



# GSPCA Summer Newsletter

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## Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday

9th  
September  
2012



**ANIMAL  
WELFARE  
SEAFRONT  
SUNDAY**

CELEBRATING ANIMALS IN GUERNSEY

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- \* Animal Charities
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- \* Mascot Racing
- \* Doggy Dancing Workshop
- \* Animal Fancy Dress
- \* Wheelie Bin Racing
- \* Kids Animal Fancy Dress
- \* Pupcake Competition
- \* Fun Dog Show
- \* Animal-less Photo Show
- \* Arts & Crafts Stalls
- \* Face & Nail Painting
- \* **Childrens' Activities & Rides**
- \* Bouncy castles
- \* Stalls, food, fun for all the family
- \* Animal Welfare stands
- \* Pet food
- \* Pet toys

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### Some Events:

- Summer Fayre and Dog Show 7th July
- Chaos Festival July 13-15th
- West Show 15-16th August
- Donkey Derby 18th August
- North Show 22-23rd August
- Flag Day Saturday 25th August
- Skydive 1st September
- Seafront Sunday 9th September
- AGM To be confirmed

# DOG SHOW

SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
GSPCA ANIMAL SHELTER  
1PM - 4PM  
REGISTRATION FROM  
12PM

Classes include:  
Best Puppy  
Best Veteran  
Fancy Dress  
Waggiest Tail  
Best Trick



BBQ  
Bouncy Castle  
Bric-a-brac  
Face Painter  
**Kids' Activities**

For details:  
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## Dog Training Tips - Recall

As the weather improves and more people spend time enjoying the sunshine it is important that when you let your dog off lead you can be sure that they will return to you when called.

A good recall is a must especially if you wish to call your dog away from danger other dogs and people.

Top 5 tips:

1. Do not let your dog practice running off. If you have not trained a recall you cannot expect your dog to return to you when given the choice between playing with another dog or child or coming back.

2..When you call your dog make yourself far more exciting than anything else on offer. Be upbeat and animated not static and angry .

3. Do not shout at your dog and NEVER punish him no matter how long it has taken to come back as he will be less likely to come back next time.

4. **Don't run after him as you will be reinforcing his behaviour by joining in / turning it into a game;** if safe to turn and walk/run the other way .

5. ALWAYS praise you dog with treats, a fun game or big hugs when they do return to you. This will en-

courage them to come back next time.

ENJOY THE SUMMER!



## Dogs die in hot cars!

**DON'T COOK YOUR DOG!**



“LEAVE YOUR DOG AT HOME”

Dogs can die from heatstroke in as little as 20 minutes!!

In warm, sunny weather cars become ovens and even if it's cloudy, the temperature inside a car can become dangerously hot for a dog.

When it is just 22°C (72°F) outside, the temperature inside a car can soar to 47° C (117°F) or even higher!

If it is a hot day and there is no need for your dog to go out in the car we would advise you to leave them at home where they can find somewhere cool to settle.

*“Every year dogs die unnecessarily in hot cars”*



## Farewell to Dizzy and Naomi as they go to their new home

Our two lovely donkeys Dizzy and Naomi waved goodbye to the GSPCA and finally moved to their retirement home.

These two gentle ladies were a pleasure to look after but we are so happy that they



have found a family that can provide the best love and care in their formative years.

We would like to thank everyone that donated towards the up keep of these fabulous animals and we wish the girls all the best on their new adventure.

They will be sorely missed by everyone that looked after them on a day to day basis especially Sheryl Carre and

Rebecca Martin who formed great bonds with the pair.

GOOD LUCK NAOMI AND DIZZY!



In spite of the weather everyone had a **fantastic time on Sidney's sponsored** dog walk. We raised some much needed funds for the GSPCA and would like to thank Corinne and Sydney for all of their support and for thinking of us. If you have any fundraising ideas please get in touch.



*Not beaten by the weather!*



Cupcake week was a great success with an amazing amount of Island businesses, schools and community groups all joining together and making (and eating) cupcakes in aid of the Animal Shelter. We appreciated all of your efforts & look forward to Cupcake week 2013! Well done everyone!

The dog phobia workshop saw people with varying levels of anxiety around gradually exposed all sorts of dogs, from small to large, quiet to jumpy. For it was the first time they had actually felt that they could touch dog! Follow up workshops allowed people to continue to move forward in combatting their fear and we hope to be able to repeat this event in 2013. Thank you to Dr Murray for collaborating with us on these fantastic event.



## New Soft Release Pens Thanks to Friends of Wildlife

Spring started on a good foot after a kind donation from the Friends of Wildlife enabled us to put up two soft release runs for the wildlife that we have in our care. The outside pens will be used to rehabilitate the many wild animals & birds brought into our care that are found sick or injured around Guernsey. The runs will be used primarily for hedgehogs & the first groups have already been placed in them and will



Our hedgehogs enjoying their new environment

soon be released back in the wild. They will also be able to double up for small finches & other birds when there **aren't any hedgehogs that are ready** for release.



The Shelter is thankful for the Friends of Wildlife very kind donation. our doors every year.

## Deacon and Blue find new loving homes

It was a teary day when the cattery staff waved Blu off to his new home but they were so pleased to see this gentle old man go to the best home they could have hoped for.. He has settled in well and is enjoying his retirement managing his Facebook page!



Deacon, the kitten with only 4 teeth, has also found a new home with a

member of staff. He is now called **Mickey** and has settled in well taking over **the dog's bed** and generally ruling the roost. Thank you for all of your support the kind

*"GSPCA pin badges, car stickers, baseball caps & GSPCA tops on sale at the Shelter, show your support"*



Thank you for your wonderful support. An appeal by Curves Gym saw an enormous amount of pet food being donated . Thank you

donations that have enabled us to care so well for these special cats while we



## Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday Help

In order to help us make the Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday such a successful Community event we need lots of unsung heroes behind the scenes and front of house to do a variety of volunteering roles.

We are planning on taking over the whole sea front on Sunday 9th September and will need lots of help setting

up, running the event and clearing up. **Don't worry** if you are not available on the Sunday you can still be a valuable volunteer.



We have a huge number of jobs as we build up to the big day promoting the event and collecting prizes for our raffle and tombola. There will also be administrative jobs, crafty jobs and general organizing roles.



To become a volunteer

please call

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## Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday Animal-less Pet Show

For those of you unable to bring your pets along to the Seafront we will be holding our first photo pet show.

Whether you own a snake, goldfish, horse or maybe something a little more unusual you can now enter them into our virtual pet show but submitting a photograph by 1pm on the day.

Entrance will be 50p and we will put the classes and an entry form on our website for you to complete.

While entries will still be taken up to 1pm on the day we would urge pet owners to send their entries to the Shelter as early as possible via post, email, or simply by dropping them in.

We hope that this animal-less pet show will allow everyone to celebrate their animals (and birds).

Good Luck & we look forward to receiving your photos



If you or your business would like to sponsor part of the Seafront Sunday please get in touch with Steve Byrne on 01481 257261 for more details

## Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday Stalls

If you would like to take part in this huge Community event then please contact us.

We are looking for any animal related charities and organisations to take part and promote animal welfare in Guernsey.

We are expecting thousands of people to come along and join in the fun so it is a great way of raising your profile,

raising much needed funds for your charity or helping the GSPCA by supporting the work that we do.

If you would like an art and craft stall or a food stall then we are looking for you too to come forward. All details are online on how to book your space.

If you have any questions or would like a stall please visit our website:



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Or call 01481 257261

## Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday Mascot Race

Bernard the GSPCA mascot claims to be the fastest Mascot on Guernsey and we want YOU to challenge him to a race!

If you know of a Mascot whether they are the face of a charity, sports team or business we'd love to hear from you.

The mascots will be running the length of the seafront over an obstacle course and the first one across the finish line will be victorious.



*On your marks!*

Entry forms can be downloaded from the GSPCA website:

[WWW.GSPCA.ORG.GG](http://WWW.GSPCA.ORG.GG)



Thanks to Oily Browning for designing the Seafront Sunday logo

As well as all of these events there will be:

*Dog dancing workshops*

*Refreshments*

*Games*

*Bouncy Castles*

*Chalk Painting*

*Face & Nail painting*

*A pup cake competition*



## Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday Fancy Dress Competition

If you and your family love dressing up and having fun then why not come along and enter our adult and children's fancy dress competitions.

Judging will be carried out at 1.30pm By Bernard our very own mascot. For those entering our fancy dress events there may also be the opportunity to race against the 'Mascots' and try to win some amazing prizes.

Entrance will be 50p and while any outfit

is welcome we would love to see as many animal related costumes as possible.

Keep an eye on our website for more details .



*"Have you joined the Seafront Sunday on Facebook or twitter? Look for @Seafront\_Sunday on twitter or GSPCA Guernsey on facebook."*



Thank you to our all of our wonderful volunteers and staff for their support during our fundraising events & training.

## Animal Welfare Seafront Sunday Bin Race

Every year hundreds of animals are abandoned and disposed of like rubbish; some actually being put out in the dustbin to be collected with the household waste!



To highlight our concerns about 'disposable pets' we are going to have a wheelie bin race along the Pier.

Entrants will be asked to decorate their bin in an animal theme or wear fancy dress and take part in heats to win some fantastic prizes and raise awareness of the plight of many unwanted animals. A fun event with an important message.





## Scarlet is our longest stay cat and needs a new home

Scarlet is an 8 year old semi long hair looking for a new home.

She is a beautiful girl with bags of personality and a very cheeky nature. She may never make the ultimate lap cat but she has the potential to be a fun and comical member of the family.

Scarlet would rather not be picked up all of the time so she would not suit very young children.

She is very food orientated and loves her scratch post.

She is such a stunning girl that just

doesn't show her self off in her best light in the cattery.

If you are looking for a settled independent companion that epitomizes the word 'cat' then she's your girl.



## Birds, Guinea Pigs and small animals in Need of Homes



We always have high numbers of Guinea Pigs, rabbits and birds looking for homes. A

lot of the animals we look after have been bought on an impulse from pet shops. These animals and birds, while small, still needs lots of care and attention and can become quite expensive if sick. It is important that you understand how best to care for any



animal or bird before you take on the responsibility of looking after it.

If you are keen to rehome a small animal or bird please pop into the Shelter.



## Judy finds a home.

GREAT NEWS after nearly 18 months of searching Judy has finally found a new family.

Judy is a real character and she has found it hard to find a new family as, like all terriers, she likes to chase birds and small furies. Unfortunately because this is her favourite pursuit she is unable to be let off lead. Thankfully she is happy to walk for miles on

the lead and enjoys running about in the garden.

Judy has been on foster with a lovely lady called Charlotte Dempster. They have become great friends so the parting will no doubt be bitter sweet.

Her new family will have her on a trial period so that hey can settle in and get to know each other before the adoption is finalized. FANTASTIC!

## Please use safety collars!

This poor cat came in with horrific injuries after a buckle collar was found embedded in his neck. We urge all cat owners to please use safety collars, which can be purchased at the GSPCA



***“Please consider rehoming a rescue animal before buying one at a pet shop or from a private breeder”***



*Cheeky Judy goes home*

## Meet the staff

The GSPCA is able to carry out its vital work throughout the Bailiwick thanks to a team of dedicated and hard working staff (and volunteers).

Working with animals is a dream for many children (and adults) and the staff at the Shelter love playing their part in the rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming of Guernsey's domestic and wild animals.



Lucy

Working in a rescue environment can be extremely demanding and at times



GSPCA Staff

our team is very close.

Animals are unpredictable creatures and the team knows to expect the unexpected. There is never a dull moment and the work can be very surprising. Everyone that works here has one aim and that is to care for the animals as best they can.

very upsetting so it is important that the staff can rely on each other for support when times are tough and as such

**“No day is the same, one minute you can be crying and the next laughing. I love my job”**

Anna Paint Supervisor

If you are interested in working for the GSPCA please keep an eye on our website, Facebook or the Press for any job vacancies. You could also pop along and join our team of volunteers to see if it's the career for you.



Sheryl, Geoff & Annie

## Baby hog alert

This spring we have seen an unprecedented number of baby hedgehogs being brought into the Shelter in need of our TLC. Nearly all of them have been found on the roadside with no sign of mum. They have required syringe feeding every two hours by members of staff so it has been a huge team effort as we have fought to see them all gain weight and start to feed by



themselves.

If you should come across a baby and it seems to have been abandoned or the mother is obviously unable to look after it please bring it to the Shelter where we can offer it the best care possible.



*“We are now on youtube, google+, pinterest, flickr, linkdin as well as facebook and twitter.”*



Thank you to our all of our wonderful volunteers and staff for their support during our fundraising events & training.

## Support our fundraising and what is Lorna up to?

We always have lots of events planned so please support us & help us to continue our work. Details of events can be found on our website [www.gspa.org.gg](http://www.gspa.org.gg) or via our Facebook page or twitter.

As well as the Dog Show on 7th July we will be at the Chaos Festival on July 14-15th, the West Show 15-16th Aug & the North Show 22-23rd Aug.

We are looking for helpers to take part in our flag day on August 25th so if you can spare an hour of two please contact Emma Trousdale on 257261.

On the 1st September Lorna Prince our Welfare Manager will be doing a sponsored skydive so please dig deep and donate via phone, post or online.

And finally Seafront Sunday on 9th September. We need your support!



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**We're on the web**

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If you would like a visit to your school or Community Group from our Education Officer or you would prefer an organised tour of the Shelter please contact us on 257261



The GSPCA would like to wish everyone an enjoyable summer.



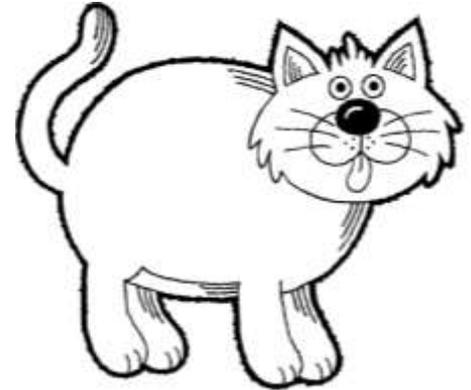
Dog training at the GSPCA



Bag it and Bin it!



Colouring



Jokes Corner

What do you get if you cross a cat with a parrot?

What do cat actors say on stage?

What do you get if you cross a sheepdog with a rose?

What game do cows play at parties?



## New volunteers

In the last couple of months the Shelter has been happy to welcome many new volunteers onto the Shelter team. They give up their spare time to help us provide the very best care for our residents and we couldn't continue to carry out our work without them.



Sarah

Sammy, Sarah and Will are only three of the many wonderful caring volunteers that have given up between them 100's of hours each month to help the 200-300 animals in our care.

We are always need help and if you are interested in cleaning out to ad-

ministration, fund raising to wardening at night, hand rearing to gardening we need you.

A volunteer form can be downloaded from our website, collected from the GSPCA to start the process or call 01481 257261 to ask how you can help.



Sammy



1. A carrot
  2. Tabby or not tabby!
  3. A collie-flower!
  4. Musical chairs!
- Answers:



Will

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