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Final appeal to help Olivia fly south



Finally the documents are in place to fly Olivia south and we are appealing for donations or for a plane to help transport her to the Canaries in the next few weeks.

Olivia who nearly died in March is the first ever loggerhead sea turtle to visit Guernsey and they are so rare there are only 40,000 breeding females in the wild.

After months of rehabilitation she is now strong enough to endure the journey back to warmer waters and a rescue in Gran Canaria and we are appealing for donations or a plane to help fly her to where she belongs.

The rehabilitation has been a long road and we couldn't have got her to her excellent health without so many wonderful caring companies and locals here in Guernsey and further afield.

Now that the Cites documents have arrived from Spain we can now arrange and plan how to fly her to the Canaries which is the quickest and best way for her welfare.

With nearly £3000 donated through Just Giving, giving.gg and paypal if you would like to donate towards the remaining £9500 you can do so by phone 257261, by post, at the Shelter or clicking the links below.



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The cheapest option we have found at present is £12,500 which we will be looking to book if we cannot find a cheaper option in the next few days.

If you know of anyone that can help please call Steve Byrne the GSPCA Manager on 01481 257261 or email stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "At last we have the Cites documents to transport Olivia to the Canaries and we are all very excited to get her back to where she belongs."

"Before we can get her there we are exploring any and all avenues as the cheapest option is £12,500 which we have raised nearly £3000 for online

but if we can find any other options we would really appreciate it."

"Cites documents often take a couple of months to arrange and we couldn't have moved her earlier as she wouldn't have been strong enough."

"We continue to fund raise for Olivia as to heat her pool and feed her is costing in excess of £30 a day and we really do appreciate all donations towards her flight and her care."

"If you can help Olivia in any way please do get in touch with me as we would really like to get her to a rescue in the Canaries in the next few weeks as she is now strong and fit enough to travel."

Geoff George Animal Collection Officer said "Its been a really long road for Olivia who we all thought may not make it at first as she was so weak."

"Every day she improves and we are now ready to get a plane to fly her south and really need any help to get her there."

"Last week we saw Bonnie the seal pup back to the wild and it is now time to do the same for Olivia."

To donate via giving.gg to help Olivia the loggerhead turtle home please click [here](#)



• Info to come...

Lots more going on and other events coming up...

To book a place on any of the above events, or if you are interested in helping on one of our stalls, please call the GSPCA on 257261

For a calendar of events during 2016 please go to www.gspca.org.gg/fundraising

Seafront Sunday info..

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."

"Bonnie was so thin when we rescued her and to see her swim back where she belongs was fantastic."

"Olivia the turtle is now our next big release, although we have many hedgehogs a barn owl and many other wild animals in our car we are soon to get back to the wild."

Our next big release is Olivia the turtle and to support her and donate please see details below.

Meet the staff section, need to sort some details for this.....

Staff/volunteer certificates of appreciation need to sort too.....

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>

Animals looking for new homes...

Longest stay rabbits Charity and Claudia

15 cockateils in an aviary in need of a home

3 degus need a home

Snake need a home

Molly and Polly rats need a home

I have 3 large fish tanks with 45 fish need a home but need to do a write up

Help with release sites for ducks

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.

4th Guernsey Beavers 'Go Wild'

helping out with St Andrews Floral Group and the RSPB

Last night 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 or Ann Wragg from St Andrews Floral Group a.hw@icloud.com

Wish List

Volunteer weekend warden volunteers and receptionists needed

Last night the GSPCA greeted 12 new faces wanting to help out at the Animal Shelter and 24/7 work that is carried out

Present were 2 interested in carrying out their Duke of Edinburgh with the others wanting to help with dog walking to reception, cat pen cleaning to helping with the wildlife, fund raising to volunteering to gain experience for their CV and some to help gain life skills.

Sarah Ozanne Animal Care Assistant greeted the group and gave a presentation and talk about the work we carry out 24 hours 7 days a week, the differing volunteer roles and how to work safely at the GSPCA Shelter and our events.

After a 90 minute talk each of the group had a chance to talk to Sarah about what they'd like to do and a date was set for them to come in.

Sarah Ozanne Animal Care Assistant said "We had a lovely evening meeting lots of lovely volunteers last night at the GSPCA."

"At this time of year every department is extremely busy with so many animals and we really appreciate all the help from the volunteers that come in to the GSPCA."

"One of the volunteers has already started and Sarah Langlois enjoyed herself so much this morning has come back again this afternoon to help in other areas."

"Sarah has helped out with the birds in the aviaries and the many other animals we have in the hospital department."

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "We hold Volunteer Inductions every month

at the GSPCA and it is wonderful how we always have such a great attendance."

"Last night Sarah welcomed 12 new volunteers each wanting to help it different ways and the first started this morning."

"We have over 100 active volunteers every week and over 600 each year, which is about 1% of the Guernsey population."

"Our next Volunteer Induction is at 3pm on Monday 18th July and we have many more planned through the year."

"We couldn't help the thousands of animals that come through our doors at the GSPCA without our fantastic volunteers and great team."

"We look forward to the the new volunteers starting over the next few weeks and thank them all for wanting to help us make a real difference to animals lives in Guernsey."

Currently at the GSPCA we are looking for volunteers to help in some specific areas including -

Fund raising and helping at stalls and many events

Volunteers to help with our flag day on Saturday 20th August

Volunteers to help with the Seafront

Sundays, Shows and other events

Volunteer gardeners to help around site with St Andrews Floral Group

NIGHT VOLUNTEERING - Volunteer

Wardens to help provide the ambulance

emergency service we provide between

6pm and 8am every night

WEEKEND VOLUNTEERING -

Volunteer Wardens to help provide

the ambulance emergency service we

provide between 8am until 6pm on the



weekend

Hedgehog Volunteers especially on the weekend

Cat volunteers to help with their cleaning and care

Volunteer receptionists to help on the front desk

If you can help with any of these roles please contact GSPCA Manager Steve Byrne on 01481 257261 or email stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg

To find out more about volunteering please click [here](#).

We are always looking for volunteers to help at the Shelter in a variety of roles. Volunteers helping raise funds for the GSPCA Animal Shelter Guernsey

You need to be at least 14 years old to help at the Shelter. If you are younger then you could still help. If you talk to your parents or guardians they may help you with fund raising for the Animal Shelter.

To get started in Volunteering at the GSPCA we hold Induction Evenings and no matter your age there is always a way you can help.

If you are looking to complete your work experience, Duke of Edinburgh or similar placement it is a requirement to attend one of the sessions to arrange a start date and complete the induction.

The Volunteer Induction Evenings planned for 2015/16 will take place on the following days and times in the Event and Training Room at the GSPCA, but please do call 257261 closer to the date to confirm it is taking place.

When you arrive to attend please follow the paw prints at the front of reception which will take you to the upper floor where the sessions are held.

3pm Monday 18th July 2016
3pm Wednesday 27th July 2016
6.30pm Thursday 4th August 2016
6.30pm Tuesday 6th September 2016
6.30pm Tuesday 13th September 2016
6.30pm Thursday 6th October 2016
6.30pm Thursday 3rd November 2016
6.30pm Tuesday 6th December 2016
Here are some of the ways you can volunteer for the GSPCA.

Dog Walking - to find out more

Dog Walking Volunteer Details

Cat Socialising - for more details

Cat Socialising Volunteer
Details Volunteer at GSPCA Animal
Shelter, Guernsey

Animal Accommodation Cleaner - With over 200 animals in our care there is lots of cleaning to do in the morning and through the day. Please complete a form and return it to the Shelter if you would like to help care for the animals at the Shelter.

Wildlife Volunteer - Our recent refurbished wildlife unit always has high numbers of birds and a growing number of hedgehogs that require caring for. We need volunteers to help us with this unit and if you would like to help please

complete a form below and return it to the Shelter. The main part of this role is between 8am and 12pm 7 days a week and we are trying to put a rota together to help assist the wildlife staff.

Reception and helping answer calls
- We are looking to build a team of volunteers to assist the reception staff in their duties to help respond to the inquiries and welfare calls.

Administration - We are a very busy Animal Welfare organisation and if you could help in the office please fill in the form below and get in touch.

Gardening & Grounds Work - We have a lovely rural site that we always need help to care for.

Maintenance & Painting - Many of our buildings have been standing for some time and need TLC.

Fostering / Hand Rearing - follow this link to see our Fostering page Link to fostering page

Fund Raising - we are always looking for Volunteers helping raise funds for GSPCA Animal Shelter, Guernsey volunteers to help with our many fund raising events. If you can help please fill in an application below and return it to the Shelter. If you would like to see some of our fund raising events please

Fundraising page

Events & Special Days - We have lots of days to help raise awareness and funds for the GSPCA.

Welfare & Microchipping Events - We are planning to arrange days to help raise awareness and help animals in Guernsey and need your help to run these days.

Van Driving & Night Wardens - We need volunteers to help both in the day and night. For more details on the Wardens please.

Volunteer Animal Wardens - Guernsey GSPCA

See some of our wardens here <http://www.gspca.org.gg/about/24-hour-emergency-wardens>

Special Roles -

Volunteer Co-ordinator - We are looking for a Volunteer Co-ordinator. If you have some time on your hands, good people skills and would like to get involved recruiting and training volunteers please get in touch.

Newsletter Editor - We are also looking for someone to help with our quarterly newsletter. If you have experience in putting together newsletters and have the time then please let us know.

Sponsorship Co-ordinator - We are currently putting together a kennel, cat and animal pen sponsorship scheme. We are looking for a volunteer to help organise, promote and run this scheme to help raise the much needed funds to care for the hundreds of animals at the Shelter.

Collection Box Co-ordinator - We have collection boxes throughout Guernsey and we are looking for someone who can help ensure these are collected regularly and to help find new sites.

Education Talk Assistant - Every week staff at the Shelter talk to schools and groups about the vital work we carry out. If you are interested in helping with these please email sarahcreasey@gspca.org.gg

Tour Guide Volunteers - At the Shelter we would like to develop a small team of volunteers that can give guided tours around the GSPCA and talk about the much needed work we carry out every day.

Refreshment / Charity Shop Volunteers - We would like to run coffee mornings at the Shelter whilst selling a selection of bric-a-brac and other donated items a couple of mornings a week. We are currently looking for volunteers to help run this to help raise funds for the Shelter.

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

The Sure Customer Service Awards winners were announced last night 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.

New build opening

GSPCA Charity Shop Furniture Appeal

We would like to thank all those that have already helped donate and shop at our Charity Shop on site at the GSPCA.

Over the last few months we have been using a section of the new build as a pop up shop where you can buy all sorts of goods from clothes to furniture.

We have found that the furniture side has become very popular and we are currently appealing for anyone wanting to give away furniture that is in good condition whether household or garden to please get in touch.

We also continue to appeal for clothes, bric-a-brac and other items to sell.

The shop are is open between 9am and 5pm as is our reception phone line on 01481 257261.

When you visit our charity shop you can see some of the animals in our care looking for homes as it is next to the cat rehoming section.

You can now also see a number of birds and rabbits outside in need of homes.

The charity shop has a changing area to try on the clothes on sale and a huge selection of goods at fantastic prices.



The main reception area also has a great range of new goods on sale including things for your pets to GSPCA tops and hats.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "When we built our fantastic new multi purpose animal welfare building there we had to leave one large room unfitted and to help raise funds it has become a pop up charity shop section."

"Everything in there from the fittings to the items on sale have been kindly donated to the GSPCA."

"We have found that the furniture has sold extremely well and we are currently appealing for furniture that is in good condition to help raise funds for the animals in our care."

"If you have anything you would like to donate you can call us on 01481 257261 or email admin@gspca.org.gg and ideally with a few pictures so we can see if we have room or can pop out to collect it."

"Thank you to everyone that has already helped, donated or shopped at our charity shop area it is much appreciated."

Baby bird advice - remember often healthy fledglings are best left alone

The GSPCA are asking Islanders to please be mindful of the many fledglings popping up around the Bailiwick.

The GSPCA would like to remind that as a general rule, it is best to leave baby birds alone.

A baby bird has a greater chance of survival in the wild than it has being hand-reared by man as they learn to fend for themselves and how to forage for food by their parents.

Around 2 weeks after hatching young birds in your Bailiwick garden usually leave the nest, just before they learn how to fly.

It is about this time that you find a young bird out of its nest, as it is probably a fledgling. Fledglings are almost fully feathered, able to walk, run and hop on to low branches, and will try to hide in undergrowth where they are fed by their parents. Parent birds are not usually far away and are probably collecting food but will not return until you have gone. Within a day of leaving the nest, fledglings can usually fly enough to keep up with their parents and escape predators.

Please remember to only move them, or encourage them to move, a short distance to safety if they are in immediate danger.

If you have picked up a fledgling, put it back as near as possible to the place you found it. Don't try to return a fledgling to its nest as you may disturb other young birds.

If you are concerned about its safety try to put it nearby on a ledge, or somewhere it will be out of the reach of cats. You may want to use an ice cream container with kitchen towel in and place it in a tree or ledge.



Monitor the situation from a place where you will not be seen or heard as otherwise you may continue to discourage the return of the parents. Do this for at least two hours. You will almost certainly find that the parents have taken care of their youngster within this time.

If, after monitoring, you think a fledgling is genuinely orphaned or sick please call the GSPCA on 01481 257261 and choose the emergency option or bring it to the Animal Shelter where we have hospital cages set up ready for them. Please do not try and care for these birds yourself. If you need further help and advice, again please call us on 01481 257261.

We have already had a number of baby birds including finches, pigeons and ducklings this year.

Nestlings are baby birds that only have a small number of feathers. They are different from fledglings in that they are totally dependent on the security of the nest and will not fare at all well if left. If a nestling is found, contain it as soon as possible in a warm, dark, well-ventilated cardboard box (do not offer

water, milk or food as this could make them ill or if done incorrectly worse). If the bird is sick, take it to your nearest veterinary surgeon or to the Animal Shelter or call 01481 257261. Never try to return nestlings to their nests as this may disturb the other babies. Never try to rear nestlings yourself, as they need specialist care if they are to survive and the staff at the GSPCA have years of experience and training.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "Once again Spring is with us and as with every year it is a busy time for the GSPCA, especially as we have healthy fledglings brought in that their parents could have cared for and raised."

"In the last few days we have had fledglings, a baby goose and ducklings brought in to add to those already in our care, and as the summer approaches we are often inundated with orphaned fledglings."

"It is a worry when baby birds are seen with no parents in view, but this simple advice can mean they can have the best start in life."

"This evening we have had baby birds

brought into the Shelter and many we see are a result sadly of cat attacks."

"We are very lucky to have intensive care units at the Shelter to help raise these very fragile young, but it is never easy with the number of feeds and the fact that many arrive injured or very cold."

"We are always at the end of a phone for

advice and there are plenty of details on our website and please remember we operate 24 7 with someone on site and out in an ambulance."

"After a stormy start to the year, it is great to see a kinder Spring to our wildlife and fingers crossed they have a good year."

Please remember handling any animal

either domestic, wild, dead or alive may be potentially hazardous. Obvious dangers include bites, scratches and general hygiene issues. The GSPCA advise common sense should be applied in all instances and if unsure please call 01481 257261. Personal hygiene should be taken into consideration after handling any animal whether it is domestic, wild, dead or alive.

Liberation Day stalls raised £2900

Last Monday 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.

Thank you to one and all that helped and supported from all at the GSPCA and the 350 animals in our care.

Torteval Scarecrow info...

Flag Day info...

A massive thanks to Fade 2 Grey & the team in Herm helping raise funds for Olivia the turtle, the GSPCA & Les Bourgs Hospice

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 currently trying to raise the final funds to fly Olivia the turtle back to Gran Canaria and the support from Fade 2 Grey is a fantastic help making a difference and we continue to appeal for funds to help with her journey and care."

"It was a fantastic atmosphere and the funds raised with help animals in Guernsey and the wonderful Les Bourgs Hospice."



"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."

Slovakian puppy reunion - there can be a happy ever after - please help support banning the illegal puppy trade

Last August 25 Slovakian puppies were stopped at Guernsey Customs in an awful state on route to the UK.

Then in September the two people transporting them were in Guernsey Magistrate Court for animal cruelty and fraud to hear their verdicts.

A 59-year-old man from the Slovak Republic was found guilty of animal cruelty and fraud and fined a total of £2,500. He was told that the fine must be paid from custody or he would serve the alternative of 14 days in prison, which he quickly paid.

To see the details please click [here](#).

After their detention the 25 puppies were under the care of the GSPCA on instruction from the Guernsey States Vet Mr David Chamberlain.

7 of the puppies under section 70 of the Animal Welfare Ordinance no longer belonged to the man from the Slovak Republic.

The other 18 were being detained at the GSPCA due to the fraudulent passports and their age being younger than stated. That meant they had to have a period of isolation until they were vaccinated against rabies and held valid pet passports which for some due to their young age took over 2 months.

Many required a variety of treatments due to health problems from worms to eye problems, an infected ingrowing nail to dehydration on arrival.

Shortly after the court hearing the Slovak man left Guernsey and did not respond to any communication or try to make contact to find out about the puppies. This meant after a period in detention at the GSPCA the 18 puppies were classed as abandoned and after nearly 3 months of care all of the 25 puppies were able to



be rehomed.

With hundreds of enquiries and applications of offering the pups good homes it was no easy task for the team at the Animal Shelter. Working chronologically through files of forms families were contacted and home visited whilst having the chance to meet the puppies and during the weeks in and around November all 25 found wonderful new homes.

During November and up until recently the puppies have been attending dog training classes at the GSPCA but since leaving the GSPCA in November it wasn't until last Saturday that most had the chance of a mass reunion.

Organised by GSPCA Welfare Manager Lorna Prince only a few of the puppies weren't able to attend Vazon on Saturday morning for a family get together.

From French Bulldogs to Dachshunds, Pugs to Cocker Spaniels the owners and the now young dogs had a fantastic morning playing on the beach.

Five of the GSPCA team went down to see them all, three of which had adopted puppies themselves.

Lorna Prince Welfare Manager said "We had more homes offered than we had dogs, some had applied for puppies before these guys came, so it was only fair they got them too."

"Taking care of them stretched us to our limits and staff cancelled days off because of the care they needed."

"Because they were at a critical learning stage, we had to bring trainers into the quarantine facilities, otherwise they would not have come out sociable."

Sarah Ozanne GSPCA staff member and adopter of puppy Frank said "It was such a lovely morning and all the puppies seemed to have so much fun."

"We have a Boxer at home too, and Frank is now part of the family although he has needed a major operation on his eyes."

"It was hard work when they first arrived and many of us that work night shifts were cleaning them past 10pm at night every night."

"It was certainly worth all the hard work to see them all here today."

Sarah Creasey GSPCA Welfare and Education Officer and dog trainer said "It was lovely after they had all been rehomed seeing them come back to the GSPCA dog training classes and getting to know the owners."

"They all seemed to have a great time on the beach and it was so lovely to see them all."