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Dear Friend/Supporter,

I am writing to bring you the latest news on the dogs living at Tailends. I would also like to thank you for the wonderful support we have received in recent months. I sometimes wonder how we would have managed to meet our large veterinary demands without your help. The donations of lovely warm coats, soft cosy duvets, washable covers for the dog beds and treats for the dogs have been welcomed and appreciated by our oldies. We are also very grateful for donations towards our veterinary and treatment costs in addition to unused medicines, Bioflow collars, leads, harnesses etc.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Our new replacement conservatory is now complete and greatly improves the space which we have for the dogs. We have purchased a very large isolation crate for dogs which need to be separated from the others for short periods due to stress or treatment. It is nice and warm in winter and the large ceiling fan, windows, blinds and two doors keep it cool in the summer. The beds which have been placed in there have proved very popular, especially for any dogs who feel a bit poorly.

We have also purchased a heated housing unit to accommodate two cats in some comfort during the cold winter months. This has literally been a life saver for semi-feral cats who have found themselves homeless after owners moved or died.

The RGT very generously purchased a Portamag crate for our arthritic dogs. This is in daily use helping to improve healing and ease the pains of old age.

FAREWELLS. We have had to say goodbye to some very special dogs during the winter. Our big gentle **Moss** left us on December 18th 2005 when a bone tumour in his sinuses left us with no choice but to prevent increased suffering. We miss his quiet presence and will never forget our sweet boy.

Dear brave **Dopey** lost his battle with Leishmaniasis on 30th December. He had been doing so well that we thought we were really winning. Suddenly and without any warning, he started to show signs of the illness returning. Our vet, Alison Hume came immediately but we had no choice but to give our boy a last cuddle and bid him farewell. We could not let him suffer. He was so courageous but this was the end of the line and there was nothing else we could do but help him fly off to a better place where he would never be ill again.

The New Year had scarcely begun when poor old **Bobby** finally reached the end of his days at Tailends. He had suffered so much before he came here and we never expected him to live long. However he did have 19 months to enjoy some comfort and love. We are grateful for that at least. He was so happy to be here and asked for so little. Our love goes with you Bobby and we know that you are now reunited with **Lloyd** who was too ill to stay here for long and came originally from the same dreadful kennel as you did.

The heartbreak is unbearable but somehow we have to keep going as there are always more unhappy old dogs who need our help. The grief has to be put aside as other old dogs arrive. We can do no more for those who have gone ahead but hold to their legacy to give the place here to another needy old or ill dog currently living in kennels.