



THE CINNAMON TRUST



On Friday 24th of November, we were fortunate to interview Catherine from The Cinnamon Trust. The Cinnamon Trust is a wonderful charity, that helps people all around the country. It's a charity which supports elders with their beloved pets and encourages them to not give up their animals.

The Cinnamon Trust was founded in 1985 by a woman called Avril Jarvis. She had a corgi called Cinnamon and realised how important they were. She thought it would be a wonderful idea to start a charity which helps elders and people in hospital to keep them together with their pets. This is free of charge as volunteers don't get paid anything. Volunteers are willing to give up their free time for others.

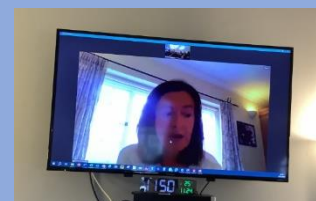


The volunteers walk the dogs and feed the pets for the owners when they can't do it anymore. They even have volunteers who will clean out bird cages and litter boxes. There are some interesting pets that volunteers have taken care of, like a family of squirrels, baby cows, sheep and even Peppa the pig! Although they have taken care of quite a few different types of animals, there are some animals they can't take care of, for instance tropical animals like snakes and reptiles.

The charity also supports the owners by letting them know that their pets are in safe hands, which is good for their mental health.

We are not the only organisation to be involved with the Cinnamon Trust. Many other organisations including the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme have worked with the Cinnamon Trust and raised lots of money for the charity.

As we were fortunate enough to interview Catherine, we found out what it is like to be a volunteer, she told us that there are lots of roles at the Cinnamon Trust, she has got one of the dog walking roles. Catherine has been working with the Cinnamon Trust for 10 years but has only been living in Hertfordshire for 6 years, she grew up in London.



She found out about Cinnamon Trust from her friend who had just started to volunteer. Since she had grown up with dogs in her childhood, she thought the idea of the whole thing was just amazing.

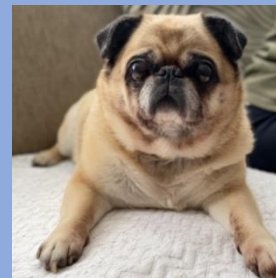
Catherine claims that seeing Zach (the dog she looks after) excited is the best part of her job.



Maddie was the first dog she ever walked when she joined the Cinnamon Trust, and her owner Barbara was one of her friends. Unfortunately, Barbara was poorly so Catherine took on Maddie.



When Maddie first entered the house, the cat (who was called Elvis) ran out the door at the sight of the dog! Catherine's parents looked after Maddie for 9 years.



Over the years, the trust has gained over 20,000 volunteers, each and every one of them helping owners keep their pets or making sure they are well looked after. Every year the charity helps over 150,000 people with 157,00 pets, which is fantastic!

The Cinnamon Trust has raised over hundreds of thousands of pounds, they run cake sales, hold quiz nights, and run marathons. Our donation will help the charity to continue their amazing work, providing foster homes for pets, funding admin costs and paying vet bills. Just over £300 was raised in total from the donations coming from our school.

Finally, we are very thankful to Catherine for making the time to meet with us on zoom. We are so grateful to be given the opportunity to learn more about the Cinnamon Trust as a charity. As Hamish Newshounds we want to thank the school pupils for all their donations.



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