

TAILENDS

regular dentals, blood tests, scans, X-rays and dogs needing short-term hospitalisation. Nearly every dog needs an extensive dental on arrival after years of neglect with rotten teeth

and often badly infected gums.

Some dogs are unable to eat properly until this is done as their mouths are so painful.

We purchase only the best quality foods such as *James Wellbeloved* products, *Nature Diet* and *Nature:* menu pouches. These foods are used in conjunction with tinned pilchards,

tuna fish, scrambled eggs (we only buy free-range eggs from a local source), weetabix, cottage cheese and a variety of fresh foods. Sometimes we take a dog with severe intestinal, kidney or liver disease and which needs prescription diet foods.

Tailends also applies a vegan ethic wherever possible. It is quite possible and beneficial to give healthy dogs a totally vegetarian diet. However we do use some meat products in order to encourage these dogs to eat after years of neglect and poor diet. When some dogs have given up and have no interest in food, we often have to feed these by hand and tempt them with anything we can think of in order to start them eating again. They soon respond and then start to enjoy their life for the first time.



ITEMS ON OUR 'NEEDED' LIST

Any help with general funding, or the donation of any of the following items would help to improve the care that we can give to the dogs.

- Towels, dog blankets, dog bedding, duvets, candlewick-type bedspreads, warm flannelette sheets for winter and cool, cotton sheets to cover their beds in summer.
- Unwanted First Aid & Veterinary supplies. Enzymatic dog toothpaste.
- Dog food. Butchers canned dog foods, speciality foods to tempt a confused or ill dog to eat. (e.g. Pilchards, sardines, tinned milk products, tuna fish, Nature Diet, pouches, diet foods (Hills/Waltham etc).



- Donations – however small – are always very much appreciated.