

Meet the 25,000th dog re-homed by Many Tears Animal Rescue Centre

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A GWENDRAETH Valley animal rescue centre is celebrating the landmark of re-homing 25,000 dogs.

Many Tears Animal Rescue (MTAR) in Cefneithin, hit the figure in April — with the 25,000th dog re-homed being was a Cavalier Spaniel.

The total continues to grow at the rescue home, which takes in and re-homes primarily ex-breeding dogs who are no longer required, those on "death row" in the pounds and those whose owners are no longer able to keep them.

Sylvia Van Atta has run the rescue since 2004, and is extremely dedicated to the cause.

Most days she starts at 6am and does not finish until well after the staff have left at the end of the day.

She lives on site, and is always on call whenever dogs need overnight attention.



Sylvia Van-Atta

Sylvia told the Star she would like to give a "huge thank you" to the numerous volunteers who give up their own time to help out — either at the rescue, as fosterers or dog walkers and in the many other ways people help the rescue.

Speaking of why she works at the rescue, she said: "Most of the dogs here are happy, we try to make the dogs stay as enjoyable as possible, whether they are here for a week or a year, as MTAR will never put a dog to sleep unless medically it is the only answer.

"I love ensuring dogs are well exercised through the day, that their health is good, that they are warm and are happy with their kennel mates.

"I love helping some of the ex-breeding dogs learn to walk on a lead and showing them that a dogs life can be fun and that we humans can be very loving."

These are dogs that, for one reason or another, are harder to re-home, sometimes because of their breed type.

Geraldine Lloyd, another animal care staff member added: "The staff can be sadder than the dogs in some ways because we worry about the dogs we call "long stayers."

If you are interested in helping out the charity out in any way, visit the website manytearsrescue.com