

The Branch Catch-Up

Branch AGM 2026

Are you coming?!

Animal latest

Lots of rehoming activity!

Fundraising

Spreading awareness of our Branch



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A message from our Chair



It's great to be writing our latest newsletter, with spring literally bursting all around us! I particularly love the longer days, when I can get home in time now for an evening walk with my dog Scala.

Scala and I were particularly delighted it was a beautiful sunny day at the Countryside Lincs Show on 19th April where we were so proud to represent our branch. It was a really amazing event with displays from falconers, heavy horses and even a giant tortoise!

As ever, our newsletter is packed with updates about the things we've been doing, from fundraising in our shops, and with retail partners, improving our reach through volunteering partnerships, and of course welcoming lots of new animals into branch, and wishing several onto their forever homes.

It's also been a great start to our new Animal Welfare Fund, with £12.5k distributed since February so far, by Whitney. She has really hit the ground running in our branch's new Animal Welfare Officer role, speaking with potential beneficiaries and partner organisations and identifying the best way our Fund can help keep animals in their loving homes. This is in addition to our regular welfare vouchers.

And there's much more to come, with our AGM and also a celebration for our volunteers in June! Wishing everyone a brilliant spring, do get in touch if you want more information or have ideas for our branch!

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Meet the Trustees of your Branch



SOPHIE



DAWN



AMY



DEBBY



BEN



PENNY



RACHEL



CHRIS



PRESTON

Got a question? A great idea for your Branch?
Get in touch!

Branch AGM 2026

Our 2026 AGM will take place on 27 June 2026 at 10.30am.

Please let our office know if you'd like more information or to attend. Branch Members will be contacted directly with relevant joining information.

We are always looking for people to join the Trustee board. Get in touch with me if you are interested in helping shape the future of the Branch!

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COVER PHOTO COMPETITION

May's cover star is Zima! With thanks to Zima's owner Maggie Rose for submitting him. Isn't he a beauty! Maggie is a volunteer at our RSPCA Shop in Woodhall Spa.

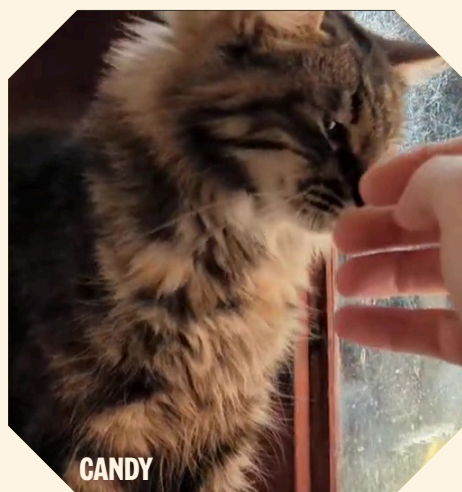
Would your beloved pet like to be our next edition's cover star!? Please send your entries to our office by 30th June. Photos must be portrait ideally to work well on our cover.



Animal latest

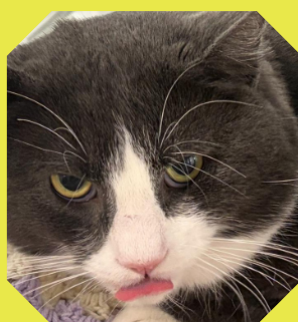
Fluffy & Candy

Fluffy and Candy were long time residents of ours. They were found in a dilapidated caravan and brought to us by an inspector on the 3rd October 2025. They were dirty, scared and stuck close to each other. Candy is very playful and outgoing, whereas Fluffy is more timid with a heart murmur, but loves to follow Candy and feels safe with her. Over time they regained their confidence and learned to love people again. After 177 days with us they found their forever home!



Cracker

Cracker was found as a stray by one of our partners, and was very nervous he wouldn't allow anyone to pick him up, only gently stroking him. After much reassurance, he soon learned that we weren't scary and after 104 days in our care, he was able to find a perfect forever home!



Moo

Moo came to us on the 20th November 2025 from the inspector. A beautiful girl and aptly named with her black and white features. Moo struggled to find her perfect match but as she revealed more of her sweet personality and strict boundaries, we were able to find her forever home after 90 days!

REHOMING SUCCESS

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



GINGERNUT



MIDNIGHT



PICKLE



APRICOT



BOBBY

Poppy

Poppy was brought to us by an inspector on the 19th December 2025 after being found in horrid conditions. We cleaned her up but poor Poppy had developed a couple of medical conditions that needed specific care; a skin condition and eye problems as well as a surgery to remove a lump. Fortunately Poppy found a perfect match with a kind soul who was able to support her needs and give her unconditional love. Poppy left our care after 83 days.



Four pups and a Bowser!

Four staffie cross pups came together from an inspector, very lively and lacking in manners. After a period of basic training, Reign, Khan and Tonto have found their forever homes. Whitney has started to develop relationships with other local branches to support rehoming and the last pup, Major, has been transferred to our friends in RSPCA Hull and East Riding Branch for

a better chance at finding his match due to the types of households looking for dogs there. We took the fabulous Bowser in return, who wasn't happy with life in Hull and was looking for a more rural retreat. Hopefully he will find his forever home soon.



BOWSER



KHAN

Long term resident - Honey

Honey is a 7 year old French Bulldog who has been with us since 13th May 2025. She is a lovely frenchie, a breed who are known to be affectionate, a little goofy and have low exercise needs. Frenchies are prone to breathing difficulties due to their flat faces but Honey is as happy as can be! She loves to play with her soft toys and is a sunbathing connoisseur, she is regularly found on the grass with her eyes closed basking in the sunlight and enjoying a belly rub. Honey is struggling to find her forever home as many people are put off by hearing the word 'bulldog,' as well as the breathing difficulties associated with her breed. What they are missing out on is a loyal bundle of joy who just wants to be loved, played with and receive belly rubs. Due to Honey's previous environments, she would suit a home where she can be the only dog with children older than 12 years old but visits can be arranged to introduce her to younger children if all other criteria are met.



The Bridgerton Kittens

After taking in a stray and her kittens and with the recent release of Bridgerton Season 4, members of our branch decided on some fetching names for our diamonds. Benedict, Colin, Eloise, Gregory, Hyacinth and mum Lady Violet were hits with potential adopters before they were even advertised. After receiving over 50 applications, the family are well on their way to finding their forever homes.



**ANIMALS
REHOMED
IN 2026...
SO FAR**



**29
CATS**



**7
DOGS**



**0
GUINEA PIG**



**0
RABBIT**

Animal Welfare Fund

Supporting local people to keep their animals in loving homes

The Animal Welfare fund has helped the owners of over 25 pets to date access financial help when they needed it most. The fund has helped a puppy suffering with Parvo, another with various mammary tumours. We also supported someone who needed temporary boarding covered while they were in hospital. The branch has also contributed towards numerous neuterings, supported an owner with dignified euthanasia and assisted with essential dental treatment for a local well loved cat. Whitney is working hard with local vets, neighbouring charities as well as owners to get the right outcomes for local animals. We are so pleased to have this new opportunity to support even more animals and are still also managing the regular welfare voucher scheme as well.

Fundraising and volunteering

We saw lots of Easter themed activities in our shops, raising funds and welcoming new customers into the shops! At Woodhall Spa, the Easter hamper raised an amazing £300! At St Marks, we raised £165 and the winner actually donated the chocolates in the hamper back to our volunteers! With High Street raising £100.



This is Theo upselling St Marks 'pick a stick' till game, which generated £100 in a single week!



We have been chosen to hold a stand at Tesco in Lincoln and have now done a day at two different stores. Both of the days have raised funds, generated donated food that we can sell or give to our branch animals, and raise awareness for our shops and how to volunteer with us. We often find that people don't appreciate the connection between raising funds in our shops and how it enables us to help real animals in need, nor how we work with the National Society.

This is Emily a volunteer who usually spends her time helping at St Marks RSPCA shop, taking a day out and doing an amazing job speaking to Tesco customers about the branch.



We have 6 other dates for Tesco fundraising days, and a May bank holiday weekend event at Pets at Home, Tritton Road, Lincoln. If you can help, please get in touch with our Office.



Countryside Lincs

We were delighted to be offered a free Education Exhibitor stand at the Countryside Lincs show on 19 April 2026 at the Lincolnshire Showground. Over 7000 people attended the show on a beautiful sunny day. Our Education Stand showcased dental and weight management tips, as well as promoted the animals currently looking for new homes, and even a bit of fundraising!



VOLUNTEERS' WEEK



Get Involved

1-7
June

volunteersweek.org

#VolunteersWeek



We are holding a Volunteer's Week celebration picnic at Hartsholme Park in Lincoln on Sunday 7th June 2026 from 2pm-4pm.

Bring your own nibbles, pets and family!

Our volunteers are crucial to our charity's success, whether fostering our branch animals, supporting rehoming with home visits, benign vital to the success of our shop network, fundraising, or being a trustee! We are so grateful for every minute you give up to make a positive impact on local animals in need of love and care. We appreciate everything you do!

If you'd like more information about the picnic or volunteering, contact our Office or view our volunteer vacancies here:

<https://lincolnshirevolunteers.teamkinetic.co.uk/volunteers/provider-profile/RSPCALincsMidNEandLincoln>



Powering up our volunteering

And what's this new volunteer vacancy page you may ask? We have set up a new partnership with Lincs CVS to promote our volunteer opportunities.

Their volunteer management platform is provided free of charge and gives us much greater reach to promote our branch and ensure local people can get involved as much or as little as they can!

We are also delighted to now have a volunteer vacancy promoted on the University of Lincoln Student Union, with a focus on bringing new volunteers into our amazing High Street RSPCA shop.

We have been really delighted to hear that two of our St Marks Shop volunteers, Theo and Nathan, have recently started in paid employment alongside continuing to volunteer. They have found volunteering with us a really helpful way to boost their confidence and gain skills such as customer service, cash handling and working as a team, all of which has stood them in great stead for the hard work of interviewing and securing a paid role - well done & thank you so much for continuing to volunteer with us!





EVERY RUNNER FOR EVERY ANIMAL

We are putting together a team for the Lincoln Half Marathon on Sunday 4th October 2026. If you would like to run and fundraise for us or volunteer in some other capacity, please contact:

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