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UK public urged to 'Donate a Dinner' for rescue animals

Naturewatch Foundation is calling on people across the UK to 'Donate a Dinner' this World Animal Day, helping rescue centres provide for animals in their care.

Ahead of **World Animal Day on Sunday 4 October**, animal welfare charity Naturewatch Foundation is encouraging individuals, families, schools, workplaces and community groups to take part in its annual **Donate a Dinner** campaign.

Donate a Dinner is a simple way to support animals in need. People can donate a tin or packet of pet food, buy an item from a rescue centre's wishlist, donate the cost of a meal, or organise a collection with friends, family, colleagues or their local community.

Every day, rescue centres across the UK provide food, shelter and care for animals waiting for new homes. But with rising costs and increasing numbers of animals needing help, many are facing growing pressure to meet the needs of the animals in their care.

This year, **Teckels Animal Sanctuaries in Gloucestershire** is Naturewatch Foundation's official charity partner for Donate a Dinner.

To launch the campaign, Naturewatch Foundation donated a dinner for all 42 residents in Teckels' care currently waiting for their forever homes.

Among the dogs at Teckels are Paula, Pearl and Podge, three Pomeranians rescued from a property where around 120 dogs were being kept. The trio, believed to be between eight and eleven years old, had never experienced something as simple as going for a walk before arriving at the sanctuary.

Chelsea Rogers, Social Media Manager at Teckels Animal Sanctuaries, said:

"We are honoured to be the chosen charity partner for Naturewatch Foundation's 2026 Donate a Dinner campaign. The rising cost of living has had a significant impact on Teckels, making support initiatives like this more important than ever.

...This campaign provides invaluable support for animal rescues, and we encourage everyone to get involved and show their support! A huge thank you to Naturewatch Foundation for their extremely generous donation of £100 to feed our rescues!"

Supporting rescue animals across the UK

Teckels is one of **more than 20 rescue organisations across the UK taking part in Donate a Dinner this year**, including Animal Concern Cumbria, Bath Dogs and Cats Home, Greenacres Rescue in Pembrokeshire, Holly Hedge Animal Sanctuary in Bristol, Leicester Animal Aid, Margaret Green Animal Rescue in Dorset and Devon, Newcastle Dog & Cat Shelter, RSPCA branches in London, Coventry and Manchester & Salford, and Saints Sled Dog Rescue in County Durham.

The campaign is designed to make supporting a local rescue simple, with people encouraged to check what their chosen rescue needs most before making a donation. Many organisations have online wishlists or donation pages, while others welcome physical donations of food and supplies.

Sarah Carr, CEO of Naturewatch Foundation, said:

"Donate a Dinner is such a simple but meaningful way for people to show kindness to animals. Rescue centres provide a lifeline for thousands of animals every year. This World Animal Day, we're encouraging people across the UK to find their local rescue, and show how much we care for animals who need a meal as well as a home."

People are encouraged to make their donation **in the lead-up to or on World Animal Day, 4 October**.

Naturewatch Foundation is also encouraging people to share their Donate a Dinner activities on social media using **#DonateADinner** and **#WorldAnimalDay** to inspire others to get involved.

Find out more about Donate a Dinner and how to take part:

[Donate a Dinner – Naturewatch Foundation](#)

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About Naturewatch Foundation: Naturewatch Foundation is a UK-based animal welfare charity dedicated to ending cruelty and improving the lives of animals through campaigning, education and advocacy. For over 30 years, the charity has led initiatives to tackle illegal and unethical practices, including puppy farming, animal experiments and wildlife crime. By working with policymakers, enforcement agencies and the public, Naturewatch Foundation strives to make the world a kinder place for animals. Visit naturewatch.org to find out more.