



## Autumn Newsletter 2014

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# Forth Coming Events with the GSPCA



- **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, 10am til 5pm
- **Sunday 12th October** Car Boot Sale with MENFUN at Alliance Car Park
- **Wednesday 22nd October** Volunteer Induction Evening, 6.30pm—8pm in the Training Room at the GSPCA
- **27th October – 2nd November** Guernsey Half Break Term
- **27th October – 1st November** Guided tours at 2pm each day during half term.  
Please call 01481 257261. £5 per adult, £3 per child. Family of four £15 details to follow
- **Wednesday 29th October** Halloween Themed Spooky Bingo at the Market Bistro - £14.50 per adult, £10.50 per child, includes food and 8 games of bingo
- **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
- **Thursday 13th November** Animal Friendly Bonfire Party with games, food and no loud bangs! More details to follow shortly.
- **Sunday 16th November** Round Table Christmas Fayre – come and support this fantastic event at Beau Sejour and see our stall
- **Wednesday 26th November** Volunteer Induction Evening, 6.30pm in the Training Room at the GSPCA
- **Thursday 27th November** US Thanksgiving & Christmas Themed Bingo at the Market Bistro - £14.50 per adult, £10.50 per child, includes food and 8 games of bingo
- **Saturday 29th November** watch Bernard and his friend switch on the Christmas Lights!
- **Sunday 30th November** Scottish Fancy Dress Family Fun Day at the Last Post for St Andrews Day
- **Sunday 7th December** Christmas fundraiser at Oatlands, in conjunction with Cheshire Homes
- **Thursdays in December** Stall in St Peter Port for the Late Night Shopping
- **Sunday 14th December** Santa Paws Sponsored Dog Walk & Christmas Fair at the Market Bistro
- **Monday 22nd December** Guernsey Christmas Term Holidays starts
- **Sunday 14th December** GSPCA Christmas Fair and Santa Paws Dog Walk – A Themed Santa Style Dog Sponsored Walk starting and finishing at the Market Bistro where we will have stalls and games!



For a calendar of events during 2014 and 2015 please go to [www.gspca.org.gg/fundraising](http://www.gspca.org.gg/fundraising)

# Seasonal Advice



Autumn has well and truly arrived and the days getting shorter and colder. If you are walking your dog in the early morning or evening, please make sure you can be seen. Placing a reflective collar or jacket on your pet will make sure you are safe on the roads.

We are also getting close to firework season. If your pet is worried about fireworks, here there is some advice from us to help keep your pets safe and stress free:

- Walk your dog during the day so they are tired during the evening.
- As soon as it gets dark keep your dog or cat inside. Ensure all of the windows and doors are locked including dog and cat flaps.
- Don't take your dog to a firework display. If you are going out then draw your curtains, put the television or radio on and provide your pet with a safe hiding place so they feel secure.

- Please make sure that your pets are wearing a collar with an identity tag on it in case they manage to escape from your home. We would also strongly advise that you have your pets microchipped as this enables us to reunite them with you much more easily should they run away. Please call the GSPCA for further details on having your animal microchipped (it's only £4.99!).

- When horses are startled they are likely to bolt and can suffer serious injuries. Ensure that all horses, ponies and donkeys are securely stabled with the doors closed.

- Remember to bring guinea pigs and rabbits inside or place them under cover in an out building.

- If you know that your pet is frightened by loud noises such as fireworks and has an existing heart condition please contact your vet for advice. They may suggest you try an Appeasing Pheromone such as ADAPTIL or Feliway diffusers or may discuss the use of sedatives; depending on your pet's needs. The GSPCA has a range of calming products on sale, for



up to 50% less than other outlets. Pop in and see us if you would like some advice.

- If you intend to have a firework party, please notify your neighbours, especially if they are elderly or have pets.
- Please clean up after firework parties. Litter is hazardous to domestic and wild animals.
- And finally, please NEVER let fireworks off near animals.

Bonfire night is always a worrying time for wildlife, as well as our pets. If you are having a private firework display then build your bonfire as late as possible to reduce the likelihood of any wildlife taking up residence. Before lighting the fire check the area thoroughly for hedgehogs. We are always saddened by the number of hedgehogs we receive that have suffered severe burns.

This photo from Jersey shows just how camouflaged hedgehogs can be while hibernating.



To reduce the impact of bonfire night on pets and wildlife, please try to attend a public fireworks display if you can.

# GSPCA New Build Update



We are very pleased to announce that, after years of planning, the preparation for our new build is now in the final stages and we hope to start building in the next month. If you would like to help support the new build and improve the quality of the shelter, there are many ways you are able to donate:

- 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-10-year-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](mailto:stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg), **01481 257261**

**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.**

## New at the GSPCA!

While we wait for our new build, we are still trying to improve the quality of life for every animal we have on site. This year we have seen many parrots and small birds come through our door. A welcome addition to the shelter is the new aviary, built by Kip and his maintenance team, specially for the smaller birds, such as cockatiels and budgies. The inside area of our aviary used to be a shed. If you use your imagination it is possible to build animal enclosures simply and cheaply. Rosie and Jim, the cockatiels, and Rose, the budgie are now able to some much more natural behaviour and exercise. Since moving them into the aviary, they sing more, are more active and seem much happier birds. We would encourage any one who had caged birds to ensure they have a large enough area for them and if possible allow them out to exercise.



## Corporate Days



The GSPCA offers corporate day for companies, where staff can spend a day volunteering at the shelter. At the end of August we saw 38 members of Northern Trust help at the shelter as part of Northern Trusts 'Community Partners' scheme.

The volunteers helped in all areas of the shelter, from walking dog to grooming rabbits and it was a pleasure to have them with us.



We also welcomed staff from KPMG back for the third year running. The seven staff helped out with the on-site maintenance, which included painting the stable, the tortoise and rabbit runs, fences and even doing a little gardening. While the majority of the staff are looking after the animals onsite, which can range between 200-300 animals, having help tidying up the shelter is a huge benefit.

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/corporate-and-group-days>



# The Shows!

We had a great time at all of Guernsey shows and events this year and our new games, including spin the wheel, minion and pepper pig tombola's and coconut shy, were a huge hit!



Despite the Friday of the South Show proving quite challenging with wet weather, Saturday was a lovely sunny day and the team enjoyed the two days fund raising. We were able to set up two gazebos filled with toys and games and raised a fantastic £423.29!



The West Show proved to be the busiest of all the shows and is one of the highlights in the GSPCA year. We were lucky with the weather on the Wednesday and were still kept busy despite the rain on the Thursday. As well as taking all our games down, we also had lots of enquires about adoptions and volunteering. The North Show was on the 20th and 21st of August. Again, we were lucky to have some fantastic weather and were rushed of our feet!

As well as the shows we have been kept busy this year with stalls at the Harbour Carnival, the Guernsey Marathon, the Vale Earth Fair and in Market Square on our Flag Day.

Steve Byrne said "I would like to say a huge thank you to Kip and Mike for building all our fantastic new games. They have made a massive difference to our stalls at fundraisers and every event we have used them at has been a success. A special thank you also has to be given to Helen Holmes for all the time and effort she has put in to manning the stalls. Finally, I would like to thank all our volunteers for all the help they have given at all the events."

**All our games are available for hire.**

**If you would like any more information on this, please contact Steve Byrne:**

**[stevebyrne@gspca.org.gg](mailto:stevebyrne@gspca.org.gg) or 01481 257261.**

# Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday



On Sunday 14th September the GSPCA held our third Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday in St Peter Port and what a fantastic day it was!

At 9.40am the Battle of Britain marched along the seafront. A good crowd gathered to watch the march and inspection which was conducted by the Lieutenant Governor and Deputy Bailiff. The parade was a brilliant way to start the day!

We had dozens of stalls, games for the children to play, animals looking for homes, freshly cooked food, live music with Chaos and LH Events, a fire truck and motorcycle display. There really was something for all the family!

The Fun Dog Show was judged by BBC presenter, John Randall. There were some wonderful dogs on show, you can see a full list of winners on the next page.

The Mascot Race was, once again, one of the highlights of the day. A big thank you goes out to KPMG and the Bumblebee Boat Cruises, who sponsored the race, as well as the Greenmen MCC for their support and Daniel the Island FM Donkey who entertained the crowds and helped raise funds for both the GSPCA and Help a Guernsey Child.

Power Boat Parade made a dramatic end to the day. The crowd was entertained by over 20 decorated boats, the local Samba band and the Greenmen MCC.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "We have to thank everyone that supported, helped and was involved with the Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday. This years Seafront Sunday was the third the GSPCA has run and without doubt this was the biggest and best with literally 1000's of people and animals filling the streets. The atmosphere was heart warming and we've had so much wonderful feedback, but we couldn't have put it all together without everyone involved and that supported the day. We know we have made over £4000 in profit, have managed to find animals new homes and recruit new volunteers.

Thank you to everyone for there help and support, including the Tourist Information Centre for the use of their facilities."



# GSPCA Seafront Sunday Fun Dog Show



We had a great turn out for the Seafront Sunday Dog show and met some lovely dogs! Here are the winners from the classes this year:

## Best Rescue

- 1st: Donna Rostron with Coby
- 2nd: Carol Quertier with Molly
- 3rd: Jake Vanderlindin with Toby

## Best Smile



## Waggiest Tail

- 1st: Carla Sawbridge with Price Milo
- 2nd: Becky Le Cheminant with Lucy
- 3rd: Amie Stormonth with Jazz

## Best 6 Legs

- 1st: Alistair Milroy with Fergus
- 2nd: Holly Corbett with Joey



3rd: Jay Rostron with Coby

## Best Doggy Family

- 1st: Olivia Bennett with Honey and Benson
- 2nd: Rick Brouard with Gyp and Tilly
- 3rd: Ali Hamon with Kimi,

Button and Senna

## Best Male Puppy (2 years and under)

- 1st: Georgia Brouard with Bentley
- 2nd: Ellie Guy with Freddie
- 3rd: Stephanie Ozanne with Tico

## Best Female Puppy (2 years and under)

- 1st: Ali Hamon with Button and Senna
- 2nd: Ashley with Pippa



3rd: Charlie Cox with Jessie

## Fancy Dress!

1st: George with Suzie and Missy

2nd: Chloe Corbett with Joey

## Prettiest Bitch (over 2 years)

- 1st: Sasha Walker with Macy
- 2nd: Kerry with Tilly
- 3rd: Geoff George with Eden

## Most Handsom Dog (2 years and over)

- 1st: Sue Lawson with Rupert
- 2nd: Lisa Evans with Merfyn



3rd: Anya Tee with Merlin

## Show us a Trick!

- 1st: Lisa Evans with Merfyn
- 2nd: Sue Lawson with Rupert
- 3rd: Hannah Smith with Mollie

## Golden Oldies (over 7 years)

1st: Ellie Guy with Archie

## Judges Favourite

1st: Becky with Willow



## GSPCA Flag day



We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone that helped and supported us on this years flag day, especially those people that collected for us. The day was a success and we raised over £3,000! The money will all go towards looking after the animals onsite and improving our facilities for them. We would struggle to care for all the animals we do without the help of our volunteers and fundraisers.

If you would be interested in helping with next years fundraising, please call the shelter on 01481 257261. Just giving up an hour or two of your time can make a huge difference to us.

## Lorna's Skydive



On August 23rd, Lorna Price skydived over Guernsey to raise funds for the GSPCA. As the GSPCA Welfare Manager, Lorna sees first hand how hard the Charity, it's volunteers and staff work to help wild and domestic animals in the Channel Islands, and how much difference a small donation can make. Lorna paid for the jump herself, so all funds raised came directly to the shelter. This was the second time Lorna has skydived, although she said she did not find the experience any less nerve wracking! Lorna raised over £50 for the shelter. All the staff and animals onsite congratulation Lorna on her jump and the funds raised!

## Mont Blanc Summiteers!



In August this year, four friends, Andy Alford, Guy Rogers, Ben Byrom and Rich Harland completed their challenge climbing Mt Blanc for the GSPCA.

Andy said "Just wanted to write a quick thank you to everyone that's sponsored us on the climb and to say we're back. After a tough few days training/hiking/climbing we reached the mountain hut on Thursday 7th before summiting on Friday 8th at around 6.30am just as the sun came up. Amazing week, a few scary moments, and with a new found love for heights and climbing."

The group raised an incredible £2,430; well over their £2,000 target! Everyone at the GSPCA sends them a massive congratulation on climbing one of the toughest mountains in Europe and raising an incredible amount of funds for us as well.



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At the heart of the Island  
**KING GEORGE THE FIFTH**  
MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELDS



**Dog Friendly**

## **Bonfire Family Fun Evening**

**\*\*THERE WILL BE NO FIREWORKS AT THIS EVENT\*\***

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Starts 6.00pm**

**At the KGV including a Dog Night Safety Wear Fun Fashion Show at 6.45pm & School Poster Competition winner announced at 7.15pm**

**Dog Night Safety Fashion Show minimum donation £3 (Every dog wins a prize)**

**(Limited parking please book early)**

**Pre Booked Family (max 5 persons) Car - £7.50 (Dogs FREE)**

**Pre Booked Family on Foot (max 5 persons) - £5.00 (Dogs FREE)**

**Adult (on the night) - £2.00 (Dogs FREE)      Child (on the night) - £1.00**

(If you are planning on bringing a car please pre-book we have very limited parking. Parking on the night (if available) will be charged at £5.00 per car plus above fee per person)

**To Book please call 01481 257261 & for cars please quote your vehicle registration and family name or online [www.gspca.org.gg](http://www.gspca.org.gg)**

*There will be raffles, games, tombolas, pet goods, glow sticks & much more for the family  
BBQ & Bar (Vegetarian and Gluten free options available)*

**We are appealing for all to please avoid arranging a firework display on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014**  
**The winner of the Firework Safety Awareness School Poster Competition will win a party for their school year group which will include an hours entertainment on the 3G before being fed by the team at the KGV**



Our commercial washing machine at the GSPCA has broken down. After 10 years service, working from 7am til 7pm, it is no longer fixable and we are appealing for any help that can be given. We are currently shopping for single phase equipment that could deal with the blankets and towels that come from over 200 animals a day. We have a number of quotes coming in and it is likely that a 20kg machine will cost in the region of £5500. While we are trying to find a new machine all washing is being stored up and send offsite, which is far from an ideal situation.

We would be extremely grateful if we could find a sponsor to help with the costs of a machine. Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said "Animal Shelters around the world rely heavily on their washing facilities and we would love to find someone kind enough to sponsor a new piece of equipment."

"If you can help us with a new machine or even towards it please donate via our online links, over the phone **01481 257261**, by post to the Shelter or please email me on [stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg](mailto:stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg)."

You can also donate via our Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/GspcaWashingMachine>

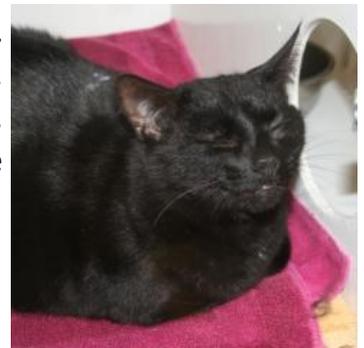
Jinx, pictured with our current washing machine, is one of many animals at the Shelter in our care, who benefits from the washing machine. We do not only need clean bedding to look after injured wildlife and animals looking for new homes, but also for pets that are boarding with us.



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.



Kenya and Mitzi are a couple of our long-stay cats. They have both been at the shelter for over a year. We are working hard to find these lovely cats a home, but in the mean time your sponsorship helps us give them a safe environment and the care they need.



Heather and her kits were an abandoned family of rabbits. Every year we had numerous stray rabbits that are never claimed. Before any of our rabbits are rehomed they will all be vaccinated, microchipped and neutered.



We also need to look after numerous species of wild-life. If this is where your interest lies, why not sponsor a hutch for a hedgehog, or an aviary for rehabilitating birds?



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

**Thank you.**

### 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](http://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)

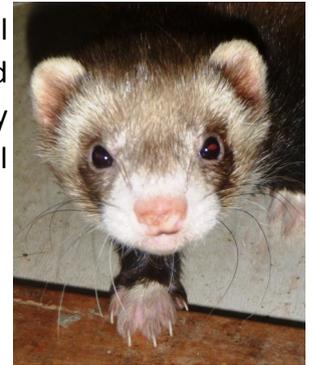


# Animals in need of a home...

Over the next few pages we will show you some of the animals we have available for adoption at the GSPCA. We have new animals arriving all the time, so if you are thinking of adopting an animal and can't find what you are looking for here, please give us a call at the shelter on 01481 257261.



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!



**Doretta** is 5 years old. She has now been at the shelter for 1 year and 9 months. She 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 as her cuddles!

All our rabbits will be vaccinated, neutered and microchipped before they are rehomed. Some of our other rabbits available for rehoming are:



We currently have some lovely Rex Rabbits looking for homes. These rabbits have amazingly soft coats that are very therapeutic to stroke!



Honey



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Marmalade and Marmite



Liquourice

## Animals in need of a home... just some of the cats at the shelter.



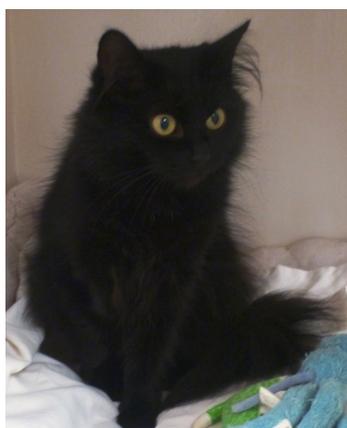
**Vinnie** is a characterful, young cat who never fails to make the staff laugh! He loves to play with his toys—his favourite being his cardboard box filled with newspaper! Vinnie needs a home where he can be an active cat and have lots of outdoor space to burn off all his excess energy! Vinnie is approximately 14 months old. He has been at the shelter looking for a home for 1 year.



**Domino** (1 year) is a friendly, inquisitive cat. He can get spooked by some things, so would be happier living with older children.



**Elsie** (15 years) is a friendly old cat who is looking for a quiet home. Although she is elderly, she does still like to play!



**Heather** (1 year) is a great family cat. She is good with children, cats and dogs, although she may take a bit of time to get used to you!



**Kenya** (6 years) is a very cheeky cat who does not always show himself well to people that he does not know. Kenya needs a quiet home with no children, as he gets very worried by them. He would also benefit from outdoor space where he can hunt!



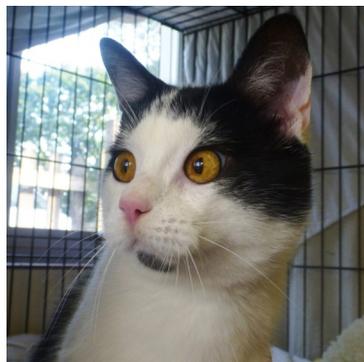
**Mitzi** is a 10 year old cat and has been at the shelter for over a year now. She came into us after her owners passed away. Mitzi would be ideal for people who like the presence of a cat around the home. Mitzi is not a lap cat and prefers to do her own thing, she does like attention, but on her terms!



**Bowie** (1 year) is a lovely young cat who was involved in an accident before he came to us. His back legs were injured, which does effect his ability to jump. Bowie is still quiet nervous around people he doesn't know, so would settle in best to a quiet home only as an only pet.



**Pedro** is a stunning cat and only four years 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!



**Indi** (11 months) is a very special cat. Indi has a neurological problem, which effects his balance, due to this he needs to be homed as a house cat. Indi is a very lovable, comical cat who loves human contact and exploring places!



**Jess** (7 years) is a lovely quiet cat, who loves to be groomed. She can be quite nervous, so would suit a calm house. Jess does suffer from skin allergies, so needs owners willing to keep an eye on this.



**Lola** (6 years) was a very nervous cat when she came into us, but she has come along way and would thrive in the right home. Lola would suit a quiet home and can be worried by younger children and change.



**Nala** (7 years) is a beautiful cat. Unfortunately Nala suffers from degenerative joint disease, which can cause her pain. Due to this she does not always like to be picked up and needs her own space.



**Ronnie** (3 years) is a very handsome cat, who would not stay still for his photo! Ronnie loves fuss and attention. He would fit into most homes, but would love outdoor space to hunt and act like a cat!



**Muji** (7 years) is a very pretty, fluffy cat who has lived most of her life as a house cat. Muji is in need of a home with a secure garden where she can be introduced slowly to the outside world and choose to go out or stay in. She can get very worried by new things, so would be best in a home with no children or other pets.



**Poppy** (14 years) is a lovely, elderly cat. Poppy would suit a quiet home as an only pet with owners who are home part or all of the day. Poppy suffers from a manageable skin condition.





**Toby** (8 years) is an ex-working dog and finds it hard to switch off and settle down. He is constantly searching for things and will spend hours looking for items including tennis balls. New owners will need to be able to find outlets for this working need and also create a quiet area at home where he can go and have some down time. Toby is a smashing dog but he is a very very busy dog. He can live with other dogs, children and other animals and will be perfect for a family that like long walks.



**Blaze** (19 months) is a fantastic all round family dog. He is good with kids, other dogs and has lived with cats. Blaze needs a family that loves walks, grooming and have minimal leaving hours as he needs company. Great dog.

**We also have parrots and other birds looking for new homes:**

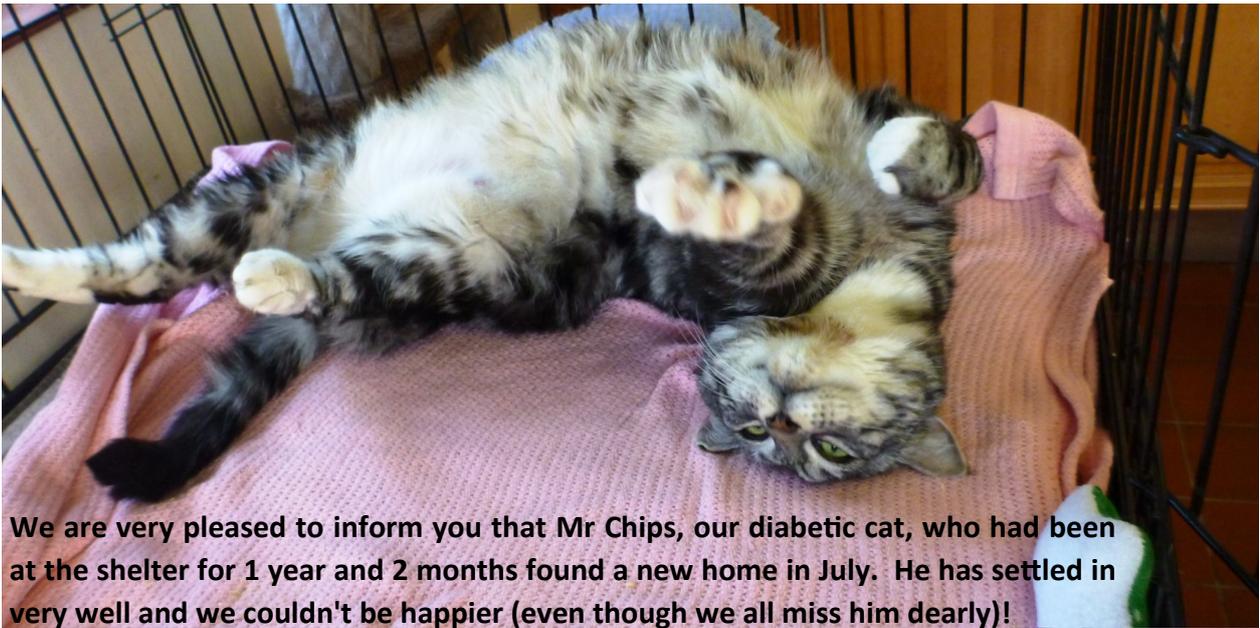


**We have more animals available and other arriving all the time. Please visit our website or call the shelter if you are interested in any of them, or would like to arrange a visit.**

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

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

## 'Happy Tails!'



We are very pleased to inform you that Mr Chips, our diabetic cat, who had been at the shelter for 1 year and 2 months found a new home in July. He has settled in very well and we couldn't be happier (even though we all miss him dearly)!



We also recently said good bye to Flower, who has settled in very well with her new family and is already very loved.



Heather and Bluebell found a home together, which is lovely as is very sad when bonds between rabbits are broken.

## Wildlife



On the 1st August a barn owl with netting caught around her foot was rescued and brought to the GSPCA.

The bird was named 'Beau' and on closer inspection it was found that she had very badly injured legs, with the netting cutting deep through the skin. Beau was rushed to the vets, put on a series of treatments and returned to the Shelter where she was placed in an Intensive Care Unit.

After a couple of weeks of treatment Beau was strong enough to be placed in one of our soft release aviaries, where she was able to regain her strength.

Beau recuperated well and was released back to the area in St Peters where she was originally rescued on 27th August.



Yvonne Chauvel, a Senior Animal Care Assistant, was on site when Beau arrived and released her with the original finders. Yvonne said "It is so hard when we have injured birds of prey at the GSPCA as they can become so stressed that it can really make their situation much worse. Beau is one of the very lucky one's and thanks to the actions of the finders, the treatments from the vets and care here at the GSPCA we managed to get her back where she belongs and we even rung her in case she ever gets seen again we can know that she is doing well."

When injured barn owls are caught they play dead, which can be very concerning for the finders. You still need to take care though, as their feet are very strong. When picking up a barn owl it is best to wrap them in a towel or a jacket and get them into a dark box, then either transport them as quickly as you can to the Shelter or call us on 257261."

If anyone does see a barn owl in St Peters with a ring on its foot please do let us know as we would love to hear that Beau is doing well.





On the 17th September, Richard Klein from the Guernsey Sailing Trust spotted a kingfisher by the model yacht pond. The female bird, who was likely blown off course, was exhausted and dehydrated, but otherwise in good health. She was brought back to the shelter and is the first of its species to be rescued by the GSPCA as far back records can tell.

She was named Deborah (after the actress from the 'King and I') and responded well to treatment. After only 24 hours cage rest she was ready for release.

Deborah was taken to a release site in Castel, where there is a local population of kingfishers. After a few moments getting her bearings she flew off along the stream where she was released.

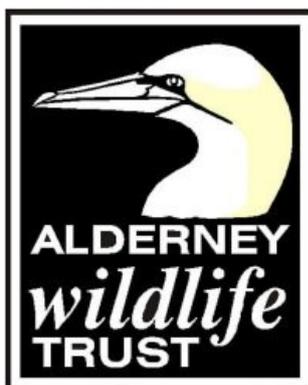
Geoff George, the GSPCA Animal Collection Officer said "Even working for an animal charity like the GSPCA it is very rare to get so close to a kingfisher and to rescue one and then release her back to the wild was a magical moment."



Muriel the kestrel came into the shelter on 20th July. She was rescued after being found in the middle of the road near L'Ancrese common, unable to fly. As she was very thin and weak, Muriel was placed straight into an intensive care unit when she arrived at the shelter. She quickly gained weight and strength. Muriel spent her last week at the shelter rehabilitating in our soft release aviary.

On 5th August she was rung and declared fit for release. Volunteer, Jo Sterring and Steve Byrne took Muriel the kestrel back to L'Ancrese common, where she was successfully released!

Caring for wildlife can be very challenging, and although we do all we can, we are not always able to save every wild animal that comes through the doors. Many wild animals become extremely stressed while in captivity and this can hinder their recovery. We have a close working relationship with vets and will consult them if we are concerned for any animal under our care.



# Voluntourism!

This year the GSPCA has expanded its volunteer base by offering 'voluntourism' days to holidaymakers visiting Guernsey from the cruise liners. The initiative started after Steve Byrne listened to an interview on the JKT show on BBC Radio Guernsey regarding voluntourism. Steve contacted InterCruises and three dates were put in place. Passengers on the Crystal Serenity cruise liners were offered the chance to visit the shelter and help out for the day.

This offer proved to be successful and the GSPCA welcome three separate groups to the shelter. The volunteers were given a tour of the facilities (which also included a little Guernsey history). They were then able to help in the areas that interested them most. All areas of the shelter were available to them, from walking dogs, to hand-rearing baby birds. The volunteers left some fantastic feedback and really enjoyed their day with the shelter. We will be looking to run more voluntourism days next summer.



## Come and see behind the scenes!

We are offering guided tours behind the scenes at the GSPCA. These tours will be running on the following dates at **2pm**:

You will get to see the many cats, rabbits, and dogs looking for homes as well as the wildlife.

**Monday 27th October— Friday 31st October**

**Monday 29th December—Wednesday 31st December**

**Friday 2nd January—Saturday 3rd January**

During the tours you will get to see different areas of the shelter, including the cattery, hospital and wildlife units. You will also be able to handle certain animals and see wildlife, such as hedgehogs, up close! Your guide will explain the work we do and the history of the shelter.

We are asking for a minimum donation of £5 per person and £3 per child or £15 for a family of four, with a maximum of 15 people per tour.

The tours last around 80 minutes. The Christmas tours can also be brought as a gift certificate for a more unusual Christmas present!

We will be offering more tours during school holidays in 2015. Details will be posted onto our website as they become available.



## Congratualtions to the Longstore Co-op staff!



Congratulations to the staff of the Longstore Locale Co-op who walked 15 miles on the 'Co-op 2 Co-op' walk, in aid of the GSPCA on 30th August. It took the team 8 hours to complete the walk, during which they paid a visit to all the co-op stores on the island.

Steve Byrne, GSPCA Manager, asked Co-op Longstore Locale Manager, Mr Ian Cuthbertson, how it all went and here is his reply

"It all went very well thanks, we'd finished by 16:00 hrs, some 8 hours walking from shop to shop. Got a little wet in St Martins mid morning, but otherwise it was perfect walking conditions. People were stopping and donating as they drove past, it was a great day. We have raised £1,100 so far, but we hope to raise £1500 in total. We have left the buckets in the shop for another couple of weeks, so it might be more to be honest."

The GSPCA are extremely grateful to all of the team from the Co-op Longstore Locale store that took part in 'Co-op 2 Co-op' walk and to all that donated towards their achievement.

As we have nearly 300 animals in our care, and have helped well over 2000 already this year, every penny really does help make a difference.

# The co-operative



# 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. Nominations come in from staff, volunteers and the public. 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**

*'We are so lucky to have someone like Yvonne that is so experienced and always willing to teach what she knows.'*



**Helen Holmes**

*'Helen is so wonderful helping at all the events and always friendly and helpful with everything she does.'*



**Sue Le Goff**

*'Hard working and makes a good cuppa.'*



**Sarah Creasey**

*'Sarah is always willing to help wherever she is needed.'*



**Ian Power**

*'Kip is such a clever man making fantastic things for the Shelter and our animals.'*



**Terry Buckley**

*'A star and a half in reception. So patient and kind with a good sense of humour. What more could you ask?'*



**Sarah Ozanne**

*'She is always happy to help anyone and willing to adapt her work schedule to cover other departments.'*



**Geoff George**

*'It's great to have staff like Geoff with so much experience.'*



**Lorna Prince**

*'Helped run an amazing Seafront Sunday for so many pet owners.'*



**Darren Monday**

*'Darren has been a real star helping at many of the events and especially at the recent Bingo Nights where he runs around a lot.'*

## Volunteer Awards



**Bridget Henley**

*'Willing to help any time at the Shelter and in events.'*



**Joe Streeting**

*'Dedicated. Comes in every day and hard working.' 'Joe is a wonderful volunteer who is always happy to help. He is also very cheerful and hard working.'*



**Matt Hill-Smith & Jenny Bradshaw**

*'From the Seafront Sunday to Wardening at night Matt and Jen are a great help to the GSPCA.'*

**Natalie Randall**

*'Nat has helped so much over the last few months.'*

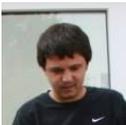
**Rachel Burton**

*'Rachel is a fantastic member of the dog training team, working tirelessly to help them overcome problems with their canine companions. Can't thank her enough.'*



**Billie Mariah Le Poidevin**

*'Billie has been a great help in many areas and a huge help at the Pop Up Shop.'*



**Joshua Harvey**

*'From dressing as a giant animal to walking the dogs Josh has been a great help in his first few weeks at the GSPCA.'*

**Bethany Bourgaize**

*'Bethany and her Dad were a huge help on the Seafront Sunday and helped make it a great day.'*



**Emma Bourgard**

*'Emma is always reliable, friendly and helpful with owners at puppy training. She's a star.'*



**Jo Fox**

*'Jo has been a fantastic help over the Summer helping raise funds for the GSPCA.'*



**Joseph Fox**

*'At only 5 years of age Joseph is without doubt the youngest fund raiser who has helped at more events than any other volunteer, a huge thank you to this young man.'*

**Zara Baudains**

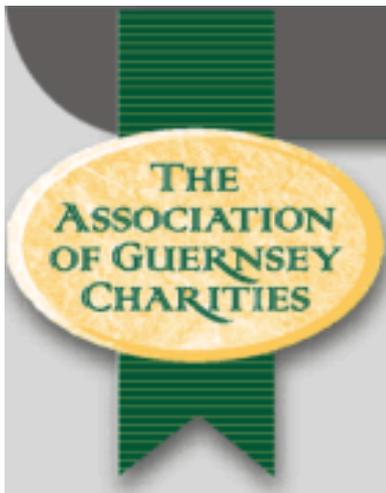
*'At only 12 years of age Zara has been a great help at many of the Summer Shows and events and she even dressed as a donkey for the Flag Day.'*

## Special Award



**Greenman MCC**

*'A huge thank you to all from the Greenman MCC for all of their help and especially with the Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday 2014.'*



If you are interested in volunteering for the GSPCA, please come along to one of our Volunteer Induction evenings. If you would like more information on the volunteering or fundraising available, please email Steve Byrne: [stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg](mailto:stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg)

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

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

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

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR MEMBERSHIP SCHEMES FROM AS LITTLE AS £20.00 PA. PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE [WWW.NATIONALTRUST.GG](http://WWW.NATIONALTRUST.GG)**

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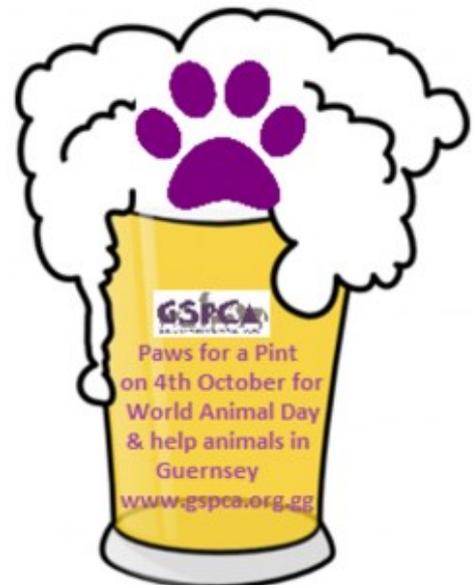
**Paws for a Pint on  
World Animal Day!  
Saturday 4th October  
Could you, your local  
pub, restaurant or  
hotel get involved?**

On the 4th October it is World Animal Day and we would like your local to get involved. All we are encouraging you to do is to treat your self to a pint (alcoholic or non-alcoholic!) and think of your furry friends while enjoying it. In many of the pubs and restaurants around Guernsey we will be selling wrist bands. We are only asking for a small donation to help us care of all the animals at the shelter.

We are also looking for more pubs, hotels and restaurants to get involved. You can become as inventive as you like, from just having a collection box to organising a quiz night or fancy dress.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Steve Byrne:

[stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg](mailto:stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg) or call 01481 257261



# Thinking of getting a dog?

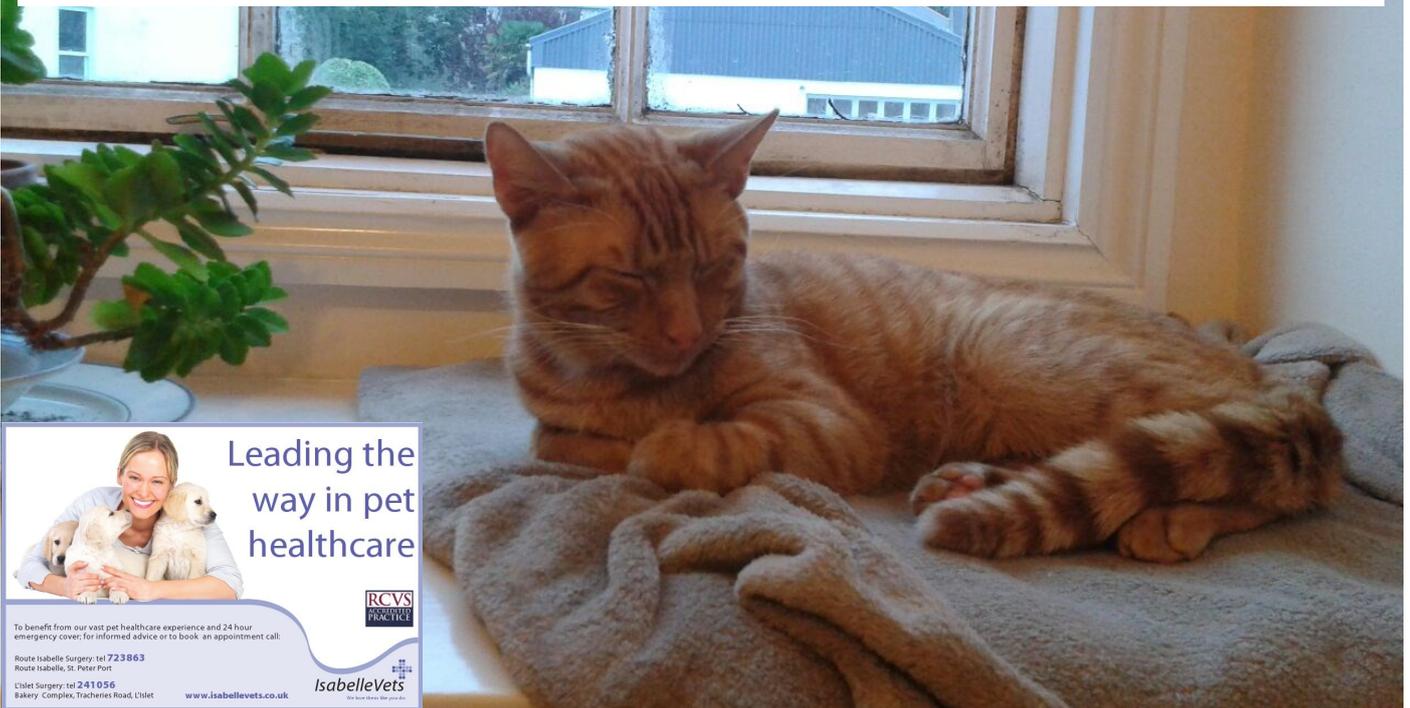
At the GSPCA we meet hundreds of people each year who are in the process of getting a new dog. We urge anyone who would like to get a dog to think carefully about what they want from their pet and which breed will meet their requirements. We don't believe that any breed of dog is 'bad' but that owners need to teach their dog the right lessons and ensure they are able to meet their dogs needs.



Think carefully about the reasons you want a dog; do you want a long to take on long walks? Or one that will be able to sleep on your lap in the evenings? How long will your dog be left for during the day? And do you have any other animals or children it will need to get along with? The answers to these questions will help you find the breed or cross-breed that will suit you. Some types of dogs are happy being left for long periods, where as other will become very anxious when left. A working cocker spaniel is going to need a lot more exercise than a Chihuahua. There can also be health benefits to owning a crossbreed. What ever type of dog you decide on, ensure that you are making the decision based upon behaviour and lifestyle, rather than looks. Talk to people who know the dog, whether that is kennel staff or breeders about the dog's personality so you can be sure it is the right dog for you.

We also ask that you consider rehoming a rescue dog before going to breeders for a puppy. Although we are very lucky with the amount of dogs looking for homes in Guernsey, there are hundreds of dogs going into kennels everyday across the UK. Many have done nothing wrong and there due to unfortunate circumstances. If you would like any advice on rehoming a dog or training a new puppy or rescue, please contact the GSPCA on 01481 257261.

**You might remember Elmo, a stray cat who came into the shelter in August. Elmo was had problems with his kidneys and was very sick. He spent a couple of days at Route Isabelle and was given a prognosis of possible a couple of weeks to live. Elmo has shocked everyone by getting a lot stronger and more active. Although far from a health cat, Elmo is happy and doing very well. He is now living out the rest of his days in a foster home, and as you can see, looks very relaxed there!**



**Leading the way in pet healthcare**

To benefit from our vast pet healthcare experience and 24 hour emergency cover, for informed advice or to book an appointment call:

Route Isabelle Surgery: tel 723863  
Route Isabelle, St. Peter Port

L'Islet Surgery: tel 241056  
Bakery Complex, Triches Road, L'Islet

[www.isabellevets.co.uk](http://www.isabellevets.co.uk)

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# The GSPCA Online Shop!!



**Check out our new Guernsey Donkey hoodies and t-shirts!!**

**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](http://www.gspca.org.gg/about/gspca-membership)**



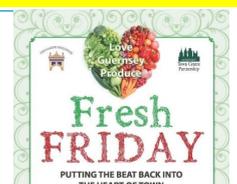
# *Scottish Themed St Andrews Family Fun Day*



*at the Last Post, St Andrews  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014 12pm until late  
Free Entry but donations welcomed*

*GU10, Bagpiper, Fun Games, Stalls, Tombolas, Christmas  
& Pet Goods, Face Painting, Scottish Fancy Dress Competition,  
Fun Dog Show, Hog Roast, BBQ & much more .....*

For details call 01481 257261 or go to [www.gspca.org.gg](http://www.gspca.org.gg)





**Halloween Spooky BINGO Evening at the Market Bistro inside the Market Building, St Peter Port Wednesday 29th October**

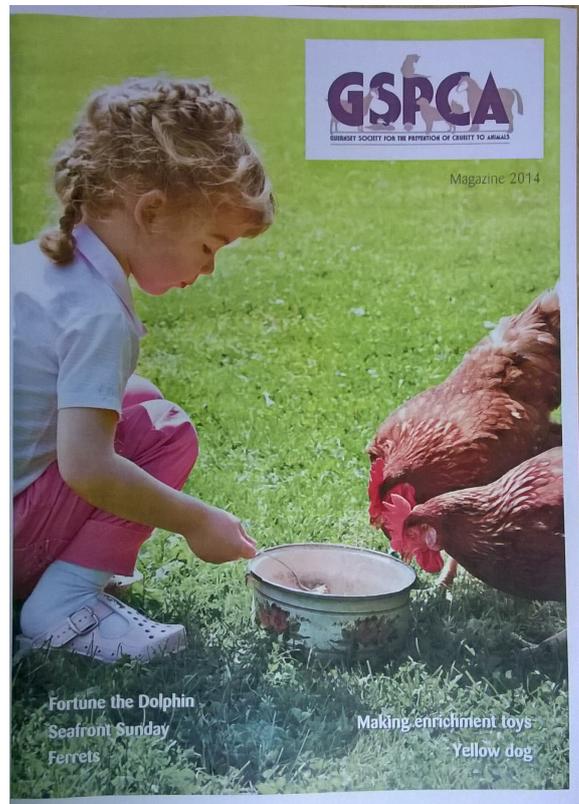
**£14.50 per person £10.50 for children from 7pm includes Food and 8 Games of Bingo**

**For a bit of ghostly bingo fun for Halloween week why not join us in fancy dress (optional) or bring a little drum**

**Menu – Halloween Buffet including a Vegetarian and Dairy, Wheat and Gluten free options**

## Watch this Space!

Watch out for the GSPCA magazine, which will be in the Globe on 13th October and available from outlets around Guernsey! This years edition includes articles on barking dogs, ferrets and enrichment.



GUERNSEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



**GSPCA Santa Paws Sponsored  
Dog Walk & Christmas Fayre at  
the Market Bistro on Sunday  
14th December 2014**

Santa themed fancy dress sponsored dog walk starts and finishes at the Market Bistro where inside the Market Building there will be a Christmas Fayre 11am - 4pm  
For more details [www.gspca.org.gg](http://www.gspca.org.gg) or 01481 257261

*Inside the Market Building will  
be:*

*Food & drinks*

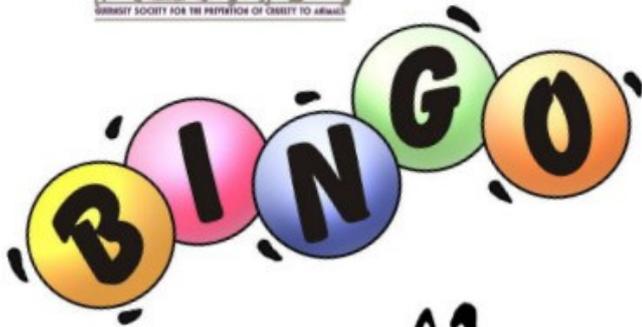
*Santa Grotto*

*Games & Tombolas*

*Pet Goods and much more.....*

*Santa Paws Sponsored Walk in-  
cludes a fancy dress competition  
& a walk along the Seafront &  
back to the Market Building*

*More details soon on [www.gspca.org.gg](http://www.gspca.org.gg)*



**Christmas & US Thanks Giving BINGO Party at the Market Bistro  
in the Market Building, St Peter Port Thursday 27th November  
£14.50 per person £10.50 for children from 7pm includes Food  
and 8 Games of Bingo**

**For a bit Christmas and US fun for Thanks Giving & Christmas,  
why not join us in fancy dress (optional) or bring a little drum**

**Menu – Christmas & Thanks Giving Buffet including a  
Vegetarian and Dairy, Wheat and Gluten free options**

**A Festive drink will be on offer with proceeds helping animals in  
Guernsey**

**To Book your place or table please call [01481 257261](tel:01481257261) or online  
via our paypal link [www.gspca.org.gg](http://www.gspca.org.gg)**

**Cash prizes, tombola, raffle and all proceeds helping animals in  
Guernsey.**

**The last Bingo Bash the top prize for the last game was £100.**

**Can seat up to 180, please book your seat by lunch time **27th**  
November**

**Possible seats on the night but please try and book early**  
**ADDITIONAL BINGO BOOKS CAN BE PURCHASED AT £10 &  
£5 AT THE INTERVAL FOR THE LAST 4 GAMES**



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**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.**

## **Yes, I'd like to become a GSPCA ANGEL regular sponsor.**

Please Return All Forms to –

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### **Details of Sponsorship**

**I would like to sponsor** (please circle)

A Kennel

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For me , as a gift in memory of ,

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

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

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If you are sponsoring in memory of a pet please write the name and short message below.

# ANGEL Sponsorship Form

In 2012 it cost over £650,000 to keep the GSPCA going. We rely on your donations. Everything we achieve is thanks to people who really care about animals – like you!

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

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Please send me my quarterly Newsletter by post  by email

I enclose a cheque or postal order for £ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_ p made payable to: GSPCA.

**To pay by credit/debit card, please fill in your details and amount above and your card number below.**

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



## **GSPCA Dog and Cat Emergency First Aid Training Courses & Volunteer Evenings**



Pictured is Mitzi the longest stay cat in need of a new home

The dates for the first aid courses are:

WEA & GSPCA Animal Care 8 week course – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September -6.30pm

Volunteer Induction Evening – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – 6.30pm

Cat First Aid 9.30am - 11.45am Sunday 2nd November 2014 - Ref - Cat 2/11

Dog First Aid 9.30am - 11.45am Sunday 9th November 2014 - Ref - Dog 9/11

Pet Bereavement Course for volunteers & Professionals – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm

Volunteer Induction Evening – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November– 6.30pm

All first aid courses are a minimum £15 donation and you must book your place by the Saturday before the training session.

Volunteer evenings are free to attend but we do encourage all volunteers to join the GSPCA which is only £10 a year

Within the sessions you get the chance to learn about what to do if you were faced with an emergency situation with your dog or cat. All participants receive handouts, a few goodies and surprises.

To book your place call 01481 257261 or via the paypal link on the web page using the reference code so we are aware which you would like to attend.

[www.gspca.org.gg](http://www.gspca.org.gg)

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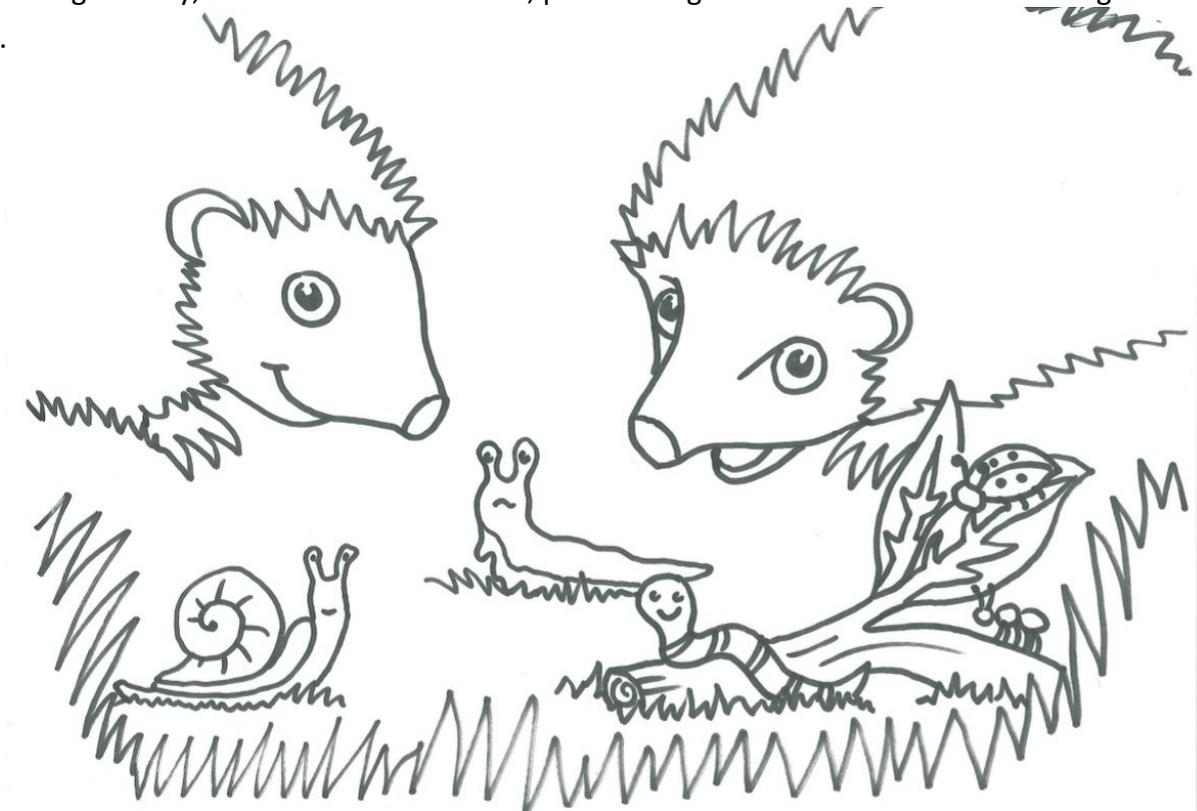
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## Something for the Kids...



Our Hedgehogs will be eating lots of bugs and insects to make sure they are big enough to survive the winter. Soon they will find a nice place to sleep for the winter as the weather gets colder, but they might still wake up occasionally to find a snack. If you see a hedgehog out during the winter, especially if it is during the day, and are worried about it, please bring it into the GSPCA and we will give it a health check.



**What did the hedgehog say when he looked in the mirror?  
Wow, I look sharp!!!**

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

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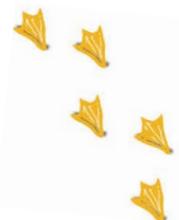
If you are interested, please contact Steve Byrne on: **01481 257261** or [stevebyrne@gspca.org.gg](mailto:stevebyrne@gspca.org.gg)



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