

TAILENDS

Tweenie is quite a feisty, courageous little girl despite her rather pathetic appearance. She will not be left out of anything that is going on and has absolutely no fear of the bigger dogs. She will just walk over them if they are lying in her path. Thankfully the greyhounds are all very good-natured.

Tweenie is usually to be found with her friend Sugarlump. The two little girls have one of the armchairs to themselves where they curl up together in their blankets. They also have a small, cosy dog-bed in the hall and a Snuggle Bag, though this does not stop them sleeping in one of the larger beds much to the disgust of the usual occupant.

Tweenie is one of the lucky breeding bitches who have been rescued and she is now able to enjoy some home comforts in her old age.



Many dogs – both brood bitches and stud males – live out their entire lives in horrific conditions due to the profitability of what are commonly called ‘Puppy Farms’. This situation will only cease when people stop demanding cheap dogs of a particular breed. The character and personality of a companion dog is so much more important than how it looks!

There are dogs in Rescues all over the country who are desperate for homes. Dog Pounds and Dog Homes are regularly euthanasing perfectly healthy companion animals of all ages and breeds. Every litter of puppies deliberately and irrespons-

ibly bred condemns other dogs to death. This is the case even if the puppies have homes to go to, because the number of homes available is finite – not limitless!

Overpopulation

The dog overpopulation situation in this country is a problem that needs to be addressed. Everyone can help by taking their dogs from Rescues or Pounds and getting them neutered before they can reproduce.

Those who must have a particular type of dog should ring round the Rescue homes first and then try the Breed Rescue. The Kennel Club can provide the Breed Rescue’s number or you can ring *Tailends* for information. However, before you insist on a pedigree dog, do go and look round your local Rescues. The best policy is:

Don’t breed or buy while Rescue dogs die!

Everyone wants puppies, but a puppy very soon becomes an adult dog. Puppies are very hard work especially for those living a modern lifestyle where there is rarely enough time available for training a very young dog. Lack of guidance in the early months of a dog’s life is so often the reason for them coming into a Rescue later.

Tweenie’s story has a happy ending but if you do not want other dogs to suffer, as she has, then please spread the word about irresponsible breeding and help end the cruelty of this unacceptable trade.

