



RSPCA Nottingham
& Notts Branch
Registered Charity No 255763

A black dog, possibly a Labrador, is the central focus, looking directly at the camera. The background is a Christmas tree decorated with warm white lights and ornaments, creating a bokeh effect. The overall mood is cozy and festive.

CHRISTMAS CATCH UP 2023

HELLO

and welcome to our end of year newsletter! Make yourself a cuppa, get as comfy as this little critter and catch up with our latest news.

We're now settled into Farrington Way, have exciting new projects to tell you about & new staff too.

We hope you enjoy reading about YOUR local RSPCA.



NEW FACES ~ WELCOME TO ELLIE & KATE



ELLIE & ALVIN



KATE, FRAYA & KAI

We've 2 new members of staff to introduce you to who are very welcome additions to our team. Ellie started in May as branch Assistant and comes from a veterinary/animal background. She is with us 5 mornings a week. The Branch Assistant role is varied and every day is different but Ellie has met all the variety head on. From trapping cats to serving in our charity shop, collecting donations to answering phone and email enquiries, Ellie can turn her hand to it and all with a smile. Ellie has several pets, Alvin is the handsome chap in the photo then there's her cats Phoebe, Dora, Perry & Harvey and guinea pigs Buffy, Willow and Haven!

As we are writing this, it's Kate's first day! Kate is our 'E-Commerce Manager' and is busy right now sorting through donations we've collected for online sales! Our E-commerce hub is based right here at Farrington Way and it's our aim to boost our income with a whole new approach to raising funds. Kate completed an eBay business diploma with distinction and her enthusiasm for this new venture is infectious! There will be lots of hard work involved but we are more than confident Kate is up to the challenge. Kate is pictured with her dogs Fraya and Kai and she also has a cat called Toby.

Our staff are now a company of 7 with 4 full time and 3 part time plus a gang of fabulous volunteers. Together our aim is to raise as much money as possible to allow us to help animals like 'Cybil and Charity' who were signed over with their Mum Fleur, when their owner could no longer care for them. All were suffering from cat flu, you can see in the picture Cybil's right eye was badly affected. However, with good nutrition and veterinary treatment Fleur and her babies thrived and went on to be rehomed. Helping animals like these is possible thanks to your support, generous donations and the hard work of staff & volunteers.



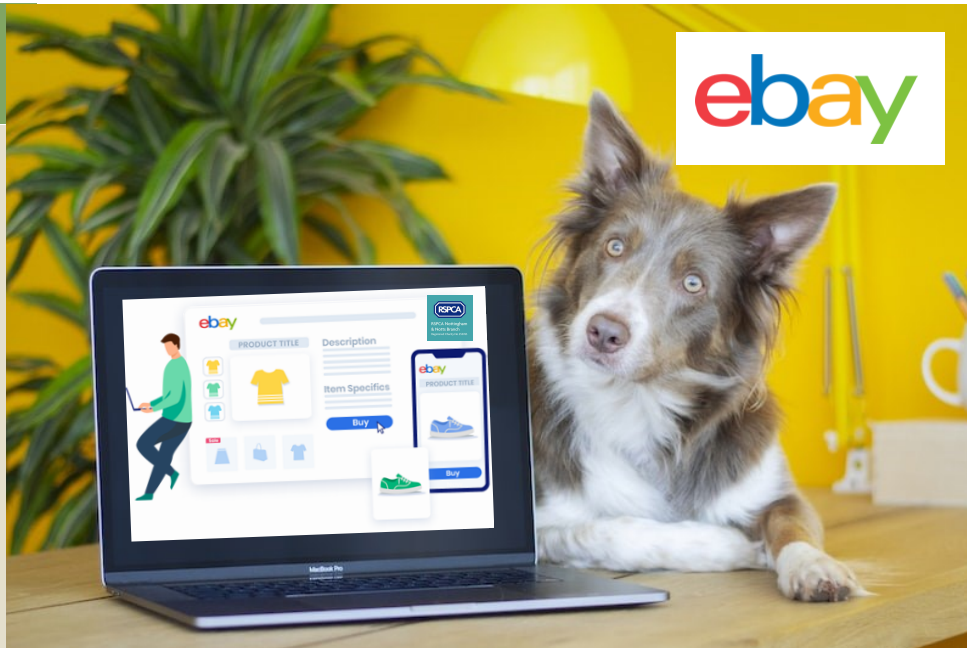
CYBIL & CHARITY

WE NEED STOCK

As we've already mentioned, we are starting in earnest with our new eBay shop. Although we have previously sold online, Kate will make it her focus to raise as much money from donations as possible.

This is not taking away from income generated by our charity shop but increases the client base to a national level.

If you are having a clear out then please get in touch. We can arrange collection if required or small donations can be accepted at the shop. Give us a call on 0115 7841110.



HAVE YOU VISITED US?



There's always a warm welcome at our Eastwood charity shop. It's also packed with genuine bargains—clothes, shoes, bags, books, collectibles and much, MUCH more.

We are at 58 Nottingham Road and would love to see you! Dogs are welcome (on leads) and there's usually a treat or 2 behind the counter. The shop also has its very own facebook page:

www.facebook.com/RSPCANottmEastwoodCharityShop
If you are in the area, do pop in and say hello but remember to bring plenty of spending money as there is bound to be something that catches your eye!

JOIN THE TEAM

We are looking to increase our retail volunteer numbers. Would you like to join us? There's lots of ways to help, serving, sorting, tagging and steaming donations. Training is given & our till is very simple to use. By giving us a morning or afternoon on a regular basis means our shop Manager can schedule and plan changeovers and utilise the particular skills of volunteers. Perhaps you know your collectibles or have a passion for fashion. However, the most important thing is your time and a desire to help local animals like those pictured on page 5.

Give us a call on 0115 7841110 or pop into the shop for more info.



Have feedback or an enquiry? Then please get in touch, we'd love to hear from you.

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Ebay

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CONTACT US

ANIMALS WE HAVE CARED FOR NOV 22 TO NOV 23

DOGS	CATS	OTHER	TOTAL
21	216	30	267

ANIMALS WE HAVE HELPED NEUTER NOV 22 TO NOV 23

DOGS	CATS	OTHER	TOTAL
60	75	24	159

We've taken in 31 more animals compared to 2021—2022. Neutering is down slightly with the biggest drop in dogs. The price of neutering/spaying a dog has increased and members of the public are struggling to afford the operation.

LENDING A HELPING PAW

We work very closely with our neighbouring branches and of course our colleagues at RSPCA Radcliffe. They help us



Abbey Street
Animal Rehoming Centre
RSPCA Charity No: 222 620

out in many ways but especially with space for Nottingham & Notts animals. We were very happy to contribute to Derby & districts new meet & greet

summerhouse which makes it easier for adopters to meet potential new pet dogs. It's not something that immediately springs to



RADCLIFFE ANIMAL CENTRE
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mind when thinking about animal rescue BUT caring for lots of animals means dealing with a lot of poop! When Radcliffe's waste disposal machine broke down we funded a new 'Whoopsie-Away'! This essential piece of kit provides a clean & energy efficient method of dealing with a 'pongy' problem!

Two of our former colleagues are now at Cats Protection Nottingham. As much as we miss working directly with Laura and Susan, it's great having contacts within another welfare organisation. It's our hope to do some joint awareness projects in the future & CP have a fantastic neutering scheme running in Notts. We are often donated cat carriers which we sell to raise funds. However, sometimes the baskets aren't in a saleable condition but they don't go to waste! As long as they are secure CP use them to give to people who are assisting with neutering & obtaining veterinary care for community & feral cats.



HAPPY TO



As a branch, we have always tried to be proactive as opposed to reactive when it comes to animal welfare. Our neutering assistance scheme has been running for decades. With the cost of living crisis hitting hard our help is needed more than ever. We took the step to increase the value of our 'money off neutering' vouchers. Anyone living in our area can apply and the vouchers are now:

DOGS - £25 off neutering at your vet (Was £20)

CATS - £20 " " (Was £15)

SMALL PETS - £20 " " (Was £15)

We have also introduced money off microchipping assistance too -

ALL ANIMALS - £10 off microchipping

In June 2024 it will become compulsory for cat owners to have their pets microchipped. Our financial assistance towards this started in Aug. However, we decided not long after to open the offer for all species. Applications can be made over the phone, in person at our charity shop or via our website.

We can and do increase the level of help contributed on an ad hoc basis. Referrals can come from local Inspectors who have given our details out when more support towards the cost of neutering is needed. Vouchers can be posted but we encourage email attachments that can be printed at home to help reduce costs.



INSP ANNUAL REPORT 22 IN BRIEF

In 2022 we were fortunate enough to gain a new ARO (Animal Rescue Officer). Dan Holman completed his training in Sep & became a permanent fixture in the group. In Oct 22, ARO Kat Kellegher joined us transferring from Merseyside/Cheshire.

The group has a varied breadth of experience.

Flood team— Insp's Dan B, Andy B and Deb S. Alongside Insp Kate B the latter make up Notts/Lincs boat team too.

Tutor Inspector—Laura J who provides invaluable training to all new officers to the group.

Wildlife Officers—Kate B and ARO Paula J who offer essential advice to colleagues & are a point of contact for wildlife cases. Paula is also our ARV (Animal Rescue Volunteers) co-ordinator.

Equine officer—Annette who often assists with horse/equine cases.

Insp Teresa P continues to deliver training talks to Police as well as attending open days at schools & colleges to talk about RSPCA work. **Twitter/X officer**— Insp Laura K (before she left the group) & ARO Kat provide excellent updates to the RSPCA Frontline X account about the work that we do. Some examples are featured to the left.

As mentioned above, the group is now assisted by Animal Rescue Volunteers (formerly WCV's) who can transfer some domestic animals as well as wildlife. Recruitment for ARV's is done via volunteering team but you can find out more via

www.rspca.org.uk/getinvolved/volunteer

I'd like to thank all of the Notts/Lincs team, the branches & volunteers for all your hard work and support throughout 2022.

Ch Insp Becky Lowe

NB We've not reported court cases as some readers find details of animal cruelty very upsetting.

RSPCA Frontline @RSPCA... · 28 Apr 22
Inspector Ellis certainly needed his DIY skills to rescue this little fox cub in #Nottingham 🦊. The space was so tight and the drop was so deep, he had to saw part of the fence panel away! Thankfully the cub was uninjured, unlike his pride!! (87)
#FoxOfTheDay @RSPCA_official



RSPCA Frontline @RSPCA_Frontline
This gloriossssss grass snake had to be cut free from netting by @RSPCA_official Inspector Ellis in #Bingham #Notts. Please give wildlife a helping hand by monitoring any netting used on gardens/ allotments regularly incase any of our wild friends have got in a tangle. 🐍 (87)



RSPCA Frontline @RSPCA_Frontline
Collected this young Pipistrelle bat at the weekend in #Nottinghamshire who was unable to fly despite no obvious injuries. He is now receiving round the clock care and being hand fed mini mealworms. Yum! 😊. Hoping he'll be fit for release soon once he's had some TLC 🐉 (87).



RSPCA Frontline @RSPCA_Frontline
A lovely rescue for Insp Potter with @nottsfire Blue Watch. Owned cat trapped in a car bodyshop ventilation system in #Nottingham. Owner could hear the cat crying from the pipe and thinks it had been in there for days. Cat appeared OK but is having a vet check up. Thanks guys! 🐱



ANIMALS WE'VE HELPED IN 2023



COLD & WET

FROM SOGGY TO SENSATIONAL...STEVEN THE COCKATIEL
In July we took a call from 2 ladies who, whilst on the phone to us managed to rescue a cockatiel! The callers were frantic as the bird had landed in a pond & they feared him drowning. We managed to talk them through the rescue and they scooped him out with a net! Immediately branch assistants Lisa and Ellie went to collect the beleaguered bird! You can appreciate birds are not always easy to rescue as by the time we arrive, unless they are detained they can fly off...and often do! In this case we were so grateful to Steven's rescuers stepping up and helping him. He was taken straight to the vets, he had a bruised keel and needed drying off but otherwise was none the worse for wear from his scary submersion! He was never reclaimed despite advertising but now lives in a smashing aviary with lots of new friends!



NEW HOME

DENNIS THE MENACE
Dennis' story perfectly illustrates why microchipping is important. He was found as stray and handed into a vets. The practice couldn't hold this hearty, healthy little chap & asked us for help. Cattery spaces at the time were literally one in & one out! Dennis had to be transferred to another vets who flead, wormed & vaccinated him and he then went into boarding. Finally he was transported to Radcliffe when a space became vacant! Dennis had no collar & crucially no Id chip & was never reclaimed. If he had been chipped we could have reunited with his owner in hours. Instead he travelled across Nottingham, charmed EVERYONE he met and was adopted.



TOO CUTE!



BUNNY-QUINS

At the end of 2022, 4 adult rabbits were found dumped in a Nottingham park. However, these 4 became 13 as 2 of the females were

pregnant. 4 rabbit kits, Parsnip, Spud, Carrot and Sprout were born around Christmas. Then, on the 3rd Jan Rhubarb, Custard, Roly, Poly & Jam (featured above) arrived! We can only presume the adult rabbits were abandoned because their owner couldn't cope. However, being left alone, no food, exposed to the elements and potential predators is inexcusable. You'll be pleased to hear the rabbits all went on to be rehomed. If you'd like to further help animals like Steve, Dennis & the bunnies, see our appeal overleaf.

MISCHIEVOUS MARTHA & MINNIE ...FROM ABANDONED TO ADORED

As a charity, a lot of things come to us in bags, holdalls, carriers and most commonly black bin liners. However, there was never a cuter or sadder 'donation' than Martha and Minnie. They were found tied up tightly in several bags, the intention obviously for them not to get out. Unwanted and dumped at only 4 months old they came to our care. Martha and Minnie were vet checked, inoculated, wormed and given flea treatment. Every animal we take in has these welfare procedures. Most need other treatments ranging from antibiotics, wounds being stitched and sometimes major life-changing operations. We are able to provide this care thanks to your support. Thankfully both kittens were found to be healthy if a little stressed. As we write Martha & Minnie have another claim to fame, they will hopefully be our first adoptions from Farrington Way! Although we have no animal holding on site, it was always our intention to rehome animals from our new premises when the logistics were worked out. Our aim is to tailor our adoptions for specific animals who deserve nothing but the best going forward. In the past finding the right homes for animals in RSPCA Nottingham and Notts care was our forte! Our website has been updated to allow us to advertise online as well as utilising social media. We have everything crossed Martha & Minnie will be in their forever home by Christmas.

THIS FESTIVE SEASON, WE ARE ASKING YOU
TO GIVE WHAT YOU CAN
& HELP MAKE CHRISTMAS A HAPPY ONE FOR MANY SICK, INJURED & ABANDONED ANIMALS LIVING IN NOTTINGHAM. IF ONLY FIXING MARTHA & MINNIE'S PROBLEMS WAS AS SIMPLE AS GIVING THEM A HUG WE WOULD NEVER NEED TO APPEAL TO YOU AGAIN.



You can donate safely and securely online by visiting
rspca-nottinghamandnotts.org.uk
you can sign up to Gift Aid there too which will make your donation go further if you are a UK Tax payer.

Or if you prefer send a cheque to made payable to
RSPCA Nottingham and Notts Branch
The Kemp McAdam
7 Farrington Way, Eastwood, Nottingham, NG16 3BF.

THANK YOU



WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY FESTIVE SEASON &
THANK YOU FROM MARTHA & MINNIE FOR
YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

