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Buy a cat a window to help keep them dry this Christmas

Huge thanks to St Andrews Floral Group, Work to Benefit team & many others



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from all the team & animals at the GSPCA



AGM

Wednesday
24th January 2018

Starting at 7.30pm at the Animal Shelter

- Main agenda items -
- Welcome drinks and nibbles from 7pm
- Awards
- Apologies of absence
- Presidents Report
- GSPCA Managers Report
- 2015 Accounts
- Treasurers Report
- Election of President & Officers

Annual Membership Subscriptions of £10 for 2018 are now due. For AGM details please go to www.gspca.org.gg or call 01481 257261. Why not become an Angel Pen Pal sponsor and help thousands of animals every year in Guernsey. To find out more visit our website, call or pop into the Shelter.

GSPCA Seafront Sunday
20th May
2018



ANIMAL WELFARE
SEAFRONT SUNDAY

CELEBRATING ANIMALS IN GUERNSEY



Forth Coming Events with the GSPCA



Tuesday 19 December Christmas Jumper Day for GSPCA— dress yourself or your pet in a festive theme in aid of GSPCA

Thursday 21st —Saturday 23rd Fund Raising at Pets at Home

28th -31st December 2017 2pm each day guided tours

Wednesday 10th January 2018 Volunteer Induction Evening Starts 630pm until approximately 815pm

AGM Wednesday 24th January 2018 730pm

Thursday 8th February 2018 Volunteer Induction Evening Starts 630pm until approximately 815pm

Thursday 8th to Friday 16th February GSPCA Purple Week—Celebrating 145 years

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February 2018 Guided Tours each day at 2pm each day

Monday 5th March 2018 Volunteer Induction Evening Starts 630pm until approximately 815pm

Dog First Aid 6.30pm - 8.45pm Monday 12th March 2018

Cat First Aid 6.30pm - 8.45pm Monday 19th March 2018

Wednesday 28th March 2018 2pm Guided Tours

Thursday 29th March 2pm Guided Tour

Good Friday 30th March 2pm Guided Tour

Good Friday 30th March Sidneys Sponsored Event Pop Rockin 80s Ball

Easter Saturday 31st March 2pm Guided Tour

Easter Sunday no tour planned

Easter Monday 2nd April 2pm Guided Tour

Tuesday 3rd April 2pm Guided Tour

Wednesday 4th April 2pm Guided Tour

Wednesday 11th April 2018 Volunteer Induction Evening Starts 630pm until approximately 815pm

Tuesday 1st May 2018 Volunteer Induction Evening Starts 630pm until approximately 815pm

Sunday 20th May 2018 Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday

Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June 2018 Guided Tours each day

Monday 4th June 2018 Volunteer Induction Evening Starts 630pm until approximately 815pm

Monday 2nd July 2018 Volunteer Induction Evening Starts 630pm until approximately 815pm

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th July 2018 2pm each day Guided Tours

Friday 27th July 2018 Volunteer Induction Starts 330pm until approximately 5pm

Wednesday 1st August 2018 Volunteer Induction Evening Starts 630pm until approximately 815pm

Monday 3rd September 2018 Volunteer Induction Evening Starts 630pm until approximately 815pm

Monday 1st October 2018 Volunteer Induction Evening Starts 630pm until approximately 815pm

Monday 29th October – Friday 2nd November 2018 Special Halloween Guided Tours each day £18 per child (£16 with Island Mums Card), prizes for best costumes & fun games room (children must have a guardian/parent)

Monday 5th November 2018 Volunteer Induction Evening Starts 630pm until approximately 815pm

Dog First Aid 6.30pm - 8.45pm Monday 12th November 2018

Tuesday 4th December 2018 Volunteer Induction Evening Starts 630pm until approximately 815pm

Boxing Day 27th - 31st December 2018 2pm each day guided tours



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



GSPCA Purple Week—help us celebrate 145 years helping animals in Guernsey Thursday 8th to Friday 16th February



On the February the GSPCA was founded back in 1873 and to help celebrate 145 years caring for animals in Guernsey we are asking for your help.

There are many ways you, your school, group, work place, business can help celebrate.

The GSPCA week starts 8th February and celebrations will carry on until the 14th with our anniversary being Valentines Day the 14th February.

Ideas to get involved.....

Why not wear purple for the day? The GSPCA logo is purple and we are encouraging people to wear purple for a day or more during this week from purple ties to GSPCA wrist bands, pin badges, or maybe you have a better idea?

A Mufti or Dress Down Day is a great and fun way to raise funds to help animals in Guernsey and celebrate our 145th anniversary.

How about a 'Take Your Dog to Work Day' although normally this is celebrated in the summer why not hold a day at your work place early.

Maybe you would like a tombola set for your work place? We can arrange a ticketed tombola with prizes to help raise funds for the animals in our care.

Dress as an animal for the day? Its fun and a great way to celebrate the fact that the GSPCA help 1000's of animals and birds every year.

FACT - Did you know the Shelter has cared for two lion cubs and two monkeys in the last few years and currently has a seal pup on site?

A sponsored event? From a sponsored silence to a wax, stop smoking to a dog walk there are many ways you can raise funds to help animals in Guernsey. To download a sponsor form please

FACT - Did you know the GSPCA has 200 - 300 animals in their care at any one time?

Sell goods for the GSPCA? The GSPCA has a number of new GSPCA goods on sale including pens, pin badges, wrist bands, car stickers and small toy dogs which we can provide in a counter box to help raise funds for the Animal Shelter.



FACT - Did you know that in 1919 the first home for stray dogs and cats was at 11 St John Street, St Peter Port. 5/- (five shillings) a week was paid to the tenant for housing the kennels and looking after the animals?

A collection box / wishing well? The GSPCA are always looking for businesses and places to locate collection boxes around the Island. By clicking the above link or emailing stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg you can apply for one to help raise funds for the GSPCA. Also if you have a bigger premises maybe you could accommodate one of our GSPCA Wishing Wells. The first of these can be seen at the Shelter which are made on site and are a fantastic way to highlight the need of raising funds for the GSPCA and that your business supports our work caring for animals in Guernsey.



FACT - Did you know in October 1929 the GSPCA purchased its present site at Les Fiers Moutons, St Andrews. The house, outbuildings and $\frac{3}{4}$ vergee of land were bought freehold for £400.00 plus a further 2 vergees of land for £120.00 and an extra £5.00 included the spring and well?

There are many ways you can join the **GSPCA Purple Week - Celebrating 145 years Caring for Animals in Guernsey** between Thursday 8th February and Friday 16th February.

We have a number of events taking place during the GSPCA Purple Week.

On Thursday 8th February at 630pm we are holding a volunteer induction evening at the GSPCA

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "In 2018 the GSPCA will have been helping animals in Guernsey for 145 years and we are asking animal lovers to help join in and celebrate with us."

'We are looking at holding a number of events during the week and if anyone has any other ideas please let us know.'

"It costs over £600,000 a year to help care for the 1000's of animals and birds we have through our doors, provide the 24 hour 7 day a week emergency service for animals, the welfare work, dog training, education and more and we are appealing for people, schools and businesses to get involved to celebrate the wonderful work we have done and have to do for the future."

"With rising costs and our plans to re-build some of our older buildings and tile our kennels we hope that Guernsey will wear purple for animals and join in our birthday fun in February."

"We will be holding a number events and details are on our website."

To register your event or involvement please email stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg or call 01481 257261



Momentous occasion as Sami the first ever Channel Island seal pup to be released in Jersey



Fathers Day was a very special time for one youngster at the GSPCA.

Sami the grey seal pup who was rescued in Jersey on a cold winters beach close to death at just over 13kgs by the Jersey British Divers Marine Life Rescue Medics has had a long road to recovery.

Less than a third of what she should have weighed at two weeks of age the grey seal pup was extremely lucky to survive.

After her initial first aid in Jersey Sami was flown to Guernsey where she was initially tube fed and treated every two hours day and night.

Her care was headed by GSPCA Animal Collection Officer and main marine mammal carer at the Shelter Geoff George.

With over 20 years rescuing and caring for seal pups Sami was in good hands.

After a period of treatments and fluids Sami's care moved onto a fish soup being tubed and then onto solid fish.

As winter ended Sami was fit enough to enter the rehabilitation pools and move on to 20 to 30 large fish a day and started to put on weight.

As Sami reached the ideal 40kg release weight the GSPCA contacted the Jersey authorities to see if it was possible to release her back into the waters where she was found.

We were overjoyed when the Jersey authorities gave the green light and the vet and team at the GSPCA cleared Sami for release as she reached 44kgs in weight.

Earlier in the week an appeal went out to try and find a boat to transport Sami to Les Écréhous which had been decided as the best place to set her free.

Dozens of offers were kindly made with one from Andrew and his family who had seen the appeal on the ITV Channel website.

Andrew and his son Harrison both know the water of Les Écréhous extremely well as they both volunteer on the RLNI St Catherine's Lifeboat and regularly train in the area.

So the date was set and Fathers Day was chosen as the weather was ideal and the team and boat was ready.



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The day for the GSPCA team started early as at 8am preparations were made and the pool was drained so that Sami could be boxed for the journey.

Geoff with GSPCA Manager Steve Byrne caught her and carried her to the vehicle and then transported her with GSPCA volunteers Guy Hardill and Danni Brouard. The team met up with another GSPCA staff member Seb Goman on Crown Pier and by 930am Sami and all were aboard with Andrew, his wife Karen, son Harrison and two cocker spaniels.



As soon as Sami was on board she was keen to get her first look at the sea and her nostrils took in the sea air.

The weather was fantastic and the trip to Les Écréhous extremely smooth and as the team neared the release site many of the Jersey British Divers Marine Life Rescue Medics including those that rescued her all those months ago were waiting on a boat to follow and spectate Sami's dip back to the wild.

As Sami and all slowed to anchor two adult seals could be seen in the distance and the area rich in wildlife from diving gannets to jellyfish swimming past. At around 11am everything was ready and the team in place with cameras to capture this huge event.

The door of Sami's travel crate was opened and although not too sure at first as soon as she was out it took only a few seconds for her to dive back into her home waters. The first few minutes were taking by swimming around the boat and then she started to venture further away. She entertained the crowd by diving deep and popping up taking in the scenery and exploring.

After about 15 minutes she had swam off into the distance and the team made preparations to cast off after the first ever grey seal pup to be rescued in Jersey, rehabilitated in Guernsey and released back in the waters where she was found. On the way back to Guernsey the team were treated by Andrew to a tour of the coastline of Jersey and dolphins were spotted and we even got to see the bay where Sami had been rescued.

Geoff George GSPCA Animal Collection Officer and Sami's carer said ""Sami was certainly the most feisty seal pup we have ever had which is a good sign she will do well in the wild." "We were so worried for her when she first arrived as she was so weak and thin."

"The trip to Les Écréhous was amazing and Andrew and his family so kind to take Sami there for her release." "Sami did so well when she was released and we are so pleased at the GSPCA and thank you to all that helped us with her care."

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "Sami is the first ever true Channel Island seal pup as we worked together pan island to rescue her, care for her and release where she belonged."



"Over the last 6 years we have been rehabilitating Guernsey seals on island and have successfully released 5 back into the wild locally." "This is the first Jersey seal pup to be rehabilitated in the Channel Islands and be released back into Jersey waters."

"Over the last 6 months we have so many thanks to give to the many that helped with Sami and her care."

"Once again Geoff has done an amazing job and we are all extremely proud of him and all that supported him."

"Les Écréhous was a magical place to release Sami and with other seals in the distance and rich is so many other wild animals and birds we are all overjoyed with how well Sami's release went in such a special and ideal place for a release."

"After 6 months of care it was quite emotional to see her go but so lovely to share it with such a wonderful group of people from the GSPCA team members to Andrew and his family and of course the British Marine Mammal life Rescue Medics that rescued her back in December."

"We would really like to refurbish our seal unit and if anyone would like to help donate or support this much needed facility you can do so online, calling 257261 or at the Shelter."



GSPCA Seafront Sunday - our biggest event of the year!!!

On the 20th May 2018, from 10 until 4pm, the GSPCA will be holding its sixth Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday!

We are extremely grateful to all those that made last years day such a great success and we are hoping this years will be bigger and better. There will be stalls, games, mascot racing, fancy dress, a dog show and much more!

We still have spaces for charities, organisations and art and crafts businesses to have a stall at the event. If you are interested, please contact the GSPCA on 01481 257261 or download an application for from our website:

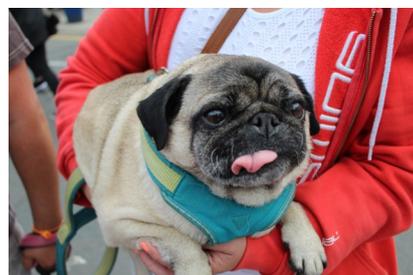


<http://www.gspca.org.gg/page/animal-welfare-sea-front-Sunday>

Fun Dog Show

There will be a dog show (time to be confirmed) with 10 classes. This is a fun dog show and is open to any breed of dog.

1. Best Rescue
 2. Best Smile
 3. Waggiest Tail
 4. Dog most like its owner
 5. Best male puppy (2 years and under)
 6. Best female puppy (2 years and under)
 7. Best Fancy Dress
 8. Prettiest Bitch
 9. Most Handsome dog
 10. Show us a trick Golden Oldies (7 years +)
- Judge's Favourite



Entries will be £1 and please enter on the day.

Children's Animal Fancy Dress Competition

Again there will be holding a children's animal themed fancy dress competition (time to be confirmed). If you forget your costume there will be a face and nail painter on hand to decorate you or your child. This will take place at the race area for the Giant Animal Race between the Crown Pier and Town Church.

Animal Selfie Show (photo show of your animals)

Not got a dog you can bring down, but own a pet then this is your chance to take part in a show without the need to bring them along. We are asking pet owners to take pictures of their pets and for a donation per class you can enter your cat, rabbit, horse, donkey, stick insect, tortoise, whatever it may be into a virtual pet show. There is even a chance to win with pictures of wildlife you may have taken.

Once again we will be holding a Giant Animal Mascot event to entertain the crowds at our Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday.

This is open to mascots and individuals prepared to dress as an animal and play a fun football game with a rather over sized ball.

We are asking businesses, pubs, individuals or anyone as a team of 5 or an individual and we can make extra teams on the day.

Don't worry about what to wear we will provide the Giant Animal Mascot suit and have over 70 available.

To join our giant animal 5-a-side football game in Guernsey we are asking you to raise funds for the Shelter, ideally a minimum of £15 per person or £70 a team.

All the money raised will go towards helping animals in Guernsey.

For businesses wanting to join in we will feature in our next newsletter, on our website and you can put a banner up on the day.

We are welcoming children to dress up in their own suits and also have a game through the day for a donation. To register and further details please email - stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg

Corporate sponsors and businesses get to choose their suits or if they wish to provide their own it must be an animal and we still require the application form completed with the minimum sponsorship.

There are lots of events happening during the Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday from a fun dog show, arts and crafts stalls, live music, kids games, food stalls, picture competitions and much more

This is the seventh year the event has taken place and in previous years we have seen Bernard, Daniel the Island FM Donkey and Roary the GFC Lion and over 100 other competitors.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "Our Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday is just around the corner and our Animal Mascot event is 5-a-side football which was fantastic fun last year."

"We are asking for teams or individuals to sign up to dress as a giant animal or character to play a fun 5-a-side football game."

"All the funds raised will help animals in Guernsey."

"It's not a normal game as the ball may well be a little bigger than normal."

"All we ask is a minimum donation of £15 per player or £70 a team, we provide the costume and the fun starts at 2pm on the 20th May."

"Game lengths will depend on numbers and our very own Bernard the GSPCA dog will be in goal for any penalty shoot outs."

"Please do get in touch for more information or check out the details online."

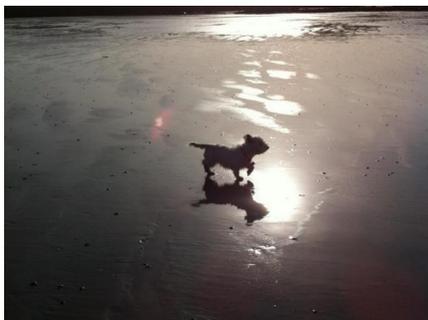
For more details on the Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday please go to - <http://www.gspca.org.gg/page/animal-welfare-sea-front-sunday>



Summer and Autumn fun & events— thanks to all involved & supported the many events



Dog owners to take care when walking along the coast



In recent years each winter dog owners are warned to keep pets away from any oily white substances they may find on local beaches. The GSPCA are asking dog owners to take care when along the coast.

The substance which is Palm Oil has is seen each winter is a real risk.

In previous years the Environment Department has instructed States Works to remove any substance of this description which may be found on beaches.

Previous public advice has been not to remove the palm oil but anyone who has picked any up should double wrap it in plastic and dispose of it with their normal refuse and to report it to the Environment Department.

Contact details for the Environment Department and States Works are Environment Services Unit, Tel: 717200 during office hours or env@gov.gg

For contact details of all the vets in Guernsey please see the bottom of this web page.

If you would like to attend a Dog or Cat First Aid with the GSPCA then we have more set for May 2018 and for details <http://www.gspca.org.gg/services/training-courses>

To see details of the beach restrictions <http://www.gspca.org.gg/about/dog-horse-restriction-beaches-guernsey>

Tender Opportunity at the GSPCA

The GSPCA are currently looking to tile
31 kennels at the Animal Shelter
in St Andrews.

We have a tile supplier of appropriate kennel
tiles and

looking for local companies/individuals to help
refloor

5 sections of our kennels
(and possibly corridor areas)

Also, we are asking for tenders to paint the first
floor

of our main Kennel Building.

For more information and to view the kennel areas

please email

stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg or call 257261.

*We are asking for tenders to be in by
the 31st December 2017*

Sidney's Sponsored Events Presents UK Band the



It's going to be a "GOOD FRIDAY" on 30th March 2018

At St Pierre Park Hotel

£48.00 per person

Tables of 8 to 12

Smaller parties welcome

Price includes:

2 Course Meal

Raffle

Auction

FANCY DRESS ENCOURAGED

OR

Smart Casual

To reserve your places please contact corinneconnolly@cwgsy.net

Or call/text 07911-720469

Jersey and Guernsey Seal Pups need your support

With Christmas fast approaching and the seal pups Trevor and Temperance growing stronger each day we have just ordered a large quantity of fresh herring and mackerel in preparations to wean them on to solid food, and we are asking if you can help with their rehabilitation. Both pups are still in intensive care and receiving around the clock treatment but are improving each day.

Trevor at only 11.5kg from Jersey and Temperance the Guernsey seal pup rescued from Beaucette Marina at only 11kg are in an adjoining enclosure and both are currently cared for at the intensive care seal unit in the GSPCA wildlife building.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "Temperance and Trevor are still very weak and on a number of treatments but we continue to do all we can each day for them and hopeful to get them both on solid food very soon."

"It is a long slow process helping rehabilitate a seal pup back to health and Geoff George and the GSPCA team work around the clock to do all we can for both poorly seal pups."

"We are appealing for donations towards their care and £5 will help feed each of them a meal and it would be great if those wanting to support the seals this Christmas would like to donate to their care."

"If you would like to gift a seal feed we can provide a certificate as a way of thanks to pass on to a loved one."

"To receive a seal feed gift certificate if you donate to their care via paypal, phone or at the Shelter and reference the name of the person and any words we can add these to a certificate and if you provide your address we can then post a certificate and some pictures of the seals or email if easier by PDF, please donate via <https://www.paypal.me/DonateGSPCA> , calling 01481 257261 or at the GSPCA, Rue des Truchots, St Andrews, Guernsey, GY6 8UD."

"A way to donate direct to their care is by our Just Giving Page by going to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jerseyandguernseysealpups ." "Both seal pups were rescued severely emaciated and dehydrated with a number of other injuries so we have a huge challenge in front of us doing all we can to care for them."



"It is great that we are working pan island to care for and rehabilitate Channel Island seal pups to keep them in local waters and at the GSPCA we will do all we can for Trevor who was rescued by British Divers Marine Life Rescue in Jersey and cared for by New Era Vets as well as Temperance."

Geoff George GSPCA Ambulance Driver and head carer of the seals said "Both seal pups are still very weak although are certainly showing signs of improvement." "Temperance and Trevor have a long way on the road to getting back to the wild and any donations are really appreciated."

Steve continued "We will keep you up to date on how both seal pups progress and with your help we all hope we can get Temperance and Trevor back to the wild and into Channel Island waters like Jersey seal pup Sami this year and Guernsey seal pup Bonnie last year."

"With seal pups being born around the Channel Islands if anyone finds one and is concerned please do not approach it but call your local helpline as soon as possible and in Guernsey that is 257261." "If anyone see's a pup with or without a mum we really do appreciate a call so that we are aware of its location and condition."

"A healthy pup looks like a big, stuffed maggot without a neck, however, a thin pup looks sleek, not bony and has a visible neck, like a healthy dog."

"To get your very own seal pup if you sign up as an Angel Pen Pal supporter we are gifting the first 50 this month your very own little white toy seal pup."

Cold Weather Advice to help Animals in

With cold weather the GSPCA want pet owners to consider all the animals of Guernsey. During a cold snap the GSPCA are on full alert, ready to deal with a variety of animals affected by the low temperatures.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "With the cold snap upon us the GSPCA are concerned for wildlife, pets and other animals kept outside."

"We have a web page which is <http://www.gspca.org.gg/animals/wildlife-advice> full of advice for what to do if you find an injured wild animal from seals to birds but there many ways you can help."



"We also sell everything from wild animal feeds, fluorescent dog coats to flashing collars to help wild and domestic animals through these dark months at the GSPCA Animal Shelter."

"We already have nearly 100 hedgehogs, the 2 seal pups and many others affected by the stormy and cold weather."

You can do your bit to prevent animals suffering over the cold period.

Do you have a pond?

If you have a pond, make sure you check it every day for ice, as toxic gases can build up in the water of a frozen pond. These can kill fish or frogs that are hibernating at the bottom. If a pond does freeze over you can carefully place a saucepan of hot water on the surface to melt the ice gently to create a hole. Never directly tip boiling water straight onto the pond or break ice with force, as this may harm or can even kill the fish living there. If you own a dog then you must keep them well away from ponds and lakes that are iced over. Thin ice may break under a dog's weight. Also watch out for dogs' paws becoming impacted with snow - this can cause them discomfort.

Feeding birds

We have an amazing selection of birds in Guernsey. Don't forget to look after the wildlife in your garden. In winter, birds may have difficulty finding normal food supplies such as berries, insects, seeds, worms and fruit. An extra tit bit from your kitchen will help to keep them going or you can get a variety of bird feed and feeders at the Animal Shelter.

Hedgehogs

In the UK between November and mid-March hedgehogs normally hibernate but sometimes seen during this time, especially here in Guernsey, if the weather has been mild. For this reason the GSPCA are asking to try and keep aside a hedgehog-friendly area of garden, leaving welcome heaps of leaves and brushwood.

The GSPCA sell a selection of hedgehog food which is designed specifically for them. Food and fresh water at any time of the year will encourage visiting hedgehogs to return regularly. You could try leaving out food such as minced meat, fresh liver, tinned dog food (not fish-based), or chopped boiled eggs.

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

Please remember if you find any sick or injured hedgehog or any animal to call the GSPCA on 01481 257261. Some of the main things to look out for are

- Any hedgehogs seen out in daylight will need URGENT help
- Hedgehogs do NOT lie out sunbathing
- Any cut or wound is urgent
- Any hedgehog with flies on it or maggots crawling on it needs VERY Urgent help
- Any Hedgehog limping or walking strangely needs help
- Anything that looks very thin or wobbly or has bald patches or missing spines



- If you see a baby hedgehog or any small hedgehog weighing less than about 500 grams, that is about the size of a large orange or small grapefruit, at ANY time, whether day or night, that is out on its own, pick it up, pop it into a box with food and water and contact the Shelter on 01481 257261 or pop it up to us as soon as possible.

There are lots of things you can do to protect and care for hedgehogs in your garden, to prevent them from becoming sick or injured.

Garden ponds and swimming pools - Make sure there is always an easy route for hedgehogs to climb out of the water. Steps built out of house bricks are often used. Ideally, swimming pools should have shallow steps and a tight-fitting insulating cover should be used overnight.

Strimmers and hedge trimmers - These should be used sparingly under hedges and other areas of undergrowth. Hedgehogs and other animals are likely to be resting there during the day. The GSPCA see animals injured by these every month and if this does happen please contact us immediately or pop them to the Shelter as quickly as possible.

Drains - Drains and similar open holes frequently trap unwary hedgehogs and they can starve if they are not rescued. Keep all drain covers in good condition and cover any open holes.

Litter - Litter is a real hazard and hedgehogs frequently get their heads stuck in tins, plastic binders from drinks cans or discarded yoghurt pots. Please make sure you dispose of your rubbish safely. Also please ensure that you store any items for recycling in a safe place away from inquisitive hedgehogs.

Nets - Nets particularly those used for tennis, football or cricket, must be furled well above the ground when not in use. Hedgehogs often get entangled in these nets and die of starvation. Fruit nets are a similar source of danger but can be kept taut to stop animals getting entangled.

Pets - Dogs are often quite inquisitive when they see a hedgehog in the garden. It is important that your dog doesn't try to play or pick up a hedgehog as it can both injure the hedgehog and your pet.

Slug pellets - Slug pellets can poison hedgehogs and should only be used as a last resort. Try using other methods such as beer traps or sprinkling fine sand or ground up shells around the plants you need to protect; rings made of cut down plastic drinks bottles can offer protection to individual plants and aluminium, sulphate-based products can be used over wider areas. If all else fails and you have to use pellets, place them under a slate which is inaccessible to hedgehogs.

Rodenticides - There is new evidence that has shown that hedgehogs are at risk from poisons put down for rats and mice. Although the bait boxes used should not allow hedgehogs to get to the bait, slugs and snails are attracted to the bait and will then store the poison in their bodies, so when the hedgehog eats the slug, they get the poison. So always seriously consider whether you need to use these chemicals and if so, please be very careful.

Bonfires - If you have to light a bonfire, always make sure there are no animals sheltering in the pile.

Juvenile hedgehogs found weighing less than 500 grams (1.1lbs) during late autumn will need help to survive the winter. The GSPCA would urge anyone that finds a young hedgehog to contact the Shelter for advice during this time of year.

Extra special care for your pets

Your pets really do need extra special care during the cold winter months. Keep a close eye on outdoor pets, such as guinea pigs, rabbits and other animals you may keep outside. Put extra bedding in their home and be prepared to move them into a shed or unused garage for extra shelter whilst the weather is cold.

You need to maintain a regular routine with your dog. You may not feel like taking your dog for a walk on dark wintry evenings, but the exercise will keep your pet happy and healthy and will help to keep you fit as well!

You must remember to always wear reflective clothing to make yourself visible when walking near roads in the dark and a torch is also a good idea. Don't forget your pets too- fit your dog with a reflective collar or coat (we have a selection available at the Animal Shelter).

We advise that horses and ponies that are kept outside during the winter must have access to shelter at all times. They also need a constant supply of fresh water (you must check that ice hasn't formed on it) and a rug to protect them against the cold and wet. Extra food will be needed too, as winter grazing provides very little nourishment.

We hope this has been some help but any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on 01481 257261

Help us to care for Guernsey's Animals and Birds this Winter.



Christmas Lottery Tickets on sale at the GSPCA



GSPCA have on sale Channel Island Christmas Lottery tickets at our reception area open 7 days a week at the Animal Shelter in St Andrews.

The jackpot for this year's Channel Islands Christmas Lottery is now an amazing £850,000.

The guaranteed first prize continues to rise as tickets are purchased ahead of the draw on the 19th December 2017.

The second prize is set at £100,000 and the third prize will be £25,000, as well as 10 guaranteed winners of £1,000.

With each ticket which is priced at £2 you have a chance at winning instant cash prizes on the Christmas Lottery tickets by revealing a Santa Claus in the scratch area.

The scratch prizes range from £2-£5,000.

The profits from the Channel Islands Christmas Lottery will go to the Association of Guernsey Charities, who benefited from £212,677.71 from last year's proceeds.

The GSPCA were one of the many local charities to benefit from a grant from last years proceeds which helped towards much needed high priority repairs from fixing doors and windows to gutters and roofs at the GSPCA.

Steve Byrne, GSPCA Manager said "We are hugely grateful to the Christmas Lottery for helping fund essential works and repairs this year and last year they helped provide the GSPCA with funds for a much safer new entrance which also helps provide additional banking and hedging for wildlife."

"At the GSPCA we sell Christmas Lottery Tickets which help many local good causes every year in Guernsey."

"It has been recently announced that the Channel Island Christmas Lottery jackpot is up to £850,000 and with continued support this will no doubt increase."

"The Christmas Lottery has helped with a number of projects at the GSPCA over the years and we wish to thank all that support and that are involved with this amazing good cause."

"Tickets at the GSPCA are on sale 7 days a week and the team here have syndicate going."

"Thank you to all that support the Channel Island Christmas Lottery it is a wonderful way to help many local charities and good causes."

Blocks can be purchased by contacting Sport and Recreation Services on 709714.

You can sign up to receive an email or text message with the future prize updates as well as the winning numbers on the day of the draw at my.gov.gg.



Making a lasting difference



The GSPCA is a charity that was founded many years ago and wouldn't be able to carry out its animal welfare work without the generosity of our caring and kind supporters.

With rising costs and thousands of animals each year the GSPCA needs your help as we receive no state aid.

You can help us by leaving a gift to the GSPCA in your Will which allows you to continue helping to improve the lives of animals into the future.

After providing for those you care for, please consider leaving a proportion of what remains to us. A gift like this to GSPCA ensures our animals and those in Guernsey will always have someone to keep them safe.

If you have already left a gift in your Will, please contact Steve Byrne on stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg or call 01481 257261. We can then keep you informed and up to date about developments at the Animal Shelter and our work. We always love to hear that you have left a gift but there is no pressure to say so. We understand that this is a private and personal matter.

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

As a charity, gifts in Wills account for approximately 50% of our total income. We rely on this to continue to give safety and sanctuary to the animals in our care.

We simply couldn't do it without your help and support.

Our charity details are :

Guernsey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals,

Rue des Truchots, St Andrews, Guernsey, GY6 8UD

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Email: stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg

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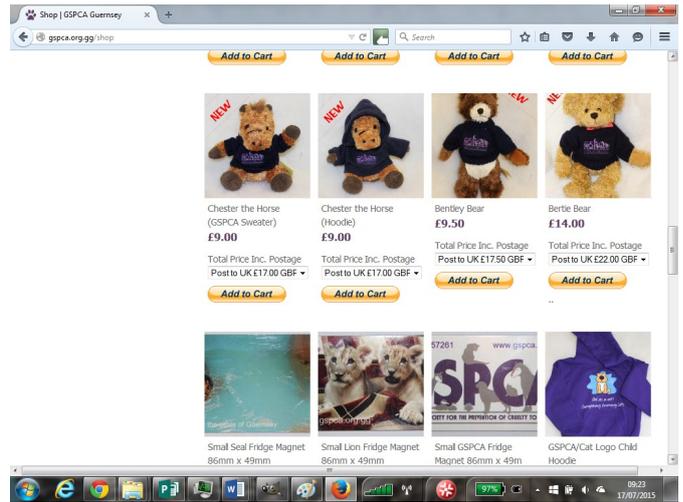
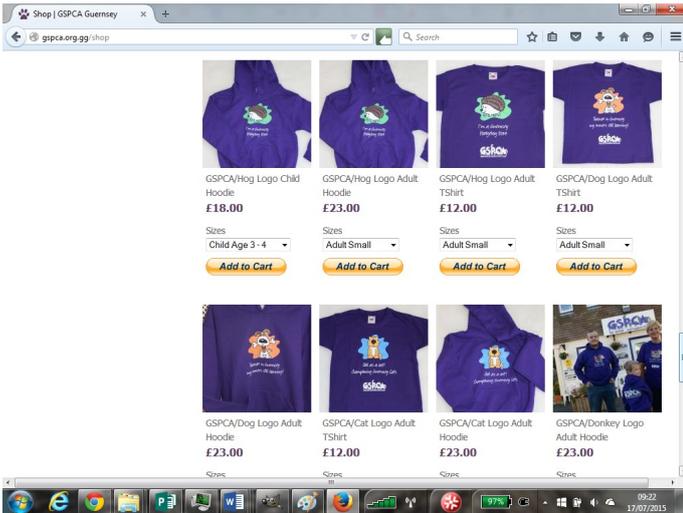
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Watch our social media and website to see lots of great deals, ways to support and items on sale from our Charity Shop & for Christmas



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Guernsey Electricity calendar to raise money for GSPCA

Guernsey Electricity's 2018 calendar, which features photos taken by employees, will raise money for the Guernsey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (GSPCA).

Staff were invited to submit their photos of Guernsey's iconic landscapes and scenes to be included in the calendar. The winning photo on the front cover, 'Summer Flowers', was taken by Brian Thorburn, who chose the animal charity as the beneficiary.

Steve Byrne, GSPCA manager said: 'The GSPCA are so thankful to the wonderful team at Guernsey Electricity who are so supportive of local causes. From all the team and animals at the GSPCA, a massive thank

you for supporting us with the sales of the 2018 Guernsey Electricity calendar.'

'Every penny makes a huge difference to the many animals in our care at the GSPCA as well as all the other animals we help around the island.'

Seven different staff members contributed to the final product, which includes photos of Marbello Tower, Rocquaine, Sark Heige and Petit Port.

'The calendars are always great fun to put together and allow our staff to show off their creative talents,' said Clare Packman, Guernsey Electricity's communications manager.

The 2018 calendars cost £3.00 and are on sale at Guernsey Electricity's shop in Vale. Last year the calendars raised over £1500 for local special needs group Wigwam.

Boarding at the GSPCA

For almost 100 years the GSPCA has been boarding pets for owners in Guernsey and your support brings in much needed funds to help us carry out the 24/7 animal welfare work.. Did you know?

Dog Walking We strive to ensure that all dogs have two short walks a day as a minimum and sometimes they can be walked many times but during severe weather we use the training room and other indoor areas we have on site or prepare interactive toys and treats to keep your dog entertained. If you are looking for additional options for exercise there are details of other services available in our reception area.

Dog Grooming—We can now offer a full professional grooming service either with the onsite dog groomers (Wags & Tails) at the GSPCA or for an animal taxi fee we can transport your dog(s) to and from a groomers of your choice. Please book either before or when you bring your dog in to stay, prices available from Reception. Rest assured that no matter what your pet requires: hand stripping, a full show trim or simply a bit of a tidy up we can help.

Gifts for your pets stay—While your pet is in our care we can provide extra treats or toys which are on sale at our reception area. You can either arrange this at time of booking or contact us while you are away during our opening hours which can be seen on our website www.gspca.org.gg/page/gspca-opening-visiting-times

The GSPCA is primarily an animal welfare organisation. As such, the Society will not accept animals for boarding in a condition that could compromise their welfare. For example, an animal that has a matted coat, severely overgrown nails or an untreated veterinary condition.

The money raised from boarding your animal goes towards the medical needs and loving care we provide to the ones that are less fortunate than your own pet. You are helping to find these animals a good home.

We have recently set up this survey for your views on our services and would love to hear your feedback. You can visit the survey on our boarding services which only takes a couple of minutes by going to - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PTCPCJX>

To sign up for our GSPCA Pet Boarding & Care Newsletter please go to <http://eepurl.com/dcvxSf>

To see the latest edition please visit - <http://mailchi.mp/2d06e3ee98cd/welcome-to-our-new-gspca-pet-boarding-care-newsletter>

To visit our website information on our boarding facilities please visit - <http://www.gspca.org.gg/services/boarding-facilities>



Petplan & ADCH Animal Charity Awards 2018 - Nominations Now

Petplan and the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes (ADCH) Charity Awards celebrate outstanding animal charities and not-for-profit organisations across the UK who go that extra mile to help rescue and rehome animals in need.

Petplan has worked closely with animal rehoming centres for over 30 years and sees first-hand the fantastic work that goes on to help improve the welfare of animals. These awards provide an opportunity to recognise the dedication and commitment of charities and give pet owners a chance to say 'thank you'.

What are the award categories?

The three award categories are:

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



Petplan & ADCH Animal Charity Awards

The Petplan and Association of Dogs and Cats Homes (ADCH) Animal Charity Awards give you the opportunity to recognise the hard work and dedication of charities and say 'thank you'. See the latest winners here.

Want to say thank you to an animal charity?

[Nominate them for an award](#)

What should I say in my nomination?

Each pet owner will have their own individual reasons for why they think a specific charity team or individual deserves an award. Try to provide detailed examples of what the charity or members of the team did to go above and beyond your expectations. What exactly did they do or say? How did they make you feel? What was it that made your experience a positive one?

Animal Charity Volunteer of the Year



How are these awards judged?

The nominations are judged by an impartial and independent panel of key industry representatives. These judges have first-hand experience of working in the animal welfare sector and are able to use their expertise to judge who the truly outstanding teams and individuals are from the nominations we receive. Petplan are not part of the judging panel.

When is the nomination period?

The Petplan and ADCH Animal Charity Awards open in October and close in February 2018.

[To nominate please click here http://www.petplan.co.uk/charityawards/.](http://www.petplan.co.uk/charityawards/)

When are the winners announced?

Three finalists will be selected in each category and invited to attend a prestigious awards ceremony in April 2018, where the winners will be announced.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "Last year our very own Geoff George was a finalist from the 5000 nominations and we were all so proud of him at the GSPCA and Yvonne Chauvel who was a finalist in 2015."

"The awards are a fantastic way to celebrate those that work so hard helping animals around the clock and it would be wonderful if we could recognise others from Guernsey on the national stage with the ADCH and Pet Plan Awards."

Geoff George GSPCA Ambulance Collection Officer amongst other roles said "I really couldn't believe I was short listed from so many amazing people from around the UK, Ireland and Channel Islands."

"Each nominee receives a certificate so if you think you know someone that helps animals please do nominate as it is a great award."

Ceva Animal Welfare Awards open for nominations

The CEVA dedicated Welfare Awards website is now open for nominations - www.cevawelfareawards.com

Please note nominations can only be submitted electronically via the website this year. Nominations will be accepted until early January.

In 2015 GSPCA President and local vet John Knight won the Vet of the Year category and our very own Yvonne Chauvel the GSPCA Senior Animal Care Assistant were finalists for the Charity Professional of the Year Award.

To see the full information about the outcome please go to - <http://www.gspca.org/gg/blog/ceva-animal-welfare-award-2015-chris-laurence-vet-year-gspca-president-john-knight>

This year the GSPCA attended not only as Geoff George was a finalist in the Charity Professional of the Year Award but the team were honoured with a Special Recognition Award and 5 of our team were flown over to receive this very special accolade.

To see the full story for this please visit - <http://gspca.org/gg/blog/ceva-animal-welfare-awards-2017-gspca-awarded-amazing-special-recognition-award-and-then-surpri>

The 2017 Award Categories are

- Vet of the Year Award - This award is in recognition of a Veterinary Surgeon working in practice that follows the footsteps of Head Judge, Chris Laurence, by educating pet owners and consistently demonstrating their commitment to the continued improvement of animal welfare.
- Vet Nurse of the Year Award - This award is to give recognition to a Veterinary Nurse working in practice who has shown real commitment to improving and championing excellent animal welfare within their practice.
- Charity Team of the Year Award - This award is for an awe inspiring team whose drive, passion and dedication has changed the lives of animals for the better, improving the standard of animal welfare where they can and working tirelessly to promote and champion their cause.
- Charitable Contribution of the Year Award - This award is for an individual who works within the charity sector, either in a paid or voluntary role, who is consistently driven to the best of their ability, with the single minded goal of helping save and improve the lives of animals in need.
- Farm Animal Welfare of the Year Award - This award is for an individual or a team who dedicates their working career to the health and welfare of production animals.
- International Cat Care Welfare of the Year Award - This esteemed award recognises an individual who has made a significant contribution to the development of feline welfare. The recipient of the award is chosen by International Cat Care and therefore the category is not open to nominations.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "Ceva have been hugely supportive to us here at the GSPCA helping raise funds for Olivia the loggerhead turtle and we also sell at variety of their products which can help your dogs and cats with the fireworks." "In fact the Ceva team are even fund raising for us this Christmas and we will let you know more details soon."

"This year we were so honoured at the GSPCA to receive the Special Recognition Award and so thankful to Ceva for recognising the work that we do." "We are extremely lucky to have such a great team here at the GSPCA and to have been recognised previously in these wonderful awards."

"There are so many amazing people that help animals in Guernsey and it would be lovely if those out there that think highly of Guernsey animal heroes could spend a little time nominating those they think do great work for the Ceva Awards."

To find out more and nominate please go to <http://www.cevawelfareawards.com/>

Ceva Animal Welfare Awards 2018

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After nearly a year of veterinary care Catrina who was hit by a car is in need of a home at the GSPCA

Around Christmas time last year two of our wardens were called to a cat that had been hit by a car and collapsed but still alive

The little cat was rushed to Isabelle vets where once she had been examined it was found that she had totally de gloved her tail, had a serious fractured pelvis, some internal bleeding and was a very poorly cat indeed.

However this little girl who has been named Catrina was prepared to fight and had her tail amputated that night along with other veterinary care. Later on her pelvis was also repaired as well, this was the start of this lovely girls recovery.

Due to serious bruising along her back area Catrina took a long time to heal and also had to go onto special food as her bladder had also taken quite a hit. During all this time this girl has never let any of this get her down and is an amazing fighter.

Catrina was also voted Isabelle vets pet hero of the month due to the courage of this special little cat and a lot of staff fell in love with her.

Once her back had healed enough we then had to get her spayed as well, this also proved fun for the vet as some of her internal organs are not where they are meant to be, however when Catrina came back we had trouble trying to keep her quite after her spay, as far as she was concerned this was just a walk in the park.

This amazing girl does have problems with her skin which is still very sensitive due to the RTA and she may need further medication for this, Catrina needs a home as an only cat as she is a flu carrier. Because of her previous injuries Catrina is not safe outside so would need a home as an indoor cat only.

This amazing cat would benefit hugely if her new owner/s where at home all or part of the day as she adores company. Catrina has been through so much and has shown huge amounts of courage and the will to survive has been unbelievable.

Due to her history she will need to stay on her prescription food that she is on and will need more checks with the vets then a normal cat would do so.

Catrina would be fine with teenagers but not children and this is only due to the pelvis injury as she wiggles like mad when picked up and if she falls this could cause her damage.

Anna Paint Senior Animal Care Assistant said "Catrina is a truly amazing cat, she has been through so much and is such a lovely feline despite all of this." "We would love to find her a special home and are now appealing for that special someone to make this Christmas a happy one."

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "Catrina was in a real state when she was rescued and the vets had a huge amount of work to help this very poorly cat left for dead on a dark wet winters night." "Catrina has been through a lot but we are all so pleased how well she has done at the GSPCA and we are now appealing to find her a loving new home."

If you think you can offer this amazing cat a home then please contact the G.S.P.C.A on 01481- 257261.

We have a page full of fund raising ideas to help cats like Catrina and to find out more please visit – <http://gspca.org/gg/fundraising>

To donate to the animals at the GSPCA please visit - www.paypal.me/DonateGSPCA

To become a regular sponsor please visit – www.gspca.org/gg/about/angel-sponsorship-scheme-animals-needing-guernseys-everlasting-love

To see some of the animals in need of homes please visit – www.gspca.org/gg/animals



Animals needing homes

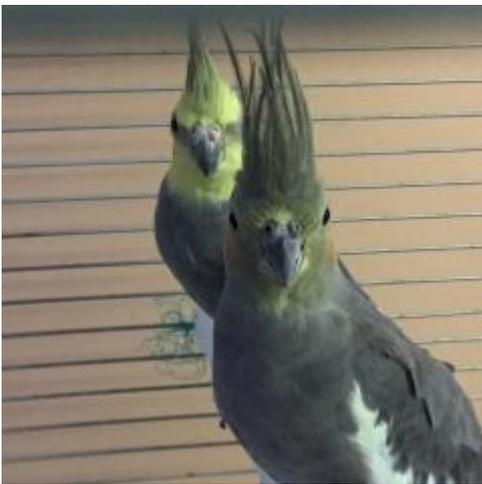
Malcom is a large boy who is a bit of a character and can be a bit of a pickle at times, he does enjoy a stroke and a pat but can give you quiet a nip or a smack when he has had enough or decides he is not up for any attention.

Malcom loves the outdoor world so a big garden would be a benefit for him and a cat flap is a must so he can come and go as he pleases. He would be fine for someone who likes the presence of a cat around without wanting to fuss him to much.

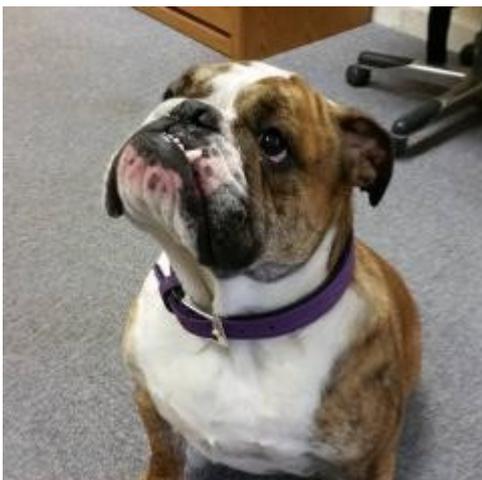
Malcom is not suitable for children and needs a home as an only pet, he has had a dental done while he has been with us but his mouth is now fully healed.



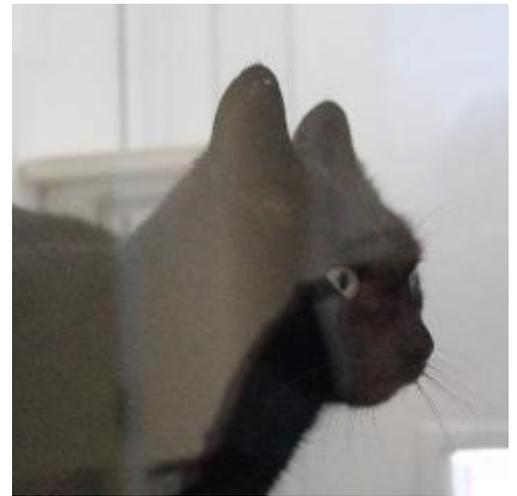
David & Victoria are 2 cockatiels in need of a new home



Nancy the British Bulldog is reserved for a home



Geoffrey, Ernest, George & Rupert 4 degus in need of a new home



Captain Jack is a 9 year old cat and is a lovely boy who unfortunately suffers from allergies, due to this he needs to be kept on a special diet of z/d only and is not allowed any treats. This dose not stop him from being an indoor /outdoor cat.

He would be best suited to a home with no other cats or dogs due to his skin problem and also a home with no children as stress can cause more problems with his skin. The z/d diet is more expensive then a good quality cat diet. He is a lovely boy who needs a special home where he can get all the love he needs.



When dogs come into the GSPCA we aim to assess and rehome them as quickly as possible. The rehoming team will keep 'dog rehoming applications' for 1 year and contact people if we feel we have a suitable dog. We do urge people who are looking for a dog to send an application into us, regularly check our website and contact us if you see a dog you are particularly interested in.

We have had the busiest year we have ever seen with birds and currently have over 100 in our care, many needing new homes.

All birds can be bought with cages if they are needed although some birds are for aviary homes only.



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.

| GSPCA Adoption Charges: | | | |
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| Dogs | £260 | Guinea Pigs | £30 |
| Cats/Kittens | £105 | Birds (varied species) | From £16 |
| Rabbits | £42.50 | Chickens | £8 |
| Ferrets | £40 | Mice/Rats/Hamsters/Degus | £8 |

Guinea Pigs & Reptiles in Need of New Homes



Mudface and Morla



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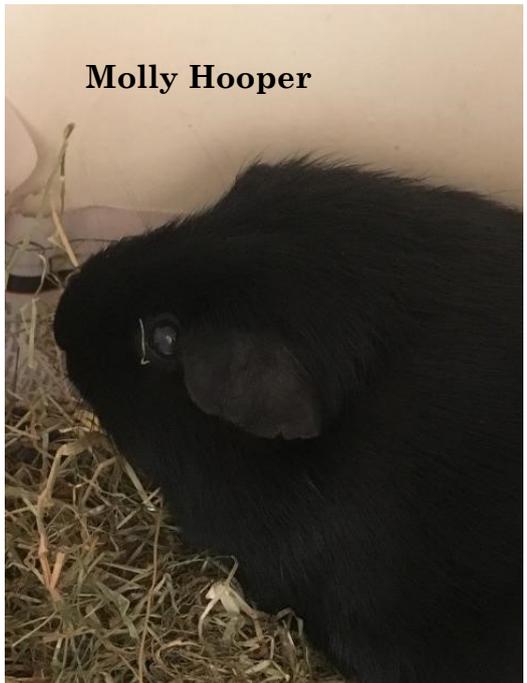
Mrs Hudson



Terrific Whatzit



Michelangelo



Molly Hooper



Natasha a corn snake



Newt and two other Bearded Dragons in need of homes

GSPCA FLAG DAY!!



Thank you to all involved with our 2017 Flag Days
We raised in total over £3000 thanks to your help
We are looking for volunteers to give up an hour or two to help for our 2018 flag days. If you would be able to help, please contact Michelle Champion - fundraising@gspca.org.gg or call the shelter on 257261

Feel free to bring your dog or dress up in one of our mascot suits!



The GSPCA Memorial Garden is currently being improved thanks to the Work to Benefit Team, St Andrews Floral Group & many wonderful donations.

Watch out for the new opening details very soon.....



In Loving Memory of two GSPCA Presidents
We would like to ask you to take a moment of silence for past Presidents of the GSPCA who passed away recently
Ted O'Halloran
Mike Dibben
Our thoughts are with friends and families of two caring animal hero's who did so much for the GSPCA

How your Business can help the GSPCA & Corporate Sponsorship

There are many ways in which your business can get involved with supporting the GSPCA and it provides an excellent opportunity for companies to reach out to animal lovers and find an audience that believes deeply in Animal Welfare.

There are many ways to get involved and sponsorship opportunities are available and can be tailored to fit the joint needs and focus of both your company and the GSPCA.

From corporate volunteering opportunities and employee fundraising to sales promotions and sponsorship, there are great opportunities for you and your company to create a mutually beneficial partnership with the GSPCA.

Why choose the GSPCA?

By forming a partnership with the GSPCA your business can provide huge benefits to you and your company including:

- Increasing staff AND customer loyalty when associating with only all Animal Welfare organisation in Guernsey.
- It gives you and your colleagues the opportunity to gain a great sense of pride and achievement through life-changing fundraising challenges.
- Getting your colleagues motivated at work and feeling inspired by giving something good back to society.
- Helping your company achieve CSR objectives and providing engaging content for CSR reports.
- Increasing staff enthusiasm by your company working with such a passionate organisation as the GSPCA and in turn potentially reducing staff turnover.



We need YOU to help us become your company's charity of choice!



Please nominate the GSPCA

If your company has a charity of the year programme, why not speak to your company's charity committee about how to make the GSPCA your charity of choice?

You may be asked by your company to vote for a charity or choose your favourite charity to be on a shortlist. We totally rely on YOU to please put the GSPCA on that list!

By making the GSPCA your company's charity of choice you will also benefit from being associated with only all Animal Welfare organisation in Guernsey.

If you want more information on how you can help the GSPCA become your charity of choice or charity of the year get in touch with Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg



Become an exclusive Build Partner

The Build Partner programme is designed to meet the building costs associated with our newest £1.3 million multi-purpose animal welfare building. The building replaces five existing structures that have become unusable with age.

Our new building incorporates a welfare cattery, quarantine and isolation facilities, a secure transfer location while also providing logistical and organisational spaces and facilities for the day to day running of the GSPCA.

Products

If you are a retailer or manufacturer and would like to develop products with us, then please do get in touch.

At the GSPCA we have a range of logo'd goods, collection boxes and counter boxes. If you or your business is interested in helping raise funds through these for the Shelter please email stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg

Sponsorship of Events

Maybe your business would like to Sponsor all or part of a GSPCA event? The major annual events we hold each year are –

- We hold monthly Bingo Nights at the Market Bistro
- GSPCA Purple Week – February
- Big Fun Family Lunch
- Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt
- Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday
- GSPCA Cupcake Week
- World Stray Day – April 4th
- Summer Fair & Dog Show
- GSPCA Animal Awards
- World Animal Day – 4th October
- GSPCA Ball
- Santa Paws Walk & Christmas Fayre



By sponsoring one of these events we can include your business in promotional material, our supporters newsletter, and online with our web site and social media.

Each year we also look for local businesses to Sponsor players for the Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday Giant Animal Mascot 5-a-side and for more details please go to -

<http://www.gspca.org.gg/page/animal-welfare-sea-front-sunday>

CSR Volunteering

Whether an individual or a group, here at the GSPCA we can provide CSR opportunities for you and your team to help out at the Animal Shelter.

From individual projects to the daily work, events to administration there is something for everyone.

To find out more please go to - <http://www.gspca.org.gg/about/corporate-and-group-days>

Many of the volunteers that have helped through their work place have continued to volunteer at the Shelter during their days off and we are very thankful to them for their support.

If your business has skills or expertise in a particular field and you would like to donate time or resources we would love to hear from you.

Fundraising

There are many ways to raise funds for the GSPCA in the work place. From dress down days to dress up days, issue GSPCA pens to staff to a sponsored event, selling cupcakes for break to a sponsored silence for those chatty staff members.....

If you have a great idea please let us know or have a look at others and download a sponsorship form by going to - <http://www.gspca.org.gg/fundraising>

Wish List & Plans

Maybe your business would like to sponsor something specific to the GSPCA. We have an ongoing page dedicated to much needed items and appeals and you can see these by going to -<http://www.gspca.org.gg/about/our-plans-wish-list>

Membership

As a charity we are made up of members who pay £10 a year to support the work of the GSPCA and for this they receive a number of benefits including a quarterly newsletter.

If your business wanted to join the GSPCA of behalf of your team and be part of the leading animal charity in Guernsey and receive updates and copies of the quarterly newsletter then please contact stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg

Newsletter & Advertising

We are looking for a sponsor for our quarterly newsletter. If you are interested please email stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg

We would also like to hear from you if you would like to join us in sponsoring advertising for animals in need of homes or campaigns.

Become an ANGEL

ANGEL is the newly launched animal pen and section sponsorship scheme and if your business is interested in having your business featured on the ANGEL Sponsorship Board in our main car park and help directly towards the many animals in our care please contact stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg

To see details on the scheme please go to – <http://www.gspca.org.gg/about/angel-sponsorship-scheme-animals-needing-guernseys-everlasting-love>

Talks and Training

If your business would like a talk about the work of the GSPCA or potentially have training needs then please get in touch. To find out a little about our education programme please go to - <http://www.gspca.org.gg/services/education-and-schools>

If your business would like a guided tour of the Shelter then for a donation we can arrange a member of staff to show you around the facilities and talk about the hundreds of animals in our care.

If you would like to discuss how your business can help support the GSPCA then please contact GSPCA Manager Mr Steve Byrne on 01481 257261 or email stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg



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We are so proud of Geoff George in the Pride of Guernsey Emergency Hero Award earlier this month.

All of the GSPCA team would like to congratulate Animal Collection Officer Geoff George who has been working at the GSPCA since 1998.

This year Geoff has been showered with praise as he has been a finalist in two international awards at the Petplan and ADCH Awards and Ceva Animal Welfare Awards earlier this year which were international awards from thousands of nominations.

Sadly Geoff didn't win either of these awards but he was hugely honoured and humbled as they are the most prestigious accolades a member of animal care staff can be bestowed. To be a finalist Geoff was and still is shocked that the work he carries out in Guernsey has been recognised in such a way.

Geoff works around the clock helping animals in Guernsey and with his knowledge and experience 1000's are rescued and cared for every year.

When Geoff saw the amazing finalists at the Guernsey Press Pride of Guernsey Awards he really thought he would be attending to enjoy an evening of celebrations and to see one of the others claiming the award.

Geoff George GSPCA Animal Collection Officer said "It was such a shock at the Pride of Guernsey Awards."

"I still can't believe that I was honoured with the Emergency Hero Award, it was so humbling and it was such an amazing night."

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "At the GSPCA we are all so proud of Geoff, he works around the clock helping animals in Guernsey and from the seal rescues to trapped kittens, rounding up herds of loose cows to catching a stray dog over the last 20 years he has helped tens of thousands of animals in one way or another."

"The Guernsey Press Pride of Guernsey Awards is an amazing way to celebrate those that do much for others throughout the island."

"The ADCH and Petplan Animal Welfare Awards are now open and to nominate local good causes or individuals to recognise the work here in Guernsey on a national stage please pick up a form at our reception at the GSPCA or visit the webpage <https://www.petplancharity.co.uk/pet-insurance/animal-charity-awards/>."

"Thank you to everyone that voted for Geoff in these amazing awards, we are so lucky to have an amazing team of staff and volunteers who go so far over and above what is expected."

To see the full results from the Pride of Guernsey Awards please visit - <http://prideofguernsey.com/moreinfo/1277/pride-of-guernsey-award-winners>



Volunteer Vacancies

Would you like to work with animals in Guernsey?

At the GSPCA we currently have over 500 animals in our care and work 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Without volunteers we couldn't carry out the vital animal welfare work. We are currently looking to find volunteers that can help in all areas and especially help us cover the ambulance work which we have carried out as a 24 hour service for over 40 years.

Our Volunteer Wardens help ensure between 6pm and 8am 7 days a week and weekends that any rescues, collections of strays or other emergencies are responded to and we are also looking for wardens to help on Saturday and Sunday between 8am and 6pm.

To become a volunteer warden you will need a driving licence and a passion for helping animals and the local community.

We have a fantastic team of volunteer wardens which help ensure we are able to respond to emergencies 24 hours a day and if you think you could help please come along to one of our volunteer induction evenings or contact the GSPCA Manager Steve Byrne.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "We have over 750 volunteers that help us every year and we are hugely grateful to each and every one for all of their support."

"We are currently looking to find volunteers that can help us cover our emergency service which is a hugely varied and exciting role."

"If you think you could become a volunteer warden or would like to help in any of our other roles please do get in touch."



This is Bruce a cat that needed a massive operation to help save his life





Animals come into the shelter for a variety of different reasons. We need to do the best we can for every animal that comes through our doors. On average it costs £15 to care for a dog, £10 for a cat, £6 for the smaller mammals. By sponsoring an animal pen you can help 1000's of animals that find themselves in the shelter each year.



We have a number of small fur babies in need of homes from rats to ferrets, hamsters to degus. Please contact the Shelter for more details



We currently have a tropical fish tank full of fish which we are looking to rehome. The poor fish were rescued and lucky to be alive and we would love to find them a loving new home.



We also need to look after numerous species of wildlife. If this is where your interest lies, why not sponsor a hutch for a hedgehog, or an aviary for rehabilitating birds? Remember Oliva the loggerhead turtle? A recent video was featured of her release which saw over 1 million views in just a few days on the Dodo website



To become an ANGEL, please fill in and return the form which you download online or pop into the GSPCA Animal Shelter or call us on 257261 to post one.

How to Make a Donation

You can make a donation to the GSPCA via any of the following methods:

- Visit the GSPCA website at www.gspca.org.gg and donate online via PayPal or Just Giving.
- Visit the Animal Shelter and complete the paperwork on site.
- Make a monthly donation by completing a standing order form (available online or via the GSPCA by calling us on 257261).
- By post to GSPCA, Rue des Truchots, St Andrews, Guernsey GY^ 8UD





Pen Pal Sponsorship at the GSPCA

Support animals each month in Guernsey through a donation or by monthly giving

Animals come into the shelter for a variety of different reasons. We need to do the best we can for every animal that comes through our doors. On average it costs £15 to care for a dog, £10 for a cat and £6 for the smaller mammals. Our Angel Sponsorship Scheme asks supporters to sign up to a monthly donation of as little as £2 a month. You can sponsor a specific species, such as a kennel, hog house or cat pen, or donate to the whole shelter. Donators will have a plaque on the wall of the GSPCA, making this a perfect gift or way to remember a loved one. If you donate £5 a month, you will receive a free t-shirt or polo shirt, and if you donate £10 a month, you will receive a free hoodie. All donators will receive our quarterly newsletter, car sticker, certificate and GSPCA membership.

I would like to become a GSPCA ANGEL Pen Pal Sponsor. When completed return to GSPCA Animal Shelter, Rue des Truchots, St Andrews GY6 8UD

I would like to sponsor (please tick) A Kennel A Rabbit Pen A Hedgehog Unit A Cat Pen A Ferret Pen The Wildlife Unit

This is for (please tick) For me As a gift In memory

Please send my quarterly Newsletter by (please tick) By post By email

I would like to receive information about GSPCA events: Yes No

Title Name

Address

Postcode

Email address

(by providing us with your email/telephone number you are giving permission for the GSPCA to contact you by these means with the GSPCA Sponsor Scheme information)

If you are making a gift of your sponsorship please fill in the name and address of the recipient below.

Title Name

Address

Postcode

Email address

What is the occasion?

Please give any relevant date

If you are sponsoring as a gift or in memory of a pet please write the name and short message below -

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Address

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To pay by credit/debit card, please complete your details & amount above & your card number below

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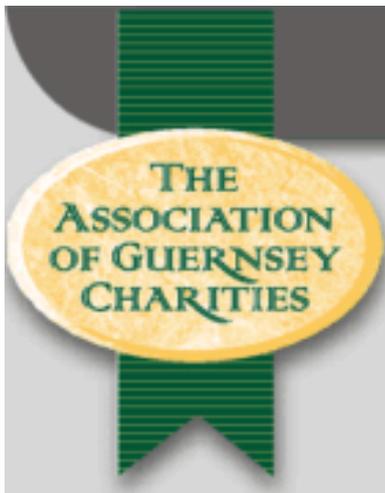
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Pomeranian Leo (re-homed from UK) at Pleinmont, SW Guernsey, where NTG have many miles of cliff path

Leafy lanes, miles of cliff paths, a nursery school, rural woods, fields, rambling farmhouses and cosy cottages - they are all part of what The National Trust of Guernsey looks after and shares with our island community.

The National Trust of Guernsey does all of its work on a voluntary basis. Properties, lands and miles of cliff paths require year round maintenance. We rely on your support, be it by donation or membership.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR MEMBERSHIP SCHEMES FROM AS LITTLE AS £20.00 PA. PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.NATIONALTRUST.GG

Membership gives access to all NT properties & places throughout the UK and many other worldwide Trusts

Birthday parties at the GSPCA

At the GSPCA we have seen a fantastic response to our recent Birthday and Special occasion guided tours and have already got many booked in over the coming weeks. (Booking form at base of page)

From young to old we now offer a unique experience for a loved one, family member or friend to see behind the scenes at the GSPCA.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "This year we have started offering unique birthday and special guided tours and they have been proving hugely popular."

"We have also now teamed up with Island Mums and provide card holders a discount on this wonderful experience."

"Our special tours include a behind the scenes tour of the GSPCA in St Andrews with a focus on the special person who may be celebrating a birthday, anniversary or even a retirement gift."

"Each tour is unique as the animals in our care vary from one week to the next and previous one's have helped feed baby birds to Olivia the turtle."

"You can even hire our events room and we have a great caterer who can help us help you provide the full birthday party for you child or loved one."

"Please do get in touch if you would like to know more and to see previous tours please visit - <http://www.gspca.org.gg/search/node/birthday%20tours>."

If you would like to bring a private group or party to the GSPCA for a visit and tour at the Animal Shelter we can arrange this in advance.

We ask for a minimum donation of £60 for a group of 8 and an additional £5 per person with groups larger than 8 (restrictions do apply with children to adult numbers).

We can provide a birthday or gift pack if the tour is for a special occasion.

We have a large events room, tables, chairs, projectors, speakers with mic, and a number of toys or things for children on request.

For details on room hire please check out - <http://www.gspca.org.gg/services/room-hire-gspca>

Why not make it a full event and arrange for food, a cake or more all of which can be delivered through <http://www.kiddiescatering.biz>

Some extras could include

Party Food Supplied by Kiddies Catering <http://www.kiddiescatering.biz/>

Surprise Adoption for a year of an animal pen - minimum donation of £20 for an adoption pack for a year to include a plaque at the GSPCA

Room hire is available in a spacious room next to toilet facilities

Games with prizes can be supplied on request

Hire of giant animal, minion or Olaf suit

Other bespoke packages available

Guided tours of the Shelter take about 60 to 90 minutes and it is your opportunity to see behind the scenes, although for animal welfare reasons there are areas that are unable to be viewed.

If the event is for a special occasion the birthday or lucky individual will receive special treatment and be allowed some unique experiences holding and possibly feeding some of the animals in our care.

We already have many bookings over the next few months, you can book after school for a 3pm, 4pm or 5pm event. Weekend tours tend to be at 11am or 1pm (please ask for other times or evening tours).

If you are interested please email stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg or call the GSPCA Manager Steve Byrne on 01481 257261 to discuss details.

Island Mum cardholders can receive a 10% discount on special tours, please see this link for details - <http://islandmums.com/guernsey/gspca-birthday-parties/>

If you are a school or educational group please visit our page for this by clicking here.

If you are interested in coming along to an organised guided tour we hold this in the school breaks, please visit this link for details - <http://www.gspca.org.gg/services/guided-tours-gspca>

We are now open 7 days in certain areas for visitors and to find out more please visit - <http://www.gspca.org.gg/page/gspca-opening-visiting-times>



Reptile numbers a growing concern in Guernsey

The growth in exotic pets has seen a rapid growth in many parts of the world and this is no exception here in Guernsey. At the GSPCA we have seen a dramatic increase in reptiles in recent years.

Earlier this year saw the first ever Guernsey animal welfare prosecution with the 2012 legislation with an owner of a bearded dragon and 3 snakes who were found emaciated and dehydrated. During 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 we would see between 1 and 3 reptiles a year of lizards and snakes at the GSPCA.

Since the start of 2016 we have seen a total 23 of which 14 came in in 2016 and 9 in 2017 not to mention other reptile species like turtles which we have also seen an increase at the GSPCA in comparison to previous years.

We now help in total in excess of 50 reptiles a year from stray tortoise who are often claimed to the other species who are rarely reunited with their owners or reported lost. This year we have had more reptiles in need of homing than ever before with 5 corn snakes, 2 musk turtles and 3 bearded dragons in need of new owners.

Exotic pets such as reptiles need specialist homes with suitable setups and owners with the knowledge to care for them. In recent months a number of organisations and vets have been highlighting concerns throughout the UK about the numbers of reptiles that die in the first year with new owners.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "We have seen a huge increase in the number of reptiles coming into the Shelter in the last two years." "In fact its 1300% increase when we compare the 1st January 2016 until now, in comparison to the previous two years of reptiles coming through the doors at the GSPCA."

"Last year 3 snakes and one bearded dragon arrived at the GSPCA as part of a welfare case, 2 of which were so emaciated and thinner than I have seen any reptile in a condition that is still alive."

"We currently have more reptiles in need of homes than we have ever had before and as well as highlighting the very specialist homes these exotic animals require, we would ask anyone looking for a snake, musk turtle or bearded dragon to think of those rescue animals in our care needing homes."

Yvonne Chauvel Senior Animal Care Assistant said "We have more reptiles in our care at the GSPCA than ever before." "In the last two years we have seen more strays, unwanted and welfare reptiles and this means we have many in need of homes at the Shelter."

"The bearded dragons, corn snakes and musk turtles needing homes at the GSPCA all need special set ups and diets and before adopting any exotic animal a new owner needs to ensure they are aware of their needs and prepared for them." "We also have tropical fish in need of homes, many birds, guinea pigs, degus, rats, ferrets not to mention cats and others in need of a loving new owner."

Steve continued "It is so important to care for exotic pets in the correct way, feed them appropriately and ensure their needs are met as coming from tropical to desert environments mean each species and their bodies require certain humidity levels, temperatures, lighting, feed and much more which can vary depending on the time of day or even season without which they can die."

"Recently news has suggested that there could be as many as 7 million reptiles kept as pets in the UK and currently there are no specific numbers of how many there are here in Guernsey." "With the numbers we have seen recently at the GSPCA we are concerned for the growing trend of these exotic pets that need specialist care, especially as experts and vets have suggested that as much as 75% of reptiles in new homes die in their first year."

"If anyone has welfare concerns for any animal you can call the GSPCA on 257261." "2017 has certainly been the busiest year we have seen at the GSPCA with not only reptiles but also pet birds and guinea pigs with over 200 needing our help in the last 12 months."

"We have many animals in need of homes and while many people will be dressing as scary creatures we'd ask those thinking of a new pet to think of the black cats, snakes, lizards and other animals cute and otherwise in need of homes at the GSPCA."



GSPCA Charity Shop

Starting off this years GSPCA Animal Advent Calendar we have a 20% discount sale at our on-site GSPCA Charity Shop.

The GSPCA Charity Shop is next to our cats looking for homes and there are hot drinks and snacks on sale available.

Open 7 days a week the hours are -

- Monday 9am to 5pm
- Tuesday 9am to 5pm
- Wednesday 9am to 5pm
- Thursday 9am to 5pm
- Friday 9am to 5pm
- Saturday 9am to 5pm
- Sunday 11am to 4pm

Whilst at the Shelter days a week between 11am and 4pm for a donation of £2 a person you can visit some of the animal areas.

From clothes to toys, furniture to DVDs there are lots of great items on sale and we even have a changing room to try on the goods.

Michelle Champion GSPCA Shop Supervisor said "The GSPCA Animal Advent Calendar first day of Christmas is being launched with a 20% discount sale at our Charity Shop at the GSPCA."

"There are lots of great items and bargains on sale and we are open 7 days a week."

"As you visit the Shop you will pass many of the animals that you will be helping by supporting the GSPCA Charity Shop."

"Please note when visiting us Route de la Croix au Bailiff, entry is closed to get to the GSPCA so entry by vehicle is via the Rohais de Haut or Foulon direction and we are sorry for any disruption."

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "With over 500 animals in our care every penny spent in our on-site Charity Shop helps the animals at the GSPCA."

"We have the 20% discount sale ongoing while the road works are going on to encourage those shoppers into the GSPCA and to promote the best way to get here."

To visit the GSPCA Charity Shop page please go to <http://gspca.org.gg/page/gspca-onsite-charity-shop>





Huge thank you to the Mallard Cinema and all that supported our film event



A huge thank you to Le Friquet Garden Centre for all of their help in 2017

St Martins Primary School have an Epic time at the GSPCA learning about animal care, conservation and raising funds with a cake sale



Thank you to Sidneys Sponsored Events and all that supported the Balls in 2017 raising funds for the GSPCA



Huge thanks to the Day Trippers, Save the Date, the Farmhouse and all that supported our Ball in November



Northern Trust come to the rescue to help the GSPCA during an extremely busy time - could your work or business help the GSPCA?

On Tuesday 27th June Northern Trust staff came to the rescue to help with a number of very important jobs that needed to be done that week.

Over the previous three years 106 volunteers from [Northern Trust](#) have helped out at the GSPCA, with 38 staff helping in 2014 and a further 26 helping in 2015, 34 in 2016, 8 earlier this year and an additional 8 on the 27th June. Guy Hardill, Ben Hill, Ben Merrien, Zoe Harris, Claire Radford, Darren Dyke, Anne Lowe & Fraser Hiddelston arrived they were clean and well dressed to help with grounds work and by the end of the day they were rather muddy, dusty and sweaty after a full day of hard work.



With the local floral judging in early July the team helped around site with planting, gardening and caring for the Shelter. The group also helped collect a GSPCA van and a team headed to Le Friquet Garden Centre who were donating £1000's worth of cages and aviaries that needed dismantling and transporting to the GSPCA.

Despite a rather wet day and a dusty move of the cages the team from Northern Trust were a massive help and achieved a huge amount in many ways at the GSPCA and getting equipment back to the Shelter.

After an extremely hard days work GSPCA Manager Steve Byrne took the team from [Northern Trust](#) for a guided tour where they saw many of the 400+ animals at the GSPCA. Before the group left and after the tour the team got a thank you certificate for all of their hard work and also a special certificate featuring many of the volunteer groups that have previously helped for the ground breaking record of over 100 volunteers helping from one business.

Once again the work they under took is part of the 'Going, Going, Gone Wild' project which is headed by St Andrews Floral Group at the GSPCA to improve the grounds at the Animal Shelter for the wildlife, create educational areas and improve the site for the tens of thousands of visitors that pop along to the Animal Shelter in St Andrews.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "Words cannot express how grateful we are to [Northern Trust](#) who are truly amazing and we really, really do appreciate all of their wonderful support and help."

"We are so lucky to have caring businesses in Guernsey like [Northern Trust](#) that allow their staff to help in the community."

"We were speaking to staff at [Northern Trust](#) about how much work we have on at the GSPCA and when they heard of our need they jumped at the chance to help and came to our rescue during what is an extremely busy time."

"Everyone worked extremely hard from [Northern Trust](#) who helped around site and also helped dismantle and move a large number of cages and aviaries kindly donated by Le Friquet Garden Centre."

"By the end of the day the whole team were covered in dust, mud and rather wet and you could see how much effort everyone of the team put in helping the GSPCA staff, St Andrews Floral Group and the Work to Benefit team."

"We always love to hear from businesses that would like to help us help the animals and community of Guernsey and there are many ways getting involved from CSR programmes to sponsoring animals in our care."

"We can even run bespoke events such as guided tours for your team and their families."

"From all at the GSPCA a huge thank you to all at [Northern Trust](#)."

If your group or business would like to find out about spending a day at the Shelter please go to -

<http://www.gspca.org.gg/about/corporate-and-group-days>

For other ways your business can help us here at the GSPCA please go to -

<http://www.gspca.org.gg/about/how-your-business-can-help-gspca-corporate-sponsorship>

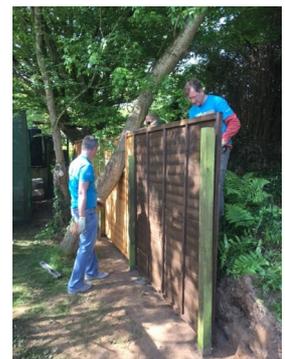
If you would like to volunteer then to find out more details here -

<http://www.gspca.org.gg/about/volunteers>

To find out more about the work with St Andrews Floral Group please visit -

<http://gspca.org.gg/page/st-andrews-floral-group-conservation-work-gspca>





Here are just a few pictures of some of the fantastic companies that have recently helped at the GSPCA by volunteering their time, a huge thank you from all of the team and animals.

If your business would like to help at the GSPCA please Call 257261 or Email stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg



GSPCA & St Andrews Floral Group recognised at the Guernsey Floral Awards

GSPCA and St Andrews Floral Group attended this year's Floral Guernsey Community Competition.

There were four Bailiwick entries taking part in this year's Floral Guernsey Community Competition who were recognised for their achievements at this year's awards evening including St Andrews Floral Group.

Forest secured the overall winning place with a GOLD AWARD and the prestigious Lady Dorey Trophy with Herm and St Andrews also securing GOLD AWARDS and St Saviours a SILVER AWARD.

The GSPCA Manager was awarded a Special Commendation with his efforts promoting and fund raising for the work at the GSPCA with St Andrews Floral Group. Also the Work to Benefit or CEPs team who do a huge amount to help St Andrews Floral Group and the GSPCA received a Special Commendation.

The Ossie Falla Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to a Community went to the GSPCA and St Andrews Floral Group for a second year running and the Young Peoples Award for Outstanding Contribution to a Community Project went to Hemu Khankashi for her arts mural at the GSPCA after St Andrews Floral Group approached Blanchelande College for help to decorate a wall at the Animal Shelter.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "Over the last two years the St Andrews Floral Group have helped us achieve amazing things around the GSPCA from giving our pond new life, planting hedging and the wonderful hanging baskets, planting around the animal areas for environmentally enrichment, bringing 100's of volunteers and £1000's in grant funding, helped achieve an educational Poison Garden, a picnic area, viewing areas for the pond, increased bird and bat boxes, other organisations, quite a bit of wedding and so much more."

"We are hugely grateful to Ann the Group Leader and the St Andrews Floral Group for all the have helped in improving biodiversity around the GSPCA and making the grounds so nice for visitors and the animals in our care."



"In September we were invited along to this year's Floral Guernsey Community Competition which took place at the lovely Les Cotils and also where we were all surprised and humbled to be showered in so many awards and recognitions." "It was lovely to show the judges around in July and they were so interested in all we were doing at the GSPCA with the St Andrews Floral Group."

"The work doesn't stop as we start planting around our memorial garden and we are appealing for granite to help in and around this area if anyone has some spare." "We are always looking for help and support with the gardening, conservation and grounds work and anyone wanting to help please do let us know."

Ann Wragg St Andrews Floral Group Leader said "It was wonderful when St Andrews Floral Group were awarded Gold as all of the team of volunteers work so hard to make our Parish look so nice and to be recognised in so many ways was a real honour and so humbling for the Parish."

"We have been helping the GSPCA for over 2 years now and helped transform the grounds at the Animal Shelter who work so hard to help the animals and wildlife in Guernsey."

"We have a number of projects we are hoping to achieve and we would love to hear from anyone who would like to help, support or even donate to any of the work we are doing for our community and the wildlife of Guernsey."

To find out about the work carried out by St Andrews Floral Group and how to get involved and see the write up from the judging day please visit - <http://www.gspca.org.gg/search/node/floral>

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

To donate directly please call 257261, at the GSPCA or reference an online donation 'St Andrews Floral' by visiting - <https://www.paypal.me/DonateGSPCA>

St Andrews Floral Group also won a number of other awards and to see the full listing please visit the Floral Guernsey website - <http://www.floralguernsey.co.uk/competition/2017>



St Andrews Floral Group & GSPCA Win Peter Walpole Peoples Choice & Runner-up in Insurance Corporation Conservation Awards

In June the GSPCA and St Andrews Floral Group were invited along to Les Cotils for the Insurance Corporation Conservation Awards. This is the second year our joint project has entered after last year winning the Peter Walpole Peoples Choice Award after our many kind supporters voted for our project.

The room was packed with amazing people from organisations or running projects from their gardens helping the biodiversity of the Bailiwick or with plans to do more. Michelle Arundale the HR & PR Executive from the Insurance Corporation of the Channel Islands Limited welcomed the many guests and show cased videos of the many projects across the Bailiwick.

After the VT's the winners were announced and Alderney Bird Observatory won the top prize in this year's Insurance Corporation Conservation Awards in the Bailiwick. The project which aspires to be the newest and most southerly observatory in the British Isles wins £1500 which will be spent on the purchase of vital bird-ringing equipment including replacement ringing nets, poles and rings.

We were overwhelmed as the Runner-Up Award was given to St Andrew's Floral Group in conjunction with the GSPCA. Which meant we have won £1000 to help renew the pond and grounds at the Animal Shelter and help attract more diverse wildlife and improve the environment for animals in care.

But it didn't stop there as thanks to our supporters and kind voters for the second year in a row The Peter Walpole People's Choice Award (public vote) and £500 was also presented to St Andrew's Floral Group in conjunction with the GSPCA to also help our Going Gone Wild conservation project.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "For two years we have been working at the GSPCA with St Andrews Floral Group who have transformed the grounds into a rich place for wildlife and plants and improvements continue almost every day."

"It was a lovely afternoon at Les Cotils with the amazing and supportive team at Insurance Corporation and we are so grateful to them as these awards really do help wildlife around the Channel Islands and making our homes a much richer place to live." "We were so shocked to be overall runner-up and win the The Peter Walpole People's Choice Award for the second year and the total £1500 prize fund will really help us push forward with this fantastic community project."

"From Ann and the amazing St Andrews Floral Group to the Guernsey RSPB, Guernsey Bee Keepers to the fantastic Work to Benefit team, Cubs Groups to local businesses, schools to volunteers and all the hundreds that have helped so far we are truly blessed at the GSPCA to be at the centre of an amazing community conservation project."

Ann Wragg Group Leader from St Andrews Floral Group said "We were so amazed to win two of the awards at the Insurance Corporation Conservation Awards." "We have so many people to thank for getting the conservation project at the GSPCA to where it is today and to the Insurance Corporation as the funds from the awards will help us do so much more to help wildlife in Guernsey." "From all of the St Andrews Floral Guernsey team a huge thank you and anyone wanting to help with our project please do get in touch."

Here is a list of the other awards:

- The Conservation Education Award and £500 – Alderney Wildlife Trust and their LIVE Education project.
- The Young Conservationist of the Year Award – 3rd Guernsey Scout Group
- Highly Commended Certificated and bird boxes donated by RSPB were also awarded to Alderney Wildlife Trust for their Sea-bird Monitoring Project, Charles Hurford for the Orchard Project at Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Joyce & Mike Hardy for the Murette de Haute Vinery Project and Enzo Crowson for his continued interest in conservation with his big hotel extension.

An Insurance Corporation representative said "Alderney is an incredible place to view a wide variety of birds, especially seabirds." "It is also one of the least well studied so the observatory is a much-needed resource." "The island sits on several major flyways and sees large numbers of birds from Britain and the Continent." "Alderney can make an important contribution to scientific studies of bird populations and provide data to help protect them." "We feel this is an extremely worthy project and a well-deserved winner of our funding."

You can see videos of all the fantastic entries please visit www.insurancecorporation.com/2017-peter-walpole-peoples-choice-conservation-award-guernsey/



Largest ever animal welfare meeting in Guernsey a huge success - Hosted by the GSPCA with members from the ADCH

In July the GSPCA hosted and welcomed almost 40 animal charities and professionals from around the British Isles and Ireland to discuss best practice and challenges to the sector.

The focus of the meeting was on microchipping with leading experts from the sector visiting Guernsey to head a discussion panel to the charity members of the ADCH.

The ADCH (Association of Dogs and Cats Homes) promotes best practice in animal welfare for dogs and cats. The members are dedicated to dog rescue & cat rescue. There are some 16 million pet dogs and cats throughout the UK, the vast majority kept by responsible, loving owners. Regrettably however some 250,000 pets come into rescue centres each year where the members endeavour to place them in new caring homes.



Over 40 delegates and speakers got together with representatives from Battersea Dogs & Cats Home, Blue Cross, RSPCA, National Animal Welfare Trust, Rain Rescue, Dogs Trust, Animals in Distress, AVID PLC, Cats Protection, Hope Rescue, The Kennel Club, Labrador Lifeline Trust, Leicester Animal Aid, Medimark Scientific Ltd, Microchip Trainer, Burton National Dog Warden Association, Newcastle Dog & Cat Shelter, Oak Tree Animals Charity, Petlog Services, Petplan and Yorkshire Cat Rescue. Joining them were of course many from the hosts the GSPCA as well as the Guernsey States Vet David Chamberlain and local manufacturer who make the Halo microchip scanners from the Pet Technology Store near Vazon.

The subjects covered included updates on animal law and legislation, members benefits, training opportunities, discussions of feedback from the members, cat population and neutering campaigns, talks from the sponsors on their products and grants available and awards, feedback from each of the members on their work and a huge focus on microchipping.

A huge thanks to all that were involved and supported and a special mention to Les Cotils for the venue and Chris George for the fantastic picture.

We welcome Rual Gomez the newest staff member to join the GSPCA team



We are soon to say a very sad farewell and good luck to a fantastic member of staff

Teresa Mourant is heading to live in the UK and from all the animals and team we will miss her & wish her luck



Congratulations to GSPCA Manager Steve Byrne who married Jo earlier



Congratulations to Animal Care Assistant Beckie Bailey who married Jono earlier this year



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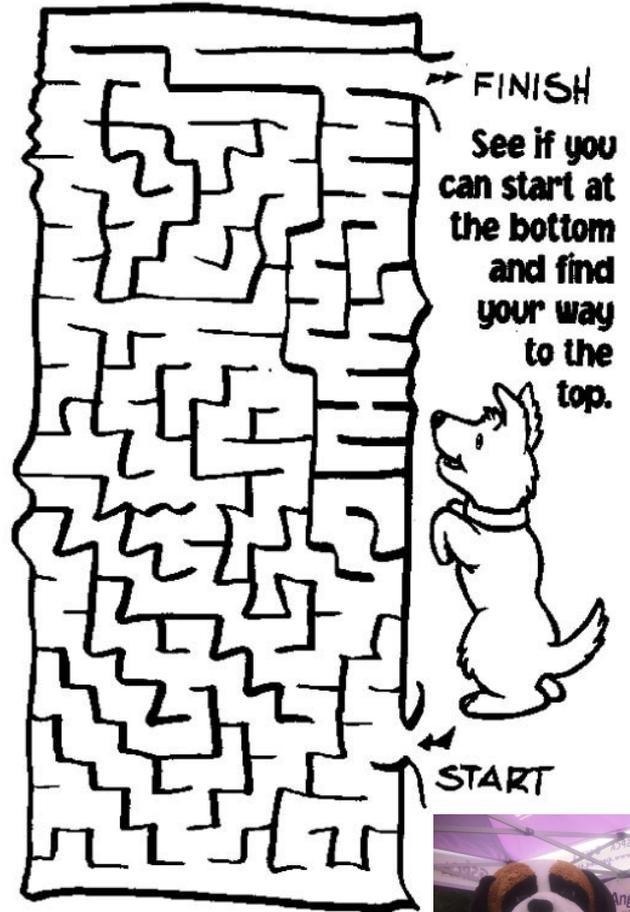
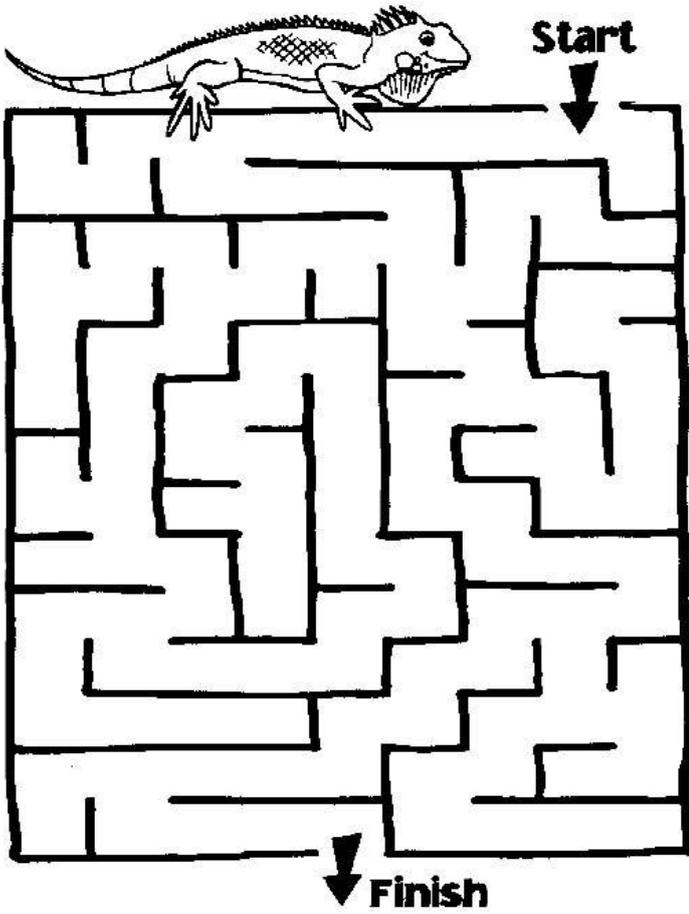
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