



# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

HI EVERYBODY!

JUST WANTED TO THANK ALL THE VOLUNTEERS AND THE SUPPORTERS FOR ALL THE HELP YOU HAVE GIVEN THE CHARITY THIS YEAR, WHICH HAS SUFFERED GREATLY DUE TO THE TERRIBLE VIRUS. THE LIVES OF ALL OUR FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES HAVE BEEN AFFECTED IN WAYS WE COULD NOT HAVE IMAGINED THIS TIME LAST YEAR. THE SUPPORT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM SOME OF YOU HAS KEPT THE CHARITY GOING IN THIS TOUGH CLIMATE. APART FROM THE FOSTERING MONEY WE RECEIVE, WE, LIKE MOST CHARITIES, HAVE HAD OUR FUNDS PRACTICALLY REDUCED TO NON-EXISTENT. IF YOU CAN SPARE SOME MONEY, PLEASE BUY SOME OF OUR CHRISTMAS ITEMS ON THE WEBSITE. I AM ALSO APPLYING TO OUR CHARITY FUND RAISERS TO TRY AND GET SOME FUNDS.

### News from the Shelter

If you look on their Facebook page and website, you will see the dogs and cats that have been recently dumped at the shelter. They have reached



full capacity with the number of abandoned

animals. There is an especially sad case of a number of animals (see opposite) left by a lady for Bianca to care of for a few days, only to find out that she had died a few days later. Therefore, they are now at the shelter which means more mouths to feed. So sad! As you can imagine with this lockdown, no volunteers are getting in to help them out. The strain the staff and Ana are under can only be described as horrendous. Currently there are over 450 dogs including 30 new pups, and 110 cats to care for and feed.

## Good news from the Shelter

Ana and her team of dedicated staff are still able to get dogs and cats out to the various countries that can rehome them, which is good for the animals, as this helps to alleviate the ongoing problems of overcrowding. We are still getting out food each month. This is mainly due to the Kilt walk funds that we had and the godparent monthly money.

## Godparents

We are once again asking for your help to promote this, as it is the only steady income for the shelter. For only £2.50 per month- less than the price of a coffee- you can sponsor an animal. We have also a special one for children which I am sure some of your family or grandkids would love to give to their friends as something different. Please visit our website <https://friendsofbianca.org/> for more information. As Christmas is coming up please think of this gift for friends and family. It is so much better than giving a bottle of perfume as it saves a dog or cat's life!

## Fundraising/Fetes

This has been a disastrous year for the charity with no fundraising or fetes happening. Our dog competition was a success but the cat one actually cost us money, as it was not very well received which was disappointing. However, we also like to help out other charities and this year Friends of

Bianca have donated one of the Christmas dog bowls to Clan Cancer Charity to help them raise money for their worthwhile cause.

## Christmas goods

We have some lovely items for sale such as Christmas cards at £2.50 per pack of 10. There are four beautiful designs to choose from featuring some festive furry friends. Sending



Christmas cards to your family and friends is the perfect way to show you are thinking of them this difficult festive season.

We also have filled dog and cat bowls full of treats, large and small pamper jars filled with fantastic goodies such as bath bombs.



All items are available on our website, so come on folks this is our only income for the rest of the

year. You can pay via PayPal  
[info@friendsofbianca.org](mailto:info@friendsofbianca.org) or alternatively by

**Bank of Scotland**  
**Sort code: 80-22-60**  
**Account no: 10149463**

direct transfer to our bank account using the following payment information:

Your support in this would be greatly appreciated.

We are also always looking for ideas to raise the much-needed funds for the shelter and welcome any ideas you have. Please send them to [info@friendsofbianca.org](mailto:info@friendsofbianca.org). We are always willing to give anything a try. A special thank you to Julie for all the bowls and jars she has made up for us to sell.

### **Donations**

We are always grateful to receive any medicines, even if out of date, of food or doggy goods, doggy toys, collars, and blankets. However, we kindly ask you to keep them till we are able to collect any goods, as we need to keep everybody safe. A big thank you also to all at Ardene Vets, Town & Country and Swan Vets for all their support over this difficult year. It is much appreciated.

### **Prospective volunteers**

Currently we are not sending volunteers out to the shelter, but this is changing day by day due to government information. So if you are interested in next year please do not hesitate to contact us at [info@friendsofbianca.org](mailto:info@friendsofbianca.org) and we will send you our brochure and details of the villa's accommodation.



### **Final word from our CEO**

Once again, a big thank you to you the sponsor. Without your help we could not raise funds for the shelter. I also want to thank Lily and Val, my Trustees, for all their help this difficult year in running the charity.

The Trustees of Friends of Bianca want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy 2021. Thank you all so much for the support. We could not do it without you. We will get through this!

**LINDA ALLAN, On behalf of the Trustees of Friends of Bianca charity.**