

BARNIE RUBBLE also had surgery recently to remove a number of anal adenomas. He is now back to normal and enjoying himself. Barnie is such a happy soul in spite of all his health problems which do not seem to bother him too much.

PAPA has been a cause for great concern recently but after x-rays revealing an oedema on the lungs and subsequent treatment, he is doing very well and struts around demanding meals, walks and bedtimes are done according to strict routine.

SUGARLUMP also has an oedema, heart failure and deteriorating kidney function but to see her rushing around barking when anyone visits you would never know there was anything wrong with her. The policy as always at Tailends is to give the dogs the best possible quality of life as long as they are happy and not suffering incurably.

FUNDRAISING.

Tailends has been invited by Canine Friends to participate in their annual raffle. We are very grateful to them, particularly Chris Mason, who has organised this as a way of raising much needed funds for a number of small rescues. We have included a couple of books of tickets with this newsletter in the hope that you might be able to sell a few to help us. All the money raised by our supporters through selling tickets will go to benefit Tailends dogs. You can choose to make payment directly to Tailends or through Canine Friends whichever you prefer to do *. Please let us know if you require more tickets. We apologise for troubling you if you do not wish to receive raffle tickets.

We really appreciate the great kindness shown to us over the last year. We are quite a small refuge but our expenses are not. We keep separate Tailends accounts which are available for anyone who would like a copy. Donations to Tailends are used immediately – mainly for veterinary treatment, drugs and food. We do not have large sums sitting in bank accounts and we manage very much on “a wing and a prayer”. However our dogs will receive whatever they need to ensure they have the best possible quality of life for however long they have left on this earth.

I would like to express my particular thanks to Judy Zatonski who runs our Sponsorship scheme and has supported us in numerous ways over the last year including the purchase of a colour printer. We are also grateful to the following supporters:- Mandy Hooker of Northants Greyhound Rescue, Viv Aylward and all the children of class 5VA at Buckingham Community School, Denise Dubarbier from Wimbledon RGT, Dr Ruth Jones, Anne Mears and supporters from Sighthounds-on-Line and TRPD Petcraft Project, Pat Powell for all her kindness, Top & Tails petshop, Alison Hume and everyone at Mullacott Veterinary Hospital, Chris Mason and Canine Friends, Freda Neal, Dolly Frankland for making such beautiful dolls to raise funds, Jan McAllen, Diane Campbell, Catherine Kirkby, Jill and Anthony Goodman, Sonia Carroll, Linda Slough, Ann Abrams, Kerri Jamieson, Lee and Wes Marriott-Dowding, Rebecca Chaffer, Suzie Scott, Melanie Shepherd for her beautiful pictures and everyone who has helped in any way or sponsored one of our dogs. (I enclose a sponsorship form which you might like to pass to anyone who might be interested or looking for a different sort of gift.)

I hope that you have enjoyed hearing our news and if you can help by selling some raffle tickets or perhaps sponsoring one of our dogs – then your support will be very much appreciated. All that's left for me to do is to wish you GOOD LUCK in the raffle and I will keep you updated with more Tales from Tailends later in the year – best wishes from *Angela*

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