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# **Spring/Summer Newsletter 2014**

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CELEBRATING ANIMALS IN GUERNSEY

# Forth Coming Events with the GSPCA



- Sunday 13th July Dog Basic First Aid & Care Training Course, 9.30am Minimum donation of £15 per person
- Wednesday 6th August 7pm Pie & Mash Bingo Bash at the Market Bistro £14.50 per person. To book 257261
- 8th and 9th August South Show
- 13th and 14th August West Show
- Saturday 16th August Donkey Derby and our Flag Day! Can you help?
- 20th and 21st August North Show
- Saturday 23rd August GSPCA Flag Day—If you can help collect please do get in touch
- Sunday 24th August Guernsey Waterfront Marathon Do you fancy running for the GSPCA? We have a stall
- Sunday 24th August Vale Earth Fair
- Friday 29th August Stall at the Harbour Carnival
- Wednesday 3rd September Volunteer Induction Evening, 6.30pm in the Training Room at the GSPCA
- **Sunday 14th September** GSPCA Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday
- Sunday 21st September Sunday Lunch at Les Cotils for the GSPCA & Hearing Dogs. For details 07911720469
- Saturday 4th October World Animal Day—stall in Market Square
- Saturday 4th October Paws for a Pint on World Animal Day to help animals in Guernsey if your pub, restaurant or hotel would like to get involved please get in touch
- Sunday 5th October Animal Castle Day at Castle Cornet
- **Sunday 12th October**—Car Boot Sale with MENFUN at Alliance Car Park
- Wednesday 22nd October Volunteer Induction Evening, 6.30pm in the Training Room at the GSPCA
- Sunday 2nd November Cat Basic First Aid & Care Training Course, 9.30am Min donation of £15 per person
- Sunday 9th November Dog Basic First Aid & Care Training Course, 9.30am Min donation of £15 per person
- Wednesday 12th November—Pet Bereavement Training Session—details to follow
- Wednesday 26th November Volunteer Induction Evening, 6.30pm in the Training Room at the GSPCA
- Sunday 30th November Scottish Fancy Dress Family Fun Day at the Last Post for St Andrews Day
- Sunday 14th December Santa Paws Sponsored Dog Walk & Christmas Fair at the Market Bistro

For a calendar of events during 2014 please go to www.gspca.org.gg/fundraising

#### Volunteers Wanted!

We are now holding Volunteer Induction Evenings at the Shelter. Our volunteers help ensure all the animals get as much love, attention and exercise as possible. If you are interested in volunteering, our next induction evenings is 6.30pm on Wednesday 3rd September and lasts a couple of hours. You will have a chance to learn about the work you can do and ask any questions.

For more details please call the shelter on 01481 257261or e-mail: stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg

Please note: to volunteer on site you must be aged 14 years and over, although those under that age can always help

fundraise for the Shelter. We are always looking for people to help out at our events over the summer. Please contact us if you would be interested in helping at any of the events above or have any other fundraising ideas.







# Seasonal Advice - Hot Weather





treatment are essential to prevent the spread of cancer from the skin Heavy panting to other parts of the body. A vet Profuse salivation may choose to leave benign tu- Rapid pulse mours alone.

You can take precautions to help Lack of coordination your pets during sunny days by Reluctance or inability to rise after using sun cream, but it is always collapsing best to get advice from your vet Vomiting or diarrhoea first.

Now is the time of year that we If you see these symptoms immelike to give you a gentle reminder diately move your dog to a shadabout the dangers of leaving your ed, cool area and ring your vet for dog in the car for long periods.

We are all very glad that summer has arrived, but it is worth remembering that our pets can suffer from the heat in the same ways Just like us our pets love to sunbathe but, just like us, they can get sun burnt and this can lead to

skin cancer. The nose and pads of cats and dogs are made of sensitive skin and have no fur to protect from the sun. Ears have a thinner covering of fur and so are also at risk. Animals with thin or light-coloured coats are at a high- It can get unbearably hot in a car as possible. er risk of sun damage over their on a sunny day, even when it entire bodies. It is not only sun doesn't seem that warm. In fact, Most importantly, have fun with burn in cats and dogs we have to when it's 22°C/72°F outside, the your dogs and enjoy the summer!

we can.

burnt!

malignant ceptible. could be (cancer) or benign (not cancer).

watch for, even sheep can get sun temperature inside a car can soar to 47°C/117°F within 60 minutes!

Skin disease often appears as a Dogs can also suffer from heattumour, which is an abnormal stroke. Dogs with short snouts, growth of cells. It can be on top of fatter or heavily muscled dogs and or just under the skin. Diagnosis long-haired breeds, as well as very without testing is difficult since a old or very young, are more sus-

In all cases early diagnosis and Here are some signs to look for:

Very red gums/tongue Lethargy Loss of consciousness

advice. Heatstroke can be fatal and should always be treated as an emergency.

To lower your dogs temperature douse your dog with cool, not cold, water to avoid shock - you could put your dog in a shower or use a spray filled with cool water and place your dog in the breeze or fan. Continue cooling your dog until their breathing settles. Make sure you never cool them so much that they shiver. Allow your dog drink small amounts of cool water and take them to the vet as soon



# **GSPCA New Build Update**





year and there can be over 200 animal onsite at are able to donate: any one time. Many of the buildings were built during the 1950's and are in need of renovation. • For this reason, the GSPCA have drawn up a refurbishment and development plan for our four acre site.



The GSPCA has been running for 141 years and we We are always looking for support and if you or have been at our current site since October 1929. your business would like to support us we would Over 2000 animals come through the doors every love to hear from you. There are many ways you

- Via Paypal or the Account Details are: Bank - HSBC Payee Account - GSPCA Sort Code - 40-22-25 Account Number - 22076233
- By calling **01481 257261**
- By filling in the form on our website: http://www.gspca.org.gg/blog/gspca-10year-redevelopment-plans-launched

We thank you for all of your support. If you would like any more information on the redevelopment please contact GSPCA Manager Steve Byrne: stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg 01481 257261

The first phase of the development is to build at a two storey building which will take into account six sections of the Shelter: cattery, guarantine area, reception, a meet and greet room, isolation facilities, laundry, and electrical housing. There will also be a public viewing area, where the public will be able to view the cats that are in need of a new home. This first phase of the development will cost approximately £1.3 million, but is needed to improve the welfare of the animals onsite.

The 10 year plan takes into account all areas of the

Shelter, including the old kennel blocks and wildlife units. At the GSPCA we need to be able to give the best care possible and lead the way in animal welfare.





You can find out about our plans and wishes on our website by going to—

http://www.gspca.org.gg/about/our-plans-wish-list

On our Wish List page you can see a link to our Amazon Wish List which is a great way you can help us care for the animals at the Shelter, as it is full of items that we really need here at the GSPCA.

# **Northern Trust Corporate Days**



Every year we are approached by local businesses who are interested in volunteering their staff time to help out at the GSPCA.

In April we were joined by 11 volunteers from Northern Trust. The volunteers worked all over the shelter. Some helped with the animals on site, such as walking dogs and others with the maintenance, such as giving the seal intensive care units a through clean. The group were also given a tour of the shelter and were able to see first hand all the animals we care for on site. We have another two groups from Northern Trust joining us later in the year and are looking forward to this.

In June, we have been joined by two groups from Lloyds Banking, who helped with maintenance around the site such as painting the rabbit runs. The groups were a great help to have on site and the shelter is now looking brilliant!





We must also give a huge thanks to Barclays for volunteering at our Dog Show. 20 volunteers from Barclays, as well as some of their family, gave up their time to help with what turned out to be a very busy and fun day! The volunteers helped with the car park, kids stalls, dog show registration and the BBQ, some even dressed up as giant animal mascots! The help from Barclays made the day run very smoothly.



We are always overjoyed to make new connections and for the help offered. If your work place is interested then you can find out all the details by calling 01481 257261 or visit:

http://www.gspca.org.gg/about/corporateand-group-days

# **Seal Release**



In our last newsletter we brought you news of the two Atlantic grey seal pups we had rescued. Trinity was found at Pleimont, weighing 18.7kg and Eden was rescued from the Harbour, weighing 15kg. Both these seals were severely underweight and should have weighed around 40kg. The seals had four months of intensive rehabilitation at the shelter. During this time they put on vast quantities of weight, learnt to eat fish (they made it through over 1000kg of fish!) and became used to spending time in the water. When they first went out to the pool Eden, who was smaller that Trinity, was not very impressed and needed a lot of coaxing to get wet! Both pups have done incredibly well and were released on Friday 23rd May. Before the release Trinity weighed in at 57kg and Eden at 47kg!

The residents of Jethou very kindly allowed us to release the seals from the island. This proved successful release site for Jethou and



Bumblebee, the seals rescued in 2012 and is a very quiet area for the seals to get used to the sea. Geoff George (Animal Collection Officer), Yvonne Chauvel (Senior Animal Care Assistant), Steve Byrne (GSPCA Manager), Ally Clarke (GSPCA Committee Member and professional photographer) and Annie Janes (Animal Care Assistant) transported the seals across to Jethou on Bumblebee Boat Cruises. Herm School were also invited to watch the release from a safe distance, so as not to worry or scare the seals.

Once on Jethou's beach Geoff George and Steve Byrne opened the crate doors. Eden left the crate quickly, but Trinity was a little unsure. During the time at the shelter, the two seals developed a very close bond. Possibly sensing Trinity's nerves, Eden went to went to the crate and the seals touched noses. Trinity then followed Eden into the water. The two seals stayed close to the shore and played together in the water, giving the onlookers a very moving display. We can only imagine how it much have felt for the seals to be back in the deeper water.

There was another surprise in store for the team when three other seals were spotted off **bunblebee** Jethou! One was a big male, named Dave by the Jethou Residents and we like to think the BOAT CRUISES other two were Jethou and Bumblebee!



# Fortune the Dolphin





Seals are not the only marine mammal our staff deal with. On the 5th February 2014 a common dolphin was spotted in difficultly off Pembroke Bay. The dolphin was struggling to make its way through the surf back out to sea and eventually ended up washed onto the beach. Members of the public moved the dolphin out of danger and called the GSPCA. Geoff George, our Animal Collection Officer, and vet John Knight immediately went to the scene with towels, blankets and buckets. The towels and blankets were soaked in sea water and placed over the dolphin to keep him cool. Helpers at the scene used the buckets to repeatedly cover the dolphin with water. The dolphin was very weak and everyone was unsure if he would survive.

The two options available to the rescue team were trying to get the dolphin back into the water or euthanasia. The GSPCA contacted St John Ambulance and Rescue and asked for assistance from the inshore lifeboat. Unfortunately, it was too rough for them to launch at Pembroke and the decision was made to transport the dolphin to Beaucette Marina, where it would hopefully be able to recover in calm water. The dolphin was placed on a stretcher and towed to Beaucette on the inshore lifeboat. After a four hour stranding, Fortune, as the dolphin was named, was back in the water.

Fortune stayed in the marina for one week and was seen by numerous people and Beaucette residents. On the evening of Wednesday 12th February the GSPCA were contacted by concerned residents of Beaucette Marina. A rescue team, including John Knight, were sent out to assess the situation. The team monitored Fortune who was still swimming around. As the team was preparing to launch a boat, Fortune was last seen on the surface before diving. The darkness make it difficult to continue the search but the rescue team spent most of the evening looking for Fortune.

Three months on and there has still be no sightings of Fortune, either alive or dead. We hope that this means Fortune did make it out of the marina and managed to join a pod. All the rescuers did everything they could to help Fortune survive and the GSPCA are very grateful to all who helped with the rescue efforts.

Common dolphins are usually between 1.7 - 2.4 metres in length. They have a hour glass pattern on their body with a dark back, yellow flanks and a grey tailstock. Common dolphins are often spotted in the waters off Guernsey and Alderney. They prefer the deeper water around these islands, whereas their large cousins, the bottlenose dolphins, like the shallower waters off Jersey. Please keep an eye out for any cetaceans if you are out and about this summer. If you are lucky enough to spot any, please contact the Guernsey Biological Records:

http://www.biologicalrecordscentre.gov.gg/files/submitrecord.html

# **Baby Birds!**





Every year we are very busy looking after the baby birds that need our help. This year has been no different! Our hospital is full of ducklings, pigeons, magpies, crows and even some pheasant chicks (see top right photo). These young birds need a huge amount of care and attention. In the wild they would be fed up to 80 times a day! At the GSPCA the birds are fed little and often, every time a member of staff is passing.

Once the chicks are big enough we place them in our outdoor aviaries. Here they will get used to being outdoors and learn to use their wings. For some of the smaller chicks, we may put them out during the day and bring them in at night time. Once they are fit and healthy we will release them back to the wild, or in some case (for example ducklings) return them to the finders.

In the wild chicks leave the nest at around 2 weeks old, just before they learn to fly. At this age they will hop around in the undergrowth and parents are usually close by. If you see a chick you are concerned about, please monitor it for at least two hours. The parents may not return while you are there so make sure you watch from a safe distance. Fledglings can usually fly within a day of leaving the nest. All young birds stand a much better chance of survival when they are raised by their parents can be taught to forage and avoid predators.

If you are concerned, please call the shelter and we will offer some advice.



# A Big THANK YOU from Barney, Trouble and Trio

Over the last few months we have sent out appeals for animals at the shelter who were in need of operations.

Barney arrived at the shelter in November 2013. The staff noticed that he had a lump on his left elbow, which grew during his time at the shelter. The appeal allowed Barney to have the lump removed and the operation was a success! After 14 weeks at the shelter, Barney has found a lovely new home and is enjoying life!







We also appealed for two cats, Trouble and Trio, and had an overwhelming response.

Trouble had skin cancer on the top of his ears and needed part of the ears removed to stop the cancer spreading. The operation was a success and although Trouble has lost some of his good looks he is now a happy, healthy cat! Trouble is looking for a new home and will make a wonderful pet. He loves to have fuss and attention!

Trio is a beautiful little cat who only has three useable legs. On her right hind leg, her stifle appeared to be upside down. This was most likely a birth defect. Trio needed her left hind amputated. This allows her to move with a lot more ease and prevents her catching and injuring the leg. She is only two years old and should have a long and happy life ahead of her after the operation. Trio has now left the cattery and is at her new home. We were all very sad to see her go!

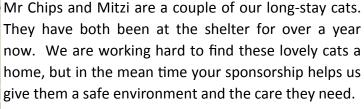


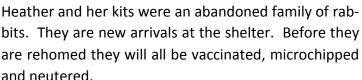






Animals come into the shelter for a variety of different reasons. We need to do the best we can for every animal that comes through our doors. On average it costs £15 to care for a dog, £10 for a cat, £6 for the smaller mammals. By sponsoring an animal pen you can help 1000's of animals that find themselves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





Glen (left) and Blakey (right) both came into the shelter as strays and were not collected. Blakey has been here for 7 months and Glen is a new arrival. We are currently improving our rabbit and ferret facilities to allow them all to be house out doors.



To become an ANGEL, please fill in and return the form at the back of this news letter.

#### How to Make a Donation

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

- Visit the GSPCA website at www.gspca.org.gg and donate online via PayPal or Just Giving.
- Complete a form and post it to the animal shelter (see pages 32 and 33)
- Visit the Animal Shelter and complete the paperwork on site. Make a monthly donation by completing a standing order form (available online or via the GSPCA by calling us on 257261).
- Or by post (see back page)





# Animals in need of a home...





Fluke is a 14 year old Jack Russell Terrier. He is currently being fostered. Fluke needs a calm retirement home and someone to keep an eye on his sensitive skin!



Dizzy is an affectionate, silly dog looking for a fun family with lots of energy. He is still young so would benefit from training as well as lots of love and walks. He is good with other dogs and children but not small animals. Dizzy loves sun bathing and will happily lie for hours snoozing. His new family will need to be home as much as possible as he really likes company.



Tally is 6 years old and looking for an active but calm house. Tally will need owners happy to carry out some training with him. Tally loves people and cuddles. He does find it hard to settle down, so quiet time is a must to help teach this busy dog to relax.



Left to Right: **Snowdrop**, **Heather**, **Bluebell** (white), **Daffy** (brown) and **Rupert**, were an abandoned family. The kits are now approximately 4 months old. Heather and Rupert are both lovely, sociable rabbits. We have been handling the kits to get them used to people. Heather, Rupert and Bluebell are available for adoption.



**Doretta** is 5 years old and has been at the shelter for 1 year, 5 months. Doretta was brought into us by her owners, who were no longer able to look after her. She does like some fuss and attention, but is quite an independent rabbit. She has the potential be a lovely companion, but does enjoy her space just as much

**Bonny** has been as the shelter for 1 year. She was found on the cliffs in a very bad way; overweight, with sores and flystrike over her back end. Bonny has become a lovely healthy rabbit. She is still on a diet and currently weighs 3.1kg. We would really love to find her a new home.



Sarah was signed over to the shelter after there were concerns for her health. We found her living in an old dirty hutch. She was very thin and had no food. Sarah has turned into a lovely rabbit, who we think is almost 2 years old. She has put on weight and now had a lovely shiny coat! She likes to make herself nests in the newspaper and is a wonderful character!



**Eternity** is a lovely, inquisitive rabbit. She is around 1 year old and came into us as a stray. Eternity is a favourite among the staff at the GSPCA. We were all very surprised when she wasn't claimed. Eternity will make a lovely pet for someone.



**Rosie** and **Jim** are two cockatiels looking for a home. Rosie and Jim entered the shelter because their owner became allergic to them. They are beautiful birds and we would love to find them a new home. Rosie and Jim are just a couple of a number of birds at the shelter.



We currently have ferrets at the shelter and on foster, all looking for a home. Ferrets are very trainable animals and can make wonderful pets. They have been used in many films and can be clicker trained, just like dogs! Ferrets will also sleep for roughly 18 hours a day!





Robbie is our largest animal onsite. Robbie is a 17hh Dutch Warmblood. He is 15 years old and a lovely horse. Unfortunately, Robbie does have arthritis as so is unable to be heavily ridden or competed. He will, however, make a great horse for an experienced rider looking for a hack. Robbie has a huge amount of character and it is hard not to fall in love with him!

#### Animals in need of a home... Cats.



Misty Roo came into the shelter in December as a semi-feral kitten. He was very thin and weak. Misty Roo is now around 9 months old and has turned into a beautiful cat! He is still a little her ous of new experiences, but has the potential to make a work experience.



Vinnie is a characterful, young cat who never fails to make the staff laugh! He loves to play with his toys—his favourite being his cardboard box filled with newspaper! Vinnie needs a home where he can be an active cat and have lots of outdoor space to burn off all his excess energy! Vinnie is approximately 10 months old.



Mr Chips, our diabetic cat, is still looking for a home. He is a beautiful, big, silver tabby with lovely green eyes. He is looking for a home with people who will be able to manage his diabetes by giving in insulin injections twice a day, feeding him a special diet and helping him loose some excess weight! Mr Chips is loves people and is brilliant with children. He has been a favourite with all the school groups visiting the shelter.



Moonshine is 9 months old. He is a very active cat and loves to play. Moonshine does like to play roughly with hands and is intraining to stop this. He needs a home with experience does not owners and no roung children, so his training will be able to continue. Due to his boisterous nature, if Moonshine were to live with a not her cat or dog, they would have to be very tolerant!



Mitzi is a 10 year old cat and has been at the shelter for over a year now. She came into us after her owners passed away. Mitzi would be ideal for people who like the presence of a cat around the home. Mitzi is not a lap cat and prefers to do her own thing, she does like attention, but on her terms!



**Pedro** is a stunning cat and only four year old. He does not like a lot of attention, but would be a perfect cat for a farm or stables. He would be able to keep control of any mice or rabbit problem!



Amber is a very pretty and extremely friendly girl who loves to be made a fuss of! Amber would be fine in a home with young children but isn't very keen on other cats. She could potential live with a quiet cat friendly dog. Amber has a grade three heart murmur but requires no medication for this at this time, her heart murmur will need to be monitored when she goes for her routine vaccinations and check up, but there is not reason that she can't live a long and happy life.



**Annie** is a very sweet elderly cat. She is 11 years old and came into the shelter when her owner moved into a care home. She is in perfect health and loves cuddles. Annie could live with children or a cat friendly dog.



**Tash** is a very friendly young man who loves to mooch around the cattery, help clean and also supervise what we are doing! He would love a home as an only pet but would be fine with children aged 12 years plus. A wonderful boy who loves to play, catnip mice are his favorite toys.

We have many more cats and animals available. Please visit our website or call the shelter if you are interested in any of them, or would like to arrange a visit.

Taking on any animal is a big responsibility. They require care, attention, time and love. We urge everyone to seriously consider whether they can provide for an animal and avoid impulse buying.

| GSPCA Adoption Charges: |        |                          |             |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Dogs                    | £160   | Guinea Pigs              | £15         |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cats/Kittens            | £80    | Birds (varied species)   | From<br>£12 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rabbits                 | £29.50 | Chickens                 | £6          |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ferrets                 | £25    | Mice/Rats/Hamsters/Degus | £6          |  |  |  |  |  |

# 'Happy Tails!'

Here are some of the animals we have rehomed since the last newsletter...



# **GSPCA Summer Dog Show!**

Our Summer Dog Show this year was an amazing day! GSPCA would like to thank all involved and that supported us. GSPCA staff and volunteers were aided by a 20+ strong team of Barclays staff and some of their fami-





ly members. The event was sponsored by the Property Link and we were also supported by, Donkey Donuts, MENFUN, Pukka Tukka, a Candy Floss stall, Guernsey Kennel Club as well as a variety of GSPCA stalls from a BBQ to kids games, tombola and more.

On the BBQ we were proud to have Perelle Butchers providing the produce which was RSPCA approved Freedom Food and we had some very happy customers. We are also very grateful to Martin Senner from Senners bakery who got up early to make and donate the rolls for the BBQ.

The main event was the dog show and this year Island FM's DJ Carl Ward came along with Lenny his dog and he had some very tough decisions to make.

With 15 classes in the dog show, the winners were:



**Best Rescue** 

1st: Grace & Flower

2nd: Andrew & Inca

3rd: George & Missy

**Best Smile** 

1st: Cody & Mia

2nd: Beck & Lucy

3rd: Sully & Merrick

**Waggiest Tail** 

1st: Mia & Aggie

2nd: Veronica & Ellie

3rd: James & Baxter

**Most Fun Owner** 

1st: Baxter, James & Adam

2nd: Woody, Mia & Aggie

3rd: Tully & Lance

**Best 6 Legs** 

1st: Danni & Eden

2nd: Annie & Flo

3rd: Ali & Kimi

**Best Doggy Family** 

1st: Sara with Reika, Echo, Breeze, Lexi,

Storm & Dusk

2nd: Helen, Ted & Tala

3rd: Vicky, Tamar & Ta-honi

**Best Male Puppy** 

1st: Finnley & Fergus

2nd: George & Teddy

3rd: Jill & Diesel

**Best Female Puppy** 

1st: Janis & Evie

2nd: Elicia & Daisy

3rd: Gwen & Lottie

**Best Bitch** 

1st: Chloe & Tiffany

2nd: Lee & Lottie

3rd: Imogen & Barley

**Best Dog** 

1st: Sophie & Cody

2nd: Libby & Max

3rd:Sully & Merrick

**Best Fancy Dress** 

Joint 1st: Josh & Chloe with Holly & Rosa -

Theme Lady & The Tramp

Joint 1st: Ernie & Eric with Susan - Theme

Fun In The Sun

**Best Trick** 

1st: Becky & Bo - for saying "I want one"



2nd: Sophie & Cody

3rd: Becky & Lucy

**Best Oldies** 

1st: Sue with Eric & Ernie

2nd: Ruby & Max

3rd:Sandra with Lexi & Storm and Olivia &

Buddy

**Judges Favourite** 

1st: Mia & Cody

2nd: Morgan & Merlin

3rd: Ali & Kimi

**Best In Show** 

1st: Janis & Evie

2nd: Finlay & Fergus

3rd: Sue with Eric & Ernie



#### **Special Award**

The special award goes to a dog owner that has stood out either at the show or during the year. This year the award went to Andrew and Michelle Boyce who had earlier in the year fostered one of the longest stay dogs. Inca the Husky came into the Shelter during the Summer of 2013 and although a lovely dog we struggled to find her the right home.

Andrew & Michelle took Inca on earlier this year, fell in love and they have been living happily ever after and as you may have seen came second in the Best Rescue at the show! Inca is pictured here on the left, with her friend, Storm.

A special thanks must go to the Property Link for sponsoring the event and in all we raised over £1,500 with a few donations still coming in from the day.

The next Fun Dog Show that we are running will be at our Seafront Sunday on the 14th September.



# PROPERTYLINK

www.propertylink.gg 01481 245165





This little kitten called Phoenix was rescued after being cut by a strimmer in long grass. We have many animals especially hedgehogs with similar injuries.

Please take care when gardening



Thank you to the 11 Medical Specialist Group Staff that gave up a sunny warm Saturday to help out at the GSPCA Animal Shelter

### **1st Aid Courses**



We have been running dog and cat first aid courses and they have been a huge success. The courses are run by GSPCA manager Steve Byrne. The assistance for the course are found on site and have included Inca the husky, Micki the beagle and Mr Chips the diabetic cat! All the animals used love their time with the students! On the course we try to cover everything you may need to know, including CRP, bandaging, seizures and heat stroke.

Our next courses are 6th July (cats) and 13th July (dogs). Please call the shelter on 01481 257261 if you would like to book a place! Courses cost £15 per person.

For more information on training at the shelter please visit:

http://www.gspca.org.gg/services/training-courses



# Welcome to 'Bunny Hop Hill'!

It goes without saying that the welfare of all the animals on site is incredibly important to us. Earlier this year we were lucky enough to be donated four large cat runs. We have made the decision to convert these into new rabbit pens! This pens are large enough to provide the rabbits with space to exercise and will also allow room to pair rabbits together. Rabbits are social animals and ideally should not be kept on their own. In the new runs we will be able to add new and exciting enrichment toys and will have the room to sit with and socialise the rabbits. We have placed rabbits in a couple of the pens and turn one into a ferret run. All the animals seem very happy with their new enclosures!



the GSPCA (we can deliver)

# **Staff Training!**

At the GSPCA we are always trying to improve our knowledge and resources. We encourage staff to learn as much as they can and when possible will send staff away for training.

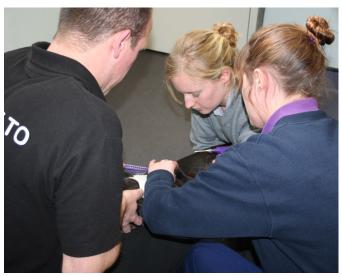


This year Sarah Creasey, our Animal Welfare and Education Officer spent two weeks working with the RSPCA Inspectors at the Llys Nini Animal Shelter in South Wales. Part of Sarah's role at the shelter involves dealing with any complaints of neglect or concerns about welfare that the public have. Spending time with the inspectors gave Sarah a great deal of experience dealing with a range of different people. The time allowed her to see real life welfare issues fist hand and witness how the inspectors deal with them. All the skills Sarah learnt will be able to be put into place while out and about in Guernsey.

We also sent Sarah Ozanne, one of our Animal Care Assistants, to Alderney for a day to learn more about sea birds. At the GSPCA, Sarah works closely with the wildlife on site and has been helping care for the sick and oiled birds. The weekend in Alderney was run by the Alderney Wildlife Trust (AWT). Along side the AWT, specialists from France gave talks and workshops about the local birds.

This year we also have given some members of staff microchip training from Avid, the company which supply our microchips. A microchip is about the size of a grain of rice and is inserted

under the animal's skin, usually between the shoulder blades. This gives the pet their own unique code.



The microchip can be scanned and matched to the owner's contact details, which are kept on a database. We see hundreds of stray animals each year and if they are not chipped it can be difficult to reunite pets with owners. Chipping is cheap, lasts forever and does not hurt or effect the animals—really, there is no reason not to get your pet chipped.

We can microchip at the shelter from Monday to Friday, 9am till 5pm and for June we will be chipping for a special price of £3.99 (usually £4.99)!! Please call us first to arrange a time.



# **Pet Plan Charity Awards**

We are delighted to announce that Geoff George, Sarah Ozanne and Yvonne Chauvel was nominated



in the Petplan and Association of Dog and Cat Homes (ADCH) Animal Charity Awards. Yvonne was a finalist for 'Charity Employer of the Year' category!

Yvonne is the longest serving member of staff at the GSPCA. She has worked here for 18 years and is the first GSPCA staff member to make the finals for a national animal welfare award. Yvonne works in all areas of the shelter rescuing, rehabilitating, rehoming and releasing thousands of animals, including giant sea turtles, oiled birds, rabbits, chicks and ferrets!

Yvonne was selected from over 5,500 nominations and was up against Jenna Martyn from the Blue Cross Burford Rehoming Centre, Oxfordshire and Linda Cantle from Wood Green, Godmanchester. All three candidates were very deserving at it was a very tough decision for the judging panel.

A short video showing Yvonne's work at the GSPCA can be seen on our website: http://www.gspca.org.gg/blog/gspca-staff-member-yvonne-over-5000-nominations-finalist-petplan-adch-animal-charity-awards-201

The awards took place on May 8th at the ADCH conference. Unfortunately Yvonne was fog bound in Guernsey and unable to make the award ceremony! Michaela Strachan was the guest of honour and presented the awards. The winner of the Charity Employer of the Year was Jenna Martyn, from the Blue Cross. Although we are disappointed that Yvonne did not win, the GSPCA Committee, Staff and Volunteers are immensely proud of Yvonne. We were able to bring back a finalist trophy for her so she can remember the nomination.



# **GSPCA Awards:** Spring/Summer 2014



The GSPCA would not be able to function without the hard work and dedication of our staff and volunteers. The GSPCA awards are presented quarterly and nominations come in from staff, volunteers and the public. Winners receive a certificate and a prize. If you would like to nominate and say thank you to a staff member or volunteer, please visit:

http://www.gspca.org.gg/services/vote-staff-member-or-volunteer

#### **Staff Awards:**

#### **Yvonne Chauvel**

'I would like to vote for Yvonne Chauvel she was so kind to me when my cat was run over a few years ago, she could see I was very upset and I had to say my goodbye to black jack she was a comfort just being there for me a lovely person who got me through a tough time.'

#### Rebecca Martin

'Becca has matured into a caring and knowledgeable care assistant. She is always very helpful in Hospital when Yvonne is not here.'

#### **Helen Holmes**

'For doing so much with the pop up shop and all the other events.' 'My vote goes to Helen Holmes. She is very loyal and hard working.'

#### Sue Le Goff

'Being a great floater, so helpful all of the time. You can count on her help.'

#### **Annabelle Janes**

'Always kind and caring. If you need advice about work or personal she's always there. Has also adapted really well to the ASM changes.'

#### Sarah Creasey

'Sarah has quickly fitted into the team and we have had great feedback with her work with the schools and others she has worked with.'

#### **Ian Power**

'Kip knows the Shelter inside out and whenever he does a job it is always great. A huge thank you from all the rabbits'

We are extremely thankful to every penny that is donated to help animals in Guernsey. We are humbled and grateful to those that leave a gift in their will or from the families who donate in remembrance of a loved one. For 141 years the GSPCA has helped animals in Guernsey & your support makes a real difference.



#### **Volunteer Awards**

#### **Susan Bertram**

'Wonderful dog walker. Gives so much of her spare time to the Shelter. Good all rounder.'

'Susan comes in rain or shine and never complains.'

#### **Chrisse Robert**

'Very reliable and so caring. So into cats ad their behaviour, A valuable member of our volunteer team.'

#### **Bridget Henley**

'Very warm and caring. Very reliable. Gives her special time to the Shelter.'

#### **Duncan Cumming**

'Very reliable and caring person. Hard working, sometimes under difficult circum-

#### Fleur Pizzev

'Very caring and trustworthy long time volunteer.'

#### Joe Streeting

'A good all rounder. Trustworthy, polite. A valuable member.'

#### **Dave Brook**

'Dave does everything he can to help animals in need and is a credit to the Shelter.'

#### Matt Hill-Smith & Jenny Bradshaw

'Whether a fund raiser of providing night warden cover, both Matt and Jenny are a great pair helping animals and the Shelter around the clock.'

#### **Natalie Randall**

'The effort Natalie put into the Itex Walk last year and for all she does to help the Shelter and animals is wonderful.'

#### **Corinne & Paul Connelly**

'Corinne and her husband Paul are some of the best fund raisers the GSPCA has ever had and they deserve a huge thanks for all they do.'

#### Paul & Anna Duchemin

'Anna & Paul are a huge help to the Shelter.'

Would your school or group like to be involved with our **Seafront Sunday on September** 14th? If so please get in touch stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg













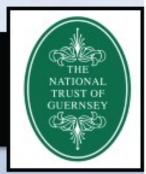
Thank you to all those that have donated via our **Amazon Wish List** 



We are very happy to announce that the Association of Guernsey Charities has donated us an amazing £3850 to put towards new flooring in our kennels! All our kennels have an easy clean floor, which is comfortable to dogs to be standing and lying on. They also have a bed area with underfloor heating for the cold winter nights. We try to make the kennels as comfortable as possible for all the dogs that stay here. This money will be put to very good use!



# WE'RE QUIETLY LOOKING AFTER PEOPLE, PAWS, PROPERTIES & PLACES THAT YOU KNOW & LOVE





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# Hedgehog—Meet Rose...



Rose is a European Hedgehog. She came into us strimmer wound on her head. During spring and summer the hedgehogs are very active. We urge anyone who is undertaking work on their garden to check for hedgehogs before they use any machinery. Disturbing the areas will encourage any hedgehogs there to move away. If cutting long grass, cut it to about a foot high and check for any wildlife before cutting it any shorter. Rose is one of the lucky hedgehogs that we are able to help, but each year we have to euthanise hedgehogs that have been injured by garden machinery. These open wounds must be incredibly painful and leave the hedgehog open to infection and fly strike. Once the wound has healed the hedgehogs are left unprotected until their spines grow back.



Hedgehogs are becoming increasingly endangered in the UK, with numbers falling from 30 million in the 1950s to just 1.5 million in 1995 and there is evidence to show numbers are still falling. This makes saving every hedgehog we can even more important.

Rose has been at the shelter for one month, when she surprised us all by giving birth to three hoglets. Hedgehogs breed between April and September. It is difficult to tell if a female is pregnant so we need to treat all female that come into the shelter very carefully. The gestation period of a hog is roughly four and a half weeks and litters usually consist of four or five hoglets. Unfortunately one of Rose's hoglets was still born. Rose was incredibly stressed and rejected the other two. Hedgehogs have been known to kill and eat their young when stressed, and so we decided it was time to step in.

We named the hoglets Thorn and Prickles. The young hogs are fed special puppy milk every 2-3 hours. These hoglets were also dehydrated and needed alternating feeds of milk and lectade. These tiny hogs will drink between 0.2 and 0.3mls of fluid in each feed. Overfeeding hoglets can kill them. When their teeth will come through at about 3 weeks old, we will wean them onto solid foods. Before every feed, the hoglets need to be 'toileted' (see picture on right). The mother hog will lick their bottom area regularly to stimulate them to go to the toilet. We use warm water and a cotton bud, but have to be very careful as hoglet skin is very thin and sensitive.



Unfortunately Thorn and Prickles did not survive. Rose may have rejected them because of an underlying problem, but we have no way of knowing. We do currently have three healthy litters of hoglets at the shelter being raised by their mums. When hedgehogs are able to take care of their hoglets we will leave her to it and she will teach them all the skills they need.

Rose has recovered incredibly well and has been released. Rose still has a bald patch on her head and may have damaged the spine follicles. Hopefully the rest of her spines should give her enough protection in the wild! Last year the GSPCA started to microchip our hedgehogs to allow us to monitor individuals and know if we have repeat visitors to the shelter. We are also recording where hedgehogs are found and where they are released. This will allow us to learn and understand much more about hedgehogs in Guernsey. Rose has been microchipped and marked with purple paint (which will wash



off). The purple paint allows us to easily recognise that a hedgehog has come from the shelter, its sex and that it is a recent release.

If you would like to learn more about hedgehogs we are organising a Hedgehog talk, given by the staff who look after them, which will take place on June 29th. It will be a ticketed event with times and more details announced soon. There will be a chance to meet a couple of the hedgehogs we are rehabilitating, as well as a raffle and the winners of our hedgehog competitions will be announced!

# **Fundraising**

We would like to give a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who has done some fundraising for us this year. With our new build planned for the next couple of months, this is going to be a very expensive year for the shelter. Donations have come in from a number of different events (some more extreme than others!), such as the Marathon des Sables, mufti days, sponsored dog walks and organised fundraisers.



# Thank you for all your support!!

We have been very lucky this year and have had a huge amount of support from local companies. It really does make an enormous difference to the work we are able to do on the island.

We are offering advertising for your business or companies in our newsletter. The prices are:

1/4 page spread: £40

1/2 page spread: £80

Other rates are negotiable!

If you are interested, please contact Steve Byrne on:

01481 257261 or stevebyrne@gspca.org.gg



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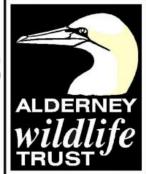






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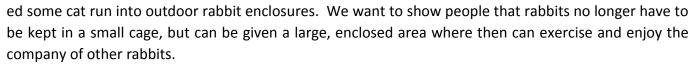
# **Education**



Education is a very important part of our work at the GSPCA. We aim to promote kindness and prevent cruelty through educational means. Sarah Creasey, the Animal Welfare and Education Officer has been very busy this year visiting schools and giving shelter tours. We will talk to all ages about a variety of subjects. We have given talks to pre-school about how to keep our animals happy, to Year 9's about ethical subjects and species specific talks about hedgehogs. We are also able to bring domestic animals into schools, which is a big hit with the younger children!

At the shelter we show people behind the scenes and explain how and what the animals need. For older age groups we go into how we run the shelter and costing's. During the tours there is a chance to see and stroke some of the animals onsite.

We have recently made some changes to the site and have convert-



Please contact us if you would like to have a tour of the shelter, or a talk given to your class, please contact Sarah Creasey on **01481 257261** or **sarahcreasey@gspca.org.gg** and we will happily arrange a talk to suit your needs.



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#### CELEBRATING ANIMALS IN GUERNSEY

A day to celebrate animals in Guernsey along the Sea

St Peter Port Sunday 14th September 10am-4pm

Stalls, food, games & fun for all the family

**Animal & other Charities from around Guernsey** 

Mascot Racing with Help A Guernsey Child & Island FM

**Animal Fancy Dress Races & Games** 

GET YOUR BUSINESS INVOLVED FOR ONLY £100 SINGLE

£300 FOR A TEAM OF 4 (WE PROVIDE THE SUITS)

Kids Animal Fancy Dress Competition & Pupcake Making

Fun Dog Show & Animal Selfie Photo Show

Arts & Crafts Stalls many with animal themes

Face & Nail Painting, Children's Activities & Rides

Military Parade at 10am, Power Boat & Bike Parade 3pm

For more details please go to - www.gspca.org.gg

To sponsor or take part please contact 01481 257261 or email stevejbyrne@gspca.org. gg















# New Animal Welfare Law ....

The first phase of the long awaited Animal Welfare (Guernsey) Ordinance 2012 will come into effect on 1 July 2014, replacing a number of pieces of legislation that have provided protection in the past.

The initial phase will introduce the new principle of a 'duty of care' to all animals. This is based on the five freedoms which before now have been used as guidance for Welfare Charities but will now be a legal requirement of all pet owners. The five freedoms are:

- freedom from thirst, hunger and malnutrition,
- freedom from discomfort,
- freedom from pain, injury and disease,
- freedom from fear and distress,
- freedom to express normal behaviour patterns.

A number of new animal welfare codes will also come into effect at the same time, most of which deal with the welfare of companion animals. Guidance for each code has also been produced and the codes and guidance will be published on the States of Guernsey website.

In addition to providing protection to animal from cruelty, the new Ordinance will also include clear provisions to regulate matters such as the abandonment of animals, animal experiments, animal fights, the control of pests, and the licensing of Animal Establishments, such as Pet shops and Livery stables; however these won't roll in until late in the year.



The GSPCA welcomes the new legislation. Steve Byrne, GSPCA Manager, said 'It has been a long time in its preparation and implementation but at the GSPCA we welcome the new legislation that bases itself around the five freedoms. If anyone has a concern regarding animal cruelty then you can call us on 01481 257261 and our team will look into it and if required take it further by working alongside the States Vet and other relevant authorities.'

'One of the main changes will be that under the new legislation stray animals will now include a much broader range of species and new procedures, as well as costs to reclaim your pet, will be part of the process.'

You can find all the information on the following websites:

www.gspca.org.gg

http://www.gov.gg/animals

www.guernseylegalresources.gg/article/99630/Animal-Welfare-Guernsey-Ordinance-2012

Paws for a Pint—Could your pub, restaurant or hotel get involved? Saturday 4th October

On the 4th October it is World Animal Day and we would like your local to get involved.

We are asking for pubs, hotels and restaurants to get involved with raising funds for animals on October 4th.

Maybe you could have a quiz night or fancy dress, charge for entry or add a donation to each pint, a collection bucket on the bar or a sponsored darts match.

To get involved email stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg or call 01481 257261



# The GSPCA's New Look!

The GSPCA's look on the roads is going to be changing thanks to money raised in the 2013 Itex Walk. We were incredibly lucky to be one of the chosen charities and the funds have brought us a custom designed animal ambulance. This will allow us to work more efficiently around the island, picking up strays, injured animals and wildlife, such as seals. We owe a huge thank you to Nissan as well for designing the vans interior to suit our needs. The van will still be marked with our GSPCA logo, so you will be able to spot Geoff, our Animal Collection Officer when you need him!





# **Volunteer Week**

The GSPCA would struggle to run without the help of hundreds of volunteers. To celebrate volunteer week, we have been writing a blog on some of our regular volunteers so you can all get to know them. These can all be seen at <a href="www.gspca.org.gg/blog">www.gspca.org.gg/blog</a>. During volunteer week we spent some time at the OSA pop up shop along side Action Aid, Bridge 2, National Trust, Oxfam and the La Societe Guernesiase. Steve Byrne, GSPCA Manager, said 'It was a wonderful day today talking to those interested in helping give something back to the community and those that already do so much.'



# The GSPCA Online Shop!!





# Our online shop can be viewed at

http://www.gspca.org.gg/shop

The Online Shop has a number of GSPCA branded goods from tops to teddy bears, pens to pin badges, wrist bands to baseball caps and much more.



You can click and collect the items or we also have delivery options for both Guernsey and the UK (for other overseas options please contact us via email).

Currently we have a range of over 20 products but please keep checking as we broaden the choices available.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said 'We must thank Indulge Media who support the GSPCA by creating and developing our website and the Shop is the newest edition to the pages, offering supporters a chance to purchase GSPCA goods from the comfort of their own home.









# **GSPCA Membership as a gift**





For only £10 a year you can join as a GSPCA Member and be part of one of the oldest charities in Guernsey. We can also arrange Membership as a gift on request.

As a member you will receive our newsletter four times a year and be invited to attend our Annual General Meeting. During our AGM we present awards to those people who have helped us during the year.

www.gspca.org.gg/about/gspca-membership

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### **Need Pet Insurance?**



The GSPCA has teamed up with Rossborough to offer a pet insurance plan and help support the animals at the shelter. Rossborough has pledged to give £10 to the GSPCA each time an islander takes out pet insurance and for each year the plan is continued.



'Running the shelter is extremely expensive – it costs around £2,000 a day – so we are extremely grateful for each and every donation we receive. Rossborough's initiative is a great one because not only does the charity benefit but it also encourages people to take out pet insurance, which can be really important,' said GSPCA manager, Steve Byrne.

Pet insurance is primarily designed to cover vets' bills for the treatment of illness and injury. Other policy benefits can include; meeting the cost of advertising should a pet go missing, rewards for lost pets and care for your animal if you have to go into hospital. Tony De Sousa, director at Rossborough, said the initiative was aimed at encouraging islanders to protect their pets while at the same time benefitting the GSPCA.

'Rossborough is a huge supporter of the GSPCA, which does a fantastic job in the island on very limited funds. Earlier this year, we gave the charity almost £1,500, half of which was raised by staff during dress down days and half donated by the company. The money was used to help redevelop the seal pup unit, which is just one part of the Animal Shelter's ongoing upgrade,' he said.

Policies range from £9 to £35 a month. For more information please visit:

http://www.rossboroughpetinsurance.co.uk/



It costs on average £17 a day to care for a dog at the Shelter, £13 for a cat, £7 for a rabbit or ferret as well as our hedgehogs and other wildlife.

To neuter, deflea, worm, feed, treat, microchip animals in our care we need your help. Many of the animals come to us sick or injured.

From as little as £2 a month you can help animals in Guernsey.

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# **ANGEL Sponsorship Form**

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To see some of our plans visit our website and go to – <a href="http://www.gspca.org.gg/about/our-plans-wish-list">http://www.gspca.org.gg/about/our-plans-wish-list</a>

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To set up a Standing Order please complete details below and return to the Shelter.

# Something for the Kids...



The GSPCA is going to be producing a Hedgehog colouring book and we wanted to give you a sneak preview! The book has been designed and drawn by Sarah Ozanne, who works closely with the hogs onsite. All the pictures in the book will teach you a little bit about hedgehog life! We are currently printing and binding the books; we will be releasing more information on where and when you can get hold of one of these books!



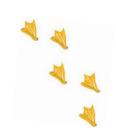
# What is a hedgehog's favourite flavour of crisps? Prickled Onion!



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