

## Cefneithin animal rescue centre Many Tears celebrate 10th birthday

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Arthur and Catherine Cooper walking five rescue dogs



Liz Middleton with bearded collies Jasper, Brook and Baillie



Cassie Hartwell with Jamie the schitzu and Pork Chop, a Staffordshire bull terrier

CEFNEITHIN based Many Tears Animal Rescue celebrated their 10th birthday with an event in Tumble on Saturday.

Volunteer Helen Rees, who helped organise the event, said: "It was an amazing day, I'm overjoyed with how well it went.

"Hundreds of people came, including locals and fosterers who travelled for 4 or 5 hours from Cornwall and Kent.

"We have to give thanks the park rangers and council staff — they were very helpful."

The event raised £5,000 towards funding the rescue centre's good work.

Ms Rees, from Ponthenri, added: "Organising it was hard work but very worthwhile.

"A generous £300 donation brought the total to a round £5,000.

"A charity haircut raised £1,000 and the rest came from a lot of stalls and the raffle."

Many Tears was launched in 2004 by Sylvia van Atta and her husband Bill, and since then they have worked hard to better the lives of animals across Carmarthenshire and Wales.

Mrs Van Atta said: "It's an amazing day — when we started 10 years ago we only had a small group of helpers. Now, we home over 2,000 animals per year."

The team had no time to relax ahead of the big day — 19 border collie pups were rescued by the staff and volunteers the week before the anniversary celebrations.