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Shop Roundup

Meet our new St Marks Manager!



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A message from our Chair

I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful weather, my dog really loves having the doors open to roam between her various house beds and the garden all day! (she's a very lazy retired greyhound)

We are delighted to announce that the National Society has helped us open a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation, which we will transfer our branch charity into over the coming months. This is a step the National Society is encouraging branches to take, because a CIO status gives our branch additional governance flexibility. You won't notice anything yet, but our charity number will change when we have completed the transfer. Our CIO application has meant our branch has been able to apply to the National Society for funds to rebrand our 3 shops. The High Street has already been completed and we are looking forward to showing you photos of our other 2 shops very soon, or do pop in!

We can tell you more about this, and our other current activities at our AGM, which is taking place on 12 June. Do contact our office for more details about the AGM. Members will already have received their invitation so do look out for this by email or post. Our AGM is also a time to vote in the Trustees that will lead the branch for the coming year. We are incredibly grateful to those who give up their time to meet regularly and discuss the key issues and strategic priorities for our branch. Our Trustees make decisions on activities and projects that meet our branch objectives, to ensure more animals get the care they need. If you would like to be a Trustee but want more information about the commitment involved, please do speak to me or Vice Chair Dawn.

Our branch has been selected by the University of Lincoln for a summer student project. A multi-disciplinary team of students will work together on a real-life issue, presenting their findings back to our board. It's great work experience for the student team and will give our Trustees a fresh take on the project's feasibility. Given our branch area geography and reach, we have asked them to explore ideas around a mobile animal welfare clinic, which is already proving successful for the RSPCA North Wales branch. We are really looking forward to their ideas!

Sophie Easteal, Chair and Trustee
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Meet Rebecca...



Taking up the role of Shop Manager at St Marks, we are delighted to welcome Rebecca Wright. She joins us with a wealth of charity retail experience, gained at Relate, Sense and Cats Protection.

"Having just started my journey with the RSPCA Lincolnshire Mid, North East and Lincoln, I am looking forward to driving sales forward to help with much needed funds. All the staff, trustees and volunteers do an amazing job, hopefully I can add to the team. Oreo (as you can see in the picture) was a rescue kitten who is such a character who is very much loved but does rule the roost!!

After nearly a month now of starting my role, I feel very settled and part of the team. As mentioned, driving sales forward was the main agenda, here at St Marks we have made a few changes to make the shop brighter and more spacious without losing any sale space. I have also made contact with various places re: getting more volunteers, along with a few local shops for donations for tombolas and raffles to up the shop income. As you can imagine my head is full of ideas, so watch this space!!!!!"

Animal latest



MOANA

We have recently welcomed the delightful Moana into our branch, a charismatic Frenchie. Unfortunately she has brachycephalic obstructive airway syndrome which she will need a costly surgery for to open up her airways and allow her to breathe properly, which is common with flat-faced breeds.

Mildly affected dogs will have noisy breathing, especially with exercise, and most will snort when excited and snore when relaxed or asleep. Severely affected dogs have more pronounced airway noise, appear to tire easily with exercise, with signs being worse in hot or humid weather; affected dogs are more prone to overheating, as the ability to pant to lower body temperature is compromised. Over time, dogs with this syndrome may develop other secondary problems, including inflammation of other structures in the airways. In the long term, the increased effort associated with breathing can put increased strain on the heart.

As with any of our branch animals, we put their welfare first and ensure that they are able to live long, happy and healthy lives: she is booked in for her corrective surgery in June, so best of luck Moana!



BRUCE

Could you help us find a home for brilliant Bruce? He's currently in a foster home, but could do with a permanent place he can call his own. He's around 3 years old, and is a Malinois mix – he is uncertain around other dogs, so will need to be the only pet in a household. His fosterer tells us that he is responding very well to training! Get in touch if you think you know someone who fits the bill!

REHOMING SUCCESS

Just some of our animals that have found their forever homes since the last edition



BELLE



FINN



KERMIT



KIKI



WAFFLE

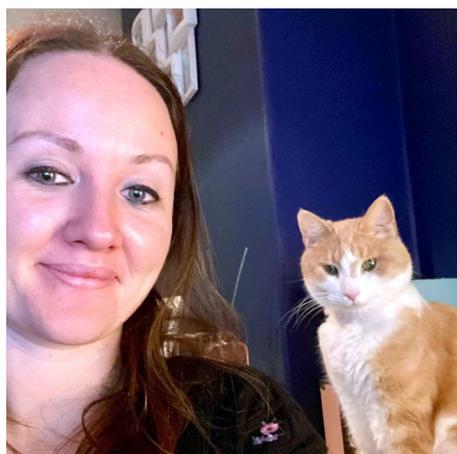
Could you be a fosterer?

We rely on fosterers to provide temporary homes for the animals in our care. Fostering an animal can help them recover from neglect, abuse, illness or injury. These are the first steps towards finding a new, loving forever home!

When you foster an animal, you'll also be freeing up space so that we can rescue more animals in desperate need. Some animals may not be able to properly cope in the kennel environment, and may need some extra TLC in order to get back on their paws.

It's rewarding to know that you played a key part in helping a rescued animal recover from a life of suffering and start a new life. You'll get to meet and care for animals with unique personalities and see them rehomed to a new family.

Fostering also gives people who would normally be unable to take in an animal long-term, due to other commitments, an alternative. If you or anyone you know would like some more information on fostering, we are keen to hear from you - especially if you are in our new branch area, in or around Horncastle, Louth, Mablethorpe, Grimsby, Gainsborough or Wragby!



VICKY & ZIPPY



DENISE & JESSIE

**ANIMALS
REHOMED
IN 2025...
SO FAR**



**34
CATS**



**9
DOGS**



**0
GUINEA PIG**



**0
RABBITS**

VOLUNTEERS' WEEK



COLIN - HOME VISITOR

This June we are so pleased to be able to celebrate Volunteer's Week. The campaign has been running for 40 years to recognise the value volunteers bring to charities across the country.

Our branch is so grateful to our huge volunteer base, totalling 64 people at time of writing, undertaking a wide range of activities: fostering our animals, talking to potential adopters as home visitors, working in our three shops, supporting our fundraising activities, and of course our trustees. Including our staff, who also often volunteer, can you believe our current team has given a total of 187 years' service! We are delighted to welcome 18 people who have joined us in the last year.

And we want to give a particular shout out to those who've been supporting our branch for more than a decade each: Chris and Amy Farrell, Kim Drew, Penny Kemp, Julie Kelham and Colin Lower. The time you've given over the years has benefited hundreds of animals who've been cared for by our branch. **Thank you all!**

Around the shops

As you will be aware, we have 3 charity shops manned by our wonderful staff and volunteers, the money we get from our shop sales goes straight towards looking after the animals in our care.

ST MARKS

We recently said farewell to Victoria, Shop Manager at St Marks, after 8 years with our branch.

Victoria had led St Marks during this period, and also Lambeth House, and was really valued by our loyal customers and volunteers. She was also a regular fundraiser for us, running the Lincoln 10k 3 times! We are so grateful to Victoria and wish her all the best for the future.



Becky has been very busy reorganising the shop floor and the storage. The whole floor is more light and airy, and she has even managed to do this by putting even more stock out, not reducing it! Volunteers have called the changes 'a breath of fresh air' - but what do you think?

We are always looking for more people to help out in the shop. Please email stmarks@rspca-lincoln.org.uk if you are interested, or pop in and have a chat!



WOODHALL SPA

Angus, in charge of the eBay finds over at Woodhall Spa, has been doing amazingly, too, with recent sells of a Dapol O model locomotive which went for £170, a pair of Levi's 501s which went for £38, and a Samsung Multi View digital camera which reached £185 after a bidding war of 35 total bidders! Great job you guys!



Other highlights include:

- Going all out for the VE Day celebrations in early May. Anything WWII related is always appreciated in Woodhall Spa, due to it being the home of the Dambusters.
- Easter raffle which raised a total of £244!



HIGH STREET SHOP

We were so grateful to the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, Mr Dennis, who opened our new High Street shop and branch hub on 22 February. Around 50 people and several dogs attended the opening ceremony and first day sales were really amazing. A dog lover, the Lord Lieutenant gave a short speech and 'cut the ribbon' stating how important he knows the work of our branch is, to raise funds and care for animals rescued from cruelty and neglect across our branch area.

Our new High Street shop and branch hub has come leaps and bounds since our opening day, growing and improving everyday! Our team has worked incredibly hard to cement our new venture as a branch into the community of Lincoln's busy High Street!

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us so far, we could not help the animals in our care without you!

During our time, we have had great weeks of trading and welcomed the community with our Charity Barber Day that was kindly orchestrated with the help of Henry Purcell at Mr Benjamin's Barbers. The event helped us raise over £50 for the animals in our care! Even our celebrity Tiger got in on the act!

We are excited to take part in RSPCA's national event of One Fun Day! On Saturday, 14th June from 11am-3:30pm we will be hosting an Arts & Crafts day with lots of fun activities for families to enjoy at the branch hub! Come along and join in!



Meet the Trustees of your Branch

We are always needing new trustees. Do you want to be more active and have a say on how your local Branch is run? If yes, why not consider becoming a Trustee? Apply on our website!



SOPHIE



DAWN



AMY



PENNY



DEBBY



LEWIS



RACHEL



PRESTON



CARLA



JO



GWEN



ROSEY

Fundraising events

CITY OF LINCOLN 10K



Whew, what a race! It was exhilarating to see the runners all tearing down the road, they came in droves and it was great to spot our vests in and amongst the crowd.

We just wanted to say a massive thank you for everyone who was involved, to our runners and race marshals, and those who donated and those who shared, from the accounts we've heard everyone was smashing PBs left right and centre - and we are so grateful to each and every one of you for taking part!

Our 25 runners who we had registered with us did amazingly at their fundraising goals, and we are grateful beyond belief to have received additional donations from supporters running on our behalf - at the time of writing, we have raised a whopping (drumroll please)... £4,438 - so a very very big well done everyone!

Along those lines, we're hoping to have continued success with our upcoming Lincoln Half Marathon, happening on the 5th October! We are still in need of runners and race marshals, so please let us know if you are able to support us on the day!

For more information, please contact the office:

office@rspca-lincoln.org.uk or 01522 544862

Climbing to the top - Maddison Thompson

In 2024, a young girl completed an arduous task, all in the name of the RSPCA Lincolnshire Mid, North East and Lincoln branch.

Maddison Thompson, then aged 8, challenged herself to climb Ben Nevis - the tallest mountain across the entire British Isles - to raise money for her local RSPCA branch. Her training involved scaling Kinder Scout at the peak district: but she wasn't done there! Next, she moved onto tackling Snowdon before her final challenge of Ben Nevis on the 18th May 2024. She definitely came out on top!

We're extremely grateful to report that her incredible feat raised a whopping 1739% of her initial fundraising goal. She donated £870 to our animals through her generous fundraising!

This was actually the largest fundraising-based donation the branch received over the whole of 2024, so once again we want to give a huge thank you to Maddie!



Diving in - Keisha Spicksley

On the 10th April 2025, Keisha Spicksley - who had just turned 16 - tackled a 150,000ft skydive all for our branch, raising a whopping final total of £753 for our branch.

Local news sites such as LincolnshireWorld reported on the incredible feat, and Keisha chose us because she is a 'huge animal lover; with a passion for the welfare of all animals' and we couldn't be more grateful to her!

We are so incredibly pleased that Keisha enjoyed the dive, and so thankful for the money raised!



Our cats play a starring role....

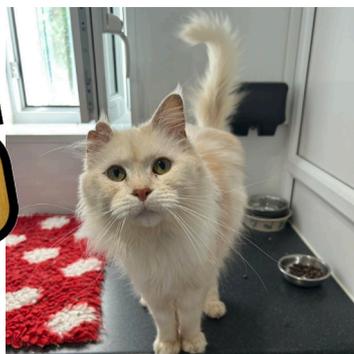
You may have seen that the Lincoln Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society (LAODS) is running a production of Cats this summer. Some of their actors have chosen our own current feline residents as namesakes!



Our Maine Coons all came in from a case of cat hoarding, there were 47 cats in total in the same house, and they started off as just a handful who kept interbreeding. They were all in a sorry state, and have all had to have some serial dental work done, and they all suffered from the flu as well as feline calicivirus.

We want to take this opportunity to put a focus on our cats, and raising money for our branch. We all know how full of personality cats can be, and can't you just imagine some of our current residents causing havoc by stealing the show, forgetting their lines, or causing a prop malfunction!?

The shows run on the 12th, 13th, 14th, 19th, 20th and 21st, for more information search for 'LAODS CATS 2025' or keep an eye on our social media for teasers and more information! **Spread the word that you can also text RSPCALINCOLN to 70470 and give a one-off donation of £3.00 to help our Maine Coons!**



JOIN ONE FUN DAY.

SATURDAY
14 JUNE
2025

Change animals' lives

Join us at our High Street shop in Lincoln for a fun, family-friendly arts and crafts day and help raise money for animals in our care.

11.00am - 3.30pm

JOIN IN THE FUN:

- Colouring
- Tombola
- Animal Origami
- Friendship bracelet making



ONE
FUN
DAY



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LINCOLNSHIRE MID, NORTH EAST & LINCOLN BRANCH

