



## 28/04/2020

## Thank You

Dear Supporter,

Over the past few weeks, we have seen an unprecedented national and global crisis unfold in front of our eyes. The decision to close the centre to the public, and our associated public facing operations, was a difficult one that we knew we had to make to protect our animals, our staff/volunteers and our supporters. This has been an exceptionally difficult time for us, as it has been for the wider world, and we wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

We all know that animals, both within our care and outside the centre, are depending on us during this period of uncertainty. If not for your continued support of the charity we would, like several other animal centres currently, struggle to provide the appropriate support for the animals in our care. Your support for the centre through our online fundraising channels such as website/Facebook donations, our Amazon Wishlist and the Woodside Lottery are helping to keep us financially stable in these difficult times. Your donations of vital resources continue to ease the pressure we currently face to adequately resource the centre. Your posts of support and thanks on social media provide much needed support and morale boosts for our staff.

We know that you will have concerns around your own families and loved ones and wish you, and them, all the best. As the situation with COVID-19 progresses, the management team at Woodside will continue to act quickly and effectively in response to government guidance surrounding animal care and we hope to be able to resume some of our wider services at a reduced level over the coming weeks and months.

We hope that, once it is safe to do so, we can continue to strive to be an outstanding animal charity, with your support. Whether you are a member, volunteer or supporter we look forward to being able to get back to normality and hope that you will continue to support our efforts to raise the vital funds needed to ensure that animals in the Leicestershire and Rutland area receive the best possible care.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the team at Woodside, thank you again for supporting us during this difficult time.

Connor Acton
Chair of Trustees