



# Newsletter

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## Grand Opening at the GSPCA *A new era for visitors and supporters*



July 2016 marked a huge step and milestone in the history of the GSPCA as our New Multi Purpose Animal Welfare Building was officially opened.

Over 70 volunteers, staff, Build Partners, key supporters, Deputies, and VIP's attended the official opening which took place on Wednesday 27th July 2016 at 2pm. The reception started at 1.15pm and we must say thank you to Mr and Mrs Naftel for allowing us the use of the field to park the many vehicles.

The welcome drinks were kindly supported by Bucktrouts, food from Pelicans Cafe, trays of cakes from the Furze Oven and many other nibbles from wonderful supporters.

The GSPCA team have been working hard over the last few weeks in the run up to the event which despite a slight drizzle was well supported and a huge success.

At 2.05pm His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, Vice Admiral Sir Ian Corder KBE CB, Patron of the GSPCA arrived with his family and were greeted by GSPCA President John Knight and GSPCA Manager Steve Byrne. His Excellency along with the GSPCA President and GSPCA Manager at 2.10pm made their way to the public entrance of the new facility which over looked the large crowd of supporters and the media to say a few words.

GSPCA President John Knight started by thanking His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, Vice Admiral Sir Ian Corder KBE CB, for kindly opening the new facility and followed by thanking everyone for coming. John went on to explain the history of why

the building was needed and how grateful we were to so many, and especially the Build Partners for all of their support and the Association of Guernsey Charities.

GSPCA Manager Steve Byrne followed by explaining how the new building will transform the GSPCA, and from Thursday 28th July we will have sections open to the public to view animals in need of homes. Steve also thanked the many supporters in Guernsey that have enabled the build, businesses, groups, the staff and the volunteers all of which have made the new facility possible. He also gave a special thanks to St Andrews Floral Group for all of the wonderful conservation work on site before handing over to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, Vice Admiral Sir Ian Corder KBE CB, Patron of the GSPCA.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, Vice Admiral Sir Ian Corder KBE CB, made a wonderful speech about the his experiences of the GSPCA and how his dog Milo enjoys staying at the Shelter's boarding facilities, he made reference to the international story of the dead cat that turned out to be a glove puppet before cutting the ribbon and raising a glass to the work of the GSPCA and the new facility. Flowers and a gift were presented as a way of thanks from the GSPCA who are hugely grateful to our Patron and his family for supporting our ceremony.

GSPCA Manager Steve Byrne and GSPCA President John Knight then took His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, Vice Admiral Sir Ian Corder KBE CB, his family and a small party around the new facility where each section was explained. The state of the art building has many key features and has been designed with the welfare of animals in mind as well as the future challenges the GSPCA may face. Despite seeing

degu's to cats in need of homes the highlight and finale was seeing Olivia the loggerhead turtle on her last day at the Shelter as she flies on Thursday 28th July to Gran Canaria.

Staff took the many guests around the new build explaining the facilities and all had a wonderful afternoon and many kind words were passed on to the team.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "We have had a wonderful day today at the GSPCA for our official opening of our new facility chatting to our many supporters and other guests from across the community here in Guernsey. It is a huge day in our 143 year history and we are hugely grateful to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, Vice Admiral Sir Ian Corder KBE CB, Patron of the GSPCA for supporting us and making a fantastic speech before cutting the ribbon to the new facility."

"The new facility replaces 5 old buildings and gives us a building that is state of the art and multi purpose and has already housed the 25 Slovakian puppies and Olivia the loggerhead turtle."

"From 11am on Thursday 28th July we will have times where visitors for a small donation of £2 per person can come along and look around many of the animals in need of homes as well as a few of our residents."

"There are many more projects happening at the GSPCA and we look forward sharing the details of plans we have from future rebuilds to renewing the kennel floors many of which can be seen online on our wishlist."

"Thank you to everyone that made this day possible and all that supported us it was hugely appreciated."

# Olivia the turtle flies home



The GSPCA are excited to report that Olivia the loggerhead turtle is doing extremely well in Gran Canaria after being released back into the wild on Tuesday 6th September 2016.

Olivia, a large loggerhead turtle, finally traveled south at the end of July to complete the rehabilitation process prior to release in the warm waters off Gran Canaria which took place during August 2016. Olivia, who nearly died back in March was found in cold shock on a wintery beach on the west coast of Guernsey. If the GSPCA had not been alerted and been able to rescue her quickly she would have surely died.

Olivia was emaciated and severely dehydrated and had recently lost a front flipper, probably the result of a propeller injury. She was taken to the Animal Shelter in St Andrews where she has been expertly cared for, and nursed back to health.

Thankfully the team are very experienced with marine animals: they have been involved with caring for and rehabilitated seals (including 'Bonnie' the seal pup in 2016), dolphins and a green turtle ('Murtle') over 13 years ago, she was also taken to Gran Canaria. Olivia's chances were hugely helped by with local vet, GSPCA President and Senior

Veterinary Consultant for the Born Free Foundation John Knight, who has many years experience rescuing and caring for exotic and wild animals.

After being rescued from the 7C Guernsey sea, and a number of weeks in intensive care during which she was treated and slowly warmed, we managed to set up a pool at the Shelter thanks to the generosity of many local businesses. Within the pool she grew stronger every day, her appetite quickly returned and she eat everything that was put in front of her. Olivia enjoyed a wonderful diet, favourite being squid from Waitrose who were very kind in their support.

It took a few months to arrange, but in July she was ready to go: the legal documents had been stamped and signed off, including the international CITES legislation. The travel box (custom made to IATA standards) was complete, and on 28th July her journey took place. We flew her from Guernsey via Gatwick and on to her final destination Gran Canaria. PetAir Uk worked very closely with the GSPCA to find the best route for Olivia. The journey was made possible through the generous and kind support of both our wonderful local airline Aurigny and Thomson Airways who each helped us with her move.

Olivia's journey all went to plan and team members Sarah Ozanne, Steve Byrne and Geoff George were at strategic placed thanks to the support of the airlines to ensure the smooth move and hand over of the beautiful endangered turtle. GSPCA Manager Steve Byrne and Animal Collection Officer Geoff George were in Gran Canaria to hand over Olivia to team for Centro de Recuperación de Fauna Silvestre, go through her care whilst at the GSPCA, her behaviour and helped with her move to the fantastic centre in Las Palmas.

The GSPCA team were only in Gran Canaria for a few hours but in that time they spent it helping and learning about the 30 turtles at the Centro de Recuperación de Fauna Silvestre as well as helping to settle Olivia into her new temporary home. Olivia was at the Centre for just over a month and was doing so well it was decided to release her at 12.30pm 6th September 2016. She was released on a beach called Playa El Burrero on the southeast coast of Gran Canaria.

A huge thank you to everyone that has supported us in the care of Olivia and have contributed towards her trip south to the warmer waters where she belongs and especially to the team at Centro de Recuperación de Fauna Silvestre who are released her back to the wild.

Steve Byrne, GSPCA Manager said, "After months of care and the rehabilitation of Olivia, the loggerhead turtle were extremely excited at the GSPCA that to see her back in the wild where she belongs. Back in March Olivia would have surely died if she hadn't been rescued and had the care she received at the GSPCA. She was so weak, dehydrated and emaciated: she could not even raise her head."

"From what was a turtle taking potentially her last breaths, to seeing her lively and active nature is a joy and it was a joy to transport her at the end of July to the rescue centre called the Centro de Recuperación de Fauna Silvestre in Las Palmas, Gran Canaria where they have now released her back to the wild. Her care has been a testament to the caring and loving nature of the Guernsey community. We have had so many donations of things she has needed: from

her pool from Spa de la Mare to the padding for her travel box from Graham Scott & Co."

"From the GSPCA to everyone involved we really appreciated all of the donations and support: from the sea water delivered at short notice by States Works, to the amazing veterinary services from the Vetcare Centres and Vets4Pets, not to mention all of the media support she has had to help raise the funds and items to care for her. We would also like to especially thank Waitrose for the squid that she enjoyed so much."

"It has been a huge undertaking looking after Olivia and finding the transport costs was without doubt been the biggest challenge, but thankfully with the help from Petair, Aurigny and Thomsons Airways, Olivia was able to head south. We had some sleepless nights at the GSPCA caring for Olivia and it was very emotional and tiring as we got Olivia to Gran Canaria in July and again emotions are running high as she is now back in the wild which we are so pleased to see."

Geoff George, Animal Collection Officer at the GSPCA who was also Olivia's rescuer and carer, said "It was a long journey to get Olivia to the point where she was able to fly to Gran Canaria after finding her so close to death on Vazon beach. It was wonderful to get her to where she belongs and to pass on how she was at the GSPCA and to know that

today she is now back in the wild makes all the sleepless nights worth while. We have all loved seeing the pictures and videos of her release and a special thank you to the team at Centro de Recuperación de Fauna Silvestre for the last month of her care and returning her where she belongs."



# FIREWORK ADVICE

## from the GSPCA

Every year we hear of firework related incidents involving animals and children. While fireworks may be exciting and pretty to look at and its fun to celebrate Guy Fawkes with a bang, we must put our safety and the safety of our pets and the local wildlife first. Over the coming weeks our Animal Welfare Team will be visiting islands' schools in an effort to promote the Fire work code and advise people how to keep themselves and their animals safe.

Lorna Prince GSPCA Welfare Manager said "Fireworks this year are being sold between 28th October and 5th November. People are encouraged to have displays on the 4th and 5th November. People are also encouraged to finish their firework displays before 9am and to let neighbours know, especially those with animals or pets."

"At the GSPCA we would encourage going to an organised events which are safer and will help reduce the stress and upset animals face during nights when fireworks are used."

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "Every November we see an increase in stray dogs escaping due to the noise made by fireworks and concerns raised by worried pet owners. Many enjoy the displays and sounds made by fireworks but it is important to ensure your animals and pets are safe and you consider the wildlife before running your own event."

"The GSPCA team will be speaking to all ages about the importance of safety and thinking of animals in the run up to the days fireworks are going to be used. Both the GSPCA and the States run an online firework calendar and we are asking for those organisers to let us know so we can put them on our calendar and alerts on our social media."

### The Firework Code

- Keep fireworks in a sealed box or tin
- Use them one at a time, replacing the lid immediately
- NEVER put fireworks in your pocket

- Read the instructions carefully, using a torch or hand lamp NEVER use a naked flame
- Light fireworks at arms length using a taper or a firework lighter
- Stand well back and NEVER return to a firework after it has been lit, it could explode in your face
- Ensure that all children with fireworks are well supervised
- NEVER throw fireworks
- Keep all pets and animals indoors
- Take care of sparklers, wear gloves to hold them and dispose of sparklers in a bucket of water as soon as they are finished

### The Animal Firework Code

The GSPCA would like to urge every one to follow our Animal Friendly Firework Code and protect your pets and the local wildlife.

- Please make sure that your pets are wearing a collar with an indent tag in case they manage to escape from your home. We would also strongly advise that you have your pets microchipped as this enables us to reunite them with you much more easily should they run away. Please call the GSPCA for further details on having your animal microchipped.
- Walk your dog during the day and as soon as it gets dark keep your dog or cat inside. Ensure all of the windows and doors are locked including dog and cat flaps.
- Go to an organised display if you can, however don't take your dog. If you are going out then draw your curtains, put the television or radio on and provide your pet with a safe hiding place so they feel secure.
- If you are having a private firework display then build your bonfire as late as possible to reduce the likelihood of any wildlife taking up residence. Before lighting the fire check the area thoroughly for hedgehogs. We are always saddened by the number of hedgehogs we receive that have suffered severe burns. Do not light fires or set off fireworks near trees where birds are likely to be roosting.
- Please notify your neighbours of your



intentions. Especially the elderly and those who have pets.

- When horses are startled they are likely to bolt and can suffer serious injuries. Ensure that all horses, ponies and donkeys are securely stabled with the doors closed.
- Remember to bring guinea pigs and rabbits inside or place under cover in an out building.
- If you know that your pet is frightened by loud noises such as fireworks or has an existing heart condition please contact your vet for advice.
- Please clean up after firework parties. Litter is hazardous to domestic and wild animals.
- Remember NEVER let fireworks off near animals.

### Help us to continue to keep them safe!

Thankfully the incidents of animals being injured by fireworks & bonfires in Guernsey are few and far between; but we mustn't get too complacent.

To notify us of your event please email the team at the GSPCA and we can add your firework display to our calendar. Please let us know the location, date and times it is planned for and also if it is public or a private event.

To let us know please call 01481 257261 or if you could email the following addresses one of the team will add it as soon as we can [admin@gspca.org.gg](mailto:admin@gspca.org.gg) [stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg](mailto:stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg) [lornaprince@gspca.org.gg](mailto:lornaprince@gspca.org.gg)

# Lucy's 10 weeks dry in aid of the GSPCA

A message from Lucy Machon who is taking a personal challenge to raise funds to help the many animals at the GSPCA.

"Hi all, Although this is seemingly easy, in some ways it is as I don't normally drink during the week, but I do enjoy socialising with my friends and Steve. I've done 30 days as of

19/9/16. I've got 40 to go!

Although GSPCA do a lot for many animals, many now I'm a dog lover through and through, what many people may not know a beloved family pet "Hooch" had his 3rd chance with us. He was mad and absolutely crazy! But he was perfect. He made our house a home! I have a target of £200 but anything will be appreciated!"

To sponsor Lucy please visit - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Lucy-Machon>

Steve Byrne GSPCA manager said "We are so grateful to Lucy who has decided to raise funds for the many animals in our care with her very own special challenge."

"There are many easy ways to get involved and support our work and like Lucy you can easily set up a Just Giving page, a page on local website giving.gg or even by downloading a sponsor form from our webpage and all the links can be found by going to <http://www.gspca.org.gg/fundraising>."

"Lucy adopted Hooch a labrador from the GSPCA back in 2000 and we wish her luck and thanks from all of the team and animals in our care at the Animal Shelter."

To set up your own challenge, sponsor an animal and for lots of other fund raising ideas please go to <http://www.gspca.org.gg/fundraising>



## Bob the diabetic cat

Re-homed at last!

The team at the GSPCA are overjoyed to report that in October, Bob the diabetic cat was waved off by staff and volunteers to his forever home.



Nearly a year ago Bob was found as a very poorly grumpy stray cat. It wasn't long before he was diagnosed with diabetes and after some time and a lot of tests both his health and temperament improved greatly during his time at the Animal Shelter.

10 months on and Bob has been without doubt one of the sweetest cats and although he needs a special diet and injections of insulin every 12 hours we were pleased that he found a new home.

Tom McLagan GSPCA Animal Care Assistant rehomed Bob to his new owner on Saturday and said "It was lovely to see Bob go to his new home. His new owner was very happy to be taking him home and both looked very happy to have found one another."

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "We always find the older cats and those with medical conditions more difficult to find good homes at the GSPCA as often those looking to adopt prefer younger cats or kittens."

"Bob has been an amazing cat and will be missed by us all and although it was sad to see him go we are all pleased that he has found a fantastic new home. Bob arrived 3 days before Christmas last year and it is lovely to know that this year he will have a Christmas in a loving new home."

"Our two older cats in need of special homes are Kit-kat and Lucy. Lucy is the oldest cat at the GSPCA in need of a home and Kit-kat has health issues which means he needs to be an indoor cat."

# After months of care Bonnie the Grey Seal Pup is now back in the wild



Bonnie who was the thinnest seal pup the GSPCA had ever rescued has taken from January until today to build her weight, health and strength to be set free into the wild.

A select number of GSPCA team members and press were invited along to the release which took place on Jethou at lunch time. We also took along a very lucky special young lady. The winner of the 'Bonnie's Final Fattening Appeal' was a Mr Phillip Northcott and sadly he couldn't make it so asked to nominate a deserving young person in Guernsey.

The young person that was asked to come along was nominated by the Youth Commission in Guernsey after being approached by the GSPCA to find a deserving young individual. Bethany from the the North Youth Centre was

nominated and was a fantastic help to the team of the GSPCA. Bethany has a keen interest in photography and was given a number of cameras to be the official GSPCA photographer for the day and pictures are to follow very soon.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "What an amazing day we have had letting Bonnie go back to the wild in such a special place." "Jethou has been an amazing release site and where we have now with Bonnie released 5 grey seal pups that we have rescued, rehabilitated and released and we know some are still seen coming back."

"Bethany who was nominated by the Youth Commission after the winner of the Fattening Appeal for Bonnie was unable to come asked to give the

opportunity to join the release to a deserving young individual and Bethany was the lucky young lady was an amazing help and her photos will soon all be on line as well as her some videos."

"Bonnie was certainly the thinnest seal we have ever rescued and the thinnest I have ever seen and the moment she was released will be with all of us for the rest of our lives. We are so grateful at the GSPCA to all involved and especially to all from Jethou kind enough to allow us to visit and release her in a safe place, Island Rib Voyages for the amazing transport and of course to all that have helped support us with Bonnie the seal pups care."

Dan Meinke for Island Rib Voyages said "We thoroughly enjoyed helping with Bonnie's release. It's a fantastic opportunity to get involved with and we were thrilled when we were asked to help out. Its Bumblebee's second release and was a touching thing to witness Bonnie come to grips with the big wide world once again and she looked very happy."

Geoff George GSPCA Ambulance Collection Officer, rescuer and main carer for Bonnie said "Bonnie was so thin when we found her so many months ago. We really didn't think Bonnie would survive and today was very special and we are very thankful to those on Jethou for letting her be released in such a great site. To see her swim back where she belongs was fantastic."



## Credit Suisse staff enjoy helping out at the GSPCA

We were pleased to welcome back Credit Suisse staff for the third year in September. The group of 4 staff arrived just before 9am where they had a short induction with GSPCA Manager Steve Byrne and then helped the team around the Shelter after a quick picture in the GSPCA reception area with Betty the English Bull Terrier.

Jo Le Prevost, Sarah Marshall & Helen McWilliam have all helped at the Shelter and quickly got back into walking and cleaning out the dogs and helping on the cats and they helped Maria-Clara Soler who was volunteering for the first time at the GSPCA.

# Gareth the Gannet gets going back in the wild

On 21 September Gareth the Gannet was returned back to the wild after three weeks of rehabilitation at the GSPCA.

The young bird was rescued weak and thin at Port Soif by Animal Collection Officer Geoff George and spent over a week in our intensive care room for large sea birds and sea mammals until he was fit enough to be placed on to one of our rehabilitation pools. After nearly two weeks on our pools it was decided with his fitness much improved and the fair weather to release him on the north of Guernsey.

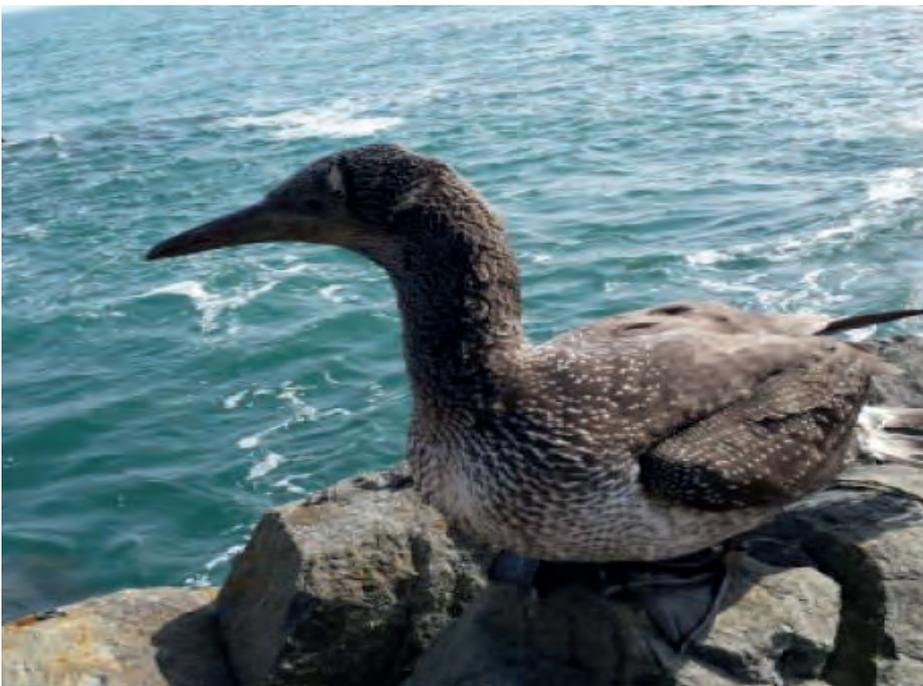
GSPCA staff member Kevin Beausire transported Gareth to a safe release site and managed to get a number of great pictures of Gareth heading back to the wild.

Kevin said "It was lovely to see Gareth back to the open sea where he belongs after nearly a month of care at the GSPCA. He didn't fly straight off as he checked out his surroundings before taking a quick swim and he seemed very happy to be back in the wild."

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "At the GSPCA we help well over 1500 wild animals and birds every year and only a handful of those are gannets and it is wonderful when they are strong enough to make it back to the wild as sadly many of those injured by rubbish and fish netting often don't survive."

"It was great to see Gareth the gannet back where he should be and was released with a view of Alderney where they have a wonderful breeding colony of his species. Its amazing to know how gannets are doing in Alderney and the Alderney Wildlife Trust do a wonderful job monitoring them and tracking their movements."

**If you are interested in sponsoring a wildlife pen or to donate to their care please do check the links on our website or call 257261.**



## Bon Air Summer Fair

On Saturday 21 September the GSPCA were invited along to Bon Air Summer Fair which was in aid of the hundreds of animals at the Animal Shelter.

Organised by Ricky Mahy Director from Create Limited, Chartered Architects and Surveyors, his wife Elaine and many friends the weather was great and a lovely afternoon was had by all that popped along and supported. With the support of the stalls from car boot to model railway sets, Ginger Squirrel to Michelle from Pelicans selling hot drinks and lovely cakes, the GSPCA stall with fun games and pet goods to Quinn with a BBQ from the Furze Oven there was a great selection of things on sale and bargains to be bought with a bite to eat.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "A huge thank you to Ricky, Elaine, Michelle, Justine Jo and all that took part and supported Bon Air Summer Fair in St Martins last Saturday in aid of the GSPCA. A wonderful £310 was raised and from all at the GSPCA we really do appreciate all of the support and for Ricky and Elaine organising a lovely afternoon to help the many animals in our care. We are always looking at ways to raise fund to help the thousands of animals through our doors every year and love to hear from anyone interested in helping us in any way."

"Our next fund raisers will be Halloween Spooky Tours and Fun Games during half term with details coming very soon."

**To visit the Create website please go to - <http://www.create-architecture.com/>**

## Fairy tale as longest stay cat 'Monkey' finds a loving new home



The team at the GSPCA were overjoyed recently when the longest stay cat who is actually diabetic found her forever home.

Staff and volunteers all loved 'Monkey' a female tortie cat that arrived at the Animal Shelter in May 2015 after her owner could no longer care for her.

Whilst at the GSPCA we discovered she was in fact diabetic and it took many months to get her treatment and diet to the right levels.

Monkey has a loving and wonderful kind nature although she is on a special diet and requires injecting twice a day.

Not only do we often struggle to find cats on treatment homes Monkey is also 10 years of age with older cats often passed by as many look to adopt kittens or younger cats.

Thankfully just over a week ago the moment came to wave Monkey off to a wonderful new home. It was an emotional time as many of the staff and volunteers are very close to Monkey and we have been recently sent pictures showing how well Monkey has settled in her fantastic new home.

Anna Paint Senior Animal Care Assistant said "One of my roles is running and caring for the cats at the GSPCA and over the last year I have grown very attached to Monkey who is such a wonderful cat."

"It's never easy finding older cats with health problems an owner and it was

wonderful when Victoria came forward to offer Monkey a lovely home. We actually have another diabetic cat called Bob in need of a home who is also a lovely friendly cat but needing that special someone."

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager "Every morning and evening at 8am and 8pm Monkey has to have a special diet followed by an insulin injection and we have all grown very fond of this amazing cat as myself and the team have all spent so much time with her."

"Monkey will truly bring her new owner a huge amount of joy and love and we are so pleased she is in a wonderful new home."

Victoria Heaviside who has recently adopted Monkey from the GSPCA said "Monkey is doing great. She marched out the basket when I got her home and has acted like she owns the place since! She's a very content little cat and loves having fuss and attention, once I've sat down she's in my lap as soon as she can be. She's so gorgeous it's such a shame she ended up with you guys for so long, although I am pleased I was able to have her! As you can see from the attached picture she is desperate to get outside and have a explore, getting in and out the house can be challenging at times and Monkey certainly suits her! Many thanks"

*To see many of the cats in need of homes at the GSPCA please go to - <http://www.gspca.org.gg/animals>*

Check out the GSPCA Charity Shop open 7 days a week



On site at the GSPCA we have an area where you can pick up a bargain from of second hand clothes to furniture which is open 7 days a week. Not only can you grab a bargain but you can also see many of the animals that you will be supporting.

We are hugely grateful to all that have been involved and supported our shop area and to those donating goods to sell.

Recently volunteer Sam Reoch has set up a GSPCA Charity Shop page where you can see many of the great items which are on sale and you can see these by visiting - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1794049350876161/>

Opening hours are Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm and Sunday 11am to 4pm.

We really appreciate donations to help to sell in the shop but we do kindly ask that they are clean and in good condition. Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "On site at the GSPCA in St Andrews we have an area which we now use as a Charity Shop which helps bring in much needed funds for the 300+ animals in our care. The GSPCA Charity Shop and Reception Shop are open 7 days a week Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm and Bank Holidays and Sundays 11am to 4pm with some exceptions."

"Every penny helps make a huge difference to the work we do and while you pop in to see the goods on sale you can even buy a hot drink or muffin at reception. We are hugely grateful to many people and businesses who have helped set up the shop and especially Michelle Champion and to Sam Reoch."

# Animals looking for new homes...



**Two large and one extremely large tropical fish tank with over 30 fish and all of the set up**



**Pansy the cockatiel**  
We have a number of cockateils in an aviary needing an aviary home on Bunny Hop Hill, if you think you can help them find a forever home we'd love to hear from you.



**Kit Kat needs a special home**  
Kit Kat is a lovely man who came to us as a stray with one of the worst mouths we have

ever seen, after a number of tests it was found that he has calicivirus, due to this the poor boy has had to have all his remaining teeth removed and also had a few courses of antibiotics as well.

Because of his condition he needs to be a housecat only with no other pets present, (especially cats) and would best be suited to a home with teenagers only and no young children.

Kit Kat will require antibiotics on and off for the rest of his life if his mouth becomes a problem for him, however he is a lovely boy and he dose not let his mouth get him down, he loves to play with toys with feathers on and eats really well even though his meat has to be blended for him.

This lovely man has been through so much and needs a special home to call his own.



**Daisy is part feral and staff are working with her.**

Daisy was a stray cat that came in earlier this year, unfortunately Daisy is part feral and staff are working with her. Daisy is still up for veiwing and may be homed as a working cat on a farm or stable.



**Gleb the ferret**  
Gleb the ferret is in need of a loving new home.



**Rosie**  
Rosie is a gorgeous bouncy girl looking for an active home with minimal leaving hours. Rosie can live with another dog and older children.

Rosie will need testing with cats but could live with a confident moggie.

She loves learning and has been making great progress with the staff.



**Lucy is looking for a new home**  
My name is Lucy and i am a wonderful 18 years young SLH lady who is looking for a retirement home in my older years.

I need a home as an only pet (I really dont like other cats, they cause me alot of stress) in the household and also somewhere nice and quiet thats not to busy, really i would suit a more mature household and would love to

have someone who is home part or all of the day to keep me company. I am in excellent health so the vet has told me, but i am a little deaf so would need a home with an enclosed garden or as a housecat, i also don,t mind being groomed.

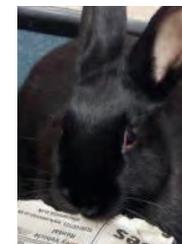
I still love to play (mice with feathers on are my favourite) and i can still put some of these youngsters to shame with my antics. If you think you can give me a home then please come and see me.



**Mitzi looking for her forever home.**

Age: 12 years  
Madame Mitzi as we call her, is a very pretty and proper lady, she is quite an independent cat and Mitzi would like a home as an only pet where she can come and go as she pleases. Mitzi is not

very good with children as she has only ever lived with an elderly owner, she can be a little spirited at times, but this only adds to her character. At this time we are on a diet. Please can you help her find her forever home.



**Amaria**  
Age: 4 months  
Amaria is a young bunny that was born at the GSPCA and is looking for her forever home.



**Alana**  
Age: Young adult  
Alana was one of a number of bunnies born at the GSPCA.



**David the degu**  
Dave the degu is in need of a loving new home.



**Betty needs a permanent foster home**  
Age: 2 years  
Betty is an amazing English Bull Terrier, bouncy, energetic and a really silly dog.

She is a typical Bully and tends to go through things; acting first and thinking later.

She has lived with a Shih Tzu and could live with another dog but new owners must be keen to continue the work of the Shelter staff as she can get over excited around other dogs. Betty does lack road sense and her recall is not her strong point so she will have to be walked on a

long training line for her own safety and to prevent her from rushing up to and bowling over other dogs.

Betty likes the sound of her own voice so new owners will have to learn to ignore her barking at them and be creative in teaching her alternatives.

Because Betty will get over excited and jumpy we would advise older robust children that don't want to take her out for walks; her training will be ongoing and adult supervision will be required for it to be successful.

Betty really is an amazing dog guaranteed to put a smile on your face. She loves cuddles and has a fantastic personality. She will brighten up your day and steal most of your bed at night time.

Betty does have some health issues which require on-going medication and observation from her foster carer. If you would like to help Betty please contact the Shelter on 257261

## GSPCA Adoption Charges

Dogs	£250
Guinea Pigs	£15
Cats/Kittens	£80
Birds (varied species)	from £12
Rabbits	£29.50
Chickens	£6
Ferrets	£25
Mice/Rats/	£6
Hamsters/Degus	

We have more animals available and other arriving all the time. Please visit our website or call the shelter if you are interested in any of them, or would like to arrange a visit.

***Taking on any animal is a big responsibility. They require care, attention, time and love. We urge everyone to seriously consider whether they can provide for an animal and avoid impulse buying.***

# Dog and Cat First Aid Courses

November 22nd for Dog and 29th for the Cat Course



Due to popular demand at the GSPCA we are holding additional dog and cat first aid courses.

The dates for the first aid courses are:  
**Dog First Aid** 6.30pm - 8.45pm Tuesday 22nd November 2016 - Ref - Dog 22/11  
**Cat First Aid** 6.30pm - 8.45pm Tuesday 29th November 2016 - Ref - Cat 29/11  
Dates for 2017 to be confirmed

All courses are a minimum £15 donation and you must book your place by 12pm on the day of the training session.

Within the sessions you get the chance to learn about what to do if you were faced with an emergency situation with your dog or cat. All participants receive handouts, a few goodies and a certificate.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "We have had a fantastic response to all our courses we have been running at the GSPCA and we are already taking bookings for next months first aid courses for dogs and cats."

"Between all the courses we have run in the last few years we have had trained over 200 students in first aid and animal care. Sadly we see thousands of sick and injured animals every year that are rescued around Guernsey and you never know when you may need that first aid knowledge to help an animal."

**To book your place call 01481 257261 using the reference code so we are aware which you would like to attend.**

# 4th Guernsey Beavers 'Go Wild'

## helping out with St Andrews Floral Group and the RSPB

Earlier in the Summer the 4th Guernsey Beavers came along to the GSPCA to literally 'Go Wild!'

Arriving just after 6pm the large group in double figures with their leaders met volunteers from the RSPB Guernsey and St Andrews Floral Group to help the conservation work at the GSPCA.

Foraging around the GSPCA grounds the Beavers helped make a bug hotel at the Shelter as part of the work to help the wildlife in and around the Animal Shelter in St Andrews.

Donna Francis RSPB Guernsey Group Leader and organiser of the event said "The RSPB enlisted the help of a group of Beavers to continue their work on creating a wildlife area on the grounds of the GSPCA."

"The 4th Guernsey Beavers had made small individual Bug Hotels previously and last night their skills were put to the test building this much bigger version at the Animal Shelter."

"It was great fun and what they have made will certainly help lots of wildlife in St Andrews which is an important part of the RSPB work and of course the GSPCA."

"We are looking for another group to build more wildlife areas at the GSPCA."

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "It was lovely to see all ages and especially the young Beavers helping our conservation work at the GSPCA last night."

"I helped serve drinks during their break and they all seemed to be enjoying themselves and what they have built will be fantastic for the bugs and other wildlife."

"Thank you to the Beavers, RSPB and St Andrews Floral Group and if you would like to get involved please get in touch."

Over the last year the St Andrews Floral Group have raised over £10,000 and brought together in excess of 100 volunteers to help with the grounds and conservation work at the GSPCA Animal Shelter in St Andrews.

The GSPCA are extremely grateful to St Andrews Floral Group and all that have helped and we continue to look at ways we can work together and improve the grounds for wildlife, flora and fauna.

The GSPCA and St Andrews Floral Group continue to appeal for help and support with the projects on site and with improving the wildlife rehabilitation facilities at the Animal Shelter and we would really appreciate your support.

One free way to support us which only takes a few seconds is to vote for the GSPCA in the Insurance Corporation Conservation Awards 2016 and to find out more - <http://insurancecorporation.com/peter-walpole-peoples-choice-conservation-award-guernsey/>

We have many projects we are working towards and some of these are below. Maybe you, a group you help with or your work place could help support us in one of these and to find out more please do get in touch:

- Improving the pond on site to make deeper sections and a pond dipping area for children
- Improving the fields on site and moving soil
- Making a new bank (pending planning permission)
- Repairing a retaining wall
- Tiling the seal and turtle wildlife rehabilitation area
- Tiling the floor in the wildlife and hedgehog unit
- Placing a new floor in the wildlife hospital area
- Replanting the hanging baskets and planters around site
- Planting hedging



- Providing a picnic area
- Improving the memorial garden
- Putting bird nesting and box boxes around site
- Building a larger pool for the seals and oiled birds
- Putting path ways for visitors
- Landscaping
- and much more.....

So far St Andrews Floral Group have managed to raise donations from Situations Recruitment, the Co-op Eco Fund and Men of the Tress, RSPB and we are hugely grateful to all involved and helped so far. Some of the volunteers that have helped on site at the GSPCA include Situations Recruitment, RBS, Elizabeth College, Waitrose, the Probation Service, RSPB, Northern Trust, Medical Specialist Group, staff from Quex Gardens and of course the St Andrews Floral Group volunteers as well as others.

Much of this work is not only to help wildlife locally but we will also be opening the site much more to visitors to enjoy.

If you would like to get involved or like to support us in improving the grounds or facilities you can email the GSPCA Manager [stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg](mailto:stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg) or Ann Wragg from St Andrews Floral Group [a.hw@icloud.com](mailto:a.hw@icloud.com)

# Our Plans & Wish List

Below are just a few of the projects that the GSPCA are looking for funding or support. If you would like to help fund or contribute towards these please get in touch with GSPCA Manager Steve Byrne on 01481 257261 or email [stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg](mailto:stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg)

## URGENT APPEAL - Update the flooring in the GSPCA Kennels

Currently our most important project at the GSPCA is to improve and renew the flooring in the kennels at the Shelter. We have spent many years maintaining the floors and it is new time to look to replace those that we have to give them a long lease of life.

At the GSPCA we 8 sections of kennels which range when they were built. All are in need of work and we are appealing for funds to help with this much needed project. Maybe you or your business would be interested in helping us with a section or donate to the project. We would happily look to dedicate a section to business or individual with a plaque and open to discussions in ways of support of this much needed project,

The flooring we are looking at would give the kennels at least 20 years with little maintenance and much easier to clean. With 1000's of dogs being cared for at the GSPCA kennels each year from rescues to strays, cruelty cases to those on their holidays, emergency boarders to seized animals we are kept busy 24/7 365 days a year.

Below are the costs per section including decorating the area. If we could get all of the floors completed at once it is likely we could achieve this with the exception of the hospital area for a total of £25,000.

- P1 Kennel Floors** – new floors to 7 kennels - £5500
- P2 Kennel Floors** – new floors to 7 kennels - £5500
- P3 Kennel Floors** – new floors to 7

- kennels - £5500
- P4 Kennel Floors** – new floors to 6 kennels - £5000
- P5 Kennel Floors** – new floors to 4 kennels - £4500
- B4 Kennel Floors** – new floors to 4 kennels - £5800
- B6 Kennel Floors** – new floors to 6 kennels - £4800
- Hospital Kennels** – floor, door repairs and tile walls - £1800

We would really like to demolish an old building on site to build additional kennels which could have an area to be used exclusively as a rehoming block for unwanted, cruelly treated and stray dogs as well as others in need that we help. This would be a huge undertaking and a major cost but if you are interested in supporting this new facility please do get in touch.

*To donate towards our kennel floor appeal please visit [giving.gg/GSPCA](http://giving.gg/GSPCA)*

## Refit and Enlarge the Reception Area at the GSPCA

The GSPCA reception area is extremely small and hasn't changed much since it was built over 60 years ago. We now have planning to enlarge it to have a larger shop area, disabled access, a small office to talk privately to those that are upset or bereaved and larger reception desk.

The approximate cost for this project would be £75,000 and would enable more visitors and ways to raise funds for the Shelter.

For more information on how businesses can support the GSPCA please click here.

## Outside Ferret Enclosures

We would love to build 3 large outside ferret enclosures to let the ferrets looking for homes be seen by the public



and give them much more room. To build these aviary style runs will cost £1000 and if you could help with this exciting project please get in touch.

## New floor and aviaries in our bird room

Our current bird room currently houses a selection of cages and has a very old lino floor. We would love to refloor it with a good quality replacement and build a number of aviaries so the stray and unwanted birds have permanent and large indoor enclosures. The floor with cost £1100 to replace and the aviaries will cost £1000 giving a grand total of £2100 if you would like to help with this wonderful project.

## Improve our seal pup facilities

Seal facilities need an update at the GSPCA Animal Shelter in Guernsey

In the last few years we have helped rescue, rehabilitate and release 5 seals back into local waters.

Although the current facilities we have at the GSPCA are suitable we are looking to dramatically improve and update them.

This would include renovating the intake room, improved drainage, filtration system and enlarging the pools we currently have for seal pups at the GSPCA Animal Shelter.

The cost to tile the room out and carry out the work would cost approximately be £20,000.



A smaller part of this project is to put a new floor and tile the wall of the intensive care room which will cost approximately £2000.

## New Washing facilities

Washing machine needed for the GSPCA Animal Shelter in Guernsey

In our new build we have a fantastic room ready for laundry equipment to be fitted.

We would like to add to our washing and drying facilities. The machines cost in the region of £4000-5000 each and we would really love to add a new commercial washer and dryer.

Due to the 300+ animals we have at the Shelter there is a lot of bedding and towels to be washed and the machine we have is often on for 12 hours a day 7 days a week. If you can help we would love to hear from you.

## Tile the Wildlife and Hedgehog Floors

To help improve the facilities we have for our hedgehogs and wildlife we would like to tile the floors and part of the walls in four areas of our wildlife unit.

The cost for the tile and accessories would be approximately be £2000 and the labour would be additional to this.

## New Tortoise Enclosure

We have 7 resident tortoise that enjoy the grounds at the GSPCA and we are currently looking to build a larger area for them to exercise and entertain our visitors. Before this can be built the area where it will be built needs a new retaining wall to replace an ageing section which will cost £1100 and to

build the enclosure will cost a further £500. To help us build a lovely new area for the tortoise and make safe the area where this bank is please do get in touch.

## GSPCA Ambulance & Rescue Vehicle

At the Shelter we operate an animal rescue service 24 hours 7 days a week. To provide this we have a GSPCA Ambulance thanks to the Itex Rotary Walk 2013 which is used by the Animal Collection Staff and Volunteer Night Wardens. Ideally we would like to ensure there is a second ambulance to help provide this service such as a minivan which would be ideal for the tight lanes we often have to drive through.

## Memorial Garden

We have an area where people come and sit to remember their pets and also scatter their ashes.

This is currently being improved thanks to the Sure Community Foundation, St Andrews Floral Group and others.

This is being made into a lovely area and we would like to add benches and a Summer Cabin to give those remembering their pets a safe and dry place to sit.

### Costs

Summer Cabin - £2500

Board/Benches - £1500

**Total - £4000**

We would like to thank the Sure Community Foundation Grant for their help with a grant of £1000 towards the work of this project, St Andrews Floral Group for their help and Pet Tributes for their donation of £75.

## Open A Charity Shop / Pop Up Charity Shop

We now have a charity shop on site but we continue to look for premises to set up a satellite charity shop. With increases

costs a charity shop would help bring income to support the Animal Welfare work we do every day to help care for the animals of Guernsey.

To run the GSPCA we have to raise £2000 a day to help rescue, rehabilitate, reunite strays, rehome and release wildlife back to the wild over 3,000 animals a year.

If you have a premises and would be happy for the GSPCA to occupy it for a short or long period of time as a charity shop, please get in touch with the GSPCA Manager Steve Byrne.



## Support with our Sponsorship Scheme For Kennels/Cattery/Small Animals

We have launched our Angel Pen Pal Sponsorship scheme which is a monthly giving scheme to help care for the many animals at the GSPCA.

We would love a partner to help promote and market this animal pen and kennel sponsorship initiative.

We would love to find the following sponsorship to help promote this scheme -

Leaflets & posters - £1000

Leaflet holders and advertisement - £800

Car stickers - £500

Plaque board and plaques - £500

**Total £2300 + Marketing**

*To sponsor an animal pen, kennel or unit please download the Angel form from our website*

## 10 Year Redevelopment Plans

The GSPCA were founded in 1873 and have been on our current site since 1929.

Many of our buildings date back as far as the 1950s and we have in place a 10 year re-development plan and need your support.

With the new animal welfare laws in Guernsey and the age of the buildings, we need to ensure that we are leading an example on how animals should be kept now and in the future.

We have already completed the first phase of a 10 year plan to rebuild 5 areas of the GSPCA in a single two storey building which has cost £1,300,000. This is the biggest rebuild we have ever undertaken and we continue to raise funds towards its care and to join as an exclusive Build Partner please click here.

To find out about our Redevelopment and New Build plan please -

To help donate to our Cattery & Quarantine Appeal please download a form by

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### Rescue & Rehabilitation Equipment

At the GSPCA Animal Shelter we are always looking at renewing and replacing equipment to help rescue and rehabilitate animals.

Here are examples of equipment and their costs with postage -  
Graspers (dog and cat) - £200  
Feral cat traps - £220  
Wildlife/Cat scales - £150  
Dog/Seal scales - £250  
Stretcher - £150  
Safety Collars, leads & muzzles - From £5 each  
Throw and walk net - £200  
Heat pads - £20 each  
Intensive Care Units - £500 each

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### Complete Fitting of our New Quarantine and Isolation Unit

As part of our new build we are looking for funding to fit out a complete isolation and quarantine facility to help care for all of the species that come



through our doors.

The cost to fit out and complete this area which

includes multiple kennels, animal pens, safety porches and the utilities to care for them would be £65,567.

Please contact Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager on 01481 257261 or email [stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg](mailto:stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg) for more details.

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### Refurbishing our Hospital Animal Intake Area

At the GSPCA our Hospital department is in desperate need of refurbishment. It is made up of multiple rooms and although we are looking for funding to help repair and redecorate this area our long term wish is to rebuild this department.

This department cares for wildlife, ferrets, rabbits, pet birds, tortoise, reptiles, seals and many more species

Please contact Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager on 01481 257261 or email [stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg](mailto:stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg) for more details.

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### Amazon Wish List Items Online

The GSPCA always needs a variety of toys, equipment and feed which we occasionally source from Amazon due to the very economical prices. If you wanted to buy supplies directly for the GSPCA Animal Shelter then go to [Amazon.co.uk](http://Amazon.co.uk) and search for GSPCA wish list.

Before you do please ensure you are registered with Easyfundraising as you can donate without it costing you anything when you shop online.

## Dog Friendly Pubs & Restaurants



At the GSPCA we often get approached with the question 'Where can I take my dog?'

We have recently launched a facebook page to help us with this webpage so that those with dogs and visiting canine owners can make the most of those dog friendly locations in Guernsey.

To help us add to this page you can either email [admin@gspca.org.gg](mailto:admin@gspca.org.gg) or visit the facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Guernseydog-freindlypubscafesrestaurants/>

All we'd like to know is the name of the pub, cafe or restaurant and any other useful information so we can add this to our web page - <http://www.gspca.org.gg/about/dog-friendly-public-houses-restaurants>

We would also love to hear of other places you can take your dog like hotels or shops who are happy for you to take them in or stay.

#### Castel

- The Fleur Du Jardin

#### Herm

- The Mermaid Tavern

#### St Andrews

- GSPCA Animal Shelter has a coffee and vending machine
- Last Post

#### St Peter Port

- Britannia Real Ale Bar

#### Duke of Richmond

- Drunken Duck
- Fermain Tavern
- Octopus Gsy Bar & Beach Restaurant
- Old Government House Hotel

#### Vale

- Hampshire Lodge

# It's been a busy Summer...

## Liberation Day stalls raised £2900



The GSPCA were kept very busy all day despite the heavy down pours during Liberation Day. Stalls were set up and manned both at the Last Post and along the seafront in St Peter Port and both were kept busy through the day with the many enjoying the celebrations.

Thank you to Steve Byrne, Jo Fox, Joseph Fox, Ellie Fox, Helen Holmes, Yvonne Chauvel and Helen Sharman all of which gave part or all of their day to help raise funds for animals in Guernsey. It was a fantastic day and regardless of the weather the stalls saw hundreds of visitors from locals enjoying the day to many tourists visiting on the cruise liner.

An amazing £2900 was raised from selling GSPCA goods, the many games and some very kind donations.

## A massive thanks to Fade 2 Grey

On Friday 27th May many will remember an amazing evening which was had by 100's of islanders that sailed over to Herm for the evening for a fund raiser that was being organised thanks to those on Herm, the Mermaid Tavern and the wonderful Fade 2 Grey.

The tickets which sold out almost as quickly as they went on sale included

the return boat to Herm, entry to the Mermaid Tavern, a wonderful spread of food and a fantastic show with local band Fade 2 Grey.

As those arrived for the gig the sun shining, the food was great and the entertainment had the whole place dancing. The funds which were raised for Les Bourgs Hospice and the GSPCA resulted in an amazing £1844.50p for each charity and from all at the GSPCA we would like to extend a massive thanks.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "A huge thank you must go to all the team on Herm, at the Mermaid tavern, Fade 2 Grey and of course the 400 strong crowd that attended the fantastic gig back in May. This is the third year Fade 2 Grey have held this event in Herm and it was truly fantastic. The band in May came to visit the Animal Shelter to meet Olivia the turtle and the many other animals in our care and we are extremely grateful to them for all of their support. We are so grateful to all on Herm island for arranging a wonderful event and inviting us to receive a share of the money raised."



## Great fun at the West Show

For the fifth year in a row the GSPCA attended the West Show which was held on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th

August 2016 and from all at the Animal Shelter we would like to say a huge thank you to all involved with what was a wonderful event.



## Busy times at the Donkey Derby, North Show Seafront Sundays

Despite a very windy afternoon once again the **Donkey Derby** was a lovely family day out on Saturday. We are hugely grateful to the Lions Club of Guernsey that hold the annual event and we had a great day raising over £500. Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "Despite a very windy day and a lot of weights to hold things down we had a great day at the Donkey Derby."

On Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th August the **North Show** took place and the GSPCA was there with a stall for the fifth year in a row. We had a great two days raising funds, talking to those interested in adopting animals, helping

volunteer and interested in our services from the GSPCA, although the fun dog show had to be canceled due to the heat and then thunderstorm and we would like to apologise and hope that next year the weather will be kinder to us.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "We'd like to say a huge thank you to the organisers of the North show, the volunteers that helped and to everyone that supported us on our GSPCA stall."

"We raised a fantastic £1400 to help the many animals in our care and had a great time where we were with the new layout they had this year."

"Well done to all involved with making the North Show such a wonderful event."



On Sunday 28th August we joined the last **Seafront Sunday** of 2016 in St Peter Port with a stall raising fund for animals in Guernsey at The 2016 Canaccord Genuity Wealth Management Guernsey Marathon & Relay Races

This 2016 Seafront Sunday's have all proved wonderful days entertaining the local and tourist crowds they attracted and the GSPCA has been to many of the Summer fund raisers and even organised the Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday earlier this year.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "We've had an extremely busy summer attending the main events in Guernsey to promote the work at the GSPCA, find animals new homes, talk to those interested in helping and supporting us and raising much needed funds for the animals in our care."



"On Sunday 28th August we had a great although windy day at the Canaccord Genuity Wealth Management Guernsey Marathon who were raising funds for the Guernsey Cheshire Home and there were many stalls and other charities raising funds for great local good causes."

"We raised a fantastic £700 on the GSPCA stall and I must say a huge thank you to the organisers, supporters and Brenda who helped me on the day."

## Flying the flags

This year the GSPCA Flag Day took place on Saturday 20th August and we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved from Sarah Ozanne who organised, all that collected including many pets, the locations for allowing us to collect and of course to all that donated.

You could see the collectors at locations like Aladdins Cave, Beau Sejour, Castle Cornet, Creature Comforts, Le Friquet Garden Centre, Herm Kiosk, Forest Stores, the Bus Terminus, Co-op St Sampsons and St Martins as well as the many supporters that donated sporting their GSPCA flag day stickers.

An amazing £1552.62p was raised and we have a further dates in locations we were unable to collect at on the day and are currently looking for volunteers to help. These additional locations and dates are -

### **Waitrose Admiral Park and Rohais on 26th November**

Time slots- 10-12, 12-2, 2-4, 4-6pm

If you would like to help fund raise with us this year please do let Sarah know on 257261, pop in or email [fundraising@gspca.org.gg](mailto:fundraising@gspca.org.gg)

Some places are allowing friendly dogs to help out, so if you are interested please don't hesitate to ask. Also if some of you or your children are interested in dressing up, we have a lovely variety of mascot suits to choose from.



# Sunny, fun, fabulous, fifth Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday

*Thank you to all*



Back in May, the GSPCA took over St Peter Port Seafront for the fifth year in a row. Normally the GSPCA Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday takes place in September but this year we held the fun family and pet event in May.

Thousands filled the Seafront which was alive with a family buzz as all ages enjoyed the stalls and entertainment. From the Fire Rescue to Island Mums with chalk drawing for the children, food stalls to candy floss, charity to craft stalls, Isle of Sark Shipping to Active Dog the range stretched across the community bringing locals and tourists to the front for what turned out to be a wonderful sunny day.

The GSPCA took over much of the Crown Pier with animals from the Shelter, games, tombolas, a coconut shy, information boards of the work we carry out, a 'Show Us Your Pets' board and a range of pet and GSPCA goods all of which were extremely popular.

The day was kicked off by a range of musicians which entertained the crowds through the day including Chris Taylor, Carly Tucknott, Blue Mountains, Fourtissimo, John and Emma Lancaster, Roger Mancini, Collete Da Cunha Esteves, Charlie Cosnet and Elizabeth Beacon kindly organised a 7 piece band and we must say thank you for giving the front a wonderful vibe, it was much appreciated.

## Fun dog show

Staff and volunteers from the GSPCA Jen Bradshaw, Sheryl Carre, Lorna Prince and Sarah Creasey headed up running and organising the show with help from others and also judging from Katie Ozard who is also a volunteer at the GSPCA and runs Active Dog.

Each of the 11 classes were packed with wonderful much loved dogs. The results were:

### BEST MALE PUPPY

1st Ted (handled by) Belinda  
2nd Branston - Fay  
3rd Yogi - Doug

### BEST FEMALE PUPPY

1st Poppy - Darcy  
2nd Maisie - Heather  
3rd Daisy - Anna

### BEST RESCUE

1st Rocco - Freya (one of the Slovakian pups)  
2nd Alaska - Holly and Ellie (previously a GSPCA dog)  
3rd Rocco - Max (previously a GSPCA dog)

### BEST SMILE

1st Doyle - John  
2nd Mungo - Matt  
3rd Alvin - India and Catherine

### WAGGIEST TAIL

1st Rocco - Max (previously a GSPCA dog)  
2nd Molly - Jessica  
3rd Joey - Amanda

### PRETTIEST BITCH

1st Myla - Peter  
2nd C - Hally and Ellie  
3rd Lola - Sam

### MOST HANDSOME DOG

1st Monty - Louise and James  
2nd Bailey - Ben  
3rd Rocky - Mikey

### BEST TRICK

1st Rocky - Mikey  
2nd Monty - Louise and James  
3rd Button - Ali

### GOLDEN OLDIE

1st Morris  
2nd Heidi - Fay  
3rd Alaska - Hally and Ellie

### BEST IN SHOW

Poppy handled by Darcy

A huge thank you to all of the dogs, supporters, helpers and visitors that made for a wonderful day.



# Meet the Staff

Ashleigh and Seb joined the team earlier this year - find out how they are doing

At the end of 2015 beginning of 2016 Seb Goman joined the team at the GSPCA to help primarily on kennels but has been learning to work and care for the animals in the many other departments. Seb also helps to ensure we have 24/7 cover at the Shelter and has become a fantastic member of the team with her caring and helpful nature.

In April 2016 Ashleigh Le Page joined the team and has also been learning the many departments at the GSPCA working primarily caring for the cats but also learning to care for the 300+ animals at the GSPCA.

Both are animal care assistants with Seb working full time and Ashleigh working part time and often helping with extra hours to meet the needs of the Shelter and the animals in our care. We recently asked both a few questions to find out their thoughts on their first few months...

## Why did you want to work for the GSPCA?

Seb said "I wanted to work for the GSPCA because I have always loved animals and I saw what great and hard work the staff do and really wanted to be part of it."



Ashleigh said "I've always loved all animals and always wanted to work with them."

## What is your favourite thing about working for the GSPCA?

Seb said "My favourite thing about working for the GSPCA is interacting with the animals and I find it really rewarding caring for the sick and injured animals. I recently got to be a surrogate mum to three baby hedgehogs which was awesome."

Ashleigh said "Meeting and caring for all of the different animals, plus working with all the hard working dedicated staff."

## What would you like to see us develop, build or improve at the GSPCA?

Seb said "I think better dog bathing facilities would be nice

as I seem to get soaked more than the dogs do with what we currently have."

Ashleigh said "It would be lovely to put down new kennel flooring in some of the sections."

## What was your first pet?

Seb said "My first pet was a pure white rex rabbit and his name was Ribby."

Ashleigh said "My first pet was a rabbit called Smokey."

## What is your favourite species and why?

Seb said "Rabbits! I have four myself and I just love everything about them."

Ashleigh said "My favourite is horses because they fascinate me."

### What do you look forward learning more about at the GSPCA?

Seb said "I look forward to learning every department as there is so much to learn. We get so many different animals in, some you would never dream of seeing for example Olivia the turtle!"

Ashleigh said "I'm looking forward looking after and getting to see and meet all the different unusual animals and learning to care for them."

### What would you like to see someone sponsor or donate towards at the GSPCA?

Seb said "I can't think of a specific event to sponsor but all fund raising is always appreciated. If I were to organise an event it would fun and silly so everyone could enjoy!"

Ashleigh said "Someone to sponsor having the kennel flooring would be lovely."

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "We are so pleased that Seb and Ashleigh have joined the team here at the GSPCA and both are doing extremely well."

"When we do have a vacancy we always have a huge response and we have had up to 70 applications for one post in the past."

"We are so lucky to have such a wonderful team and I feel extremely proud to be part of the GSPCA and have so many caring and hard working members of the team."

"We are always trying to look at what we do at the GSPCA and what we need in the future and both new kennel flooring and dog bathing facilities are on our wish lists."

"Ashleigh and Seb recently posed with a few of the items that kind individuals had donated from our Amazon Wish List which you can see online and thank you to all that donated."

"We couldn't help over 3000 animals a year without the great staff and amazing volunteers and a huge thank you to them all for everything they do."

*To visit our Wish List please go to - <http://www.gspca.org.gg/about/our-plans-wish-list>*

*To join the team and become a volunteer we have an induction next Wednesday at 3pm and to find out more please visit - <http://www.gspca.org.gg/about/volunteers>*



### Forth Coming Events with the GSPCA

- HALLOWEEN SPOOKY TOUR & TREASURE HUNT Monday 24th October
- HALLOWEEN SPOOKY TOUR & TREASURE HUNT Tuesday 25th October
- HALLOWEEN SPOOKY TOUR & TREASURE HUNT Wednesday 26th October
- HALLOWEEN SPOOKY TOUR & TREASURE HUNT Thursday 27th October
- HALLOWEEN SPOOKY TOUR & TREASURE HUNT Friday 28th October
- HALLOWEEN SPOOKY TOUR & TREASURE HUNT Saturday 29th October
- Halloween Spooky Ball with City Limits and Sidneys Sponsored Events – Saturday 29th October
- HALLOWEEN SPOOKY TOUR & TREASURE HUNT Sunday 30th October
- Volunteer Induction 6.30pm Thursday 3rd November 2016
- Grammar School Christmas Fair Saturday 19th November
- Round Table Christmas Fair Sunday 20th November
- Dog First Aid 6.30pm - 8.45pm Tuesday 22nd November 2016
- Flag Day at Waitrose Stores Saturday 26th November – if you can help please email [admin@gspca.org.gg](mailto:admin@gspca.org.gg) or call 01481 257261
- Christmas stall at Friquet Garden Centre Saturday 26th November
- Cat First Aid 6.30pm - 8.45pm Tuesday 29th November 2016
- Volunteer Induction 6.30pm Tuesday 6th December 2016
- Christmas Shopping Nights on Thursdays in December
- Guided tours 2pm each day - Tuesday 27th - Saturday 31st December 2016
- Volunteer induction evening Thursday 5th January 6.30pm 2017
- Event at Beau Sejour in January – details to follow
- Volunteer induction evening Tuesday 7th February 6.30pm 2017
- Volunteer induction evening Monday 6th March 6.30pm 2017
- Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday planned May 2017 to be confirmed

# GSPCA Ambulance Warden Michelle Champion wins the Customer Service Humble Volunteer of the Year Award

The Sure Customer Service Awards winners were announced in August to a packed audience in Market Square.

The overall winner for 2016 was the team at Perelle Butchery. Finalists in previous years, they were delighted to have finally been chosen as the overall winner.

The GSPCA were proud to have Michelle Champion as a finalist in the Humble Volunteer category. Michelle is not only a Volunteer Ambulance Driver and Warden at the GSPCA she helps at many of the events and has been amazing helping us with the set up of our new charity shop.

No matter the time of day or night Michelle is always happy to help with a smile and a wonderful positive attitude.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "It was amazing when we found out Michelle was a finalist for the Humble Volunteer Customer Service Award and last night we found out she had won and we are all so pleased for her as she is a real star and indeed a very humble helpful person."



"Whether rescuing birds from chimneys late at night or stray calves at 3am on a winter morning she is always happy and so helpful and we are really lucky to have her as part of the team at the GSPCA."

"Thank you to all at the Customer Service Awards and well done to all entered as we are very lucky to have so many amazing businesses here in Guernsey."

Michelle Champion said "Good grief, I can't believe I won."

"I was sure one of the other finalists would win it was such a surprise."

"It was a lovely evening and thank you to everyone it was a really nice event."

This is the second time that the GSPCA has won a Customer Service Award as in 2014 Helen Holmes won an award and from all of the team thank you for holding this lovely event.



## Nominations are now open for the Petplan & ADCH Animal Charity Awards

These inspirational awards provide an opportunity to recognise the dedication and commitment of our nation's staff

and volunteers who go to great lengths to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome animals in need.

Please support us or a valued member of our team in our efforts to improve animal welfare and find pets forever homes.

All nominations are anonymous and all nominees will receive a certificate to proudly display. Say thank you to an outstanding individual or team and nominate today!

You can nominate the following categories:

- Animal Charity Volunteer of the Year
- Animal Charity Employee of the Year
- Animal Charity Team of the Year

In 2015 our very own Yvonne Chauvel was a finalist for the Animal Charity Employee of the Year and with so many amazing team members at the GSPCA we would love your support nominating us or one of the team.

**To go directly to the nomination form please go to - <https://www.petplan.co.uk/charityawards/nominationform.asp>**

# Masquerade Ball - an amazing evening

On Saturday 8 October the GSPCA held a Masquerade Ball at the Farmhouse with over 100 guests.

The evening was supported by the Farmhouse and Save the Date and the GSPCA are hugely grateful to all involved and supported what was an amazing evening.

As guests arrived Peter and Suzy Rose were on hand at the front of the Farmhouse to take group pictures of the great looking guests. Guests then received a welcome drink and were entertained by Lydia Pugh singing whilst playing the keyboard and card tricks were performed by her partner Michael Sullivan.

The tables were decorated by Annette Gent from Save the Date who made the room very special for an evening to raise funds for the GSPCA. When the guests took their seats three lucky surprise winners found they had won a bottle of bubbly and all were welcomed with a favour thanks to Save the Date which had a free raffle ticket for another bubbly bottle winner. The meals from the Farmhouse were outstanding and all enjoyed wonderful service in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

The evening was hosted by Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager who took the stage to auction two David Shepherd autographed prints, award prizes and also a surprise awards section which included -

- Sarah Ozanne receiving a Special Commendation for Hoglet Hand Rearing
- Seb Goman receiving a Special Commendation for Outstanding Dog Care
- Suzy Rose receiving a Special

Commendation for a Goat Rescue at the Farmhouse

- Peter Rose receiving a Special Commendation for Being Olaf and Dog Show Judge at the 2015 GSPCA Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday
- Guy Hardill receiving a Special Commendation for Being Our Mascot Bernard at the GSPCA Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday
- Annette Gent receiving a Special Commendation for an outstanding decorated room for the GSPCA Masquerade Ball 2016 at the GSPCA
- Claire & Shirley Ozanne receiving a Special Commendation for outstanding flowers from the Buttonhole Flower Shop
- Michelle Champion receiving a Special Commendation for an amazing pigeon rescue up a chimney & outstanding customer care
- Jo Fox receiving a Special Commendation for putting up with Steve Byrne

The awards not also celebrated the great work so many do to help us at the GSPCA and the many animals in our care but also thanked Steve's fiance who does so much to support the GSPCA Manager with the many hours of work carried out.

Before the dessert Lydia Pugh and then Michael Sullivan each performed a song from Les Miserables which captivated the whole room.

The raffle was then held and Lydia helped select the many winners and it was hugely supported by many local businesses some including Outdoor Guernsey, Becky Rowe, Feel Unique, The Farmhouse, Sure, Save the Date, All Beauty, Boots, Alladins Cave, Quex Gardens, Co-op, Joules,

Buttonhole Flower Shop, Peninsula and many other fantastic supporters and we must thank them all for the wonderful prizes.

After dessert and coffee local band Youthe played and all danced the night away which helped raise over £3000 for the GSPCA and we must say a huge thank you to all involved.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "What an amazing night we all had at the GSPCA Masquerade Ball at the wonderful Farmhouse on Saturday which was supported by Save the Date who did an amazing job decorating the room."

"Including all that came there are 200 thank you's we must say for helping make a wonderful night raising over £3000 for the animals at the GSPCA."

"A very special thank you must go to Annette from Save the Date and to the Farmhouse for an awesome venue, wonderful service and amazing food. We had lots of surprises from the moment guests took their seats and while our very own Geoff George was at the Guernsey Press Pride of Guernsey Awards we held our very own mini Awards to thank many of the supporters, volunteers and staff at the Ball. The entertainment was all very special with Lydia Pugh, Michael Sullivan and Youthe."

"There is another Ball this month in aid of the GSPCA being run by Sidney's Sponsored Events with a Halloween theme and if you would like one of the last two tables please call Corinne on 07911720469 or email her corinneconnolly@cwgsy.net."



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Our newsletters are posted to over 300 members, emailed to over 600 supporters, is displayed at locations around the island, handed out at fund raisers, school and group talks. In fact we hand out well in excess of 1000 per quarter which includes visitors, customers and those that bring animals into the Shelter...

If you are interested in placing an advert in one of our newsletters we are offering a full page for just £145, half a page for £80 or a 1/4 page for £50. We can even offer design services for a small fee.

**If you would like to take a space in our next publication, please contact Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager on 01481 257261 or email [stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg](mailto:stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg)**





#### Types of Legacies

If you would like to remember the GSPCA in your Will, there are three main types of gift you can make:

**Residuary Gift** - is the gift of all (or part) of the value of your estate after debts, liabilities and other legacies have been paid and is the most valuable kind of legacy to the GSPCA.

**Pecuniary Gift** - is the gift of a particular sum of money.

**Specific** - is the gift of a specified item that could be for example; property, a painting or a piece of jewellery.

#### Suggested wording for a gift in your Will

If you would like to leave the GSPCA a gift in your Will the following wording may be helpful when you visit your legal advisor:

*"I give all (or a % share of) the residue of my estate to the GSPCA (Guernsey Charity Number 003), Rue des Truchots, St Andrews, Guernsey GY6 8UD for its general charitable purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be a valid and appropriate form of discharge."*

#### Suggested wording for a codicil to the GSPCA

If you have already made your Will and decide that you would like to add a gift to the GSPCA, the following wording for a codicil may be helpful when you visit your legal advisor:

*"I (name) of (address) declare this to be my first codicil to my last Will dated (date). I give (details of legacy) to the GSPCA (Guernsey Charity Number 003), Rue des Truchots, St Andrews, Guernsey GY6 8UD, for its general charitable purposes and I direct that the Treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be valid and appropriate form of discharge. In all other respects I confirm my Will."*



#### Will making & Codicils

Making a Will, or adding a codicil to your existing Will is the only way to ensure that those you love will be taken care of, including your pets. If you have no immediate family, having an up to date Will allows you to make sure that your money benefits the people or causes that you really care about.

If your pet has brought huge joy into your life, remembering the GSPCA in your Will is a wonderful way to celebrate your love of our animal friends and help animals in Guernsey less fortunate than your own for many years to come.

As we receive no States funding, we're totally reliant upon the kindness of animal lovers in order to continue our work. Your lasting legacy will ensure that we can continue our work to help the thousands of animals that we care for every year and also plan for the future.



Thank you for supporting us caring for the animals of Guernsey for more than 140 years

If you have already included a gift in your Will to the GSPCA, or intend to in the future, we would love to hear from you. Not only will this information allow us to plan for the future but more importantly it means that we can pass on our heartfelt thanks for your generous pledge. Your kind support will allow your love of animals to live on and save lives long into the future.



#### What you need to know

Making your Will is easier than you may think;

- Firstly, start by listing everything you could include in a Will including property, money and other assets.
- Then you must decide who you want to benefit from your Will (including the GSPCA if you wish), and make a list of their names and addresses.
- Decide who you wish to be executors of your Will. It is usual to have two executors, in case one isn't able when the time comes. They are usually family members or a professional advisor such as an advocate. If you wish, the GSPCA Manager can act as a co-executor of your Will.
- Take all of these details along to the advocate, who will draw up a Will for you. We strongly advise that you do not attempt to 'do it yourself'. A 'home-made' Will can often lead to trouble as it may be ruled invalid by the courts if it fails to



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#### Already made a Will?

Many people make a Will and assume that's all they need to do. However, circumstances can change over the years and so it is always advisable to take a fresh look at your Will every few years to ensure it meets your current needs.

#### Changing your Will

If you have already made your Will and decide that you would like to add a gift to the GSPCA, a codicil is a good, inexpensive way to do so. Adding a codicil to your Will enables you to leave a legacy to the GSPCA whilst ensuring that the other provisions remain untouched and you won't have to pay for your Will to be completely rewritten.

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## Let us look after your pets

If you are an animal owner you may also like to include the following wording in your Will "It is also my wish that GSPCA care for or rehome any animals I own at the time of my death."