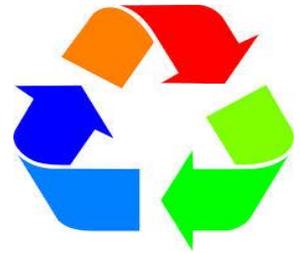




# Ability Dogs 4 Young People



## Recycling Update, Autumn 2016

### We can raise money recycling things you might just throw away!

As an Isle of Wight Charity, we are proud to be able to raise funds by recycling things for cash. So far this year we have raised **almost £1,500** in this way (plus charity shop sales). Thank you for all your support. Here's a brief update:



#### Plastic Milk Bottle Tops

Many of you have been collecting plastic milk bottle tops for us for quite some time now. After sorting them and storing them until we have 20 black bags or more, they are collected by GHS Recycling in Portsmouth who recycle them. They chop them up and the granulated tops go to make hard plastic toys for children, such as slides and other garden toys. They also go to make more bottle tops!



There is a minimum payment amount of 500 kgs (which is about 50 large black bags full), but GHS are happy to collect smaller amounts and

they keep a tally for us. They pay £30 for every 500 kgs on a pro rata basis. So far we have recycled over a tonne and have received a payment of **£71.70**. We have already collected a further **£30** on its way. All your bags of tops are adding up, so please keep collecting them for us.

#### Plastic Milk Tops

Marked with a 2 or 4 recycling symbol  
Washed with no foil inside



#### Stamps and Foreign Coins

We have been collecting stamps since the charity started. Initially we sent them to a collector who was happy to have them uncut and unsorted. He paid for the stamps and refunded the postage. However early last year he ran into a little trouble and lost lots of people's packages, including ours. This year we found another collector. He likes the stamps to be cut-out and he sends us large envelopes which we can fill. So far this year we have received **£101.56** with more boxes of stamps to sort.

#### Stamps

Any stamps, British or foreign  
Attached to envelope.  
Cut with a 5mm border.  
Untorn and with edge intact

This collector will also take foreign coinage and pay us a fair return. We have just received the first envelopes for these and so will be sending them to him shortly. So along with stamps, please collect any foreign, out of date coins and notes for us to 'recycle'.

#### Books

We sell books in our charity shops, but we are fortunate to be given more books than we can sell. So, we put the popular titles on the shelves and any which don't sell we recycle for cash. The company take books in any reasonable condition and they pay us £25 per tonne. We've only been recycling with them this year and so far we have received **£66.75**.

#### Books

Hardback & paperback  
Fiction & non-fiction  
No magazines

We also recycle used **Ink Cartridges** and have received **£97.53** from originals. The range is very limited, no compatibles. Please contact us so we can check the list first.

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## Textiles

Our best 'recyclables' are clothing, shoes, belts, hats, shoes, bags, sheets, towels, etc. We put any new or nearly new items in our charity shops for sale, but those items we cannot sell are recycled by 'Phil the Bag' - the textiles are sold on and distributed to people who can use and enjoy them in developing countries.

'Phil the Bag' collect from us when we have at least 40 black bin bags full. They **accept** all kinds of adult and children's clothing, hats, shoes, belts, handbags, and household textiles including sheets, pillow cases, duvet covers, curtains and towels, including school uniforms. They do **not** accept blankets, duvets, pillows, sleeping bags, offcuts of fabric, any wet or dirty items, ripped or stained clothing. However, please let us know if you have any clean items as we may be able to use them for our puppies in training (they love sleeping on duvets), or we may be able sell them in our charity shop.

We have been recycling for cash with 'Phil the Bag' since the charity started (in 2012). They now pay £350 per tonne (originally it was 50p kilo which equates to £500 per tonne). So far this year we have received **£1,075.29**, with another pile of bags for collection already.



## Charity Shops

We opened two charity shops in 2014 in Sandown and Shanklin. These are run by very dedicated teams of volunteers managed by Geoff and Rose, also volunteers, and are providing an important regular income from donated items, a form of recycling for charitable benefit. We are always amazed at the amount of kind donations we are offered, from mini house clearances to single items and everything in between. We are also fortunate that Rob kindly PAT tests all the donated electrical items.



## CHARITY SHOPS

We always need donated items  
for our charity shops  
Pier Street, SANDOWN  
Regent Street, SHANKLIN

We are happy to sell a whole range of things as long as it is clean and safe. We can accept small items of furniture, including chairs, tables and cupboards, but not beds or suites. We accept electrical goods which you think is working, (but not white goods such as fridges). If in doubt, please ask.

We would like to open another charity shop in another town on the Island, but do need a dedicated volunteer manager to help us. And we are always looking for more volunteers to help in our Sandown and Shanklin shops.

## How to donate:

We can accept most items at either of our charity shops or at our Training Centre (Lake). Please ring for opening times or to check when we are there, particularly if you have a large amount. We are happy to collect where we can as we have puppy parents living around the Island. Please ring on **01983 216246**.

**Thank you for supporting us**



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