

GSPCA Autumn Newsletter

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NEW CATTERY & QUARANTINE APPEAL



The GSPCA has been helping arrive at the GSPCA cattery-quarantine-build-appeal cats in Guernsey since 1873 Animal Shelter

The current cattery is over 35 years old and



On Tuesday 4th December the GSPCA and Bridge2Sri Lanka will once again join forces to warm your cockles and make much needed funds for these two worthy causes. Local Chef's will be producing some of the most inventive and delicious soups for

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Some Events:

- AGM—27th November
- Soup kitchen-4th December
- · Late night shopping-every Thursday in December
- Tuesday coffee mornings through out November and December
- OSA Pop Up Charity Shop-Smith Street, ST Peter Port 16th - 31st December



Come and support us!

you to try, local schools will set up camp with ings in the Town Church and we will be on hand for your pets and can even microchip your pet if you bring them along!

Dog Training Tips - Preventing Food Guarding!

You are about to tuck in to your Sunday roast when someone walks past the table and snatches your plate away! What would your reaction be? Gobsmacked! Imagine if this happened again and again I bet you would be good and ready for them after a few times – prepared to guard your food!

Why should your dog feel any different about you removing their food bowl when they are eating? This method, far from teaching your dog not to guard his resources, is far more likely to have the opposite effect. At best, you will have built in a mistrust of anyone approaching his bowl at worst

you create a dog that will bite anyone that goes anyway near his food bowl!

Now, what if every time someone approached his food bowl a wonderful thing happened—food is dropped into his bowl. How would this make him feel about people near his dinner? He will welcome people approaching him while he is eating and not guard his food.

If your dog has no history of negative events near his food bowl, build up the following positive experiences to prevent guarding.

·Sit with your pup, holding his bowl



whilst he is eating and, from time to time, drop a piece of chicken into the dish.

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•Feed in installments – weigh up his food, then place the empty dish on the floor. Take 1 piece of kibble and drop it in the bowl. Approach again with a second piece and gradually increase the amounts, periodically adding something really tasty, until all food has been eaten. Repeat this process for several weeks.

If your pet has a history of food guarding, DO NOT approach his bowl You will need to proceed with caution & under professional guidance.

Are you set with your pet this winter

The change of seasons doesn't just affect people -it also affects pets. And the harsh conditions that winter brings can quickly threaten your pet's health and wellbeing.

Plan to keep all young, old and shorthaired pets inside. These types of pets are more vulnerable to cold weather.

Provide shelter for any pets that are left outside. Provide a snug, warm bed that does not sit directly on the ground.

Be sure to leave extra food & water in

plastic bowls for any pets that are left outside.

Learn the signs & symptoms of frostbite and hypothermia. Contact your vet if you suspect your pet is suffering from either of these conditions.

Clip the long hair on the bottom of your dog's feet if it snows to prevent the build -up of ice balls.

Find a warm place for your pets to sleep. All pets, including small caged pets, need to be kept warm and away from drafts. Place pet-safe wipes by the door. Ice-melting chemicals and salt can irritate and burn the pads of your pet's paws. Thoroughly wipe off your pet's paws when they come inside.

Check under your bonnet before starting the engine. Cats and wildlife seek warmth and may climb into the engine during the cold, winter months.

Snuggle up warm and enjoy!



Bunny Hop Hill



Earlier this year a very kind lady made a fantastic donation that has en

abled us to improve the lives of the many rabbits that come to stay with us at the Animal Shelter.

In the last year we have helped to rescue and rehome dozens of rabbits and we are always trying to improve their hutches so that they can thrive during their stay with us.

Bunny Hop hill as we have called it is

made up of 15 pens each of which are 2 metres by 1 metre square meaning that the bunnies in our care now have access to fresh grass all day long and a

much larger home than previously.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped with this project.



GSPCA goes to the Shows



Well what an amazing summer we all had taking our GSPCA stalls, and games to the North & West Shows. We met some wonderful people, made some new friends and got to catch up with some old ones. We were able to help and advise people on all matters of animal health and welfare and have lots of cuddles with all sorts of animals. We



would like to say a HUGE thank you to all of the volunteers



BBC Guernsey's JKT meets Bernard





Spreading the word of the GSPCA

Torrey Canyon affects a stunning kestrel

Another beautiful bird falls foul of the Torrey Canyon.

Unfortunately there are still a number of birds nesting around Chouet and the Tory Canyon and until the oil is completely removed we will continue



to receive birds into the Shelter covered in oil, many dead.

Olive however was a lucky

Olive the Kestrel

survivor. She was brought into the GSPCA by a member of the public and rushed to the vet. She made it through her first night and received treatment and careful handling to try to return her feathers to a healthy condition. Thankfully Olive gained strength quite quickly and was successfully released.

There has been a lot of work to remove much of the surface oil but there is still a lot in area affecting birds and animals like Olive. "GSPCA pin badges, car stickers, baseball caps & GSPCA tops on sale at the



Shelter, show your support"



Thank you for your wonderful support. We now have our own poster board at Guernsey Airport.

Scarlet finds a new family

One of our longest residents gorgeous Scarlet has settled well into life with her new family. She



was a fiercely independent young lady and could be temperamental at times so she was often over looked. Thank fully however when her new owner's met her they were won over by her spirit and personality . Scarlet is doing really well & we hope they will all be very happy for many years to come.

FOSTER CARE

We often have cats like Scarlett that seem to take longer than we'd hope to rehome. While we do our best to ensure that they are happy in our cattery there's nothing like a home to go to. We especially need fosterers for our feral kittens so that they can receive as much 1-2-1 attention as possible...

If you are interested in joining the ranks of these special fami-

lies allow us to help more animals. Please contact the Shelter if you are interested.



Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday Help Thank You



Sunday 9th of September saw the GSPCA hold its first Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday event along the streets of St Peter Port. Thousands of people turned out to support the GSPCA, various charities, organisations and businesses as they joined forces in the promotion of animal wel-

fare i Guernsey.

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to all of the staff and

volunteers who helped to organise and co-ordinate the event. Thank you to our league of sponsors including the Veterinary practises and a variety of business and a special thank you goes to Regency Events, L H Events and Chaos Events for providing the power, lighting, sound, staging and co-ordinating the live music and entertainment.

Guernsey Water generously supplied

us with fresh drinking water so nobody



went thirsty and Olly Browning was the star behind our Seafront Sunday Logo.



CELEBRATING ANIMALS IN GUERNSEY

Thank you all—your support was invaluable!

Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday Pet Shows

Dogs and their owners turned out in droves to take part in what was the Shelter's biggest dog show. The Crown pier was over run with all shapes and sizes of dogs and everyone of them as gorgeous as the next.

The Show was judged by Rob Moore from Channel online who had the unenviable task of picking the winners for the day and handing out the prizes and rosettes. Everyone who brought their pets along had a fantastic time even during a brief shower!

For the first time ever those owners

who couldn't bring their
pets along to the seafront were able to
enter their animals along to the Picture
Pet show. There were a huge array of
entrance ranging form reptiles, fish cats
and horses. Congratulations everyone
on helping us to make the pet shows so



Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday Stalls



Side stalls, refreshments, stilt walkers and plenty of fun and games made

for a wonderful day out for everyone involved..

The Kennel Club , Vets for Pets and Route Isabelle had stands as did the

RSPB, Guide dogs for the Blind and Ink Bisson. Thanks to everyone that

successful.

came along the stalls really added to the atmosphere of the day.

We were even lucky enough to have the Flying Christine III in the harbour! celebrating their 60th Birthday.!



Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday Mascot Race & Tug of War



The sight of 40 giant animals racing along the seafront of St Peter Port isn't one you see everyday that's for sure; but thanks to the kind sponsorship of lots of Guernsey business and organisations we were all treated to this unique spectacle that brought tears of laughter to our eyes! Each competitor won a medal and the winner of the heats went through to the final the



One of the stars of the Show the 'Mad Parrot'



On your marks!

winner of which had a coveted inflata-



ble trophy.
Daniel the
Donkey, Roary
the Lion, Bernard and Bunny ran a celeb-

Puffed Out!

rity mascot race which was unsurprisingly won by Roary the GFC Lion.

Once everyone had got their breathe back their was a Tug-O-War tournament one by the Misfits! Thank you to Brian for the loan of the rope!



Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday Fancy Dress

Congratulations to all of the children that turned out for the fancy dress competition. Everyone made a fantastic effort and a wonderful chicken stole the Show & the first prize!





John Randall aka Polly was kind enough to compare our event and we are very grateful to him. Thanks John.

Fire and Rescue Service

"Have you joined the GSPCA on Facebook or twitter? Look for @ GSPCA on twitter or GSPCA

Guernsey on facebook."





Thank you to our all of our wonderful volunteers and staff for their support during our fundraising events & training.

Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday Live Music

Fantastic live music came courtesy of Chaos Events & the Greenman Mcc. Music filled the air & everyone danced the day away to the sounds of The Peppered Ant Legs. The Crowman and Pixie, Rent-O-Clean, Martine Blondel and lovely Becky Hamilton. Everyone kindly donated their timer and we really appreciated their support and would like to thank them and hope they come back next year! A huge thanks goes to

Lloyd Helier and Chris Martin from LH Events and Regency for their time, equipment and expertise.



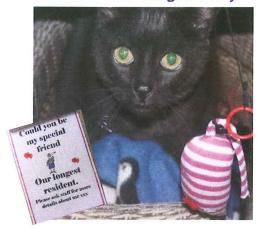
The Crowman



The Peppered Ant Legs

Victor is our longest stay cat and needs a new home





Victor is an 5 year old neutered male looking for a new home.

He is a very misunderstood cat and

while he may never be the ideal lap cat he has the potential to be a fun and comical member of the family.

He loves playing with his toys and can be affectionate but you really need to gain his trust.

Victor is a lion heart; strong and independent and 100% cat. He struggles a little bit in the cattery and doesn't always show himself off in the best light but there are some staff and volunteers that see his softer playful side

If you are looking for a new companion and want to offer Victor a chance then please contact us.

Please use reflective collars!

Many animals are killed on our roads because they are simply not seen. Help you pet this winter by using a new reflective collar that can be seen at night. It could save their life!



Chinese Hamsters in Need of Homes



The Shelter recently came to the aid of over 40 Chinese hamsters and as a result we

have lots of these gorgeous creatures looking for homes.

Hamsters can live for up to 3 years & need lots care and attention to help them to thrive. They love exploring and digging and will need regular

handling. Chinese hamsters are not particularly sociable so will need to be kept on their own. If you want to offer one of these cute little animals a home then please get in touch.



"Please consider
rehoming a rescue
animal before buying
one at a pet shop or
from a private breeder"



Judy finds a home

Judy arrived at the GSPCA in January 2011. She immediately won the hearts of the staff due to her cheeky but affectionate nature but sadly her dislike of cats and small furries meant that those wanting to take her home couldn't. After 2 failed attempts at rehoming her she went to live with Charlotte Dempster one of our lovely foster carers. They became great friends and were inseparable.

Then one day a lovely couple, Mr and Mrs Carre came looking to rehome a little dog with bags of character and when they met Judy they fell in love. Judy has settled in well to their new home and they think she is fantastic.

It may have taken Judy a little while to find her perfect family but it was worth the wait.

GOOD LUCK JUDY!



Judy with new owners Rosemary & Geoff Carre

Animal Welfare Roadshow - microchipping



The GSPCA held its first Animal Welfare Road Show at the car park by La Guelles Flats at La Vrangue Estate, St Peter Port. Staff and volunteers were on hand at the car park between 10am and 2pm to microchip cats and dogs and to talk to members of the public about responsible pet ownership.

A microchip enables us to reunite ani-



Cats

mals with their owners in the time it takes to make the phone call . It is about the size of a grain of rice and is inserted between the shoulder blades

of a cat or dog and is a permanent form of identification.

On average 2 in 3 dogs and cats that come into the Shelter as a stray aren't chipped.

This year the GSPCA slashed their prices to £4.99 to help encourage pet owners to get their pets microchipped. It takes a few seconds and can help us reunite you with your pet if they should go missing.

WORLD ANIMAL DAY

Was held on 4th October and saw lots of visitors coming up to the Shelter to take advantage of free microchipping, refreshments and Shelter tours.



Cattery tour

Hedgehog Seasonal Advice

Not all hedgehogs choose to hibernate at this time of year so the GSPCA is asking people to try and keep aside a hedgehog-friendly area of garden, leaving welcome heaps of leaves and brushwood.

We sell a selection of hedgehog food which is designed specifically for



them. You could also try leaving out food such as minced meat, fresh liver,

tinned dog food (not fish-based), or chopped boiled eggs.

Although hedgehogs like milk it can cause severe diarrhoea; so never give them cow's milk. It is best to give hedgehogs plain, fresh water each night in a shallow bowl. Also it is important that you do not feed them bread as this is not a natural or healthy diet for them.

If you do come across a hedgehog and notice any of the following please call the Shelter on 257261:

Any hedgehogs seen out in daylight will need URGENT help

Hedgehogs do NOT lie out sunbathing

Any cut or wound is urgent

Any hedgehog with flies on it or maggots crawling on it needs VERY urgent help..

Any Hedgehog limping or walking strangely needs help

Anything that looks very thin or wobbly or has bald patches or lost spines.

Thank you

Flag Day - the best ever Lorna Parachutes Home



This years Flag day was the best ever raising nearly £3000!

Thank you to everyone that helped at the various locations through-out the and to all of you for putting your pennies in our collection tins. The money will be put towards caring for the hundreds of resident animals.

Well done and congratulations to Emma and her team of volunteers it was a fantastic day.

A congratulations also goes to our Welfare Manager Lorna Prince who took part in a tandem Skydive raising over £1500 for the GSPCA. Lorna is hoping to furnish the Garden of Re-

membrance
with a memorial cabin, and
s o m e
b e n c h e s
and create
a lovely
place of



reflection for owners who may have lost their pet.

Christmas Gifts from the GSPCA for your dog







are many bright and colourful toys on the market but you don't need to spend lots of money on your dog to get that tail wagging; you might find that a simple cardboard box filled with newspaper and treats will keep them much more entertained than a soft toy they can shred up in seconds. The

GSPCA stocks lots of fun and interactive games for you canine companion including the Nina Otterson Puzzle toy range and Kong products.

could al-You wavs think outside the box and buy your dog the best present ever.. a good dog training and behaviour book for you! Authors such as Sarah



Fisher & Karen Pryor are highly recommended and their books can be found at major online stores.

And how about buying your whole

family some dog training lessons so you can all learn how to have more fun and how to enjoy being a responsible owner with a well behaved dog.

For more information visit our website www.gspca.org.gg

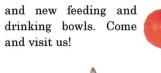


Christmas Gifts from the GSPCA for your cat

Think Cat and buy gifts that are fun, and new feeding and safe and channel your kitty's needs. There are lots of stimulating and exciting toys on the market that allow your feline friend to use their brain power and instincts to solve puzzles and win food treats. For those cats that loves cat nips we stock lots of



Catnip fuelled toys as well as functional gifts such as scratchers





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Christmas Gifts from the GSPCA for your other pets

Rabbits and Guinea Pigs love to gnaw and chew; it helps them to keep their teeth nice and short and improves their oral hygiene. The GSPCA shop stocks lots of appropriate toys and

treats that can provide your Cavy with some good quality gnawing material. You may also



like to consider revamping their accommodation and splashing out on a new water bottle or feed bowl. We

stock a variety of products for both cavies and rodents and our friendly staff can always advise you on



what is best for your pet. The shop is open





from 9am until 5pm 6 days a week; closed on Sunday. All the money made from the shop goes towards caring for Rescue animals so we value your support.

Christmas Gifts from the GSPCA for you & your loved one's





For only five pounds you can buy a gift certificate that will give one of the animals in our care a fantastic Christmas.

That's right you will receive a certificate for yourself or someone you care for and that will enable us at the Shelter to give the animals in our care a very special Christmas.

We will ensure they have a present and a lovely meal and of course lots of very special hugs and cuddles, well for those domestic animals anyway as our hedgehogs and other wild animals may not want lots of hugs!!!

You could also buy a guided tour of the Shelter and a chance to chat with Manager Steve Byrne over a cup of tea and cake for just £25!

Have a look behind the scenes of our busy Rescue Centre & see how we care for so many animals on a daily basis. No day is ever the same so we may be in for a few surprises as we view the





Raise funds while shopping on line this Christmas

You can now support the GSPCA for free while you do your Christmas shopping on line with over 2000 retailers popular retailers including Amazon, John Lewis Ebay and many more. If you are going to shop online please go to

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/guernseyspca.

And follow their portal to the retailer you require.. A percentage of your purchase is paid to the GSPCA—this is paid by the retailer NOT you.

Happy Shopping!



easy fundraising



A pet is for life-not just for Christmas. The Christmas season is stressful enough without the disadvantage of introducing a new pet into the family. And, don't leave your animals unsupervised around the Christmas tree. Twinkling fairy lights and brightly wrapped chocolate shapes could prove fatal



Thank you for all of your support through out 2012.

GSPCA Sponsorship Scheme

This Christmas the GSPCA will be launching a Sponsorship Scheme that will enable people to sponsor an animal pen or kennel at the Animal Shelter.

What is the ANGEL scheme?

The scheme is designed to enable individuals, families, friends and organisations to sponsor individual pet accommodation at the centre. The sponsorship would be of a dog kennel, cat pen

or any other animal/bird pen.

Sponsoring one of our residents through the ANGEL scheme can make an excellent gift. Simply tell us who the gift is for when filling in the online sponsorship form.

You can donate as little or as much as you like and monthly?

For monthly donators we will reward your kindness by:

Displaying your name on a brass plaque at the GSPCA

Listing your name on our website as a sponsor

Sending you an ANGEL car sticker

Sending you a Newsletter

For more information visit our website or call in at the Shelter or phone us on 257261/

Thinking of how to leave a lasting legacy?





A gift that costs you nothing but allows us to continue helping to improve the lives of animals into the future.

After providing for those you care for, please consider leaving a proportion of what remains to us. A gift like this to

GSPCA ensures our animals and those in Guernsey will always have someone to keep them safe.

If you have already left a gift in your Will, please contact Richard on admin@gspca.org.gg or call 01481 257261. We can then keep you informed and up to date about developments at the Animal Shelter.

Leaving a legacy is not a decision that can be made lightly and we are always happy to discuss this with you or send out additional information.

As a charity, gifts in Wills account for approximately 50% of our total income. We rely on this to continue to

give safety and sanctuary to the animals in our care.

If you haven't drafted a Will then you may wish to contact F
Haskins & Co. who offer a 20% discount on the fee if a bequest to the GSPCA is over the kind sum of £250. For a voucher regarding this please visit our website:.

www.gspca.org.gg



Seal Alert

Every autumn the shores of the Baili-

wick see Grey Seal pups being born. A healthy pup looks like a big, stuffed maggot without a neck. However, a thin pup looks sleek (but not bony) and has a visible neck, like a healthy dog.

If you come across a seal pup that is sick, thin or injured then we would ask you to contact the GSPCA immediately on 01481 257261

PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH THE SEAL.

They can give a nasty bite, which will become infected by

bacteria that live in a seal's mouths.

Note: Do not allow dogs or other animals to harass a seal.

If a seal is scared back into the water, it could then be washed out to sea by strong currents and be lost. You should not put a seal pup back in the sea as it may get into difficulty.

When reporting an injured, sick or abandoned seal to the GSPCA, please make sure you are able to supply the following information:

- ·Exact location;
- ·Position on the beach, and state of the tide
- *How long you have observed the pup; any disturbance / risk to it; whether the mother has been seen
- •Any wounds / obvious signs of illness Thank you



The GSPCA Wish List

releasing back into the wild.

Small Bird Rehabilitation Flights

We currently have no facilities for small bird rehabilitation other than small cages. Ideally we could do with a number of small flights which would imitate the wild that they could be placed in to ensure they are fit and if hand reared get use to being left on their own.



We are currently looking for premises to set up a charity shop. With increases costs a charity shop would help bring income to support the Animal Welfare work we do every do to help care for the animals of Guernsey.

There are many other projects which you can see on our website www.gspca.org.gg



There are a number of projects that the GSPCA are looking for funding for some of these include:

Bird Rehabilitation Aviaries

To assist birds recuperating before

Staff Bereavement Training





Volunteers from the Guernsey Bereavement Service Lesley and Clive kindly gave up two afternoons recently to spend time training staff and talking to the team about the challenging work that the GSPCA are faced with every day.

The GSPCA rescue, rehabilitate and rehome thousands of animals every year but the team are faced with daily situations that are often upsetting and extremely sensitive.

With stray animals and road traffic accidents a daily occurrence during the 24 hour 7 days a week staff and volunteers cover we are often faced with the sad news that an animal has unfortunately died and this information then

has to be passed to the owners which can be extremely upsetting.

The Shelter also provides a service when pets are sadly no longer with the owner that they can have their loved companion cremated. There are also occasions when the Shelter is asked to care for animals that the owners have sadly died which again places staff in very sensitive situations.

All of the Shelter Staff and Volunteers love and care for animals and the training and discussions were both useful and stirred many emotions but all staff left the training with a sense of how they handle sad situations and how the Guernsey Bereavement Service are there to help

The GSPCA staff would like to thank everyone at the Guernsey Bereavement Service for a very valuable training session..



Ebony's Larger than life weight loss diary



Ebony is our very lovely 8 year old collie cross who arrived at the Shelter weighing a whopping 42.5kg!!! A dog

like Ebony should weigh about 30kg so after a veterinary consultation she was put on a strict diet and exercise regime and we already starting to see results!

Obesity is a very real problem for Brit-

ain's pets and owners of fat animals can now be prosecuted under the new Animal Welfare Act as it drastically reduces quality of life.

Obesity causes reduced mobility, skin disease, heat intolerance, respiratory complications, diabetes, and arthritis and heart problems. Fatter pets have a shorter life expectancy, a reduced ability to withstand surgery and find it harder to fight and recover from disease. Please ensure that you feed your dog a good diet and try not to over do it on the tit bits!

"We are now on youtube, google+, pinterest, flickr, linkdin as well as facebook and twitter."









Thank you to our all of our wonderful volunteers and staff for their support during our fundraising events & training.

Social Responsibility & Corporate Days at the

This Summer we welcomed teams of volunteers for a variety of Businesses including Specsavers and KPMG.

The volunteers started at 8.30am and after a short safety induction were quickly placed with staff around the Shelter to help with their duties and care for the many animals at the GSPCA.

The morning was full of scrubbing &

mucking out as well as socialising & exercising the many animals on site. Team members were able to lend a hand in the administration & maintenance departments helping with filing and painting rabbit hutches. Thank you to all involved.

To find out more visit
http://www.gspca.org.gg/about/cor
porate-and-group-day



KPMG volunteers

www.gspca.org.gg 01481 257261

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Phone: 01481 257261 Fax: 01481 251147

E-mail: admin@gspca.org.gg



If you would like a visit to your school or Community Group from our Education Officer or you would prefer an organised tour of the Shelter please contact us on 257261





The GSPCA would like to wish everyone A VERY Happy Christmas



Bag it and Bin it!





Stuck for presents this Christmas? Not sure what to buy your loved ones? Why not give twice buy purchasing a wonderful Charity Giving Gift as seen in our special Christmas supplement. We also stock everything you need for those special animals in your life. Merry Christmas!

FIREWORKS

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FRIGHTEN ANIMALS!

FOR TIPS AND ADVICE ON HOW YOU CAN PROTECT YOUR ANIMALS AND MAKE THEM LESS AFRAID VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.GSPCA.ORG.GG



Fireworks can be very exciting for us to watch but animals find the loud bangs and flashes very scary.

Please visit our website for advice on how to keep you can keep your pet safe and also your neighbour's pets safe on and around Fireworks night.

Tips to keep fireworks night stress free:

Keep your pets in after dark Lock the cat flap

Close the curtains

Don't take dogs to fireworks displays

Microchip your pet I case they runaway

Use pheromones such as DAP and Feliway

Close the curtains

Put the TV on

Build a den.

