to nurture, to love across a widening circle of connectedness.

You would not send the human sick, the handicapped, the old and unproductive to slaughter. You would not ask of what use are they?

Would you put the captive bolt gun on the forehead of this horse, pull the trigger; pith his brain into scrambled egg? Drop him onto the killing floor of the abattoir? Here he stands before us, content with the sun on his back, the stable at evening, the day to be lived in his own peace. He takes up so little room on this earth. Is he not as entitled as us to his tiny space? Have we not compassion enough to extend our excess to the creatures who share our world?

Around us was the constant sound the of the animals - the geese and ducks, the turkeys and chickens, the sheep, the goats, the donkeys, a Noah's ark of salvaged lives, rescued from the slaughterhouse, the factory farm, the freezing roadside, from the abusers and the sadists, the cruel and the merely indifferent. The lives they may have dreamed of in the prison of their pain and despair miraculously given to them in a moment of astonishing serendipity, an encounter with people who saw their need and pulled them into the boat of sanctuary. Here the tormented donkey, the living waste from our factory farms, the whipped horse and the beaten dog, the abandoned, the reviled and persecuted, the halt, the lame, the blind, the ugly and the beautiful are equally welcome.

Hillside is a celebration of our fellow creatures as well as a cry of quiet rage against the unimaginable cruelty perpetrated against them everywhere, in the oceans, and in the air, in hidden places, in the laboratories, on the running tracks, behind the locked gates and windowless walls of the factory farm. Behind the respectable doors the cries of agony sing their vile song in our ears, largely unheard, mostly ignored.

Those at Hillside do something. Hillside goes out into the highways and byways and does something. Hillside works.

Hillside has recently opened a dog

sanctuary where more of our living suffering rubbish finds sanctuary and hope. Dogs, like Darwin's slaves, are so easy to acquire, so easy to torment, to abuse and torture. Dare to question this and you are labelled traitor to your own kind, as Darwin was, or of preferring animals to humans, as William Wilberforce (founder of RSPCA) was.



We need places like Hillside because Hillside offers an alternative way which works, which is uncompromising in its championing of the weak, the helpless, the powerless, the "useless", which goes the extra thousand miles to take under its wing the forgotten pony in an unvisited field, near to death, dehydrated, starving and rain-burned. Do we "put it out of its misery" or do we acknowledge its worth and try to give it back its life? Conventional and sentimental wisdom says kill it. It is of no use. It will probably die. Don't waste time and money on it. Better spend it on other more worthwhile activities like the RSPCA's Freedom Food which claims to improve the lot of farm animals, but in truth simply validates society's treatment of food animals as mere units, property, non-sentient, Cartesian automata, bred to die on the killing floors or the shackling hooks of the abattoirs.

Hillside takes that sad little bag of bones and brings it back to health, to crop the grass on Hillside meadows, resting its soft nose in my hand while I stroke its shaggy little head till its eyes begin to close in half-sleep and the shadows of evening begin to move across the meadows and paddocks.

I did not rescue this pony. I did not struggle, despair, fight stubbornly to bring him back, but I reap the benefits of that struggle, in the warm late afternoon sunshine. If Hillside hadn't taken him he would have died. I would not have met him and I would have been the poorer for that. I and others like me who support Hillside are the richer and the better for his existence.

Go and visit this lovely place. See for yourselves what can be done. What is being done. Give them the wherewithal to continue their work. Save someone's life and they are tied to you for life. Only connect.

Irene Barker

Hillside says: Thank you for your support and kind words of encouragement about our work. It is greatly appreciated.

Trying to make things better in the RSPCA

WE NEED THE RSPCA. LET'S MAKE SURE IT'S DOING ITS BEST TO PROTECT ANIMALS instead of promoting factory farming through its inadequate Freedom Food Scheme.

Being a Member gives you a democratic say in how the Society spends its donations and legacies, but many supporters don't realise that when they donate money they won't automatically become a Member. Currently, RSPCA Membership is not well advertised and the number of actual Members is rapidly falling.

In 2010 the RSPCA Council decided to stop rehoming unwanted pets and concentrate on prosecutions while still heavily subsidising its inadequate Freedom Food scheme. HOW CAN **YOU** HAVE A SAY IN THE WAY THE SOCIETY IS RUN?

...Ask to become a Member - ensure your donation(s) entitles you to be a fully paid-up Member with voting rights. ...Join our 'Campaign for Democracy in the RSPCA' by contacting me (Joseph Piccioni, former RSPCA Trustee) on 01892 750744 mobile 07729 134737 or by email: fordemocracy@btinternet.com. Thank you.

Jo Piccioni

Hillside says: While the RSPCA council have tried to persuade all regional centres to follow its guidelines of turning away unwanted pets in favour of prosecutions cases, we are pleased to learn that some RSPCA run homes are still helping any animals that come their way.

A voice for the animals

I am a necessary unwanted by-product,
I am a Calf.
My Mother had to bear me before she could give milk,
Not to me, I'm not allowed to suckle,
Wedged, tied in a crate till my knees buckle, abused,
Uncaring hands carry me from the crate, too weak to walk
To what awaits,
My misfortune,
my fate,
I am a Calf.



I am a Calf,
Help me,
Unwanted as soon as I am born, except by my Mother,
We yearn, mourn for each other,
We have no say, I'm taken away,
Her milk ready for me not mine to suckle,
Metal and pipes, not my velvet mouth, tug and drain her dry,
Would it be too much to let us touch,
Spend a little time together,
NO this is no Land of Milk and Honey,
Toss me aside, it's Milk for MONEY.

Speak for me and my fellow sufferers,
Horses, pigs, cattle, birds, sheep,
Weep, then help us, try to save us,
Don't 'just' weep.

Patricia Watling

Article in Daily Express 4th February 2010

I couldn't finish reading the article it was so distressing. Geese being plucked **whilst still alive** often with their legs tied behind their back to prevent them from struggling. They are left raw and bleeding and if they survive and grow new feathers they are then plucked yet again for the new down which goes into making goose down duvets! After this they are fed to enlarge the liver for foie gras and eventually are put out of their abject misery and pain. I can't believe such appalling cruelty can still be allowed to flourish. I am just a small voice of an animal lover but write to you in the hope that you can do something - anything, by writing to whoever it would have the most impact.



I know you have enough pressing problems maintaining your own sanctuary and the paper say that this is in Poland and Romania amongst others - but this is the worst kind of cruelty I have heard about and it really leaves me sickened as to what some of mankind have become. Thank you for reading this.

Pam

Hillside says: Although this particular barbaric practice takes place abroad, these sort of goods are exported all over the world, including to the UK. Trying to avoid **all** products which contain any animal derivatives helps to stem the demand, and in turn reduces the animal cruelty involved in producing such goods.



Cows have feeling too...

I was a herdsman (dairy cattle) in late 1940/early 1950s but left farming as I could no longer bear cows crying for the calves taken from them and calves crying for their mothers - such a cruel practice - how would human mothers like it, cows have feelings too - I appreciate so much what you are doing for the farm animals, God knows they badly need friends. Yours truly

Mrs J Austin

Hillside says: There has been much public disgust recently about the dairy industry putting milk on sale from cloned cows. We think the public should be more disgusted about the cruelty routinely suffered by cows and calves in the dairy industry in order to put milk in their tea. There are so many 'animal friendly' alternatives and apart from the usual soya milk, there is now a 'delicious brand of coconut milk available. We have tried this at Hillside and can really recommend it, especially as coconut milk is a well-known 'superfood'.

Kara Dairy
Coconut Milk
available from
Tesco at or
£1 per cart



Why Me?

I haven't been naughty
Today I was good.
Yet they took me from mummy
and so here I'm stood.

I'm stood in this market
in a place called a pen.
I've been bullied and kicked
by lots of strange men.

I'm tired and I'm frightened
and my throat's really sore
from crying for mummy
She can't hear me anymore.

There's so many people
who walk by and stare.
Some say ooh and aah
but they really don't care.

I'm hungry and thirsty
Why can't I have a drink?
If mummy could see me
what would she think?

My brother's crying
He's in the next pen
Is he feeling like I am
so frightened of men?

After all, we're only babies
just a few days old
and no one to speak for us
will our stories be told?

We're two sentient beings
who suffer this way
Day in and day out
for the meat trade - they say

Lyn Flemming

Helping Hillside to help and campaign for animals in need ...



Please send my friends a Newsletter

To increase awareness and support of Hillside Animal Sanctuary you may have friends who would like to receive details of our work. We will not add their names to our regular mailing list unless they request us to do so.

Please use Block Capitals

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There are so many easy ways to help Hillside:

- Make a donation (please see back page)
- Adopt a rescued animal (see page 24)
- Buy Hillside gifts (see gift pages)
- Visit on Open Days (see page 2)
- Distribute our leaflets (see this page)
- Enter our 'Spot the Dog' Competition (see page 30)
- Place a Piglet Collection Box (see this page)
- Organise sponsored events (see this page)
- Remember Hillside in your Will (please see this page)



Standing Orders
 Donating or adopting by Standing Order provides the Sanctuary with regular funds, and saves on our administration. (please see form on page 4)

Spread the Hillside Message

PLEASE SEND ME . . .	QUANTITY
*The following DVDs, featuring our investigations, are available free of charge	
*C5 News - Freedom Food Turkeys (2009)	
*C5 News - Freedom Food Hens (2008)	
*Hillside 'Farm Animal Investigations'	
*C4's Dispatches 'Supermarket Secrets'	
*BBC's 'Watchdog' - exposing Freedom Foods	
*Tonight with Trevor McDonald'	
*'The Story of Boris the Bull' by Martin Shaw	
General Hillside Leaflets to distribute	
Open Day Leaflets	
'Factory Farmed Poultry & The Law' Leaflet	
'It's easy to be Dairy Free' Booklet	
'Spot the Animal' competition forms	
Adoption Forms	
Extra Newsletters	
Sponsored Event Forms	
Cardboard Money Box (for your home)	
Piglet Collection Box (for shop counter etc) (£3 refundable deposit)	
Legacy Leaflet with advice on making a will	

Yes, I would like to spread the Hillside message!

I have indicated the items that I require from the list on the right

Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)

Address.....

.....Postcode

Parent's Signature (if under 16):.....

My Sanctuary Number is: **5**

Can be found above your name and address on the back page

A donation towards the postage of the items on your list would be very much appreciated. **I enclose a Donation/Stamps £.....**

All things bright and beautiful . . .

...All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter;
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.

The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows for our play,
The rushes by the water,
To gather every day,
He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.



Chris Roberts from the Norfolk Wildlife Trust, pictured here among early marsh orchids (*Dactylorhiza incarnata*) and creeping buttercups (*Ranunculus repens*), was excited to find the following species on our water meadows:

Creeping bent-grass, Alder, Bog pimpernel, Sweet vernal grass, Fool's water cress, Daisy, Starwort, Marsh marigold, Lesser pond sedge, Brown sedge, Common sedge, Carnation sedge, Greater tussock sedge, Greater pond sedge, Common mouse-ear, Creeping thistle, Marsh thistle, Common spike-rush, Crested dog's-tail, Great willowherb, Water horsetail, Marsh horsetail, Meadowsweet, Fen bedstraw, Reed sweet-grass, Yorkshire fog, Square-stemmed St John's-wort, Jointed rush, Blunt-flowered rush, Greater bird's foot trefoil, Ragged robin, Purple loosestrife, Marsh arrowgrass, Meadow Vetchling, Water mint, Redshank, Rough meadow-grass, Silverweed, Common fleabane, Oak, Lesser spearwort, Yellow rattle, Common sorrel, Grey willow, Brookweed, Water figwort, Branched bur-reed, Lesser stitchwort, Red clover, White clover, Bulrush, Common Nettle, Common valerian, Brooklime and Tufted vetch.



(Right) A roe deer and a muntjac grazing contentedly together in our meadows

We thought you would like to know that some of our grazing land has attracted interest from a wildlife protection trust who have identified plants that have all too often been destroyed by modern farming practices. The representative who visited our marshland meadows said the area is still in the same natural state as it has been for hundreds of years. These meadows, which are bordered by a clear running stream, not only offer a safe haven for the deer and other wild animals who live there but also provide valuable grazing during the summer for some of our rescued animals who can drink water from a natural underground spring. The trust was also pleased to see our cattle and horses in residence there helping to promote a natural balance of flora and fauna.



Horses, Poppy and Alfie enjoying a natural existence alongside Buttercup and her calf Thistle, who we rescued from a cattle sale in Wales last year. (See page 8)





Update... The RSPCA and Gressingham Foods' Freedom Food turkeys . . .

Of around thirty Norfolk Freedom Food farms Hillside have looked at, a third kept their animals in such disgusting conditions that they have either been the subject of a television programme or a court case.



Last year when Hillside discovered yet another Freedom Food farm, where turkeys were enduring atrocious suffering, Channel 5 were able to make this 'RSPCA monitored' farm, the subject of their third Freedom Food exposé on Five News. When interviewed during the broadcast, Leigh Grant, Chief Executive of Freedom Food, tried to pass off conditions at the farm as "*an exception*" and promised a full investigation with a view to prosecuting. As requested by the RSPCA's solicitor, our investigator submitted his witness statement along with supporting evidential footage. To our surprise the C5 reporter, Jason Farrell, who also witnessed the suffering wasn't even asked for a statement. Perhaps he would have made a too a



Live turkey on a Gressingham Foods' Farm

credible witness in a case where the RSPCA didn't appear to be trying too hard to obtain a successful prosecution, which did, as we had predicted it would - FAIL.

The Judge's Summary...

To allow such evidence to be admitted would, in my judgement, condone, if not encourage, such unlawful activity and to use one of the expressions referred to today, in a case of this nature, the means do not justify the ends. Philip Browning, District Judge, 18 March 2010.

We weren't overly surprised by this as the Society's solicitor had already told me, weeks earlier, that this judgement was the likely outcome! I recall he then condescendingly said to me "Well, you can always put your investigation footage on Youtube."

It appears The RSPCA, the law and the farming industry do not approve of undercover filming exposing suffering when it comes to farmed animals. BUT IF PEOPLE LIKE US ARE DISCOURAGED FROM GATHERING EVIDENCE IN THIS WAY, WHO ELSE IS THERE TO DO IT - CERTAINLY NOT ANY OF THE AUTHORITIES? Because the farming industry hides behind closed doors, animals would continue to suffer without any intervention or ensuing prosecutions. The judge was obviously trying to protect the farming industry from unwelcome intrusion into their cruel practices but we will not be persuaded to stop exposing them.

During one courtroom hearing when the Gressingham Foods defence lawyers requested a few weeks delay to further prepare their case, all present (including the judge) thought it funny when it was mentioned that the turkeys wouldn't mind 'as they are no longer with us'. Would they have made the same sarcastic comment during a murder trial?



Although the Freedom Food Certificate was still in date at the time of Hillside's filming, when interviewed Leigh Grant tried to convince the viewers that the farmer had taken the turkeys 'out of the Freedom Food Scheme without informing the FF office. Tell us another, Leigh Grant - you must think we all fell off a Christmas tree?

A copy of the C5 News broadcast is available from us (free of charge) on request.

Non Routine Events			
This document is a report of any non-routine events such as power failures, feed problems, drinkable incidents etc.			
Date	Activity	Details	Signature
21-7-08	WATERED	WATERED EGGS AND THE	[Signature]
27/7/08	Feeding	Feeding 1000 birds	[Signature]
28-7-08	WATER	WATER	[Signature]

One evening, before he was able to start filming the turkeys, our investigator had to wait for, what turned out to be a visiting manager to leave the site. In one shed our man found corpses of mutilated birds, still warm from being freshly culled by the manager who had obviously seen the awful state they were in. Instead of calling the stockman back to deal with the rest of the turkeys who were in need of urgent attention, he merely left the above message: **'The level of culling is very poor. All lame, sick & pecked birds must be culled'** Although the message in itself admitted serious welfare problems, the birds were left in this state for another day. The judge also chose to ignore this vital evidence - that's presuming that he had access to it in the first place. However, it was mentioned in court that farm records showed that there had been few culls prior to our footage being seen and immediately after the C5 broadcast the records showed that a great number of birds had then been destroyed.



Ducks on another RSPCA Freedom Food Farm . . .



We were able to take these pictures on a Freedom Food farm in 2010. When we contact the RSPCA about conditions such as these, we know from previous experience that, sadly, the only improvement that will be forthcoming, is better security and higher fences to deter us from seeing and exposing the awful sights inside. And now, seemingly, no hope of a successful prosecution!



Three lucky ducks...

These three ducks were rescued as ducklings from a different farm where animal welfare didn't appear to be a priority. Houdini, who was found marooned on his back and just left to die, now lives safely with Peeby and Dizzy with one of Hillside's staff. They have the run of the garden and spend much of the day splashing around in the pond - a basic need they had been denied before their rescue.





Puppy Breeder Prosecuted . . .

During a Hillside investigation last year into puppy farming in Wales, in conjunction with Channel Five News, we came across an unlicensed breeder who was keeping dogs in deplorable conditions. Our filmed evidence was handed over to the local authority who went on to take the offender to court. Mrs Williams who left a number of dogs in 'stinking' conditions has been ordered to pay £3,515 and disqualified from keeping animals for a year. She had previously pleaded guilty to six counts of failing to provide a suitable environment and diet for her animals and failing to ensure they were protected from pain, suffering and disease, under the Animal Welfare Act 2006.

Pembrokeshire County Council animal welfare officers visited the farm following information that a number of dogs were being kept in an outbuilding with no access to light, food water, exercise or dry bedding areas. DVD footage shown to Haverfordwest

magistrates court showed a labrador bitch housed in darkness in the back of the stinking shed, among piles of mouldy dog faeces and with no access to water.

A Spaniel, which came out of the shed, had an eye and skin condition; warts in its ear and was displaying symptoms of possible inner ear infection, all of which should have been treated by a vet. Other DVD footage showed a Shih-Tzu bitch terrified and cowering in a small kennel, full of mouse droppings. In her bowl was a small amount of dirty water. This dog had been seen on three other occasions and her environment had been the subject of a kennel improvement notice.

(right) During this investigation ten dogs and puppies from Mrs Williams farm came into Hillside's care. This included Susie, a boxer, who now permanently lives at the Sanctuary. She is pictured here with Curly, another ex-breeding bitch who we brought back from a different Welsh farm.



Banned - except for pigs!

A Hillside investigation, early in 2010, found pigs, and piglets, sleeping and shivering in cold wet slurry during freezing weather. Following a previous Hillside investigation in 2005 (shown in our DVD 'The Story of Boris the Bull') the same farmer had already been prosecuted and banned from keeping animals - **with the exception of pigs!**



Left to suffer

While in Wales last year, obtaining footage of puppy farms, we spotted this ewe on her own in a field. Although she was sitting up, there was something not right about her. On getting her up her condition was obvious. She had severe fly strike. Her mammary glands and undercarriage had been eaten away by maggots. We took her to a local farm animal vet who agreed that the owner should be prosecuted. We

took several pictures as evidence. The vet put the ewe to sleep and confirmed that she would submit her own photographic evidence with her report to the Ministry with view to a prosecution. The vet said she didn't want to contact RSPCA as, through her past experience, she didn't have much faith in them dealing with farm animals and said the Ministry in that area were more likely to take proper action. We left the matter in her hands as we were there on other business. Despite these promises, we can find no record of any action being taken to prosecute the farmer for causing unnecessary suffering to the poor sheep.



A sorry sight

This goose was brought to us with her foot almost severed by fishing line that had become entangled around both her legs causing a sawing action when she walked. She was alive when found but in such great pain and distress that the kindest option was to put her to sleep to prevent further suffering. Her body was brought to us by the concerned member of the public who had found and helped her and asked if we could highlight her plight to let others know just how dangerous fishing line can be, not only to the fish, but to all kinds of wildlife.



The organic egg scam

Daily Mail Friday March 12th 2010

Conman passed off 100m battery hen imports to make £3m



SHOPPERS FOOLED BY BOGUS LION STAMP

The scam carried out by Keith Owen relied on using the official British Lion stamp to make the eggs look genuine. Policed by the British Egg Industry Council, the scheme provides a guarantee that the eggs originated in Britain. Owen had the council's consent to use the stamp after giving assurances about the source of his bought-in eggs. The council says the rules now require the stamping of eggs on farms, rather than by middle men such as Owen. There is also a system to track eggs from farm to store, backed up by surprise audits.



Jailed: Keith Owen



Charged: his wife Carol

By Andy Dolan

A CONMAN was jailed yesterday for flooding supermarkets with tens of millions of battery eggs falsely labelled as organic or free range. Keith Owen made at least £3million by passing off inferior eggs that he had

A conman was jailed for flooding supermarkets with tens of millions of battery eggs falsely labelled as 'organic' or 'free-range' ...

And in recent years - another Multi-million pound fraud involving condemned meat...

Daily Mail Monday 1st February 2010

Five men who passed off hundreds of tonnes of condemned meat as fit for human consumption were jailed for a total of 26 years and nine months. In the multi-million pound fraud, the men cleaned up and repackaged pet food-grade poultry and sold it on to supermarkets and food outlets across Britain. The men were found guilty of conspiracy to defraud businesses by selling poultry not fit for human consumption.

Rotting meat: Containers of smelly, badly-bruised poultry, covered in faecal matter, flies and feathers, were found by officials investigating the case. The jury heard that the fraud operated between 1993 and 1996 and earned millions of pounds.

Further scam fears: Large quantities of salt, used to remove slime from the meat and freshen up its appearance, were discovered in addition to the smelly poultry. Seized invoice books showed butcher shops, supermarkets and restaurants across the UK were being supplied.

Judge Peter Heppel QC said the "cynical and greedy" fraud could have had catastrophic consequences for public health. "One consignment was served at an old people's home in South Yorkshire," the judge added. Government health officials sought to play down public fears, saying the scam appeared to be an isolated incident, which contradicts Rotherham environmental health officer Lewis Coates, who said there was evidence that similar scams were operating across Britain.

The scam was so vast that it was said that anyone who ate chicken was likely to have eaten condemned meat from this illegal operation.

Sunday Times 27th June 2010

The Unhappy Pig Company

How pigs bred for costly organic firm died in squalid conditions - while the survivors even resorted to cannibalism



'Farm Animal Investigation Appeal'

Covert film exposes cruelty in abattoirs

You may remember our last newsletter when we reported Animal Aid's brave efforts in successfully gaining undercover evidence showing just how cruelly animals are often treated and killed in British slaughterhouses. The footage was taken in **three** entirely separate premises, which immediately banished the argument that just one slaughterhouse had been flouting regulations and the 'humane slaughter' myth. **It has since come to light that one of those slaughterhouses killed animals 'organically reared' from farms approved by the Soil Association.**

If you would like to see the ten minute film (*we recommend you are over the age of 16 years*) please contact us by post or by email: contact@hillside.org.uk for the link. For further information you may also see the 'Mail on Sunday' article at: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-1209923/Can-Mr-Benn-really-unmoved-pitiful-sounds-slaughter.html>

Hillside has had much success in bringing to the public's attention the cruelty involved in today's intensive factory farming systems. Not only have we gained the confidence of television documentary producers who regularly broadcast our evidence, we also distribute thousands of free 'Farm Animal Investigation' DVDs and videos so that people can see for themselves just what is going on behind the closed doors of the farming industry. The "Bernard Matthews' turkey beaters" was one of Hillside's investigations and programmes such as ITV1's 'Tonight with Trevor McDonald', BBC's 'Watchdog' and C4's 'Dispatches' have featured Hillside's footage. We feel that our ongoing undercover operations which expose battery hen farms, appalling sheep 'welfare' and other atrocities in the farming industry are vitally important. If you would like to contribute towards funding this work, please make a donation to our **'Farm Animal Investigation Appeal'** on the back page. Thank you.

A happy ending for some . . .



...following our recent report (below) ... TEN baby goats have been born at Hillside where they will live out their natural days in the safety of the Sanctuary with their mums.



Hoofnote:

Since Hillside was founded in 1995, we have given sanctuary to lots and lots of goats. These ten babies, whose mothers were heavily in kid when they came to us, are the first to have been born here. As you know Hillside has a 'no breeding' policy and all billy goats (and other males) are neutered on arrival to save valuable space for other animals in need.



Thirteen goats rescued from illegal slaughter February 2010



In 2003 Hillside's investigator provided evidence which led to a successful prosecution and prison sentence for the illegal slaughter of sheep and goats. Despite this, the same offender is now facing further charges. As a result of this latest case, Yorkshire Trading Standards and Police asked us to take thirteen goats, some pregnant, into our care to save them from further neglect and a grisly end.

One rescued mother with her new-born kids. On examining the goats at Hillside, our vet reported: "All the goats were very quiet and lethargic on visual examination. Only two showed interest in us the rest were all very nervous. They all showed skin lesions and heavy lice infestation. All were quite itchy. Many had overgrown feet and consequent lameness. They were all malnourished and underweight. One or two were showing signs of diarrhoea and they were drinking quite a bit, probably due to parasites and previous poor diet. I have recommended some of the females are scanned for pregnancies and that all goats are treated for internal and external parasites. Hopefully they will make a full recovery once receiving better care and attention."

Louise J Rayment-Dyble BVetMed CertZooMed MRCVS.



Monty's Story

Dear Supporter...

I would like to thank everybody who has supported Hillside Dog Rescue which we set up earlier in the year. As you may know, we started Hillside Dog Rescue following our investigations into puppy farms. Our aim is to create awareness of the type of dreadful conditions in which these poor dogs and puppies are kept and to encourage people to offer a home to a rescued dog, instead of buying a puppy from a breeder. Although we are pleased to have already rehomed around a hundred dogs, some had already come into our care with

temperament or health issues. To give them a better quality of life, so far I have been able to take these dogs home to save them from spending too long in a kennel situation waiting for a family home that is unlikely to come their way. The shelter I can personally offer some of these dogs will soon be exhausted and as we will not put a healthy dog to sleep, we have got to consider being able to provide suitable long-term facilities for them.

Opposite you can see some of the dogs that we have been able to help through Hillside Dog Rescue and we would like to thank everybody who has adopted our dogs into caring homes.

Wendy Valentine

Below: Out for a stroll with Monty, Ben, Sabre, Prince and Stitch. All were unwanted but are content to be in each other's company... (Prince and Stitch have now been rehomed)



(Right) Father and daughter, Tyler and Amber, were brought to us as inseparable friends and have been found a loving home together.

As a stray, Monty, a Japanese Akita, had ended up in a dog pound



(right). Frightened and unclaimed he was waiting to be destroyed at only eighteen months old. Luckily, we heard about him in the nick of time and he was brought to us in Norfolk. He arrived miserable and confused but soon learnt we were friends not foes. He has now become a happy, well-behaved dog who is a delight to have around. However, because of the bad press his breed has received, no offers of a home were forthcoming so he has taken up residence with Wendy, our founder, and the other rescued dogs who live with her *(see below left).*



To avoid further unnecessary breeding we ensure that all dogs coming into our care are neutered; also vaccinated and micro-chipped, and we always carry out a home check.

1000's of healthy dogs are put to sleep every year through no fault of their own

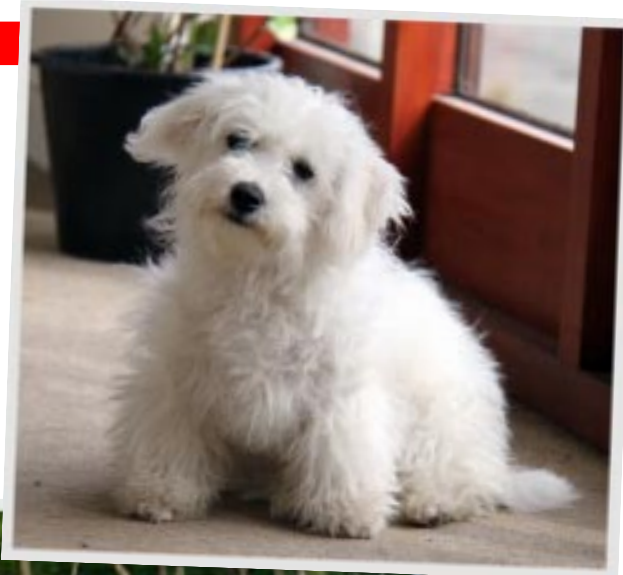
Please help us to help them



Hillside Dog Rescue

Donating towards our Rescued Dog Appeal helps to provide all our dogs with veterinary care including vaccinations and neutering; also helping to feed and provide for the dogs while they are waiting for a new home.

Snowy (left) as he was rescued from a puppy farm in Wales. Sad and bedraggled he felt, looked and certainly smelt much better after a nice bath (right) and is now happy to live in a family home with another dog to play with.



Prince came to us (above) in an emaciated condition weighing just 19 kgs. With lots of TLC he was happy to trot off to a new loving home weighing a healthy 25kg (right).



If you live in Norfolk and would consider being a foster carer for one of our rescued dogs or maybe you would be able to help to take them to the vet for checkups/vaccinations etc. please let us know. We would be very grateful for this kind of assistance.

As a stray, **Sam** had spent 7 days in a dog pound. Unclaimed, he was due to be put to sleep when we came to his rescue (right). He's now enjoying life with his new adopted family.



Zeus with Sandra in the office where some of our rescued dogs stay while waiting for a new home. (So, if you spot the odd hair in correspondence from us, you'll know where it came from!)



Lily (left) was one of the first to arrive at Hillside Dog Rescue when it was founded last March. With half an ear missing she was rescued from a Welsh puppy breeding farm where at just a few weeks old she had been classed as a reject. With such a sweet nature she was quick to find a loving family who welcomed her into their home.



When **Zak's** owner sadly died, the family took him to a dog pound, where, if a home could not be found in seven days, he would have been put to sleep. We were alerted to his plight and were pleased to take him in and wait until somebody could give this old boy a loving home in the autumn of his years.

We would be very pleased to receive:
Dog bedding (old blankets and duvets)
and Towels

If you would like to give a dog a caring home and live outside of Norfolk, please contact your local dog rescue centre who we are sure will be pleased to help you find a new four-legged friend.

We are often asked how many of each different type of animal resides at the Sanctuary, so here is an update of our ever growing family of rescued animals. Thanks to our supporters, we are able to offer all of these animals a permanent, loving home . . .



322
323
324

Horses, Ponies,
Donkeys & Mules



78
79
80

Pigs
(including Pot Bellied)

128
129
130

Cattle



310
311

Sheep

Who lives at Hillside... continued

205
206
207

Chickens, Turkeys, Ducks & Geese



0
7
8

Chipmunks



102
103
104

Rabbits & Guinea Pigs (also 12 ferrets)



01
62
63

Goats

0
7
8

Deer



2
3
4

Ostriches



442
445
446

Budgerigars, Cockatiels, Parrots, Love birds & Fan-tailed Doves



4
5
6

Alpacas & Llama



35
36
37

Dogs looking for a home



102
103
104

Dogs happily rehomed

Gifts and Greeting Cards by post...



Hillside Christmas Cards



X10.
Featuring our rescued animals
Message inside cards reads:
Merry Christmas
(5" x 5" with envelopes)
10 cards in 2 designs **£1.95**



XM10.
"Ponies in the Snow"
Message inside cards:
Merry Christmas
(8" x 6" with envelopes)
Pack of 8 cards
£1.95

D11.
**Hillside 2011
Pocket Diary**
In Burgundy, Navy
or Black
£2.50 each
or 2 for **£3.95**



Hillside
Animal Sanctuary
Calendar 2011

CL11. Hillside 2011 Calendar
(including January 2012)
14 Sanctuary Scenes
opens to 11" x 16"
£2.50 each

**WG1. Hillside Winter Greeting/
Christmas Cards**
'Horses in the Snow'
Suitable as winter greeting card
or Christmas cards
Cards blank inside for your own message
(8" x 6") with envelopes
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S20. Hillside Pen
Animal design
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Easily folded, our new bag is light and easy to keep in your pocket or handbag for that emergency shopping that needs to be carried home.

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100% cotton Size 16" square

Choose from: Natural, Blue, Pink & Black

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RE1. Re-usable Envelope Labels
Pad of 40 **£1.50**

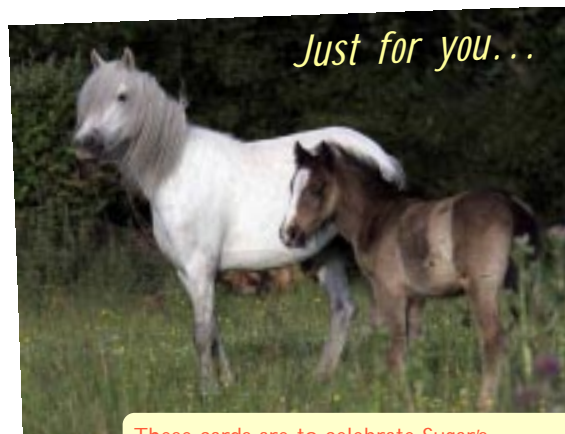


SP1.

Greeting Cards featuring Sugar and Spice

Ideal for birthday or general greeting cards
Blank inside for your own message
(8" x 6") with envelopes
Pack of 6 cards

£1.95



These cards are to celebrate Sugar's remarkable recovery (see front page) and the miraculous birth of her foal, Spice, whom she was already pregnant with (unbeknown to us) at the time of her rescue.

DC2.

Greeting Cards

featuring rescued dogs and puppies
Ideal for birthday or general greeting cards
Blank inside for your own message
(8" x 6") with envelopes
Pack of 6 cards in 6 designs

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HL10.

Greeting Cards featuring our Highland Cows

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Pack of 6 cards in 2 designs

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Wrap round bracelet which fits any size wrist and **can also be worn as a necklace.**

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Hematite is natural mineral.

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'Hillside on Film 2009'



'Hillside on Film 2009'
Showing a series of short films taken around the Sanctuary on DVD
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H1. Hillside Hooded Quality Sweatshirt
 in Grey, Pink, Sky Blue, Navy, Black & Charcoal
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At the special price of
 £11.95 each



CH1. Child's Hillside Hooded Sweatshirt
 in Pink, Sky Blue & Grey
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 7-8 years 30"-32"
 9-11 years 34"-36"
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T1.

Hillside Quality Regular T-Shirts (suitable ladies or gents)
 in Pink, Sky Blue, Navy, Black, Charcoal & White
 Sizes - S 36" M 40" L 44" XL 48" XXL 50"
At the special price of £4.95

CT1. Child's T-shirts
 in Pink, Sky Blue & White
 Sizes:
 5-6 years 26"-28"
 7-8 years 30"-32"
 9-11 years 34"-36"
 12-13 years 38"-40"
 £4.50 each



FT1. NEW Hillside Ladies Fit T-Shirts
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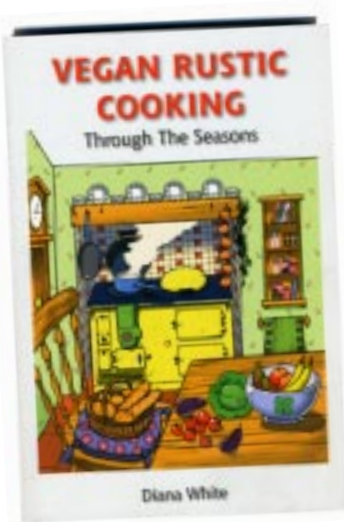
AC1. Hillside Alarm Clock
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Fun way to sprinkle your salt and pepper
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www.hillside.org.uk
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The proceeds from the sale of our gifts helps to feed and care for our rescued animals.
All prices include P&P



C98. 'If you love animals' Mug
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Cooking from Around the World

- A Vegan Taste of . . .
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 - CW2. France
 - CW3. The Caribbean
 - CW4. Thailand
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A natural source of iodine, amino acids, minerals and vitamins, this pure seaweed is suitable for dogs, cats and all other animals from budgies to horses. Seaweed naturally enhances health and wellbeing by improving stamina and the structure of teeth, beaks and bones. It also aids digestion, helping to build muscles and keeping coats, feathers and skin in optimum condition.
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in solid brass £2.75

Our rescued animals making good use of their 'Hayhutches' . . .

...which helps prevent fodder being wasted. Ideally suited for hay or haylage, they protect precious fodder from the elements. They prevent hay from being soiled or trodden on or spoiling the pasture while allowing the horse to feed in the most natural way - at ground level. This great labour-saver is also ideal to feed cows, goats and sheep, and as you can see, several animals can share one 'hutch'. Thank you to everyone who supported our 'Hayhutch Appeal' to provide these for our animals.



Shelters for the Heavy Horses

We would also like to thank all our supporters who helped towards our 'New Shelter Appeal' when we took over our new farm at West Runton by the sea in Norfolk. Your kind donations have provided all the fields at Hillside Shire Horse Sanctuary with purpose-built shelters to protect the horses from the elements, particularly the winds that can sometimes blow in from the North Sea.

Samson

We were pleased to be able to give Samson, an ex-Police horse, a home at Hillside...

...he has had an interesting past, which includes working with the Greater Manchester Police, displaying at 'All the Queen's Horses' at Windsor Castle and attending the Commonwealth Games Firework Display. Sadly his legs became unable to take the strain of prolonged hours on the beat and we are now very happy to give Samson a permanent home where he can enjoy relaxing with his friends by the sea at Hillside Shire Horse Sanctuary at West Runton in Norfolk.



Hillside Holidays by the Sea

When we took over our Sanctuary at West Runton in 2008, we turned the residential property into holiday homes to raise valuable funds to help feed and care for our rescued animals. If you would like to take a self-catering holiday on the North Norfolk coast, surrounded by our rescued animals,

our accommodation offers a very special holiday location for our supporters. If this appeals to you, please write or phone **01603 736200** for further details including dates available and tariffs or visit www.hillside.org.uk

Hillside Gold, Foreign Coin & Mobile Phone Appeal

To raise funds we are always very grateful to receive items of scrap or broken gold jewellery.

If you have just come back from a foreign holiday with a pocketful of loose change or notes you don't know what to do with, these too can help us to feed and care for our rescued animals.

We would also be grateful to receive **clean sheets and towelling** to use for our animals.

Please send us your **used printer cartridges with a copper strip** as these can be recycled to raise £1 each for Hillside!

We can even raise £3 each from your old Mobile Phones - please send them to us!! Thank you.



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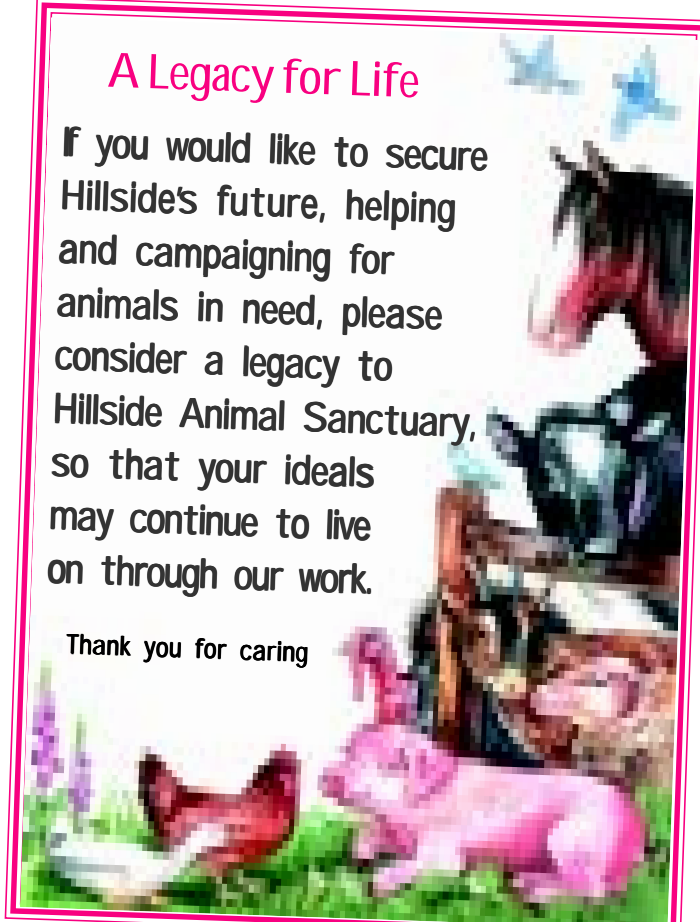
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Also, please let us know if any other Hillside supporters at your address have also moved. Thank you.

A Legacy for Life

If you would like to secure Hillside's future, helping and campaigning for animals in need, please consider a legacy to Hillside Animal Sanctuary, so that your ideals may continue to live on through our work.

Thank you for caring



A leaflet offering advice about making a will is available on request (please see page 12)

