



friends of
Bianca

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

HI EVERYBODY!

THE NEW YEAR HAS NOT STARTED WELL FOR ANY OF US OR OUR FAMILIES. THE VIRUS IS STILL CAUSING MAJOR UPHEAVAL TO ALL OUR LIVES IN MANY WAYS. THE VACCINE IS GIVING US HOPE AND A LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL WHERE WE CAN SEE A FUTURE OF SOME NORMALITY. FRIENDS OF BIANCA HAVE HAD IT TOUGH LIKE A LOT OF THE CHARITIES WITH LIMITED THINGS WE CAN DO TO GENERATE INCOME TO ALLOW US TO SEND FOOD TO KEEP THE DOGS AND CATS FED. WE HAVE BEEN TRYING VERY HARD TO THINK OF NEW IDEAS AND OUR WEBSITE HAS LOVELY ITEMS FOR SALE STARTING WITH MOTHER'S DAY WHICH ARE LOVELY AND GOOD VALUE. PLEASE HAVE A LOOK AND SUPPORT US IF YOU CAN. THE ITEMS ARE ALSO ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, WITH DETAILS ON WHERE TO BUY AND PAY FOR THEM.

News from the Shelter

As you can imagine life is difficult at the shelter with very little help to maintain the wellbeing of all the cats and dogs in their care.

With the virus they cannot allow volunteers in to help, which means more work for the dedicated people working there. They are finding with the lock down being eased that dogs and cats are being abandoned once again with people not wanting them. They usually have vets that come along each year to spay and neuter the dogs and cats but this is not currently happening which puts a big strain on the limited income they have.

They have a campaign going to raise money for neutering and spaying which you can help by sending any amount to

PayPal info@friendsofbianca.org – it all helps.

Good news from the Shelter

We are still able to send out food each month to the shelter which at least gives them some comfort.

Dogs and cats are being sent to the various countries as and when the virus allows. A few of the older dogs, one who is 17 years, has

been rehomed. What a lovely story! It goes to show that they are never too old to find a loving home.

I have also applied for funds to help refurbish kennels that only have tin roofs providing very little protection against the elements. So fingers crossed we can help there!

Godparents

We are once again asking for your help to promote this, as it is the only steady income for the shelter for such a small amount. £2.50 per month is all it takes – less than the price of a coffee.

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. See our website <https://friendsofbianca.org/> for more information.

As Mother's Day is coming up, please think of our new items for sale as a lovely alternative to a bunch of flowers. It's so much better and the money raised can help save a dog or cat's life. Website exclusive: £10.00



Fundraising/Fetes

This year we cannot see any fetes going ahead. We have been advised at this time that the charity shop in George Street will not open which badly affects our income. We are trying our best to raise money by selling various goods on the website and Facebook. We are going to do the virtual Kiltwalk on the 23-26th April and you can sponsor us at and pay via PayPal info@friendsofbianca.org Or by bank transfer using the following account details: Bank of Scotland, Sort code 80-22-60 account no 10149463.

In addition, we are 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. We are always willing to give anything a try!

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.

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 and we will send you our brochure and details of the villa's accommodation.

The Trustees of Friends of Bianca want to thank you for your continued support.

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