

Winter Edition, 2017



Abbie, Agony Aunt

Over winter it's important that we carry on feeding wild birds in our gardens. So here is my advice...

What food can I leave out for birds?

You should avoid seed mixtures that have split peas, beans, dried rice or lentils as again only the large species can eat them dry. Black sunflower seeds are great all year round and peanuts are good because they are rich in fat. During winter make sure you put out some fat balls (make sure you take off the nylon mesh first though!) Make sure that you provide them with fresh water too.

Should I clean my bird table?

Yes, when a large number of birds are attracted into an area to feed, the danger of disease increases. To prevent this you should; keep bird tables free from droppings or mouldy food, rinse out water containers daily and wash the bird tables and hanging feeders regularly (ideally using a 5% disinfectant solution).

One of our lovely volunteers Sue has managed to raise an amazing £33,000 for us so far, which is great! The money raised will be going in our 'Kennel Fund'.

This year we managed to raise £880 at our Christmas Fair held at Barton under Needwood, so thank you to anyone who took part.

We currently have 3 fab sponsors this year who have all been working hard to raise money for the Animal Home.

Burton Arnold Clark Car and Van rental recently raised money with a fun Halloween weekend. Don't their costumes look great? They also kindly lent us a van so that we could get all of our equipment to our annual 'Bark in the Park' event in Swadlincote, and also

assisted us when one of our shops needed a hand.

Stretton Social Club successfully raised £733 at their Summer Fun Day, which was much appreciated!

The local Sainsbury's store at Branston held a weekend in October and will be carrying on raising funds throughout December.

We also had support from Pets at Home

week, which raised £300 and there is still more money to come!

Don't forget that you can help us out too by attending some of our upcoming events to show your support. Have a look at the dates for your diary (overleaf) to see what's on next.

In the meantime you can come and visit our shops, we have one in Swadlincote and the other in Burton on Trent.

Fundraising



Letter from Pam, our Chairperson

As we come to the end of another year, I just want to say a big thank you to all of our staff at the Animal Home and our 2 shops, as well as our volunteers for all of their hard work this year.

One of the best things to

happen to us in 2017 was the opening of our brand new shop in Burton on Trent, run by Manager, Alex and Deputy Manager, Lynn. If you haven't had the chance to yet, then make sure you pop into the shop some time,

at 172 High Street. Any donations are welcome too, so thank you in advance!

A happy festive season to everyone,

Pam



Registered charity no. 232234

Hillfield Animal Home Opening Hours

Mon	13:00-16:00
Tues	CLOSED
Wed	13:00-16:00
Thurs	13:00-16:00
Fri	13:00-16:00
Sat	13:00-16:00
Sun	13:00-16:00

We will be available to take your calls any day (apart from Tuesdays) 09:00-16:00

Tel: 01283 569165

Charity Shops:

172 High Street,
Burton on Trent.
Tel: 01283 247647

18 High Street,
Swadlincote.
Tel: 01283 777117

If you are concerned about the welfare of an animal then contact the RSPCA National Cruelty and Advice Line on:

0300 1234 999

If you have lost or found a dog then call:

East Staffs

Mon-Fri 08:30-17:00
01283 508635

South Derbyshire

Mon-Fri 08:30-17:00
01283 221000

Small Animal Unit

As well as our kennels and cattery, we also have a Small Animal Unit in which we house everything from rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets and rats, to budgies and other birds. Here is everything you need to know about it, from Cyan.



Why do people bring small animals in?

We get all sorts of different reasons for animals coming into our care. However, we have found that the most common reason for rabbits is that the owners are moving and cannot take them. Another reason is that people don't have time to care for them. We tend to find that people often think rabbits and other small animals are easy pets to have, however they do take a lot of looking after, and you need to think thoroughly before adopting one so that you are 100% sure you can meet all of their needs.

How many rabbits do we get on average in a 6

month period?

On average we get 20 rabbits brought into our care over a six month period. In the small animal unit we do get other species brought in too like guinea pigs, birds, ferrets and mice, but the majority are rabbits.

How successfully do we re-home rabbits?

We typically re-home more rabbits during spring and summer time. This is because they mostly live outdoors, so it is a lot easier to take care of them properly over summer. In the autumn and winter months it is harder to re-home rabbits. Over six months we re-home around 35 rabbits.
Cyan

Dates for your Diary:

30th November (7:30 – 11pm):

Barn dance at Belmont Snooker Club, Swadlincote. Tickets £10, available at our 2 shops.

4th December (6:30 for 7:30pm start):

Our annual Christmas Bingo at Burton Town Hall.

Indoor Car Boots 2018, Priory Centre:

February 18th
March 18th
April 22nd
May 20th

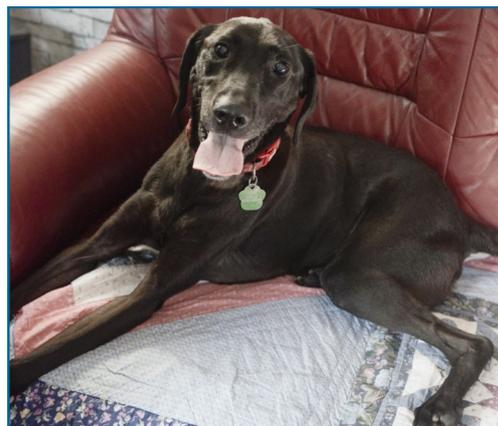
For further details
phone: 07957467127

Roxy's Story

Roxy, a black Labrador, was brought into Hillfield Animal Home by one of our inspectors.

When she came into our care she was very emaciated and unwell. Weighing in at 13kg, she was far too underweight for a Labrador. Unfortunately, we realised that Roxy had intestinal problems, and at one point we thought that she wouldn't survive. She had to be fed around 12 times a day and was put into foster care to continue her recovery.

Thanks to the care and attention that she received



from the vet and our dedicated staff at the home, we are pleased to say that she has fully recovered.

Now re-homed, she has

recently weighed in at just over 21kg. Roxy has settled well into her new home and loves them a lot. They said that she is enjoying going for walks with other dogs.

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