



GSPCA Spring Newsletter

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The GSPCA Springs into action

We have certainly started the new year at a running pace.

We continue to have large numbers of guinea pigs and rabbits brought in to the Shelter stray and unwanted all needing new homes.

We have had to deal with a number of oiled birds and birds injured through discarded fishing line and hooks which is frustrating and not needed.

Our first kittens were born in February at the Shelter and we would like to remind everyone about the importance of neutering.



We have launched a new range of pet tributes for those who have sadly lost their pets. In hand with this we have added additional pages to our website so you can both see these and if you need support due to the loss of a pet there is information on where you can find this.

We are hoping for some big developments in the next 12 months as we are looking to build a new two story cattery, and add to our hedgehog and rabbit facilities.

This means it is going to be very challenging raising the much needed funds for these very large projects on top of the £500,000 it costs each year to run the Shelter.



The GSPCA is overrun with Bunnies this Easter. Can you help by offering one of these lovely animals a home

Without your continued support we wouldn't be here and we thank you.



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Some Events:

- Cupcake Week 25 -31st March 2012
- Easter Fayre—Saturday 31st March 2012
- Stray Awareness Day 4th April
- Dog Phobia Workshop 21st April
- Sidney's Sponsored Dog Walk 29th April
- Pet Adoption Month June
- Summer Fayre and Dog Show 7th July
- Flag Day Saturday 25th August

GSPCA Cupcake Week & Easter Fayre

From Sunday 25th March to the 31st March 2012 is the first GSPCA Cupcake Week.

We are encouraging our supporters to make/bake & sell cupcakes to raise money for the GSPCA.

Also on Saturday 31st

March we are holding an Easter Fayre at the Shelter. There will be lots of fun and games, bric-a-brac, books and pet products as well as an Easter Egg hunt and some special guests. We will also be judging a human cupcake and doggy pupcake

competition so don that apron and getting baking.

For more information, recipes and decorating ideas please visit our website or call into the Shelter .



Microchipping March

The GSPCA receives dozens of stray animals every month and for many of these we are unable to reunite them with their owner because of lack of identification. While a collar with a tag may seem adequate many do become lost or simply fall off while the animal is wandering and when they arrive here we have no means of finding out who they belong to.

The GSPCA strongly advises people to microchip their pets as it gives them the best chance of being identified and returned to you if they become lost or stolen. The GSPCA is promoting Microchipping from the 1st



March during the run up to World Stray Day on the 4th April at the cost of £4.99 per dog or cat from Monday to Saturday 9am – 4.30pm (no appointment is needed) for more details call 257261.

A very Happy Ending

Nearly a year ago a family reported that they had lost their beloved tabby cat. They searched high and low, reported him to the Animal Shelter and the radio stations and eventually gave up hope. In the early hours of Valentines Day, a year on, the GSPCA Night Warden had a call regarding a stray cat which a worried member of

public had seen repeatedly over a period of weeks. The cat was brought to the Shelter and was found to have a microchip. A call was made to the owners and within 20 minutes of the cat being at the Shelter was back in their arms. Dipstick was a much loved family pet and they are thrilled to have him home.



Max meets GP Ted

Emma Trousdale, GSPCA Welfare and Education Officer and Max the 15 year old Labrador Cross visited the children of St Sampson's Infants to teach them all about caring for animals and to meet the famous GP Ted.

Max stole the show and was keen to help the Reception children learn all about what makes a responsible owner and what every animal needs in order for it to thrive and be happy. Emma and Max are popular visitors to many of the Island's schools and Community groups. If you would like a visit from

this beloved Pooch, Max and his human sidekick, Emma, to learn more about the work of the GSPCA and how to be a responsible owner please contact the Shelter on 257261.



Anxious about dogs?



Do you get anxious or scared if there is a dog nearby?

Do you avoid places or situations because of this?

Would you like to change this?

If you have answered "yes" to these questions, then an event on Saturday 21st April could be for you.

The GSPCA in collaboration with the Health and Social Services Department will be running a half day Dog Phobia Workshop at the Animal Shelter.

The event is designed to help those with a phobia of dogs to carefully and gradually reduce their anxieties and is based on the most up-to-date research on phobia and anxiety treatment.



If you are interested in coming along please email:

lornaprince@gspca.org.gg or contact Dr James Murray on 701441—places are limited, so do get in touch early.

Fundraising in 2012

Please join us on Sunday 29th April 2012 to take part in Sidney's sponsored dog walk

Sidney is a gorgeous dog that was rehomed from an RSPCA Centre in the UK by Corinne Connolly.

All proceeds from the walk are being donated to the GSPCA & Woodlands Farm Kennels (RSPCA - Sidney's previous home in Bridport)

Owners are asked to meet at the Grandes Rocques car park at 1pm for registration and to hand in completed forms & funds. The walk will start at 2pm from the car park and finish at L'Ancrese car park by the Beachouse.

All dogs must remain on a lead for duration of the walk

There will be water stops for dogs and owners along the course

Doggy mess bags and bins will also be provided

The event will be fully marshalled especially where road access is required

All participants will receive a certificate to thank them for taking part



Gorgeous Sidney

If you would like to take part please e-mail corinneconnolly@cwgsy.net, call 07911-720469 or 266469 answerphone, visit the GSPCA website or drop in to the Shelter to pick up a sponsorship form.

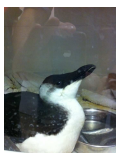
In any event, it should be made clear to participants that they are responsible for their own safety on the walk and should check their personal liability cover in their household insurance. It must be stated that neither the Animal Charities nor the local organiser will be responsible for any loss or claim.

Wildlife Unit Thank You

We need to make a few special mentions as we have had some wonderful donations helping develop and maintain our Wildlife Unit.

Guernsey Gas Ltd donated a brand new boiler after the 20 year old boilers sadly gave up. Without hot water in this unit we would be unable to wash the many oiled birds we get in each year.

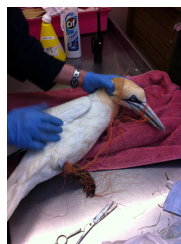
Another thank you to Guernsey Hedgehog Rescue who have closed their doors to new hedgehogs



but are still supporting us with equipment, training and donations.

We also had £500 donated from Friends of Wildlife which has helped maintain this unit and provide additional equipment which we are very grateful for.

We must also thank everyone who has been kind enough to buy a heat pad for our animals.



Please bag it and bin it!



"Have you joined us yet on facebook or twitter? Look for Guernsey SPCA and follow happenings at the GSPCA."



Can you help Deacon?

Deacon is a stunning 7 mth old black and white kitten that has won the hearts of staff and visitors at the Shelter. Sadly he has been diagnosed with gingivostomatitis, a quite painful disease of the gums. Unfortunately there are a lot of contributing factors to the condition which means that Deacon will have to undergo lots of veterinary treatment until it can be brought under control. Sadly if the initial treat-

ments are not effective he may have to have most of his teeth removed all of which is likely to exceed £1000!.

Deacon is such a happy little cat and deserves a chance to have the best life possible but we desperately need your help to sponsor his treatment. If you are able to support this lovely boy please don't hesitate in contacting us.

Thank you



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

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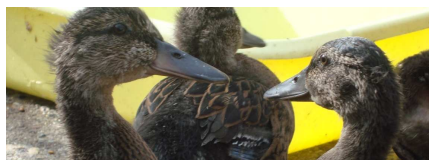
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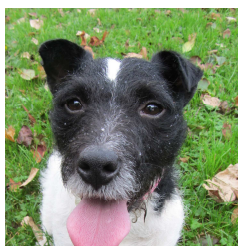
Does your dog need training? Why not contact the Shelter to find out about the training classes we run here. Congratulations to the recent graduates pictured below.



**The GSPCA would
like to wish
everyone a Happy
Easter.**



**Thank you for your continued
support**



Judy still needs a home



**Rollo the Briard on his way
to his new home in Jersey**

Colouring



**Animal Anagrams—can you
decipher these animals?**

- 1.Shore 2.Nsocirpo 3.Flow
4.Tar 5.Tenlaehp 6.Akloa
7.Sneak 8.Ncehkic 9.Balm
10.Act 11.Okoarnag 12.Pea

Answers below

The Shelter Needs You

Have you checked out our new volunteers page on our website?

We are looking for volunteers to help in a variety of areas from kennels to reception, fund raising to the wildlife unit.

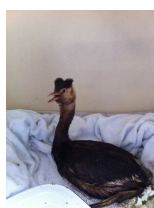
To become a volunteer at the Shelter you have to be over 14 years of age and vaccinated for tetanus.

We have many fund raising events happening over the next few months and we are looking for both support and help with these.

We are planning on holding fayres at the Shelter, attending the shows around the island, run events at an Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday in September and much more where we would really welcome your help.

If you would like to raise funds for a specific item or project for the Shelter

we now have a page dedicated to wish list items that we really need in order to care for the animals and help support the welfare work that we carry out every day.



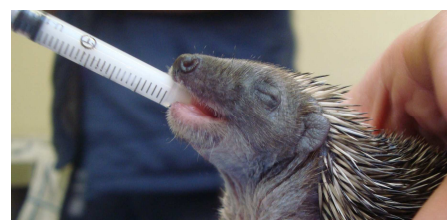
Would are looking for volunteers to run regular coffee mornings at the Shelter to help raise funds. If you would like to help organize these then please get in touch.

You can even raise funds when you shop online at stores like Amazon, John Lewis, Argos and Debenhams. All you have to do is visit:

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/guernseyspca/>

So far shoppers have raised over £70!

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As spring approaches the Animal Shelter is desperate to have a pool of experienced volunteers to call upon for emergency hand rearing of baby animals and birds.

Hand rearing takes a huge amount of time and dedication and while there are not always the happy endings we wish for it is extremely rewarding. If you think you may be able to help us please contact the Shelter on 257261

**Answers: 1.Horse 2.Scorpion
3.Wolf 4.Rat 5.Antelope
6.Koala 7.Snake 8.Chicken
9.Lamb 10.Cat 11.Kangaroo
12.Ape**