

Oxfordshire Branch

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Is your school having a charity fundraising day? - Please think of helping your local RSPCA (please contact Elaine on 07791 292635 for balloons, posters, banners, etc. to help advertise the charity)

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A successful Community Action Day was held at Blackbird Leys Estate Leisure Centre on Saturday 21 March - 25 dogs were microchipped and 6 vouchers issued for the neutering of Bull Breed dogs, we also took over £64 in sales and donations - and had some fun dancing to the local rap band! Thanks to Inspector Dough Davidson and Dennis Lovell (ACO) for picture taking and scoffing our butties, and as always their invaluable good spirits.

Thank you very much

Jean Welford of Aberford, Hopcroft Lane,
Deddington

Kindly donated £40 in consideration of a Black Swan that was rescued by Andy Eddy from her land on Good Friday.

We have monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of every month in Woodstock Church hall from 7pm - All are welcome.

Rehoming

Laurel and Hardy are two unneutered male Abyssinian guinea pigs. They are charismatic and lively one-year olds. They still need some handling so would not suit young children. Preferably the owners would be patient and have plenty of time to spend with and handle them.



Because they can argue they would suit a large hutch/run with places to hide. They were unwanted pets and are currently being fostered on behalf of Oxfordshire RSPCA. Please contact Elaine on 07704835204 and leave a message, Elaine will contact you with more details.



Emerald is a jet black neutered male from a multi cat household. He is a nice boy, but is rather nervous and timid of people, and he will need time to get used to new environments.

Emerald is sociable with other cats, but not suitable for a home with the unpredictability of dogs or young children.

Mui, Tui and Pappilon are female domestic rats, who are very inquisitive, friendly and playful. They came to us after they were dumped at a vets. Mui and Tui are white and black, and Pappilon is white and grey.



We would prefer these three girls to be rehomed together, but if not they can only go in a pair or with other females, as they are not neutered.



Bambi is a tan-coloured, uppy-eared female rabbit about 2-years old. Her general health is excellent, and Bambi is very lively and friendly. She loves her head stroked and loves to know what is going on (and preferably be the centre of it). She likes to sit on top of her box and survey the world around her in a queenly manner.

Bambi needs a spacious home where she will get lots of attention and have a male rabbit friend to play with. If a suitable rabbit arrives here at Willow Farm she will be bonded with him, but in the meantime if you are looking for an active female to keep your male bunny on his toes, Bambi could be the rabbit for you.

George is a neutered ginger male. He came to us as a stray, who had numerous wounds from what we think was an encounter with a dog. He is very friendly and sociable. He still doesn't like his rump/base of tail to be touched as this was where the worse wound was. He is full of character and fun to have around. He loves to curl up on your lap too.



George would probably be best as an only cat in house with no young children or dogs.

If you require information about caring for any pet please look at the 'advice for pet care' on the national web site www.rspca.org.uk.

The Inspectors often have to relocate feral cats - if you know of a stable or farm where these animals can be transferred please contact Elaine.

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Are you Big Enough to give a St Bernard a New Home?

The RSPCA is appealing to people living in the East region who can offer a new home to one of more than 100 St Bernards which were removed from kennels in Northamptonshire in December 2008*.

Since then the dogs have been cared for in private boarding kennels on behalf of the RSPCA. However, as they remained the property of their owner, the Society was unable to rehome them.

Now ownership of the St Bernards has been signed over to the RSPCA and so good new homes can be sought.

The dogs are being rehomed in small groups through various RSPCA animal centres. Priority will be given to potential owners who live nearest to where the dogs are currently being cared for to limit how far they will have to travel to their new homes. In the east region, priority will be given to people living in Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire and Nottinghamshire. However, enquiries from other areas will still be taken.

People who would like one of the dogs - or to donate to the RSPCA to help it continue its vital work - are asked to call 0300 123 8000.

St Bernards are large dogs and, as these particular animals have lived in kennels all their lives, they are not used to walking on leads and have not been house trained. They will need experienced homes where there is a reasonably large amount of space. They will also need regular grooming.

Paul Williams, RSPCA animal welfare manager in the RSPCA's east region, said: "These dogs will need special care and patience. They all have good temperaments but their kennel background means that they will need owners with the knowledge and time to help them settle into their new homes.

"So far caring for these St Bernards has cost the RSPCA around £100,000 and all donations, however big or small, will be gratefully received. If you would like to rehome one of the dogs or make a donation so we can continue to care for animals like these, please call us on 0300 123 8000."

The majority of the dogs range in age from two years to eight years and older and should make very loyal and rewarding pets for those able to give them the care they desperately need.

Please note that a donation will be required in return for rehoming one of the dogs which helps cover the cost of their neutering, vaccinations, microchipping and veterinary check.

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FUNDRAISE FOR THE RSPCA!!

Like pub quizzes? Coffee mornings? Tombolas? If you have a good idea and enjoy fundraising for a good cause then the RSPCA need you! For more information on how you can help us please telephone Elaine on 01235 816441 or 07791 292635.

Please Help Us

We are now open at 36 Church Lane,
Banbury!

Open 9:30-4:30pm Mon-Sat

We are looking for volunteers, particularly
on Saturdays and good quality donations -
clothes, bric-a-brac.

Please drop in or contact Kim or Sasha on
01295 265632

If you would like to take part in a charity or sponsored event, such as a fun run, sponsored silence, pub quiz, coffee morning, or tombola please contact Judith for more information or to obtain a sponsor form for your local RSPCA.

Does your company offer matched funding for raising money for a local charity? - Please remember local animals that need our help.

With great thanks for the
£204.69 donated to us in
memory of Mrs Margaret
Annie Cormack.

Get a £10 Microchipping Gift Voucher!!!
Please contact Katherine for more details

Blackberry Farm, the RSPCA National rehoming centre near Bicester always has lots of animals looking for new homes Tel 0870 0101 852

There are also lots of other animals available - gerbils, rats chincillas, and even lots of lovely birds.

Please also look at www.rspca-oxfordshire.org.uk for more animals and further details.

Donations Urgently Needed!

We urgently require donations for our shop in Banbury. Demand is ever growing on our services to help all types of animals, some in desperate need, throughout Oxfordshire. Our shop is a key source of revenue to fund the many success stories of distressed animals we have helped to a happier and better life.

We can only continue with this valuable and worthwhile work if our shop is well stocked with goods for sale.

Please help us to help your local animals and support our shop with any goods you can spare. We have a comprehensive collection service available across the Oxfordshire area, please contact us for details.

Please telephone Kim or Sasha on 01295 265632.

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