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FROM all at the GSPCA we hope you are safe and well. Where to start, well what an exceptionally challenging year which started with much excitement as we hoped to start taking down a number of old buildings to build the much-needed new Wildlife Hospital. Sadly, due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the GSPCA focus has been on ensuring our 24/7 service in a safe way and finding the much needed funds to continue our work as we have experienced the hardest year in living history. Throughout lockdown the GSPCA worked tirelessly day and night in a safe social distanced way and we still have many safety precautions in place as our work still involves risk from animals of owners self-isolating to those we board that are traveling off island. Sadly boarding is at an all-time low and with few fund raising events we launched our #GSPCACoronavirusCrisisAppeal to bring in much needed funds and we cannot thank all that have donated and supported our work during these difficult times and for anyone wanting to become a regular sponsor please do get in touch. It's not been all doom and gloom as we have seen the busiest year in wildlife

arrivals in recorded history with more hedgehogs and baby birds, not to mention the seal release of Andrew and Pebbles on Jethou. We also could not believe our luck when we able to hold our 9th Animal Welfare Seafrost Sunday in September after cancelling it back in May due to Covid. What a day it was with more stalls than we have ever had before, around 10,000 visitors, great weather, so many dogs and a huge amount of fun show casing our work and raising an amazing £5,000. There have been so many amazing individuals, teams, groups, businesses and schools that have done so much for us this year from Guy Hardill's sea swim which helped us with a new Animal Ambulance to the many hedge wedge stalls selling goods for the many animals in our care. I have to make a very special mention about the GSPCA team who have been incredible through the recent and continued challenges, from myself and the committee a huge thank you for all you do. It certainly has not been the easiest of years, and the months ahead we are planning for may well prove a challenge. Saying this with the #GuernseyTogether attitude we will strive to do our very best for the animals of Guernsey and our community. Our focus currently as we strategise for the future is to ensure our caring work continues 24/7. With a huge rise in the number of wildlife in recent years as well as small animals, especially rabbits we are having to relook at the way we work. The challenges loose farm animals and horses cause our ambulance drivers and still 30% of dogs and cats we see not microchipped, locating animal owners is a daily challenge. Our welfare work still includes dealing with dogs left in hot cars to nesting and roosting animals being disturbed which are just some examples of the work that goes on. There is no clear picture of what tomorrow will bring, but we know that there are hundreds of animals in our care and day and night others in need. Without your support we cannot achieve so much helping the 3000+ animals through our doors every year and the 1000's more we help in many other ways.

Stay safe and thank you
Steve Byrne
GSPCA Manager

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WAG DOGS BRING SMILES

'SINCE the day Piper arrived, I knew I wanted her to be a therapy dog with the help of WAG. When we visit the home I can see straight away how happy she makes the residents – especially those who have had dogs in the past.' The words of volunteer Chantal Fallaize explaining what makes WAG visits so special when she and Piper visit Orchard House Residential Care Home. Wellbeing Animals Guernsey (WAG)'s 26 volunteers and their therapy dogs visit many people in a variety of situations such as the hospital or residential care homes. Being with a dog for a few minutes can help reduce stress, improve a person's quality of life and just make them feel better. Another volunteer Deb, and Monti her miniature poodle, visit children on Frossard Ward where, she says, even the most cautious and poorly children are delighted to see her little dog. 'A visit from Monti cheers everyone up,' she says. For WAG volunteers it is rewarding to experience the effect their animals



have on someone who, for example, experiences high levels of anxiety but relaxes and enjoys stroking their dog, as well as striking up a conversation with the volunteer. As Chantal says, 'Just watching the smiles on people's faces as Piper and I walk through the door makes it all worthwhile.' If you are interested in joining the WAG team with your dog go to www.wag.org.gg to see what is involved, phone Marguerite on 07911 719081 or email woof@wag.org for more information.





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RABBITS are a very popular pet choice. The RSPCA estimates there are 1.7 million pet rabbits in the UK. Many of these animals spend much of their life in the same small hutch or run, with little to encourage them to exercise physically or mentally. This boredom can lead to behaviour problems, such as aggressive, repetitive pacing and over grooming. Rabbits are intelligent, inquisitive and social animals. Here is a simple toy you can make to help keep your rabbit fit, happy and healthy, using recycling items:

1. Take a toilet roll or kitchen roll tube, some hay and some tasty veg or treats.



2. Stuff the roll. Hide treats in the middle so the rabbit will have to work to get them.



3. Give the tube to your rabbit! You could also try using some string to hang the tube from top of the hutch to give your rabbit another challenge.



Rabbits love to chew and hide in places. You could also try building tunnels out of cardboard boxes, or filling a closed box with hay and treats. Place them in your rabbit's enclosure and watch them investigate! Remember to change the enrichment regularly to help keep your rabbit's world interesting.

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James Prince with Gatsby the Cat

WHERE practicable, we request that pupils who choose the GSPCA as their charity of preference to volunteer with, are pre-screened by careers advisors. This is to ascertain suitability before making the trip to the animal shelter to complete their induction. Previously, pupils have arrived for induction and then decided it is not for them; this is understandable but as space on inductions is limited, someone else may potentially miss out on their chance. Sadly, and more frequently, having watched the induction, some pupils have then turned up for their first volunteering ‘shift’ ill prepared for the work expected of them. Some have been unwilling to accept the jobs offered or want to choose what they are willing to do, rather than what is expected. As the more inclement weather arrives, we have had to advise far too many school children that it is not acceptable to turn up without a coat when it is raining. In line with health and safety regulations inappropriate footwear is not permitted whilst undertaking tasks at the GSPCA; this includes the wearing of training type shoes or fashion footwear. Sensible school shoes are perfect, unless the grassed areas on site are extremely muddy. We can, where practicable, offer wellies but we are extremely limited for sizes and as to who these can be issued to. On rare occasions, the offer to help pupils by loaning outdoor footwear has

met with disdain and a refusal to wear them. As part of the induction process, pupils are reminded to book in as they arrive at the GSPCA and book out as they leave. Sadly, this requirement has failed to be adhered to in the past; in the current climate, this task must be carried out by all our visitors to the GSPCA so as to ‘track and trace’ if required. As a courtesy to the staff who assist with hosting and laying on appropriate work, it is insisted that pupils arrive promptly and ready to work; also if a person cannot make it, is running late, or any such reason, then a phone call to the GSPCA reception is all that is needed to let us know your pupil is safe. Parents and guardians must take ownership of their children as this is not an after-school club and, as such, bad behaviour will not be tolerated. Any offensive language or inappropriate conduct will result in the person involved being asked to leave site immediately; if deemed serious enough pupils may then be banned from returning for the duration of their DofE placement. Schools will be informed if this type of incident occurs. Everyone at the GSPCA is looking forward to meeting with you all soon. **Tim Pellett, Community and Training Officer for the GSPCA.**



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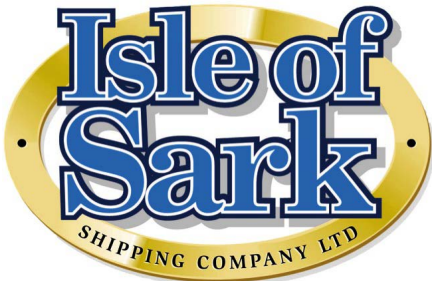
ANIMAL WELFARE

Joining forces to help Sark’s feral cats



THE GSPCA Welfare Manager, Lorna Chadwick, is working closely with Sark residents, Gemma and Richard Knight, to humanely manage the Sark feral cat population using a trap, neuter, return programme. With the permission of the Sark Constable and Chief Pleas traps have been placed at key sites and are being monitored closely throughout the day. Under the guidance of the States Veterinary Officer, David Chamberlain, and with the help and support of Sark shipping the cats are then being transported back to the GSPCA for assessment. Feral cats are wild animals, so it is imperative that their mental welfare is at the forefront of our minds and their confinement is no longer than absolutely necessary. They will be provided with immediate care, where necessary, neutered and ear tipped, microchipped and then returned back to the area where they were caught. True feral cats (as opposed to strays) are

highly unlikely to ever become socialised to humans and being kept in an enclosed Shelter environment is likely to cause significant distress and it will be almost impossible to meet the animals’ welfare needs. This is the reason for the trap, neuter, return scheme. There are contact details with the traps should anyone come across one with an occupant. The GSPCA would like to thank everyone involved in helping us help these cats.




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Cheeky Flybe released by Alderney Wildlife Trust after his tour of Guernsey

DURING mid March the GSPCA were called out to rescue a very cheeky cormorant. Flybe, as the bird was named, was found in Church Square unable to fly, very thin and trying to enter buildings and shops. He was brought to the GSPCA where we fed him up and, after over a week of care, we got him to a lovely release spot near the Bathing Pools. Flybe wasn't convinced he was ready for the wild and shortly after being released he made his way back to land and continued to pester people. We have tried releasing Flybe a total of 11 times and each time a location was carefully selected to ensure it was quiet and he would have all that he needs. These included the Bathing Pools and Fermain Bay, but each time he was released in Town he would make his way inland and tried to enter places like

Specsavers and Sports Direct. We decided to try the other side of Guernsey and shortly after his release he walked into L'Eree Hotel and on one occasion entered a house through a cat flap. We then thought we'd try more of a remote location on the Humps near Herm. Six days later he was found trying to get into the Cock'n'Bull. At this point it was decided to give him a much longer period of rehabilitation, which he spent on the large pond at the GSPCA. Last week it was decided to go for a location as remote as we could find for his release, so he was transported to Alderney where they had just the spot. Thanks to Alderney Welfare Trust, Flybe was released on Burhou last Thursday which they kindly filmed for us and hasn't yet been spotted near any towns or buildings so we all have our fingers

crossed he has found some friends in his new home. Beckie Bailey GSPCA Animal Care Assistant said "In all my years at the GSPCA we have never had a bird quite like Flybe. When he was found he was very thin and couldn't fly very well. Every time he was released he was found getting into mischief such as trying to get into Specsavers or L'Eree Hotel. We even tried releasing him all the way on the Humps and six days later he tried popping into the Cock'n'Bull. Thankfully after months of care we decided that the best release spot would be where there should be plenty of friends for him and Alderney Wildlife Trust kindly offered to help and it was fantastic to see him being released of Burhou.



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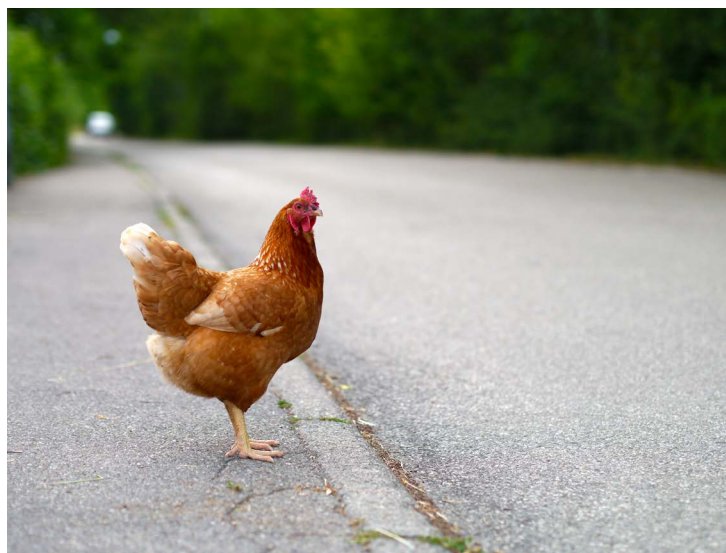
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COVID-19 has meant that the GSPCA has had to take proactive steps to ensure the health and wellbeing of the team, community and visitors

AS WE work throughout the Island including at the harbour and airport, as well as boarding animals for those who have travelled off island, we continue to encourage social distancing and work with reduced services and heightened safety measures in place.

What to expect when visiting the GSPCA
Where possible we would ask members of the public to call before visiting the Shelter. Regardless of the purpose of your visit our staff will ask:

- Are you self isolating?
 - Have you travelled out of the Bailiwick recently?
 - Do you have any symptoms of Coronavirus?
- We are very sorry but if the answer is YES to any of these questions you will not be able to visit the GSPCA at this time. We MUST prioritise the health of our team and the community. Rehoming of our animals is being carried out by appointment only to limit the number of people on site. All visitors/volunteers are to report to reception to sign in and out when visiting the GSPCA and are encouraged to use hand sanitisers on arrival and departure. Sadly, at this time we continue with only a small selection of essential volunteers. No staff/volunteers are allowed on site if they have been outside of the Bailiwick of Guernsey as

directed by the States of Guernsey allocated time and tests as advised - www.covid19.gov.gg/guidance/travel.

Anyone with signs or symptoms of Covid-19 must not come to the GSPCA and must seek advice from the States of Guernsey and relevant medical authorities.

Why are we being so cautious?
In the event that an individual who tests positive for Covid-19 has been on site we would have to send the Shelter into lockdown and all of our experienced animal carers and staff would have to isolate, this would have a hugely detrimental effect on the animals in our care. The Coronavirus situation is constantly changing and we are all learning to adapt to this new normal. The GSPCA plays a unique role within our Community so it is especially important that we continue to take the risks seriously. The pandemic has had a huge effect on our income and annual fundraising but we still continue to offer essential services within the Community. We are not States funded and rely solely on the amazing donations from you, our supporters, to enable us to keep working. We sincerely thank you for all of your support and patience at this time.
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Autumn - Under 200g hedgehogs need to go to The GSPCA.

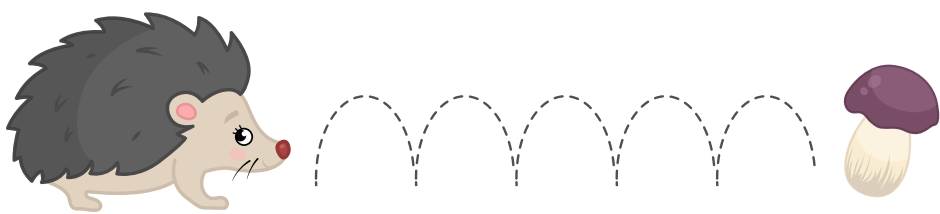
October - Over 450g; if looking healthy & a regular visitor in your garden leave in the wild but help with supplying the correct food and water, feeding up for the winter months ahead.

600g; Leave alone! Hedgehogs are wild animals and need to stay in the wild!

At any weight; If out during the day, circling, injured, looking ill, wobbling, looks thin then seek GSPCA help.

** In Novemeber we recommend 600g as a minimum weight.*

Hedgehogs



LAST year the GSPCA saw a record breaking 618 hedgehogs come through the doors and 2020 is set to be even busier.

Between the 1st January 2019 and 12th August 2019 we saw 330 hedgehogs which was a record in our 147 year history and this year between the same period we have already had 399 hedgehogs arrive meaning it looks like another record breaking year for hedgehog numbers.

Despite lockdown the GSPCA has been incredibly busy and especially with wild animals. From the start of the year to this date last year we helped 330 hedgehogs and for this year we have topped that by 69. In recent weeks we have had days where we have helped 13 new arrivals of our spiky friends. The top reasons we see hedgehogs arrive at this time of year include those with mange, dehydration and many injured from garden instruments such as strimmers and hedge cutters. It is so important to check areas before carrying out gardening tasks as by doing so you could help save the life of a hedgehog or birds that may be at risk. With the warm weather we can all help hedgehogs from putting out fresh water and feed, whether it be actual hedgehog food sold at many shops or meaty dog or cat food. The best food is tinned at this time of year with all the moisture content and for those wanting to go steps further why not leave an area of the garden to get a little overgrown or add to your hedging or even pop a hedgehog house in a corner. You can also help us help the hedgehogs here at the GSPCA such as sponsoring a hedgehog pen, making a donation or even an item from our Wish List. With so many sick and injured animals our intensive care units have been full to capacity and we are always in need of additional units which can be seen on our wish list. Every day is a real struggle to raise the funds to care for the hundreds of animals in our care and for those that do become a regular sponsor it makes a huge difference to ensure that we can care for the 1000's of animals through our doors every year and the record breaking number of hedgehogs.

HOW YOU CAN HELP THEM

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

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Barking nuisance

It's natural for dogs to bark but when it happens a lot for prolonged periods it can be very annoying and upsetting for those living in the area

POST lockdown and owners returning to work has seen an escalation in complaints about dogs barking. If you are concerned about a neighbour's dog barking, please remember that many owners are not aware that their dog barks when they are out. If possible, tell the neighbour so that they are aware and can seek advice. Guernsey's Public Health law lists specific conditions that may be considered "nuisances" and which powers exist to require that they are prevented from recurring. If a neighbour's dog is barking constantly and the owner does nothing to prevent this happening you can contact the Environmental Health Department and ask for further advice on 717000. If you are concerned about a dog's welfare, for example if it isn't being provided with water, food or shelter, or it appears to be in poor condition and you think this may be the cause of the barking, please contact the GSPCA on 01481 257261.

Does your dog bark too much?

If a neighbour has mentioned that your dog is barking a lot or you have had a visit from a member of staff at the GSPCA or other Organisation try not to become upset or angry but try to see it from their point of view. They may have a new baby in the house or they may be worried about whether your dog is OK. Ask your neighbours to tell you when your dog is barking and for how long, especially

if the noise occurs while you are out. You could even set up a video camera. If your dog is barking at things while it is outside in the garden don't let it go outside on its own as the triggers will still be there and the dog will be practising the behaviour and getting better at it. If it barks out of the window when triggered by people, animals or traffic you will need to block its access to the windows so that it can't see the triggers. You can help a dog that barks excitedly during play by not playing with them at anti-social times such as early in the morning or late at night. Try to keep your dog away from adjoining walls if you live in a flat or semi detached house. If your dog barks when left try to tire it out before you leave with a good walk. You can also provide enrichment toys or ask a friend or relative to pop in and keep it company. Dogs also like dens so you could set up a safe place for it to hide while the family is out.

What not to do:

- Never punish your dog for barking as this will make it more anxious and the barking may escalate.
- Don't use 'anti bark' collars. They can add to the dog's anxiety, dogs become accustomed to the noise and the barking can increase.
- Don't get a second dog as company; you may end up with 2 barking dogs!



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Thankfully the incidents of animals being injured by fireworks & bonfires in Guernsey are few and far between; but we mustn't get too complacent. Below are some basic guidelines that will enable you to help all of our furry and feathered friends to stay calm and safe on and around Bonfire night



The GSPCA would like to urge everyone to follow our Animal Friendly Firework Code and protect your pets and the local wildlife. Please make sure that your pets are wearing a collar with an identity tag in case they manage to escape from your home. We would also strongly advise that you have your pets microchipped as this enables us to reunite them with you much more easily should they run away. Please call the GSPCA for further details on having your animal microchipped.

Walk your dog during the day and as soon as it gets dark keep your dog or cat inside. Ensure all of the windows and doors are locked including dog and cat flaps.

Go to an organised display if you can, however don't take your dog. If you are going out then draw your curtains, put the television or radio on and provide your pet with a safe hiding place so they feel secure.

If you are having a private firework display then build your bonfire as late as possible to reduce the likelihood of any wildlife taking up residence. Before lighting the fire check the area thoroughly for hedgehogs. We are always saddened by the number of hedgehogs we receive that have suffered severe burns. Do not light fires or set off fireworks near trees where birds are likely to be roosting.

Please notify your neighbours of your intentions. Especially the elderly and those who have pets.

When horses are startled, they are likely to bolt and can suffer serious injuries. Ensure that all horses, ponies and donkeys are securely stabled with the doors closed. Remember to bring guinea pigs and rabbits inside or place under cover in an outbuilding.

If you know that your pet is frightened by loud noises such as fireworks or has an existing heart condition please contact your vet for advice.

Please clean up after firework parties. Litter is hazardous to domestic and wild animals.

Remember NEVER let fireworks off near animals.

To notify us of your event please email the team at the GSPCA and we can add your firework display to our calendar. Please let us know the location, date and times it is planned for and also if it is public or a private event. To let us know please call 01481 257261 or if you could email the following addresses one of the team will add it as soon as we can
admin@gspca.org.gg, stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg or lornaprince@gspca.org.gg

If you were wondering why you have to pay to adopt an animal from the GSPCA, this information may help



EVERY animal that passes through the GSPCA is given a full health check by our vet before it is available for rehoming. During this general health check the veterinary surgeon will check the animal thoroughly including its heart, eyes, ears, mouth, abdomen, skin and coat as well as other areas. Our staff will also obtain the animal's previous veterinary history which will enable us to identify any problems the animal may have suffered from in the past and any treatment it may have received. It is essential that we try to gain as much information about them as we can so that we can give potential adopters as many details as possible about the animal so that they can then make an informed decision before making a lifelong commitment to a new pet. As well as a full veterinary health check each animal receives the following:

- Vaccinations
- Flea treatment
- Worming treatment
- Spaying and neutering
- Dental check-up
- Microchipping

As well as the above, the adoption fee also goes towards paying for their everyday care and attention, their feeding, and many other aspects of their stay such as behavioural assessments and training (where necessary) as well as home checks and any follow-up care.

With all animals we look to do a home visit unless the animal's enclosure for small species can be brought up to the shelter. Also if you live in rented accommodation or States housing you need to ensure you have written permission.

Mice/Rats/Hamsters	£8.50
Chickens	£8.00
Birds (varied)	from £10.50
Guinea Pigs	£30.90
Ferrets	£41.50
Rabbits	£44.00
Cats/Kittens	£109.00
Dogs	£268.00
Reptiles	from £36.00

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