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Spring Catch Up

Welcome

We have a lot of news for you including:

- Our first adoption at Farrington Way.
- Progress on our Ecommerce venture
- Meet new staff

and much more inside



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**Mr chilled,
even at the vets**

Caleb the first

Roly (now Caleb) is typical of the animals who come into our care. He was a communal cat, one who lived in a neighbourhood and was fed by several people but had no 'home'. One day, he turned up at one of the houses he frequented injured. The person whose house he came to called the RSPCA National Control who said they would contribute financially to him being triaged at a vets. The National RSPCA allocate initial emergency treatment (IET) for injured stray animals found in both England and Wales. You can imagine how much that costs daily! The IET issued covers pain relief and vets can then approach a local branch, like us, to see if we can help further. The vets suspected Caleb's jaw was broken.

We took Caleb on expecting him to have to undergo surgery but thankfully his jaw wasn't broken, it was dislocated. He had a procedure to fix this and had a tooth removed, paid for through donations from people like you! We suspect an RTC (road traffic collision) was how he sustained his injury, if only we had Dr Doolittle's gift then he could tell us! Caleb stayed at the vets until he was fit enough to be moved to boarding. That was back in early December and now this lovely ginger tom is in a new home and loving it!

The Nottingham and Notts branch is not a rehoming centre so we have had to think out of the box to facilitate adoption. We offer a bespoke, one to one appointment where we bring the animal to meet prospective new owners here in our adoption suite. Caleb was advertised and we received an application from Kine and Dan who were interested in meeting Roly as he was then named.

The couple came all the way from Melton Mowbray and made the resolution that no matter how the meeting went they would go home and think about it all. However, our handsome dude worked his magic and the couple said yes! Caleb didn't go home immediately though. He was microchipped and had another vet check before being officially adopted. Our adoption package provides

- * Neutering
- * 1 months free pet insurance
- * Microchip
- * Standard course of vaccinations
- * Flea and worm treatment
- * Collar and tag
- * Vet check
- * Advice & literature

We are very proud to have worked around the logistics of adoption with no animal holding on premises. There could have been no better cat to be our first and we are just thrilled his new owners Kine & Dan thought so too. Caleb, we wish you a long happy life.



**Someone has
made himself**

All in a days work

Anyone who works in animal welfare will tell you no 2 days are the same. You never know what you will be doing when you walk in the door. This is particularly true of our Branch Assistant roles. Jacks of all trades, masters of quite a few! From dashing out to an injured animal, to answering the phone & email enquiries. Picking up donations to covering in our shop. Liaising with vets & the public to sitting for hours with a cat trap. Coordinating adoptions and giving advice. We are lucky to have 2 fantastic people, Lisa and Ellie who can and will turn their hands to anything asked of them and are critical members of the team. Thanks girls for all that you do on a day to basis with professionalism and good humour.

Eastwood charity shop news

Our Eastwood Emporium continues to turn donations into dollars and raise our profile at the same time. Back in Jan we said a fond farewell to our previous shop Manager Karen (pictured below) who retired. However, it's far from goodbye because Karen is volunteering! We said working for this branch is a bit like the Eagles 'Hotel California' you can check out any time you want but you can never leave! Thank you Karen for your hard work and going above and beyond with customers. With Karen retiring, her deputy Helen (on far right) picked up the reins and is making the role her own. We'd like to say thank you to Helen for taking over as Manager and a HUGE well done for the continuing success of the shop. On the right is our



newest member of staff, Monika who is Helen's deputy. This part time role provides assistance for Helen, covers holidays and ensures the shop is open 6 days a week. Monika has experience in charity retail and we extend a warm welcome to the branch family! Of course shop staff are supported by a group of dedicated volunteers whom we rely on. They come along and happily assist in whatever needs doing, directed by Helen or Monika. This can be serving sorting or steaming and we really appreciate the massive amount of work hours given for free. The efforts of all involved in the shop mean we can continue to help local animals and we would like to publicly say thanks on their behalf.



Branch statistics

We've had a busy 2024 so far & we are a very active branch despite not having animals physically on premises. There's 7 paid staff working, 4 full time including Branch Manager, Deputy, Shop Manager and Ecommerce Manager and 2 part time branch assistants and a deputy shop Manager. We also have 14 volunteers. There are 5 trustees who collectively are responsible for the governance of the Nottingham and Notts branch and who work closely with the Branch Manager.

Since the 1st Jan, we taken 67 cats, 6 rabbits & 1 budgie into our care, the majority of which we've transported as well as funding care and boarding.

We've issued 168 vouchers towards neutering and microchipping since the beginning of the year and 14 of those were to people with exempt XL bullies. We've also saved £'s by creating our own vouchers rather than having them printed & email more than half to applicants saving on postage.

Thank you to the staff and students of Bilborough College



Bilborough College has given us so much support over the years, coordinated by Rebecca Atkins, pictured on the right with colleague Maria on the left. In January, Rebecca put together a collection point for food and other donations and this was the phenomenal result. There was a large amount of food but also pet sundries and donations for the shop. The college also has a collecting tin for coin donations and has raised

£221.05

Pennies soon mount up into pounds. A special thank you to Rebecca for all you have done for Nottingham animals.

Team work We couldn't continue our work without the 'above and beyond' help from - Ella and all her team at RSPCA Radcliffe Animal Centre. You are amazing. To our trustees who collectively support the running of this very active branch alongside our wonderful Manager Jo. Support from Kim Foreman our Branch Partnership Manager is invaluable. Also, Inspectors and ARO's who are dealing with horrible animal cruelty and neglect daily. Local vets, especially Ben & Maz and team who really do pull out the stops at the drop of a hat. Lisa, Simon, Michele and the crew at ACS for accommodating us and assisting. To our friends at Cats Protection, sister RSPCA branches/centres, other rescues and local authorities we appreciate all that you do that collectively we can help more animals.

E-commerce update

The beginning of January saw us launch our eBay shop. E-commerce Manager Kate and Branch Manager Jo ably jumped over copious hurdles, not of our making, to get us up and running. We are happy to report, things are going from strength to strength and Kate is doing a fantastic job with incredible attention to detail and professionalism. So much so that in just 3 months eBay have given us 'Top Rated Seller' status being one of the sites most reputable sellers, consistently delivering outstanding customer service! Kate has made our ground floor a hive of activity with props, back drops & produces images that look outstanding. Since the 9th of January, the shop has taken around **£8700!** Kate told us one of the most expensive items sold was a Barbour coat (£135) Her favourite items were the very old teddy bears who needed TLC and most surprising sale was a Lincoln Imp dinner gong! We've started so well and with Kate's enthusiasm and knowledge we hope to grow and expand as eBay opens up our customer base to the whole country.

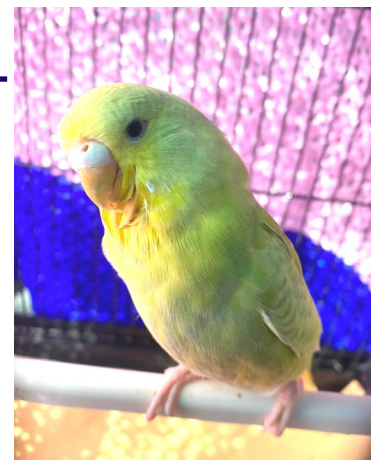


Some of the animals you have helped so far this year!



The little cuties on the left are Archie, Alfie, Mia and Maddy. You may have seen their story in the local press as the 4 kittens, along with their Mum Charity, were abandoned in a cat carrier at Tesco's, Ilkeston Road, Radford in April. Inspector Keith was tasked with the collection after the young family were discovered. After Insp Keith had picked them up they were rushed to the vet and we took over their care. Sadly, Charity had no milk, the kittens were hungry and all 5 animals had temperatures. All were given antibiotics and nourishing food. After a few days we transported them to RSPCA Radcliffe. There they will recuperate further before adoption.

On the right is the very lovely Ernie! Ernie was only 10 weeks old when he was signed over into our care. His owner suspected he had a broken leg, it was sticking out at right angles! They felt unable to fund his veterinary care so Ernie became a branch bird! Thankfully his leg wasn't broken and he was given a course of anti-inflammatory medicine to ease his pain and to bring the swelling down. Branch assistant Lisa took him home and administered his meds. Ernie wasn't keen at all, but after a few days he was using his foot/leg and looking so much better. We did consider having this happy little bird as a branch pet but budgies need other budgies. Our friends at RSPCA Derby had space to take him & we bid a fond farewell to Ern...not before we'd taught him to happily sit on our finger!



In grateful memory

The RSPCA Nottingham and Notts Branches wishes to posthumously thank and acknowledge those who kindly remembered local animals in gifts bequeathed to us in 2023.

Irene Crossland, Ms Brown, Cordelia Veronica Murphy, Mr D Brewster, Mrs Walmsley

Mrs Patricia Hollingsworth & Betty Hallam