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A message from our Chair

We've so much wonderful news to share with you in this edition of our newsletter - you may need a big mug of tea for this one!

We had our Annual General Meeting in June which included an update from the RSPCA Chief Inspector for Lincolnshire, Becky Lowe, on the amazing work they've been doing on the frontline for animals in need in our branch area.

Eight trustees were voted in for the coming year and I'm really looking forward to working with them on key projects - including our transition to being a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), contracting a new private boarding team in the North East of Lincolnshire to expand our animal rehoming activities, and growing strategic partnerships for fundraising and awareness raising! You'll be pleased to know that this is already underway, as we're also creating new opportunities with our partnerships already in place with Pets at Home and the University of Lincolnshire.

At our AGM, our Treasurer Penny, confirmed she will unfortunately be stepping down at our next AGM. Penny has been absolutely key to our financial compliance since 2013! In just the 18 months I've known Penny, she has managed the complexities of merging with the North East RSPCA branch, transitioning to a CIO, as well as wrangling banks to get the most from our money with the diligence you would expect from a seasoned accountant, but also a welcome dash of feline grace.

We are so grateful to Penny, and on the lookout for a new Treasurer, so do get in touch with me if you or a friend are interested in finding out more about what's involved in being a Trustee with us!

Sophie Easteal, Chair and Trustee
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Branch Treasurer required

We are looking for someone to take on the role of Branch Treasurer.

You don't have to be a trustee or an RSPCA member, just have enthusiasm for what we do and be good at maths!

If you, or someone you know, may be interested, please contact seasteal@rspca-lincoln.org.uk for more information about the post.



Libby leaves us!

In bittersweet news, our previous office administrator has swapped Lincoln for her Southernly roots. Libby has been the administrator since April 2024 and tells us she enjoyed every moment of the role. The Branch gave her a lovely send off with a get-together in Hartsholme Park!

Good luck for your future endeavours Libby from everyone here at the Branch!



Animal latest

Bruce

Brilliant Bruce is a GSD who came to our branch on the 24th July 2024, from a multi-dog household where he had been left in the garden and neglected.

He was extremely underweight when he first came to us, and has now been placed in a foster home as he found the kennel environment very overstimulating.

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 is doing wonderful with his training to get him more comfortable.

Bruce loves human company, and is confident and playful around children, and has an overall very friendly and kind nature towards people. We have had a few applications in for him but unfortunately these have not ticked the boxes on his perfect home, so now after over a year in our care, we're hoping to find him a perfect home.



Luna

Luna the gorgeous GSD also came to our branch on the 24th July 2024, after being neglected and left to starve in the garden.

She's around 3 years old and gets frightened around other dogs, so as well as being the only dog in a home, she will need some training to work on her reactivity. She was adopted out and then unfortunately returned to us due to the adopter getting another dog only a few days after bringing Luna home. But redirection and patience are 2 strategies which she responds well to!

Luna needs a breed-experienced owner as she needs reassurance and a confident leader – otherwise, she is a hugely affectionate and playful young lady who can't wait to find a safe and loving home environment.

She has been through a lot of hardship in her short life so far, but she adores humans and is just waiting for a calm and safe home environment so she can be herself.



REHOMING SUCCESS

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



KELLY



COOKIE



MOANA



ANUBIS



MARMALADE

Recently, Luna visited Poppy's Pool in Ruskington for a special treat, the change to go swimming! She was very timid and unsure to begin with but soon after some encouragement she had an amazing time.

We want to thank our private boarding establishment for giving Luna the opportunity, their time and patience with her has been truly remarkable over this year, as with all of our animals who they go above and beyond for on a daily basis.



Pub-Crawl Peanut!

We were devastated to hear that one of our adopted cats had gone missing on the 3rd July after his adopters contacted us - but thankfully, we can report that he is now home safe!

Peanut was eventually found at the Vat & Fiddle taproom at Castle Rock Brewery in Nottingham (he was adopted to a lovely family in North Hykeham) and assumedly had snuck into one of the brewery vans and travelled back with them!

His 35 mile adventure ended when people noticed him at the brewery, thankfully after being checked for a microchip they were able to locate his relieved owners through the vets and send him back on his way!

Unfortunately we had heard that he had since gone missing a second time - but can you guess where he was found? Yep, back at the brewery - perhaps he should be renamed Pilsner!

Peanut's tale was also featured on news sites like the Daily Mail, BBC Look North and the BBC - just search for 'Peanut Pub Cat' to catch up!



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



**48
CATS**



**18
DOGS**



**0
GUINEA PIG**



**0
RABBITS**

LINCOLN
LOTTERY

Did you know that our branch has been supporting the Lincoln Lottery run by Lincolnshire County Council since 2018? Tickets start from just £1 a week, with big prizes available! They also run Super Draws which have prizes of £1,000!

University collaboration for animal welfare

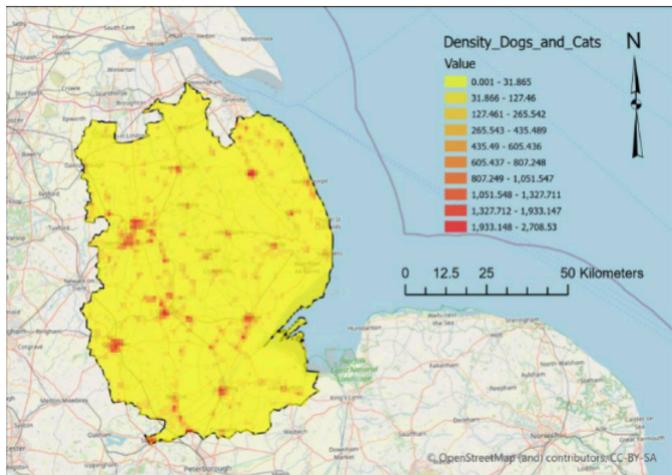
We were fortunate to be selected by the University of Lincoln Employer Project Award team to have a small group of super students from a range of disciplines complete a short summer project for us.



We asked them to undertake a feasibility study of our branch running a mobile animal welfare clinic, building on the one already running successfully in north Wales, adapted to our wonderful Lincolnshire geography.

They did a great job and were really passionate about the project potential for the branch area. Within the project, they looked at the county's demographics including pet ownership levels and vet practice density, which supported their ideas around routes/ working days of a mobile clinic. They looked into the types of services that could be offered and how that would impact staffing and volunteer requirements as well as equipment, types of van, licenses and possible fees/discounted fees.

Finally, they looked into possible partnerships, marketing and funding routes. We were invited to their final project presentation and were really impressed with the depth they had gone into, curiosity & enthusiasm. We are applying to be in a future student project group to hopefully take this idea further, because their initial feasibility did prove our theory that this is a great option for our branch to support more people and their wonderful animals! If you want to find out more, please contact seasteal@rspca-lincoln.org.uk.



Animals looking for their forever homes...more info on our website



STORM
Bengal
4 yrs old



ROSCOE
Bull/crossbreed
1 yr 7 months old



MIXIE & TEDDY
Pomeranian & Chihuahua
11 & 9 yrs old



WHITEY
Domestic Longhair
5 yrs old

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've had a revamp of both St Marks and Woodhall Spa with our gorgeous new signage, meaning that all 3 of our charity shops are now up to date and looking their best. As you can see in the pictures, the eye-catching outside decals are utterly amazing - pop into your nearest shop to check out the insides, too!

At St Marks, we haven't stopped there: the inside is getting repainted, meaning we've had to have a big old clear-out in the meantime to access the unloved walls. We want to give a huge thank you to the volunteers involved in both the pre-paint activities and those who gave their time to help sort the storeroom whilst the shopfloor was getting itself pretty - it's with your help that we have been able to do this, and now the works are complete, it looks just like new!



Woodhall Spa

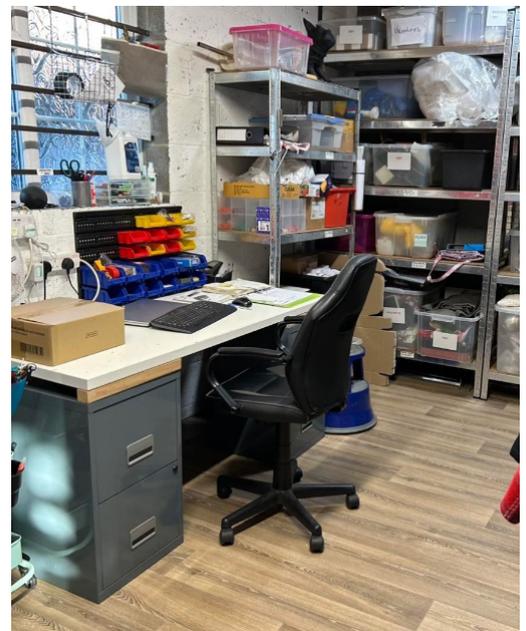
Not to be left out, Woodhall Spa has had some lovely new flooring fitted!

The staff also took part in the VJ Day celebrations back in August, with the Lancaster Bomber making a timely flyover!

The 'Name The Orangutan' competition made £27.

September will see them run their 'Date With Book' promotion, so if you're an avid reader come along and bag a bargain!

And, as the season looms, they are already collecting for their Christmas Raffle...donations welcome!



High Street

The Asylum Steampunk Festival was an amazing success, particularly for our High Street shop. Their social media featured the wonderful models of Tilly and Caroline (dressed by Debs!) who were quickly spotted by BBC Radio Lincolnshire, who invited Tilly and Debs in for an interview. You can listen to this here (they're on just after R.E.M's 'Man On The Moon' - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m002h21m?partner=uk.co.bbc&origin=share-mobile>)

Did you know that in our High Street shop, we can now claim Gift Aid on donations? If you are able to pop in, all you'll need to do is fill in a quick Gift Aid form to enable us to claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give - and it won't cost you any extra at all! You can bring in your donations as usual and it'll quickly add up to benefit local animals.

We're always grateful to receive quality donations in our charity shops - as a branch, we are dependent on the generosity of the public to care for local animals. We don't receive any government funding and will accept donations of clothes, bric a brac, shoes, toys, pet food and items like beds, toys and collars, bedding and more! Drop off your items at any of these locations:

St Marks - St Marks Church Hall, St Marks Street, Lincoln, LN5 7BA

High Street - 261 High Street, Lincoln, LN2 1HW

Woodhall Spa - Station Road, Woodhall Spa, LN10 6QL

Alternatively, you can drop donations off at **Southside**, Colegrave Street, Lincoln LN5 8DW

Unfortunately we are unable to accept donations of duvets even for the animals, as these are hard to clean and dry for our private boarding establishments.



And finally...it's never too early to start planning for Christmas!

Woodhall Spa - We want to celebrate with a meal together - contact us on woodhallspa@rspca-lincoln.org.uk if you would like to join us to book your place in time!

High Street - We will also have an event going on to celebrate the season, let us know on lincshighstreet@rspca-lincoln.org.uk if you'd like to pop in for mulled wine and nibbles upstairs in the shop, we will also have a raffle!

St Marks - There will be fun festivities ongoing at St Marks too - a shop gathering with snacks and a quiz, please let us know of numbers if you'd like to attend by contacting stmarks@rspca-lincoln.org.uk



Fundraising events



As you'll know, this is a very exciting time of year for us and we are pleased to say that we are working on a few projects at present for the branch.

First and foremost, the Lincolnshire Half Marathon is set to happen on the 5th October 2025. We have seen amazing interest in this event but are still short a few runners and stewards.

What would you be doing as a steward? Tasked with ensuring that motorists affected by the road closures are put back on their merry way and that any runners in need can be flagged, most of the time it is a case of cheering for the runners as they whizz by! You will only be required from 8am - approx 12.15pm as we have already been allocated our section which is around the Bailgate in Lincoln.

What would you be doing as a runner? Well, aside from the obvious, we'd pay your entry fee and provide you with a running vest in return for you to fundraise for our branch! We're asking runners to raise a minimum of £150 for us but will support you with an informational runners pack and guidance whenever you need it, alongside your friends and family who will surely cheer you on!

There is more information here on our website if you are interested or wish to share this with someone you know who would be: <https://www.rspca-lincoln.org.uk/events/>

Meet the Trustees of your Branch

We are always needing new trustees with varying skills.

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



RACHEL



PRESTON



GWEN



EVERY RUNNER FOR EVERY ANIMAL

We are putting together a team for the Lincoln Half Marathon on Sunday 5th October 2025. If you would like to run and fundraise for us or volunteer in some other capacity, please contact:

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

