



# GSPCA Winter Newsletter

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140 YEARS  
CARING FOR  
ANIMALS IN  
GUERNSEY!



## Jethou Bumblebee

## Amazing Seal Rescues



On the 24th November we received a call from Jethou about a seal pup that was giving cause for concern. After viewing photographs of the animal a team was mobilized to rescue the pup. Without hesitation we were offered the use of the Bumblebee cruises boat and were able to locate the seal within half an hour. The seal was very sick and needed tube feeding immediately before being brought back to the Shelter. The seal named Jethou Bumblebee received round the clock care and put on weight fast. He is now enjoying the GSPCA seal pool and it is hoped once he is strong



enough he can be released back into local waters. Thank you to everyone who donated fresh fish and if you would still like to help please visit our website. [www.gspca.org.gg](http://www.gspca.org.gg) and read about the

### BIG FISH APPEAL

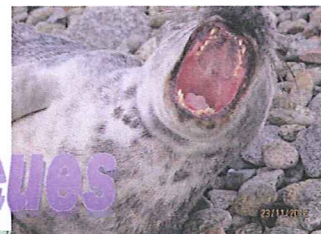


and proving to be a feisty character. Once he is fit enough he will be able to take to the water and eventually be released.



On the 5th of January staff responded to the call regarding a second seal that was struggling on the rocks near Pleimont.

It was a tricky rescue but thankfully the pup, named Hanois, was brought to the Shelter and received intensive care from Geoff George with 3 hourly feeds of fish soup. It was tough and go over the first 24 hours but he is now putting on weight



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### Some Events:

- Coffee mornings continue Tuesdays from 10.30am
- 10th-11th February Coffee & Bric-A-Brac mornings at the GSPCA 10am-12pm
- 10-17th February "Purple week"
- 3rd March Family Lunch at Les Rocquettes Hotel
- March Clinton's Climb
- 25th-31st March Cupcake week



## Dog Training Tips - Dealing with puppy biting!



Puppy biting is a normal and essential part of their development. Puppies use their mouths to explore the world around

them and their teeth to learn bite inhibition. Bite inhibition is the term used when a puppy is learning how much pressure they can apply to living and non-living things. Puppy biting or play biting can become a problem if it is encouraged and reinforced by family members and the puppy is not taught an alternative. Puppy biting can then lead to resentment and dislike of the puppy so it is important to address it

where you feel it has escalated into a problem.

### So what to do :

Request that all members of the family & friends, do not encourage your puppy to bite.

Avoid playing rough and tumble with your puppy/dog, or letting him pull on clothing, hands or hair. He will then think its ok to do these things and it isn't fair to change the rules and be inconsistent.

Always give the puppy an alternative to bite / grab such as a raggy toy, in some cases you may have to carry a toy around with you when they have a tendency to hold on to your clothing

and rag it.

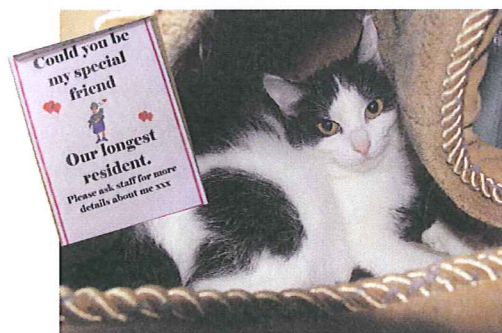
Consider if your dog is hungry, tired or needs the toilet as these can trigger the behaviour.

Try to spot the signs and act before it gets out of control..

**NEVER smack your puppy on the nose for puppy biting. If your puppy starts to become fearful of your hands and see them as a threat they may become snappy in an attempt to keep them away.**

**This will have a knock on effect to other areas of their lives such a recall when off lead. Good luck!**

## Our longest resident—FELIX



What a character! Felix is a young man who knows his own mind and would not win the lap cat of the Year Award but does win hearts. He is very independent but does like cuddles

when he has bonded with you and trusts you. New owners must be patient and calm and help Felix to gain confidence and trust without reinforcing his timid nature. A real sweetheart.



*"We are now on youtube, google+, pinterest, flickr, linkedin as well as facebook and twitter."*



## Are you up for a challenge?



Clinton Millard has decided to embark upon the adventure of a lifetime and climb Kilimanjaro to raise money for the GSPCA and MUG.

Clinton has a blog so you can follow his adventure on line and keep up to date with his progress. The Blog can be found at:

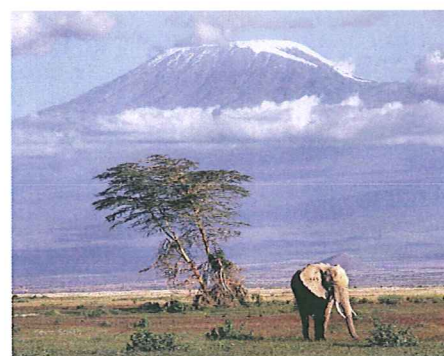
<http://clintonkiliclimb.blogspot.com>

We will also be following Clinton via

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

He is a truly inspirational young man and if you think you are ready to try something a bit more challenging and change your life you can find details of the adventures on our website .

We wish Clinton all the best and a safe journey!





# GSPCA Purple Week February 11th–17th— Celebrating 140 years of Caring for Animals in Guernsey.



The GSPCA was founded in 1873 and since then it has helped rescue rehabilitate, re-home and release thousands and thousands of animals. This year the Society will be 140 and to help us celebrate our 140th year caring for animals in Guernsey we are inviting you to join in the many fundraising events that will be happening and maybe inspiring you to run your own. The GSPCA week starts 11th February and celebrations will carry on until the 17th with our anniversary being

'It costs over £500,000 a year to help care for the 1000's of animals and birds we have through our doors, provide the 24 hour 7 day a week emergency service for animals, the welfare work, dog training, education and more and we are appealing for people, schools and businesses to get involved to celebrate the wonderful work we have done and have to do for the future.'

## What can you do to help us raise money?

Wear something purple to work like a tie or wrist band and donate a £1 to the GSPCA.

Car Treasure Hunt - around the Island.

Match the pet to the owner competition - A fun one for the workplace! Ask your colleagues to bring in one photo of themselves and one of

Please support the GSPCA this February to celebrate our 140th Year



Some of our 'purple' products

## Valentines Day the 14th February.

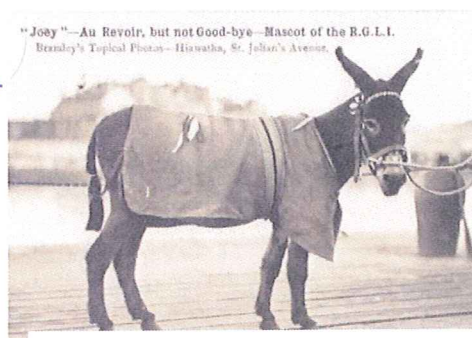


'With rising costs and the need to build a new **Cattery and Quarantine Building** we hope that Guernsey will wear purple for animals and join in our birthday fun in February.' Every penny we raise helps to ensure that we can offer the best care for our residents using the most experience and qualified staff and volunteers available.

their pet. ask for a donation to match them up.

Sponsored Bike, Run Or Swim Alone or with a group of friends, you can raise money by collecting donations for a sponsored run, bike ride or swim.

Sponsored Dog Walk - This can take many forms, from a "walk-a-thon" style - where participants earn donations for the distance they can travel - to a large-



Joey ??????



scale dog walking event. The latter is like the many sponsored runs and walks you see advertised, but with a doggy twist! A great fundraiser and fun and exercise for the dogs too!

Hold a cake sale at your work place or a bric-a-brac or swishing evening.

What ever you do we thank you for your support and wish you good luck.!





## Christmas at the Shelter

As all pet owners know caring for animals is a 24 hour a day responsibility and Christmas day is no different. The staff and volunteers at the Shelter always try to make Christmas Day as special as possible for all of the residents.

This year we were overwhelmed by the generosity of those people who brought in presents for

the animals we had so many that every animal onsite had something special on the big day. We would like to thank you for kindness, especially Janet Unitt who arrived with a hamper which included gifts for every type of furry and feathered friend!



Thank you to everyone who supported our stall on the Late Night Christmas Shopping evenings. While it was a bit wet at times we still managed to raise a huge amount of money and spread some Christmas cheer.



## Pop up Shop



The GSPCA took over the Smith's Street pop up shop for two weeks over the Christmas period. It was a huge

success and we would like to thank OSA for such a great opportunity. The



## Are your pet's microchip details up to date?

GSPCA is urging all pet owners to ensure your animals microchip details are up to date. In this modern world with mobile phones we often change numbers and occasionally move address but without these details being kept up to date can mean your pet isn't reunited as quickly as it could be.

To update your pet's microchip details please refer to the registration paperwork you should have received though the post after having your animal chipped or sent change of owner details

if adopted or taken on from a previous owner.

If you can not find these details the GSPCA can help. All you need do is pop your cat or dog along to the Shelter and we can scan it for you and let you know who you need to contact. ?

The GSPCA microchip dogs and cats for only £4.99p. No appointment necessary just pop your animal up to the Shelter Monday to Saturday 9am to 4.30pm.

## Polar Bear swim

### CONGRATULATIONS!



To all of the staff and volunteers who

took part in the annual Polar Bear swim. At the Havelet Bathing Pools

The annual swim run by the Guernsey Swimming Club is held on Christmas Day and is supported by hundreds of Islanders and this year our crazy team was amongst them. They are collected sponsorship and raised lots of funds for the GSPCA.



"Have you joined the GSPCA on Facebook or twitter? Look for @GSPCA on twitter or GSPCA Guernsey on facebook."



Thank you to our all of our wonderful volunteers, staff and supporters



## Amazon wish List

The staff and volunteers at the Shelter have been amazed by the response to our wish list. A HUGE thank you must go to Corporate Risk Solutions, staff from Menzies Aviation, staff from the Heritage Group and also Sandra and Ken James.

These individuals have helped the Shelter purchase additional scales which are vital for weighing animals on entry and during their stay as well as many animal toys and feed for the hundreds in the GSPCA care.

Yvonne Chauvel Senior Animal Care Assistant said 'It's fantastic! From dog



toys to meal worms, honey for the hedgehogs to these wonderful scales



it's all things that we need and we are all so grateful to everyone that has helped.'

It costs over £500,000 a year to run the GSPCA and this is one way that you can help animals in Guernsey.

The GSPCA are always looking to find new and replacing old equipment to help with the many animals at the Shelter if you would like to help you can view our wish list at:

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/registry/wishlist/25MJPPDAGXHL1>

## 'Refined mineral oils' blamed for bird contamination

Hundreds of sea birds were affected by what was thought to be refined mineral oils.

From Cornwall to Sussex much of the English South Coast has been affected and many organisations have been involved from the Environment Agency to the RSPCA in the UK.

With a wide variety of sea birds wintering along the English Channel and many Guillemots already found deceased or heavily contaminated if you see any birds affected in the Bailiwick please do let us know at the

If you find you kind a bird affected then here is a little advice -

- Do not risk your safety by looking for or picking up birds from dangerous locations. Be aware of the tides and weather conditions.
- If you do find an oiled bird and it is safe to pick it up, ensure that you are wearing gloves because the oil could be hazardous to your health. The birds may also try to peck you, so keep them away from your face.
- Collected birds should be placed on

their own in cardboard boxes with newspaper or a towel.

DO NOT use hay or straw. The boxes should have ventilation holes.

Call the GSPCA 24 hour help line on 01481 257261 •Please do not attempt to wash or feed the bird yourself - leave that to the Shelter staff and volunteers who have the correct training and facilities.

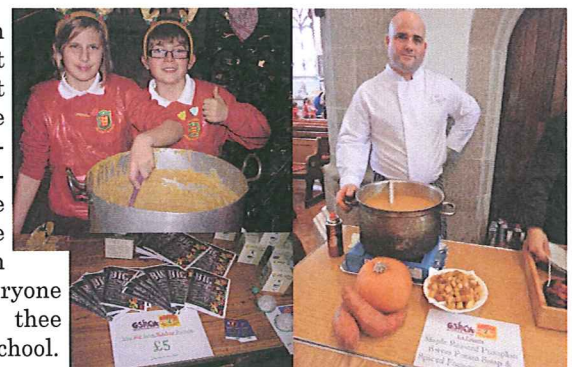


## Soup kitchen

Once again the GSPCA joined forces with the Bridge2 charities to hold the 'Soup Kitchen' fundraiser. In the Town Church. It was a fantastic event and was supported by hundreds of Islanders who enjoyed an amazing variety of delicious soups.

Each soup was judged by the taster and their favourite was noted on a voting card. It was a hard choice for those

tasting the amazing selection on offer but the soup that came out heads above the rest was Colin Samson's Maple Roasted Pumpkin Sweet Potato Soup with Spiced Focaccia Croutons. Colin is the Head Chef from La Fregate Hotel and was thrilled with the result! Thank you to everyone that got involved especially the budding chefs from Vauvert School.





## Hi-Viz dog coats and cat collars save lives.



Keep your pets safe during the Winter evenings by getting them seen! Through out the Winter

months more people are using the roads when its very poor light or dark; putting our pets at higher risk of injury or death. It is so important that drivers can see your dogs and cats to avoid any potentially tragic accidents. The GSPCA have a new range of reflective coats, leads and collars on sale for dogs and reflective safety collars for cats.

Even before the coats went on sale 14 were sold to staff and volunteers at the GSPCA for



their dogs and they are leading the way in safety when walking their dogs at night or early morning.



## Abandoned Guinea Pigs



Seven guinea pigs were found abandoned outside St Martins Church. In November. All quite young the 7 guinea pigs were found in a dirty blue box out in the rain. Sadly this was the second group of guinea pigs that had been found abandoned in Guernsey

over the space of a month. Thankfully both groups were found and brought into the Shelter where they could be cared for. As many of you will know Guinea pigs are prolific breeders and after a check by the Vet we found, as expected, that the females were pregnant which meant even more homes would have to be found!

The GSPCA would urge anyone that needs to rehome their pets not to dump them as it puts them at risk of death or injury and if found the person responsible could be prosecuted.

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



## What are the FIVE freedoms

The GSPCA aspires to what are known as the Five Freedoms. The Society believes that every living creature has the right to freedom from the following:

**No1:** Hunger and Thirst – we must provide food and water to ensure our pets thrive..



**No2:** Pain and Injury – we must take our pets to the vets if they are unwell



**No3:** Discomfort – we must provide a comfortable place



to live

**No 4:** The freedom to express natural behaviours.



**No 5:** Fear and distress – we must never threaten or hurt our pets even via activities such





## Who your donations have helped

We have had some truly fantastic visitors to the Shelter over the last few months; here are just a few of those gorgeous animals and birds that we have been able to help thanks to your continued support.



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*hamsters*



*ferrets*



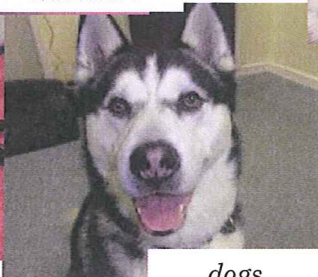
*hedgehogs*



*turkeys*



*heron*



*dogs*



*seals*



*pigeons*



*cats*

**Thank you!**

## Dust off those walking shoes!

Too much turkey and Christmas pudding? Already starting to think about your beach body? Why not make the 2013 Itex Rotary walk part of your New Year get fit regime! The walk planned for June 9th this year has now become one of Guernsey's key fund raising events for local charities and attracts several hundred participants every year determined to complete the nearly forty mile route.

2013 is the sixteenth year that the walk has been held and each year significant sums of money have been

raised. In 2012 the walk raised nearly £52,000 and this year the GSPCA is thrilled to be one of the chosen Charities that will benefit from the funds!



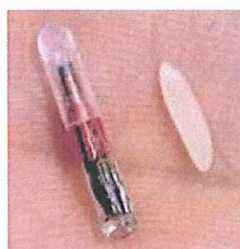
## We need your votes!

The Petplan & ADCH Animal Charity Awards 2013 - These awards recognize charities and individuals with in the animal welfare world and we would really like to put Guernsey on the map.



Find out how to nominate by going to <https://www.petplan.co.uk/aboutpetplan/charity-awards-form.asp>

## Parish Douzaines support the GSPCA microchipping drive



The Douzaines of five parishes; St Peter Port, Castel, St Saviour, St Pierre du Bois and St Martins have agreed to support the

GSPCA's dog microchipping and registration initiative in 2013 by meeting the initial cost of microchipping

through the dog licence fee.

The scheme is entirely voluntary but the Douzaines hope dog owners will take this opportunity to ensure their dogs can be easily and quickly identified should they stray or be involved in an accident.

**Don't forget to renew your dog licence!**





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### Counter boxes available now!

If you would be interested in helping  
the GSPCA by having one of our many  
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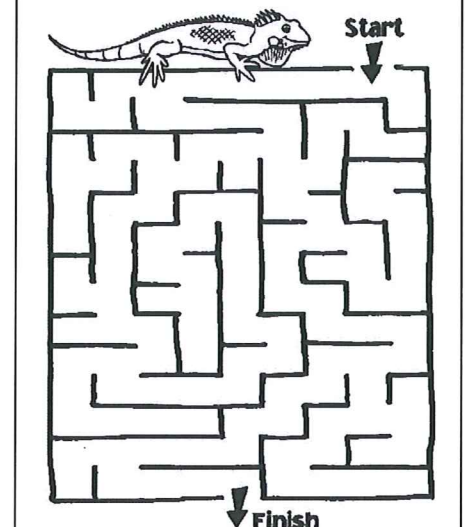
Thank you for  
your continued  
support!



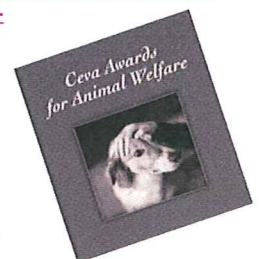
Bag it and Bin it!



Help Lizzy through the maze!



To nominate and find out more  
about the Ceva Awards for Animal  
Welfare please go to - [http://  
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Enjoy a delicious family lunch and help us to raise funds.



As part of our 140th Birthday celebra-  
tions we are having a GSPCA Family  
Lunch at Les Rocquettes Hotel. Tables  
are on sale for the event which will be  
held on the 3rd March 2013 from  
12pm .

Tables of 10 are available for the four  
course meal at £19 per head.

There's lots planned for both adults  
and children including a tombola and  
a raffle. Each table will have the

chance to win one of our gold prizes but  
we will make sure no one goes home  
empty handed. (If you have a prize you  
would like to donate to the raffle please  
do get in touch.)

We will also have the 'Donation Station'  
which will be near the entrance of Les  
Rocquettes Hotel. It is the location  
where we are asking for those attend-  
ing to bring something for the many  
animals under the GSPCA care from  
food to animal toys.

You can book a table by emailing [corin-  
neconnolly@cwgsy.net](mailto:corin-neconnolly@cwgsy.net), call 07911-  
720469 or leave a message on 266469



Please help  
Felix the  
longest stay  
GSPCA cat  
find a forever  
home

It is with regret that we will have to  
increase the cost of some of the Shel-  
ter's services this is due to increased  
running costs.

The following rises will take affect  
from the 1st March 2013:

Boarding dogs from £15 to £15.75 pd

Boarding cats from £9.25 to £9.75 pd

Cremation charges—variable

Dog training classes from £40 to £50  
for a course of 6 lessons.

Details are available on our website.

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