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Welcome to the 2022 GSPCA annual supplement



WELCOME to the 2022 edition of the GSPCA Annual Supplement brought to you by the Guernsey Press, Lorna Chadwick, contributors and all of the kind sponsors.

The last 12 months have, without doubt, been an extremely challenging period. The summer has been the busiest we have ever seen with record numbers of animals coming through our doors. Our boarding and rehoming departments have been full to capacity and we have faced staffing the challenges experienced by many of our fellow rescue charities.

Thanks to our dedicated marine mammal team we have rehabilitated and returned another four seal pups to the wild, with the remaining two due to be released soon. We have seen an increase in the numbers of birds of prey, had the privilege to help some beautiful owls and released the beautiful puffin, Pedro.

As well as rescuing and rehabilitating wildlife we endeavour to reunite lost companion animals with their families, one Senegal parrot turned up seven years after he had gone missing! Thousands of domestic (and some livestock) animals come through the doors as strays to rehoming or as part of cruelty cases.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's very sad passing led us to make the very hard decision to postpone this year's Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday until Spring 2023. We are grateful to all of those who were taking part and supporting us but this was an unprecedented moment in our history. The seafront did see thousands of islanders attend the Proclamation of King Charles III, which many of us attended.

Next year we celebrate our 150th birthday. There are many ways to get involved with the celebrations including taking part in the Puffin Parade in conjunction with Autism Guernsey, sponsoring a brick which will be placed into our Wildlife Hospital or taking part in fundraising activities which will be held throughout the year.

The GSPCA isn't just one or two people, it is a huge family made up of our committee, staff, volunteers, supporters, adopters, boarding customers, animal rescuers and everyone else that plays ANY part in helping us to help animals. We couldn't do so much without our amazing family and community, so from all at the GSPCA a HUGE thank you!

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GSPCA manager

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Keep up the good work

GSPCA warns the rising cost of living is leading to an animal welfare crisis



ANIMAL charities are already seeing consequences of rising cost of living.

The GSPCA helps thousands of animals every year and during the last two years we have seen a huge increase in pet ownership. Sadly in recent months we have seen a sharp increase in those wanting to part with their pets many sitting that they are struggling to afford their pets.

The GSPCA fears this is the start of an animal welfare crisis caused by a rise in pet ownership rates colliding with cost-of-living pressures. The charity is seeing an increase in animals coming into its care with many centres already full and others close to capacity, as rehoming slows down and more people are looking to give up their pets.

From dogs to cats, exotic pets to hamsters the GSPCA has seen a range of animals coming in for rehoming for many reasons but a growing number due to the cost of their care from veterinary costs to their feed.

Recent research by the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes (ADCH) shows that demand for rescue dogs has declined in the past year while the number of dogs being abandoned is higher in 2022 than 2021 and 2020. Although there seems to be a variation in the evidence for cat abandonments, there is strong anecdotal evidence to suggest that there is a similar trend for cats.

Halita Obineche, executive director of ADCH, said: 'There was a huge surge in people getting pets in lockdown and we are dealing with the fallout. Inexperienced owners unable to manage pets with behavioural issues caused by poor training and a lack of socialisation; workers returning to the office; and now the rising cost of living, all combining to create a national animal welfare crisis.'

'Our members emerged from lockdown struggling with a lack of fund and a deaths of experienced staff. They are overburdened - both in terms of space and the emotional toll of dealing with an epidemic of dog abandonment.'

70% of ADCH member rescues surveyed, report an influx of dogs with behavioural issues. This is in line with studies indicating that inexperienced dog owners are giving up dogs they acquired during lockdown and are now unable to care for, due to a variety of factors. Anecdotal evidence from our members, also suggests that there are similar reasons for the relinquishments of cats.

Sara Atkinson, founder and chief executive officer of Yorkshire Cat Rescue, said: 'We have seen a marked decline in the number of home offers we receive. This could be for many reasons such as post lockdown lifestyle changes and the rise in the cost of living, which directly affects the ability for owners and new adopters to be able to pay for the care

of their animal. There has also been an influx of cats and kittens coming into rescue. We have seen an increase in relinquishment due to owners struggling to pay vet fees and we have also seen a significant increase in the number of unwanted litters. The rescues are now struggling to cope, and we are now at breaking point.'

Steve Byrne, GSPCA manager and ADCH Trustee said 'The GSPCA has a large range of animals in need of homes due to increased numbers coming in due to the cost of living.

'Over the last two years the GSPCA has seen an increase in pet ownership, but recently rehoming has slowed and we have seen an increase in unwanted pets being gifted into the GSPCA.

'We have even had a budgie arrive at the GSPCA as the owner couldn't afford the veterinary care of the poorly bird.

'ADCH rescues across the British Isles and Ireland are seeing a huge increase in animals coming in and the GSPCA want to remind islanders that if anyone is looking to adopt a pet to think about the growing numbers of rescue animals needing homes both at the GSPCA and the many others charities.'

DOG TRAINING - SCENT WORK

SCENTWORK is becoming somewhat of a phenomenon in dog training and behaviour circles world-wide. More than ever before are canine behaviour professionals and indeed owners recognising the importance of allowing a dog to use what nature intended. It is also becoming increasingly valuable for rehoming centres, including the GSPCA, as simply allowing a dog to sniff can improve behaviour outcomes while also allowing them to settle into new environments.



So what exactly is scent work and why is it so special?

GSPCA Welfare and Behaviour Manager Lorna Chadwick explained that it is providing dogs with opportunities to encounter odour and work out how to solve odour puzzles. 'This type of activity helps tap into a dog's natural instinct and provides both mental and physical stimulation,' she said.

'This is key for all dogs from an enrichment point of view but is especially beneficial to the dogs who come to us as rescues or for rehoming. Some have been through some tough times in life while others can find it difficult to transition into a kennel environment. As scentwork helps to build confidence and independence, through giving them an outlet to problem solve, it is a perfect way to help improve their welfare and mental health outcomes.'

The GSPCA is using scentwork activities with the dogs who are in kennels as well as providing new owners with nosework games to help the dogs to transition smoothly into their new homes. 'Scentwork activities are hugely calming to a dog as they can really get stuck into the scent puzzles, which not only helps to build their personal confidence when they work it out, but it also helps to build confidence in the new environments where there may be things that they are not used to,' Lorna added.

'Scentwork also gives a dog a job to do and something to concentrate on. And all breeds can do it. They all really enjoy it.'

GSPCA volunteer trainers, including Helen Bougourd and Sarah Creasey, have taken part in Pet Scentwork & Detection Courses.

And volunteer Anna Brehaut, who is the founder and owner of dog training school Canine Behaviour Guernsey, is now offering courses for dog owners to learn the sport of pet scentwork and detection. Both Anna and her colleague and volunteer Sam Smillie have qualified as pet scent detection instructors and are also City & Guild recognised Scent Detection Dog Handlers. They are members of the National Nosework Association and are hoping to join Detection Dog Trials in the New Year.

Around 100 dogs and their owners have so far started learning the sport and that includes a range of different breeds from labradors, spaniels, terriers, Shih Tzus, poodle crosses to bull dogs and even Maltese. There have also been a number of rescue dogs who have joined the classes.

'Scentwork is good for rescue dogs, retired dogs, deaf dogs, blind dogs, senior dogs, fearful dogs, reactive dogs, young dogs, puppies and to be honest any dog,' Anna said.

'Indeed the slogan "Scentwork is for every dog", is being used across the globe.'

Anna said she decided to learn the skill in-depth and to teach the sport after recognising how beneficial scent work activities were when working with dogs who were having behaviour struggles.

'There really is a huge calming aspect to scentwork,' she said. 'A lot of dogs who are labelled as badly behaved are very misunderstood and are in fact really struggling to deal with their emotions - that can be for any number of reasons. My job is to find out what is really going on and to help them with those emotional responses. At the same time, through scentwork, I can also give them a job to do, which is mentally enriching and stimulating, and therefore can help give them a focus. We often say the more mental energy they burn on positive things, the less mental energy there is for them to focus on the negatives.'

Anna said her and Sam have observed a number of skills among those attending their scent work and detection classes.

'These include the dog being able to work and cope in tight spaces, them solving puzzles without stressing out or getting frustrated, developing stronger bonds with their handlers and staying focused when required.

'For the handler, we have seen them improve their observation skills as they learn to read their dog better, it has built their appreciation of dog and deepens their bond with their dog because they really have to work together as a team.'



Creative fundraising



THIS year many supporters have thought of creative and fun ways to raise much needed funds for the Shelter making book marks, selling lemonade and taking part in beach cleans. Some have even set themselves impressive sporting challenges and many have been baking cakes to help the animals in our care.



Dinner Dance - Have a band/live entertainment, good food, organise a raffle and/or an auction.

Dress Down Day - Ideal if you work in an office where your colleagues might love the chance to work in jeans.

Car wash - Ask your neighbours if you can wash their car for a donation to the GSPCA.

No Drinking - Revitalise your body and give up the bottle for a few weeks - ask people to sponsor you.

Open Day - If you have a colourful garden, invite fellow garden lovers to come and admire it, for a donation.



Thank you so much to everyone who has taken part in fundraising, every single penny goes towards the rescue, rehabilitation and care of all of the animals on site. If you're not sure how you can help here are some ideas:

Car Boot Sale - Raise money and have a clear out all at the same time.



Cake sale - Sell homemade biscuits, cakes and sweets in your office or even on the hedge.

■ We'd be happy to support you in any way we can by loaning games, animal suits or other GSPCA fundraising items. Please email stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg for more information. THANK YOU ALL!

We're so sorry for your loss, and our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.



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Our Services

The GSPCA are on hand to collect your pet from your home or your veterinary practice. However, you may prefer to bring your pet personally to the Animal Shelter where you will receive a warm and understanding welcome from our dedicated team and your pet will receive the very best of care.

After the cremation, we will be in touch as soon as possible and always try to ensure that we return your beloved pet to you as soon as you are ready. You have the option to have your pet's ashes returned to you in a choice of caskets, urns, scatter tubes or frames. Or, alternatively, you can choose to have them scattered in our peaceful Garden of Rest. Please take your time to decide, there is no rush.



We are a caring animal welfare organisation, dedicated to providing your pet with care and dignity that will help you say goodbye, whilst giving you total peace of mind.



Memorial Garden and Chapel of Rest

During GSPCA Purple Week in February 2019 the Memorial Garden and Chapel of Rest were officially opened.

The Chapel of Rest is a wonderful enclosed private summer house that is provided to help those that wish to spend the last moments with their beloved pet before



they are cremated. It can be used for small private ceremonies to help the family through their loss and celebrate the life of their pet.

The Chapel of Rest is also available for bereaved pet owners if they need a quiet area, inside to reflect and remember the happy times with their beloved pet.

Our Memorial Garden is an area on site with a water feature, landscaped and with benches and seats for bereaved pet owners to spend time and remember their pets. Within the Memorial Garden is a stone built heart where pet owners can scatter the ashes of their pets.

If you would like an engraved heart in memory of your pet in the Memorial garden please get in touch.

The main opening times for these areas to the public are 9am to 5pm Monday to Saturday and Sunday 11am to 4pm but if you would like access to these areas outside of these hours please call 01481 257261 or email admin@gspca.org or admin@gspca.org.gg

■ Please visit our website for further information about cremation and Bereavement.

We are very grateful to the team at Hamilton Brookes for the design of our beautiful new leaflet, which we hope will guide owners following their loss

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ANIMAL WELFARE LAW

OWNING a pet is a huge responsibility. Sometimes people take on animals with little research or understanding of their mental and physical welfare needs and the ongoing costs involved in their care.

Our staff are regularly called out to investigate concerns raised about the conditions and care of animals. Thankfully, for the most part, advice and support are all that is needed to help owners improve the welfare of their pets. There are occasions, however, when people are not receptive to our help and we have to approach the States veterinary officers and police for advice on the next steps.

All pet owners have a legal responsibility to the animals in their care as outlined in Section 8 of the Animal Welfare (Guernsey) Ordinance 2012. EVERY pet owner, keeper of livestock and animal carer has a legal duty of care, which if not met can result in prosecution.

If you care for an animal, it is vitally important that you are aware of the Welfare Law, especially Section 8 of the Ordinance.

Animal Welfare (Guernsey) Ordinance, 2012 Duty of care to animals

8.(1) The owner or keeper of an animal owes a duty of care to that animal to take such care as, in all the circumstances, is reasonable to see that the animal is free -

- (a) from thirst, hunger and malnutrition,
- (b) from discomfort,
- (c) from pain, injury and disease,
- (d) from fear and distress, and
- (e) to express normal behaviour patterns.

(2) The duty of care under subsection (1) includes providing the animal with -

- (a) a supply of fresh drinking water and food of sufficient quantity and quality to keep the animal in good health,

(b) where appropriate, suitable shelter which is sufficient to maintain the animal in good health and such shelter must include -

- (i) access from the shelter to water and food,
- (ii) sufficient space for the animal to lie down or otherwise rest in comfort, and
- (iii) where appropriate, adequate light, heat and ventilation,

(c) protection from injury, disease or unnecessary suffering including, where appropriate, providing timely and appropriate medical diagnosis and treatment where necessary by a recognised veterinary surgeon, and

(d) the opportunity to express normal behaviour patterns and living conditions which are conducive to it maintaining those normal behaviour patterns.

(3) In determining what care is reasonable in all the circumstances for the purposes of subsection (1), the owner or keeper of an animal shall have particular regard to -

- (a) good practice for the care of the animal in question,
- (b) any lawful purpose for which the animal is kept,
- (c) any lawful activity carried on in relation to the animal,
- (d) the physical activity undertaken by the animal,
- (e) seasonal climatic conditions,
- (f) the life-stage of the animal, and
- (g) any special or additional dietary and nutritional requirements that may arise -
- (i) where the animal is pregnant, brooding or rearing young, and
- (ii) from the general state of health of the animal.

(4) In this section, 'normal behaviour patterns' means normal behaviour patterns for a domestic animal or a captive animal, as the case may be, of the kind concerned.

(5) A person commits an offence if, without reasonable excuse, he contravenes the duty of care in subsection (1).

■ If you are unable to care for your pet please don't be ashamed or embarrassed, rescue charities will take on your pet without prejudice.

It doesn't matter if your animal is sick, elderly or you have to move and can't take it with you, we just ask that you call for help.



GSPCA MISSION STATEMENT

- To prevent cruelty to all animals
- To rescue animals in distress
- To provide shelter for strays
- To foster and encourage kindness and consideration in the treatment of all animals and birds.



Welcome back!

FOR the first time in two years the GSPCA opened its doors for an 'Educational Guided Tour', when manager Steve Byrne met a group of Brownies and their leaders.

The tour started in the hospital department where some of the Brownies got to feed some baby birds. This department is a great opportunity for young people to learn about wildlife and for our staff to answer questions about the various species in our care. The Brownies then went to visit the hedgehog department and were so surprised by how many we have on site. The cattery was a fun experience as many of the cats came to say hello at the front of their pens, many meowing and wanting to play.

It was such a wonderful experience and we thank the group for being so respectful and well behaved.

Steve Byrne, GSPCA manager said, 'It was a fairly large group with 24 Brownies and their leaders and they really enjoyed meeting a baby hedgehog and feeding baby birds. They learnt about how we help the animals in our care but also how they can help animals by picking up litter and looking after the environment. Pre-covid we would run tours where each year we would have 1,000s young and old from school trips to WI groups.

We really love showing our facilities and talking about our work at the GSPCA. On average, we have over 400 animals in our care and there is always plenty to see and talk about."

■ If your school or group is interested in arranging a guided tour or an educational talk from the GSPCA please do get in touch by calling 01481 257261 or email admin@gspca.org.gg



WORMS can cause your pet suffering, illness and even death. Some types of worms can be spread between pets and people and can cause diseases.

Even healthy-looking animals can carry worms, so it's important to worm your pets regularly. Your vet will advise which type of treatment and method you should use for your pet. Here's more about worms and how you can keep them at bay.

HOW DO PETS GET WORMS?
Animals can pick worms up in a variety of ways, including from:

- Other infected animals
- Eating the larvae or eggs of worms (e.g. in infected faeces or in the grass)
- Eating raw meat, infected prey animals or infected parasites
- Many kittens have roundworm because it's commonly passed on to them in their mother's milk.

SIGNS OF WORMS IN PETS

Some signs your pet could have worms include:

It is essential if you have young children in your home that you regularly treat your pets for roundworm. While exploring the world children will pick things up and put them in their mouths. Toxocariasis is a human infection caused by roundworm that can live in the intestines of dogs and cats. It is most common in young children and pet owners, but anyone can get it.

Roundworms do pose a significant risk to humans. Contact with contaminated soil or dog (and cat) faeces can result in human ingestion and infection. Once infected, the worms can cause eye, lung, heart and neurologic problems in people.



TREATING YOUR PETS FOR FLEAS AND PARASITES

- Your pet starts losing weight
- Their fur is becoming dry and coarse
- Increased appetite, weakness and diarrhoea
- In severe cases, infected puppies and kittens can have a distended abdomen or 'pot belly'.

It may be difficult to see any symptoms of your pet having worms, but it's important to have a regular worm treatment in place, as advised by your vet.

If your pet does have the parasite, you may see worms in faeces or vomit, or around your pet's bottom. Wrap any worms you find on or near your pet in damp cotton wool and take them to your vet, so they can advise the best worm treatment.

HOW TO TREAT YOUR PETS FOR WORMS

Give them regular worm treatments
Ask your vet for the best treatment and method to de-worm your pet.

Treat pets for roundworms from a young age and, when they're adults, also treat them for tapeworms.

Different worms may need different treatments - ask your vet which treatment is safe and suitable for your pet.

Treat for fleas to prevent tapeworms
by using a flea treatment regularly, as fleas can carry tapeworm eggs.

HOW TO PREVENT WORMS IN PETS

Prevention is always better than cure, so follow these tips to reduce the risk of your pet catching worms.

- Disinfect food and water bowls regularly.
- Ensure housing is regularly cleaned and disinfected, but only use a disinfectant that's safe for animals.
- Good pasture management is needed for horses, ponies, donkeys and rabbits to prevent them from eating the larvae and eggs of worms. This may involve removing droppings and rotating which areas your animal has access to.
- Avoid collecting greens for rabbits from areas where wild rabbits and rodents have been. If your rabbits are kept outside, place their housing so that exposure to wild rabbits and rodents is minimised.
- Pregnant animals should only be wormed under the supervision of a vet.
- Clean up after your pet and dispose of faeces carefully.
- Wash your hands thoroughly before you eat.

■ For more information please contact your veterinary surgery.

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Please microchip your pets

THE GSPCA deals with 150-200 stray dogs every year and a further 400-600 stray and injured cats. Unfortunately, less than 45% have microchips and even less have collars with tags so many are never reunited with their owners. Microchipping your pet gives them the best chance of being identified and returned to you if they get lost or stolen or are injured on our roads. While collars and tags can get caught or removed, microchipping identifies your pet permanently and effectively.



HOW MICROCHIPPING WORKS

A tiny microchip is quickly and simply inserted under your pet's skin, or in the neck for horses. This gives your pet their own unique code.

The microchip can be scanned and matched to the owner's contact details, which are kept on a national database, such as PetLog or Petrac.

Microchipping is only effective if you keep your details up-to-date. If you move house or change your telephone number you must make sure you tell the database you're registered with so that they have your up-to-date contact details.

In England it is a legal requirement to have any dog over the age of eight weeks microchipped. The GSPCA and other welfare organisations, are keen for Guernsey to follow suit and also extend this to cats. Many cats are lost or killed on our roads and the presence of a chip would enable welfare charities and vets to contact owners immediately.

■ We can microchip your cat, rabbit or dog for only £4.99. Please telephone the shelter on 257261 for an appointment.

Cockerels free to good homes

WE'RE currently inundated with cockerels and we desperately need to find them homes.

Many of the birds were found as strays or reared as chicks, and although all of our hens have found loving new homes, we have a large number of boys still needing a place to call home.

Yvonne Chauvel, senior animal care Assistant said 'Every year we help sick and injured cockerels but we have seen more than usual in the last year. If anyone can help find these or any of the animals in our care a new home please do get in touch'.

Steve Byrne, GSPCA manager, said 'Cockerels do split opinion as they can be noisy but they do make fabulous companions and we have one who lives on site at the GSPCA which all the team love dearly. Cockerels are great at protecting hens and despite their bad press have great personalities if treated correctly'.

■ If you are interested in adopting an animal, especially a cockerel, then please contact the GSPCA on 257261 or email us at admin@gspca.org.gg.



UNUSUAL VISITORS

At the GSPCA we really never know what's coming through our doors



Breda the Cuckoo

One evening in July a very poorly and dehydrated bird arrived at the GSPCA, but our warden was unsure of the species of bird, as she had never seen it before. Thankfully Steve, our shelter bird expert, was on night shift and quickly identified it as a recently fledged young cuckoo. The bird was very unwell and had been found grounded in a garden in St Peter Port. Steve Byrne, GSPCA manager, said 'There aren't many cuckoos in Guernsey and as they spend nine months of the

year in Africa you are very lucky to see one. While it's a shame to see one looking so unwell it was still a privilege to see such a pretty bird and be given the chance to nurse it back to health. After 2 nights of care Breda was looking much better so Jamie Hooper was able to ring the bird and she was able to be released'.

Breda now has a long flight to follow its parents back to Africa and with the ring we really hope at some point to follow the adventures of this very pretty bird.



Chuckwalla

During the hot spell in August the GSPCA Ambulance driver was called out to a car park near the back of the airport to rescue a toad from someone's garden. Surprisingly the toad turned out to be a species of lizard.

After a post on social media, a very relieved owner came forward and identified her

missing pet as a chuckwalla that had been missing for 6 weeks! Thankfully it hadn't travelled very far from home and it no doubt survived so long in the wild thanks to the unusually hot weather.

'If your pet ever goes missing, please get in touch so we can help reunite you. www.gspca.org.gg/services/lost-found-advice'.



Caribbean Hermit Crab

Tamatoa arrived in April having been abandoned in his tank at a property. Thankfully despite his ordeal he is doing very well. Tamatoa has been identified as a 'Coenobita', a Caribbean hermit crab, so he can't simply be released in Guernsey. He's very inquisitive and often comes out of his shell. We have sought expert advice on the care of Tamatoa and would love to hear from anyone interested in helping him find a forever home.

Hermit Crab facts:

- Hermit crabs are nocturnal.
- Hermit crabs communicate with one another by making croaking or chirping sounds by rubbing against their shell or

rubbing their body parts together.

• Hermit crabs mate in the ocean. Before mating, the male holds the female with one claw, and then taps or strokes her with the other. Both crabs emerge partially from their shells and place their stomachs together to mate.

• A female hermit crab carries fertilized eggs attached to her abdomen until they hatch.

• Hermit crab larvae are aquatic and go through several developmental stages in water before making a permanent transition to land.

• Some land hermit crabs can live up to 10 years.

Guidance for Professional dog walkers

STATES OF GUERNSEY VETERINARY OFFICERS



WITH lots of dog owners no longer working at home, it's great that they want to ensure their furry family members get the daily exercise they need. Post Covid the number of professional dog walkers has risen and it's important that pet owners and new walkers are aware of the Guidance issued by the States veterinary officers. This guidance promotes responsibility and best practise, and more importantly ensures animal welfare standards are met, giving owners peace of mind that their pets are in good hands.

GUIDANCE FOR PROFESSIONAL DOG WALKERS

This Guidance relates only to the transport, walking and exercise of dogs by those caring for them in a professional capacity.

Dog walkers (Pet Sitters and Pet Minders) must understand and comply with:

- The Control of Dogs Ordinance, 1992
- The Dogs (Liability for Injury and Protection of Livestock) Ordinance, 1982
- The Animal Welfare (Guernsey) Ordinance, 2012
- The Summary Offences (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 1982

1) Walkers must not exercise dogs in areas where they are prohibited. See schedules parts I to IV of 'The Control of Dogs Ordinance, 1992. Dogs are prohibited from specified areas at all times and from specified beaches between the 1st May and the 30th September (both dates inclusive). In other specified areas dogs must be on a lead and under close supervision at all times.

2) Walkers must clear up faeces deposited in public places by dogs of which they are in charge. Walkers must not permit dogs that they are in charge of even to deposit faeces in areas specified in part II of the schedules in 'The Control of Dogs Ordinance, 1992.

3) Walkers must have a means of removing deposited faeces with them at all times when they are exercising dogs in public places. So as to be clear, a dog walker must have at least two empty waste bags on them for every dog they are in charge of. Faeces and waste bags must be placed in appropriate receptacles.

4) Walkers must exercise no more than five dogs at any time and must keep them in their sight to ensure that their activities

are monitored at all times. Walkers who allow the dogs under their control to mix with other groups of dogs on walks remain responsible for the safety and behaviour of their dogs. The Summary Offences (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 1982, Section 2 Offences in connection with animals, fireworks or disturbances, etc. subsection 1) points a), b) and c)

5) Walkers must assess how robust a dog is, the dogs' temperament, fitness and determine the current stage of the sexual cycle of entire females so that only compatible dogs are exercised together. If the walker is not proficient or qualified to assess dogs' compatibility to mix with others then they must seek the opinion of someone who is.

6) Walkers must only walk dogs that they are capable of managing. Walkers must not walk dogs, individually or as part of a group, that could overpower them or drag and pull them over. Only persons over 16 years of age must walk dogs professionally in public places. Professional walkers must respect and behave courteously to members of the public and other members of their profession. Professional dog walkers must not denigrate their fellow dog walkers (Pet Sitters and Pet Minders).

7) Where is it permitted only dogs with a reliable recall should be allowed to exercise freely off a lead. If uncertain the walker should assess a dog's recall in an enclosed area before allowing the dog to exercise freely in an open space.

8) Walkers must not use long-lines, extending leads and stretchy leads on more than two dogs at one time. So as to be clear, a walker may still exercise up to 5 dogs at a time but no more than two must be controlled using long-lines, extending leads and stretchy leads

9) All dogs that are exercised in a public place by a walker must wear flat, non-tightening collars around their necks bearing on it or having attached to it a disc with the initials of the Christian names of the registered owner/keeper followed by their surname and the distinguishing letter of the parish where the owner/keeper has their ordinary place of residence. This is in accordance with The Dog Licences (Guernsey) Law, 1969. Walkers may also want to consider placing a second disc on the dog's collar with their mobile phone number on it should a dog escape them while it's under their control.

10) The duration and intensity of exercise

provided for a dog by a walker must be appropriate for the dog's age and health status. The walker must also take into consideration the weather and environmental conditions when determining the appropriate duration and intensity of exercise to provide a dog. In a group the maximum duration and intensity of exercise provided must be no more than the weakest member of that group can manage in the prevailing conditions.

11) Walking dogs in extreme weather conditions should be avoided. The ability of dogs to cope with extreme weather conditions varies depending upon age, breed, health status and the state of the dog's coat. Dogs must not be exercised in temperatures equal to or exceeding 24°C in the shade.

12) All professional dog walkers are advised to have third party and professional indemnity insurance that covers their activities.

13) Dog walkers must carry functioning mobile telephones for use in emergencies.

14) Dog walkers must be trained in dog first-aid.

15) Vehicles used to transport dogs short distances to exercise areas must:

a) contain dogs individually in separate spaces or where there is consent from the owners, in compatible groups,

b) the separate spaces may consist of permanently fixed cages or temporarily fixed crates that have adequate ventilation on three sides which is in the upper part of the cage or crate,

c) the space provided for dogs must be robust, smooth and rounded and not present a risk of injury or entrapment,

d) the spaces must be big enough to allow the dog to stand up, lay down and turn around (for further guidance see IATA 'Do you have a suitable container for your pet?')

e) the floor must provide grip for the dog to enable it to move and avoid slipping,

f) the door to the space must be lockable to avoid accidental release and unauthorised opening,

g) dogs may access and exit the spaces without assistance or where necessary by being lifted or utilising ramps or steps,

h) the space where the dogs are kept must be able to be cleaned and disinfected and must be leak-proof,

i) the space where the dogs are kept must be 'spot' cleaned and disinfected as necessary and thoroughly cleaned weekly,

j) the temperature in the space where the dogs are kept must be maintained in a comfortable range for the dogs of 16°C to 21°C in the shade by either artificial or natural means,

k) a thermometer should be fixed in the space where the dogs are kept to enable assessment of the environmental temperature but must not be accessible to the dogs,

l) a supply of drinking water and water bowls must be available to provide water to quench dogs thirst,

m) the vehicle must contain a first aid kit for dogs and a first aid kit for humans,

n) the contact details of the walker, including the mobile telephone number, must be available in a prominent position in or on the vehicle for members of the public to see.

16) Dog walkers should avoid leaving some dogs in a vehicle while exercising others. This should be avoided completely in hot weather. If this is unavoidable vehicles which are unattended but contain dogs must:

a) maintain the temperature in the space where the dogs are kept in a comfortable range for the dogs of 16°C to 21°C in the shade by either artificial or natural means.

b) natural means may include:

i) parking the vehicle in full shade and ensure it will remain in full shade for at least the next 30 minutes,

ii) leaving doors and windows open to allow air to circulate freely around the locked cages or crates,

iii) orienting the vehicle to utilise any natural breeze,

c) provide the dogs left in the van with a supply of drinking water,

d) do not leave dogs unattended in the vehicle for more than 30 minutes,

e) ideally dog walkers who leave dogs in vehicles should have remote monitoring of the temperature within the van that can be picked up by them in real time.

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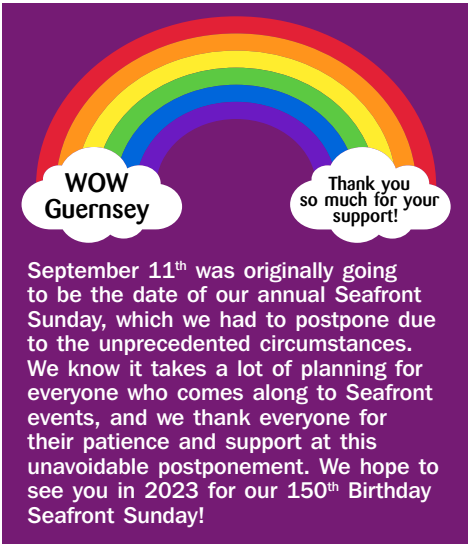
STAFF and volunteers at the GSPCA shared the nation's sadness on the passing of our monarch, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. During her 70-year reign The Queen was well known for her love of animals and particularly her beloved dogs, caring for over 30 Corgis in her lifetime. Her affection for the dogs was great, and only seemed matched by the love she held for horses. Throughout her life, Elizabeth showed a natural affinity for horses including racehorses, rare breeds and show horses; she would always reach out to touch any horse were it within arm's reach. The Queen also had a, not so well known, love for racing pigeons and was the patron of many clubs and societies.

Our thoughts and condolences join those around the world for a truly wonderful, inspiring and caring monarch who will be greatly missed.

As we welcome the reign of King Charles III, we feel a sense of (positive) expectation as he has always been an advocate for conservation and climate change, which are expected to be at the forefront of his tenure.

Guernsey islanders witnessed the proclamation of the new king on September 11th on the Crown Pier. It was a moment in history that many have never, or will never, witness again.

'Dieu Sauve Le Roi'



September 11th was originally going to be the date of our annual Seafrost Sunday, which we had to postpone due to the unprecedented circumstances. We know it takes a lot of planning for everyone who comes along to Seafrost events, and we thank everyone for their patience and support at this unavoidable postponement. We hope to see you in 2023 for our 150th Birthday Seafrost Sunday!



Horses were the Queen's lifelong passion

MORE than any other interest, horses and ponies were the Queen's passion throughout her long life.

The monarch's love for the equine world was something she shared with her mother and she bred and raced horses for more than 60 years.

Thoroughbreds owned by the Queen won four out of the five flat racing classics – the 1,000 Guineas and 2,000 Guineas, the Oaks and the St Leger – with only the Derby eluding her.

The monarch's horse Dunfermline, ridden by jockey Willie Carson, gave the Queen her most famous victory, triumphing in the Oaks and St Leger in her Silver Jubilee year 1977.

In recent years the Queen made sporting history when she became the first reigning monarch to win Royal Ascot's Gold Cup with her thoroughbred Estimate in 2013.

She has also notched up more than 20 winners at Royal Ascot – one of the premier events of the racing season.

From early childhood the Queen was surrounded by horses and relatives who owned, rode and talked about them.

Her first reported riding lesson took place in the private riding school at Buckingham Palace Mews in January 1930, when she was still only three years old.

When she was five the Queen Mother led her on Peggy, a Shetland pony given to her when she was four by her grandfather King George V, to a meet of the Pytchley Hounds at Boughton Cover.

After she became sovereign in February 1952, the Queen inherited the royal colours: purple, gold braid, scarlet

sleeves, black velvet cap with gold fringe.

Her first winner as Queen came just a few months later when Choir Boy passed the winning post ahead of the field to claim the Wilburton Handicap at Newmarket that May.

The next few years were a golden period for her horses and in 1954 and again in 1957 she was named the leading winner-owner.

Over the following decades, she pursued her keen interest in horse breeding, sending her mares to stud farms around the world as well as breeding animals at home.

The Queen's horses and ponies, which number around 180, were kept at various royal residences and stables from Sandringham to Balmoral.

The monarch took a keen interest in their breeding and training and was respected for her knowledge of the equine world.

But the head of state famously did not bet and appeared to get her enjoyment from watching her horses develop and compete.

The Queen's cousin Margaret Rhodes, interviewed a number of years ago for a BBC documentary about the monarch's passion for horse racing, said: "You see I think that early on, when she became Queen, I think that she had to sacrifice within herself an awful lot of emotions and thoughts of the future and everything else."

'But I think with horses it's another world in that it reduces you to just the person in relation to the animal, and you're not a Queen, you're just a human being'.

■ By Tony Jones, PA Court Correspondent



Guernsey dairy farming meets the highest standards for animal welfare



Our Duty of Care to animals does not just extend to companion animals, it is also important that farm animals receive the best care they can to ensure their welfare needs are met. It is such a great achievement for everyone involved in Guernsey's Dairy Industry to have been granted RSPCA Accreditation. We are very lucky to have our local Dairy and this will certainly give Islanders peace of mind that all of those involved in the care of our local herds adhere to the most stringent animal welfare standards.

They are part of our island's identity, they occupy the myriad of green open spaces of Guernsey fields in the spring, peeking their noses over hedgerows and can often be found meandering down our Ruettes Tranquilles on their way to the milking parlour or fresh pastures. Guernsey Cows are synonymous with our island's heritage.

These instantly recognisable and loveable residents are cared for in an industry that has achieved national recognition by gaining RSPCA Assured status.

At the start of the year, the Guernsey farming community, the cows they care for and the milk they produce, achieved an historic milestone. The dairy industry, which includes the island's dairy farms and its processor, Guernsey Dairy, received a full RSPCA Assured seal of approval, demonstrating higher levels of animal welfare in local milk production. The island's dairy industry is only one of two producers in the British Isles to have achieved this certification.

Guernsey's dairy industry, which includes 12 dairy farms and Guernsey Dairy, began the accreditation process more than two years ago. There are over 300 lot of emotions and thoughts of the future and everything else.

'But I think with horses it's another world in that it reduces you to just the person in relation to the animal, and you're not a Queen, you're just a human being'.

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'Consideration was given to several schemes; however, RSPCA Farm Assured was selected due to its distinction of being recognised nationally as the gold standard in animal welfare. Its aim is to improve the welfare of farm animals and has established itself as a leading campaigner in all aspects of food production. Consumers are becoming increasingly more knowledgeable about where their food comes from and how it's produced. In achieving independent verification through the RSPCA Assured accreditation scheme, the dairy industry can reassure consumers that our world-famous breed of cow is cared for in the best possible way.'

said Andrew Tabel, Guernsey Dairy's Managing Director.

The scheme is the RSPCA's ethical food label and is the only farm assurance scheme in the British Isles dedicated purely to farm animal welfare, which specifies that the animals are well cared for throughout their lives and enjoy a high quality of life.

Jim and Liz Naftel run Les Fauconnaires Farm - the island's only certified Organic farm supplying Guernsey Dairy with 2,500 litres of Organic milk each week. "This certification is a collective endeavour and we're extremely proud to be part of its adoption in Guernsey. Certification, achieved first from the Soil Association, and now our RSPCA Assured status means consumers can be reassured that we are farming to the highest possible standards," said Mrs Naftel.

The Soil Association (the UK's largest organic accreditation body) covers traceability, pesticides, use of medication and GM ingredients. To retain the farm's approval, the Naftels go through annual inspections to evidence that they are adhering to the strict standards. Ongoing development also allow inspectors to see that they are properly trained and competent in welfare management.

Josh Dorey is one of Guernsey's young farmers and he runs Le Clos Hoguet Farm in Les Prevosts, St Saviours. Like his industry compatriots, he has invested in his farm business to ensure the highest standards are met.

'I've built new feeding troughs, fixed up cubicles and opened up the lounging area for the cows so that they receive even more space and light,' he said. Josh has also replaced old metalwork and gates and laid AstroTurf on some of the walkways, as well as installing comfortable bedding and brushes for the cows.

The broader farming community were quick to embrace the RSPCA Assured scheme. Shane Robert at Les Varioufs Farm was the second farm to achieve his accreditation.

'The RSPCA Assured scheme includes nearly 100 pages of compliance regulations covering a dairy cow's life that must be adhered to in order to gain Assured status. The certification provides reassurance to consumers that those responsible for the care of the cows are fully trained and able to spot and remedy any problems that may occur. To cover this, all the farmers and their staff attend regular training to make sure that they are up-to-date with the best practice for animal husbandry and comply with any new changes to the RSPCA Assured standards,' said Mr Robert.

Meanwhile, third generation farmers, Julian and Katherine Ogier, manage Le Hechet Farm. They have had to balance looking after their herd of 80 cows, running their artisan luxury ice-

cream business and gaining their accreditation.

'Fortunately, the farm had been through a fairly recent upgrade so there was not a lot of work that needed to be done on the fabric of the buildings. Instead, there were a few new safeguarding plans to be drawn up and systems implemented such as recording food rations, day-to-day procedures, and herd health plans. This was to ensure someone could step in and take over the reins at short notice if required to do so'.

President of Guernsey Farmers Association, Michael Bray, is the owner of Les Jaonnets Farm and was heavily involved in helping to set up the RSPCA Assured scheme.

'There are two main welfare schemes operating within the UK - RSPCA Assured and Red Tractor,' explains Mr Bray. 'We carefully looked at them both side-by-side. The RSPCA Assured scheme was the preferred option, as although it involved more work for the farmers, it is also considered to be at the forefront of animal welfare. It also quickly updates its standards as changes to animal husbandry and animal housing design are developed. This means farmers are continually learning how to work better with their animals and to monitor their health and wellbeing'.

It seems Guernsey's farming community and the industry is committed to the very highest standards of welfare for our local breed.

'Our Guernseys require care seven days a week, 365 days of the year,' said Mr Bray. 'While we all knew the best way to look after our animals, and although the scheme has added to an already busy workload, RSPCA Assured has given us confidence and reassurance that we are looking after our animals well. It has been worth the extra work required'.



Looking fur homes

We have so many gorgeous animals looking for homes at the shelter. We do ask that you complete an adoption form if you are interested in any of the animals featured. Please don't be disheartened if you are not contacted, we may have many applicants and some of the animals have specific criteria. We do have a rehoming policy that follows best practise for rescue centres, this will include completing an application form, coming in to meet the animal and also a home check which allows us to answer any questions you may have about meeting your new pet's welfare needs. Please see our website for details. www.gspca.org.gg/animals/.

WELFARE AND CRUELTY CASE DOG REHOMING

There are occasions when we may have animals looking for homes that we are unable to advertise due to their being the victims of cruelty cases. Currently we have one dog looking for home that had a pretty terrible start in life. He is an elderly dog so he is looking for end of life care which will be supported by the GSPCA.

Welfare case dog is a medium to large dog. He is friendly and bonds very quickly with people, but he is a bit senile. Unfortunately, he cannot live with a family that have children as he can be a bit snappy due to his poor eyesight. While he has lived with dogs in the past it is better if he is now the only animal in the home.

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Charlie the Senegal reunited after 7 years

CHARLIE, the very friendly adult Senegal Parrot, arrived on the 25th June after being rescued by a member of the public at Vazon. The GSPCA team were really shocked that an owner hadn't come forward so we did a big appeal to try and reunite this lovely bird with his owner. What happened next was a real surprise. An owner came forward but she had reported her Charlie the Senegal parrot missing in October 2015!

It's quite unbelievable that Charlie had been living wild all of this time so we suspect he had adopted a new human carer.

Steve Byrne, GSPCA manager, said: 'He's such a lovely bird. He often says Charlie amongst other phrases and the behaviour and the pictures are a match from the owner that has come forward.'

'Senegal parrots as pets have been known to live for over 50 years and like Charlie can be very sweet, wanting nothing more than to sit on your shoulder all day'.

His owner is overjoyed and she had lost hope of ever finding her feathered friend. This is a fantastic story and just goes to show you should never give up hope.



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WARDEN: An amazing opportunity to help animals



THE GSPCA operates a 24 hour emergency service manned by a team of dedicated volunteers. These amazing people are on call out of hours to ensure that any animal in need of our care can be helped 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

GSPCA night wardens respond to calls from the general public, veterinary surgeries and the police and come to the aid of any animals in need of urgent assistance. Being a warden is a challenging job and our volunteers receive thorough training and support to enable them to deal with any situation that they may come across. The role requires a calm, confident and compassionate approach to ensure that the best help is given to the animal at the scene while supporting a member of the public in what could be a distressing situation.

It is extremely important that our wardens are allowed to do their job and come to the aid of those in desperate need. Unfortunately, we do receive many non essential calls which block our emergency line, preventing the real emergencies



getting through, potentially putting an animal's life at risk. It is vitally important that this phone line is not used for general enquiries and so we would ask that people DO NOT call this out of hours number unless it really is urgent. Instead, we would ask people to call the shelter between 9am and 5pm on 257261.

Calls that we would consider to be emergencies needing immediate assistance would include:

- A road traffic accident involving an animal
- A stray dog or loose horse / livestock
- Injured wildlife

Calls that we would deem non-essential would include:

- Inquiries about boarding
- Needing to rehome an animal
- General veterinary inquiries – please contact your veterinary surgeon

■ We are always looking to increase our numbers as the night wardens play a vital role in the shelter's work and without them the out of hours service would not be available. If you would like to join this amazing team then please contact stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg.

Twilight pets



IT'S a sad fact of life that older animals are often overlooked by potential adopters and are left in rescue centres while younger animals get all the attention and many offers of new homes.

Of course, most people find young animals irresistibly cute, with their huge eyes and boundless energy. Yes, raising a youngster has its rewards but rehoming an oldie could be the best decision you'll ever make.

Many older animals come into rescue because they have elderly owners who can no longer care for them, owners that have passed away or have had to leave their homes, unable to take their beloved companion with them. Sometimes the older animal can end up homeless because of divorce, a new baby, or other changes in home circumstances. Even more upsetting are the cases of animals who end up in rescue simply because they are old and the owners trade them in for a younger animal. These poor animals have committed only one crime, to grow old.

Adult animals and oldies are great for people who want to bypass those crazy early years. Many people forget or do not realise how much hard work a young pet can be. Older animals can be very suited to families that might not otherwise be able to take on a younger animal. Older animals are often content to have reduced exercise and a cosy warm place to sleep and relax during the day. Golden oldies tend to be calmer and more relaxed, content with quiet companionship.

Taking on an oldie does not mean that you will only have a few months or years with your new friend. Many years of happy companionship can be yours,

together. Oldies do of course come with an increased likelihood of age-related health problems but having a younger pet does not guarantee you will avoid this.

Old animals make great companions. If you already have a younger animal and are considering a companion for them, an oldie could be the perfect choice. An older animal can make a great companion for a younger animal who might be insecure as the maturity of an older animal can have a calming and reassuring influence. In fact, the older animal can have a similar effect on his human companions. It is very relaxing to sit quietly, enjoying the sedate company of your golden oldie.

An older animal could be the answer if you yourself are slowing down a little. Older age need not mean the end of animal ownership. In fact, animal ownership has so many health benefits and is great for a person's wellbeing. You can slow down and grow old together. Studies strongly suggest that companion animals significantly improve the lives of older people and pet owners are often shown to be more satisfied with life than non-pet owners. The benefits of caring for a pet are physical, psychological and social. Getting older should not have to mean giving up things that are important, such as animal ownership.

Some people understandably worry about having their adopted oldie for only a few years. The thought of heartache looms. But try not to let that put you off adopting an adult animal. Those years you do have together could be the best the animal has had in his or her life, and possibly yours too. Concentrate on the good times you can have together and the happiness you have given to a deserving animal. Twilight animals really are the stars of the rescue world.

Canine guardians

WHY do we care for so many dogs?

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- Boarding dogs who have come for a holiday
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- Rehoming dogs, where an owner has made the difficult decision to part with their pet
- Strays that have escaped gardens, run off when frightened or just taken themselves for a walk when a gate has been accidentally left open

Regardless of why a dog may have come into our care they deserve the best.

Our kennels can take up to fifty dogs at any one time and our staff and volunteers prioritise their mental and physical welfare. Caring for animals isn't just about feeding and cleaning, we take a more holistic approach to meeting their needs. Being away from home in a new environment can cause anxiety so everyone is trained in observing behaviour and adapting our care to minimise stress.



Seb and Gemma are full time kennel staff. They have been with the GSPCA for seven and six years respectively. During that time, they have strived to improve their knowledge of animal management, behaviour and training. They have attended courses at Battersea with the IMDT and have completed in house training guided by Lorna Chadwick, the welfare and behaviour manager. Their skills and experience have enabled them to play a huge role in rehoming the dogs at the GSPCA. As a team we strive to find homes for the dogs

in which they can thrive and meet the expectations of new owners. It is a huge responsibility to be trusted to rehome someone's family member and something they are extremely successful at and proud to do.



Helen Bourgourd is a volunteer dog trainer having studied with the School of Canine Science, the IMDT and many other professional organisations. Helen is a valuable member of our dog training team helping with the weekly puppy classes and the in-house training of dogs looking for new homes. It's important that we support our dogs (and the humans) as they make the transition into a new home and Helen's dedication and passion is invaluable.



Stephanie Harris is a 'intuitive animal therapist' specialising in alternative healing which complements our own behaviour and training work. Steph has helped countless dogs during her time volunteering at the shelter and brings a unique skill set and understanding of their emotional needs. Stephanie communicates with every species of animal. She is able to connect with their feelings and emotions to gain an understanding of their behaviours and any conditions they may develop. She complements these treatments with energy healing such as reiki where this would be beneficial.

■ You can email Steph at stephsenergytherapy02@gmail.com

GSPCA launches new designs for a wildlife hospital



STEVE has launched the new wildlife hospital designs. 'We are pleased to launch the new designs for the much needed new wildlife hospital which would be the only purpose built wildlife hospital in the Channel Islands. A huge thanks to DLM Architects who have helped with the designs and the video and pictures. Sadly, due to the challenges in the world and increased costs the £2,000,000 build we were looking at before Covid looks slightly different and we are looking at future phases and additions, but what we have designed is incredibly exciting and will replace 6 really old buildings and gives us more facilities than we currently have to help the year on year increase in wildlife numbers. It includes a variety of facilities

to help the wild animals we see here in Guernsey and would mean the layout of the facility gives the animals we help what they need for their care. "We have raised an amazing £300,000 towards the facility so far and if anyone knows anyone who can help sponsor or with the facility in any way from buying an engraved brick to sponsoring a room, helping with supplies or support, please speak to those you know and please do put them in touch."

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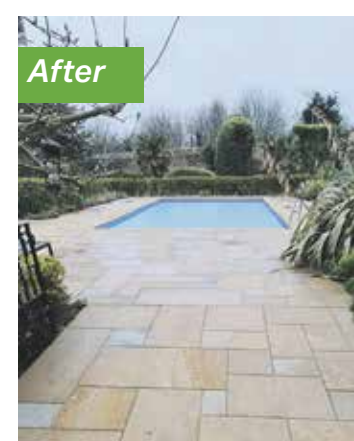
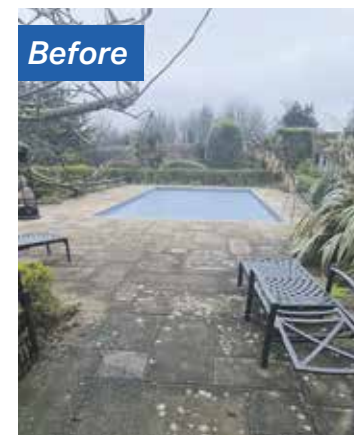
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Puffin Parade with Autism Guernsey

DURING 2023 Autism Guernsey and the GSPCA will be bringing the Puffin Parade to Guernsey. Could you sponsor and paint a puffin?

In 2021 Guernsey saw the Guernsey Goat Trail which was hugely popular and brought smiles and fun to many islanders and visitors.

Autism Guernsey and the GSPCA are delighted to be working together to bring a Puffin Parade to Guernsey in 2023.

Both charities are looking for businesses to sponsor a puffin and artists to decorate them. This is a real community project and we invite groups, schools, individuals and professional artists to join in this initiative and paint a puffin.

The four-foot puffins will be displayed from April 2023, which is the month that the puffins return to our shores to breed around Herm, Alderney, Sark and the cliffs of the Bailiwick.

Mandy Rowlinson from Autism Guernsey said, 'Autism Guernsey and the GSPCA are excited to have partnered up to hold a 'Puffin Parade' in 2023. The Puffin Parade will be similar to the Goat Trail but will comprise 4' Puffins instead of goats.

We received fantastic feedback about the Goat Trail and we are hoping that the Puffin Parade will be even more successful in 2023'.

If you would be interested in sponsoring a puffin or indeed painting one, please contact myself at Autism Guernsey on 232879 or office@autismguernsey.org.gg Alternatively you can contact Steve Byrne at the GSPCA on 01481 257261 or email stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg.

Steve Byrne, GSPCA manager said, "We are absolutely delighted at the GSPCA to be teaming up with Autism Guernsey for the 'Puffin Parade' in 2023. In 2023 we will be celebrating 150 years helping animals in Guernsey, which include puffins.'

This spectacular event will be a great celebration of our 150th anniversary in the island. Puffins are a comical looking bird which many islanders really love and we are looking for businesses or groups to sponsor each of the 60 puffins.

The plan is that over the winter artists will decorate the puffins and in April, when the puffins return to our shores to breed, we will launch the 'Puffin Parade' so we can all enjoy the fabulous work of our local talented artists.

The 'Puffin Parade' will see each of the 60 puffins placed around Guernsey until the end of the summer when we will have a fabulous event to auction each of the puffins to raise much needed funds for Autism Guernsey and the GSPCA.

■ Please do get in touch with Autism Guernsey or the GSPCA if you would like to know more about this fabulous event.

OUR ADOPTION FEES

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



Minimum adoption charges are as follows:

Mice/Rats/Hamsters	£8.50
Chickens	£8.50
Birds (varied)	from £10.50
Guinea Pigs	£30.90
Ferrets	£41.50
Rabbits	£44.00
Cats/Kittens	£109.00
Dogs	£268.00
Reptiles	from £31.00

(Correct as of 1st January 2022, additional costs may apply to certain species) Other species vary, please ask for details.

To provide the welfare and care for animals on site the adoption charges only cover part of the costs, please ask how you can support our work.

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.

Seal release

ELIZA and Maverick the Jersey and Guernsey seal pups have been released back to the wild.

Maverick was rescued near Les Pecqueries on 5th April and Eliza was rescued at Le Fregate in Jersey mid November last year. Both seal pups were found extremely emaciated and suffering from a variety of health problems. They have now been nursed back to health, both more than doubling their weight, and are ready to be released back to the wild.

When seal pups are rescued in Jersey often the JSPCA is called out who then contact BDMLR Channel

Islands who work with New Era Veterinary Hospital to stabilise poor seal pups until they can be brought to the GSPCA in Guernsey, where we rehabilitate them and get them back into local waters.

Geoff George, GSPCA Head of marine mammals, said, 'Every seal pup we rescue needs around the clock care, quite often requiring two to three hourly tube feeding with fluids.

'There is a lot of work that goes into saving a seal pup's life and it is always fantastic when we can get them back to the wild.

'In the last ten years we have helped 21 grey seal pups back to the wild and today now makes 23.

'Earlier this year we released Sizzle, Jagho Herman and Blueberry, which leaves us now with Luna C from Guernsey and Aurora from Jersey.

'We got to the release site,

which was Portelet and it was wonderful to see them get back to where they belong.

'Maverick was much more confident swimming out.

'Eliza the Jersey seal pup wasn't so sure and spent much more time in the shallow water.

'At the shelter, Luna C and Aurora are doing well and will hopefully be soon joining their friends when they are ready'.

Steve Byrne, GSPCA manager said 'It's been a really busy seal season with seven seals through our care, which means we have been and continue to go through a huge amount of fish and proves the need for a new wildlife hospital.

'We absolutely love when we get wildlife back to where they belong and it is always a magical sight when we see seals swim back into our local waters'.



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GSPCA looks to rehome its many senior cats

CAT lovers are being sought out to adopt or foster one of the many senior cats at the GSPCA in need of rehoming.

‘Those over the age of six tend to remain at the shelter for longer than most, as people worry about the time they would have left with them,’ said GSPCA manager Steve Byrne.

‘The younger, fami-ly-friendly cats fly out the doors, but those with medical problems, who have had leg operations or one eye – we struggle to find homes for them’.

Older cats often need to be homed in a household with no other pets, and they may require medication and routine veterinary treatment such as blood pressure and blood tests.

‘When they get to double-figured ages they can be here for a long time, people are really keen to have cats aged five and below’.

There are 36 cats in total at the shelter, but not all of them are available for adoption.

‘We have one or two in foster homes and some are recent strays. We like to get them to a stable, healthy point before making them available for adoption’.

Cats usually live for between 12 and 18 years, with an average of about 14 years. The oldest ever was Texan cat Creme Puff, who lived to the age of 38.

■ Anyone interested in adopting a cat should contact 257261 or fill out an application form from the GSPCA website.

Future Events:

Mon to Friday 9am - 5pm Charity Shop
GSPCA Charity Shop in Smith Street

29th September 6.30pm Volunteer Induction
Call 257261 or email admin@gspa.org.gg to book a place

1st October Tina Turner Tribute
At the Duke of Richmond. Sidney's sponsored events. Please call Corinne on 07911 720469 or email corinneconnolly@cwgsy.net to book a table of ten or smaller parties welcome.

30th October Meet the animals
At Beau Sejour in conjunction with DC League of Super Pets

9th November Dog first aid course
Call 257261 or email admin@gspca.org.gg to book a place


30th November Cat first aid course
Call 257261 or email admin@gspca.org.gg to book a place

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Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) at the GSPCA

This year we have been lucky enough to receive much needed help and support from many volunteers as part of our corporate social responsibility program. They have all given up their valuable time and it is very much appreciated by all of the staff and animals at the GSPCA.

So how does it work?



The GSPCA can offer businesses and groups a day of organised activities that helps benefit us as a charity, the animals in our care and give your team an experience like no other where at the end of their time at the Shelter they will leave knowing that they have made a difference.

What we ask is that you get in touch to register and arrange a date, the group fill in a few simple forms before arrival, we get a list of names, they can be on site before 9am and are willing to help for a full day.

The day would start with a short introduction and safety brief and is followed by breaking the group into smaller teams to help the staff around site.

There are a wide selection or ways you or your business can help and we always love

to hear from those that would like to chat whether it be a group day or an individual placement, half a day or a full day every month, a week or even a month any help is much appreciated.

Some of the tasks that the group can get involved with are –

Grounds work: cutting the lawn and hedges, tidying around the pond, weeding, painting

Animal Care: helping clean out the domestic animals, caring for the wild animals, hand rearing, walking and socialising the dogs, cats, rabbits and other species on site, repairing and maintaining enclosures

Reception / Administration: helping on the reception desk, helping with administration duties.

A day at the GSPCA includes a morning and afternoon break as well as an hour for lunch. The Shelter will provide tea and coffee and there is small selection of snacks available for sale, but a packed lunch is advised.



This year we have welcomed and give thanks to:

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- Northern Trust
- PwC (PricewaterhouseCoopers)
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- Healthspan
- Butterfield

There are many ways to support us from those want to give CSR time and skills to those wanting to help sponsor or support something from our Wish List www.gspca.org.gg/about/our-plans-wish-list.

If your group or business would like to find out about spending a day at the Shelter please go to - www.gspca.org.gg/about/corporate-and-group-days

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The GSPCA couldn't achieve so much without our dedicated trained staff and we currently recruiting for staff, especially for those available during weekends and bank holidays. It is preferable if applicants have a driving licence, but not necessarily essential at this time.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said 'We have a fantastic team at the GSPCA from the staff to the volunteers and with 3000 animals through our doors every year the work is really 24/7 365 days a year. Working for the GSPCA is hugely varied and every day we face new challenges. Although we do see some very sad and upsetting sights such as sick and cruelly treated animals, but we make a huge difference to their lives every day as well as helping our community in many ways. One really important aspect of these roles is working with the public, as without their support we couldn't

achieve so much, so customer relations is key to any applicant. The posts are being advertised as we are exceptionally busy at this time and some of our team have returned to universities. The full time posts offer a hugely exciting opportunity to be not only help with the daily care of the animals the Shelter but also a number of night shifts each week. There are hours available most days, especially for those that can help on weekends and bank holidays.

We look forward to keen applicants wanting to help save animals lives and make a difference supporting our community in Guernsey. Applications will be reviewed on receipt and successful candidates will be contacted by email for an interview'.

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