



# RSPCA DURHAM AND DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

## Autumn 2009

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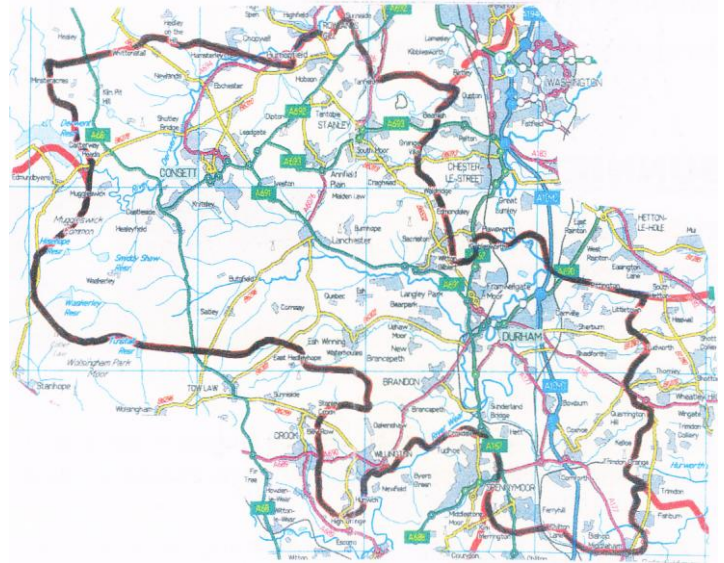
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The RSPCA Durham and District branch only operates in a defined area. To the right is a map showing edged in black where our branch covers .

Surrounding us are 5 other RSPCA branches - Newcastle/Northumberland; Northumberland West; Sunderland and Hartlepool; Darlington; North Tees.

All branches have their own group of members drawn from the national Society membership. If you donate money to the RSPCA each month but are not a Member and would like to be involved in your local branch please contact us. If you are a Member and would like to consider becoming a Trustee or volunteer with us please get in touch.

As a small independent branch we are responsible for all our own costs and have to fundraise from within our branch area only, so if you live within this area on the map we are dependent on your support both for volunteers to work with us and funds.



Come and support our auction of small items e.g. antiques & collectables, jewellery, household, pictures, a Newcastle United signed football

## AUCTION

**Sat 12th September**

Viewing of items from 11am  
bidding starts at 12.

**Willington Methodist  
Church hall**

*Behind the High street near  
the Co-op.*

We are not charging  
commission just a  
small entry fee of  
50p.



## XMAS FAIR.

**Saturday 12th  
December**

North Road  
Methodist Church Hall

Durham  
10am-2pm

homemade cat , Xmas gift  
items, bric a brac, tombola,  
lucky dip, games

**NATIONAL CRUELTY HELPLINE 0300 1234 999**  
To report any incidents of neglect or cruelty. There is no  
local number, all calls must go to this number

## FUNDRAISING NEWS

RSPCA WEEK AT Tesco IN DURHAM raised £875

A COLLECTION AT Sainsburys IN DURHAM raised £480

Durham city street collection raised £220

Our summer DOG SHOW raised £810

Many thanks go to Framwellgate Moor School who have been fundraising for us for over a year now and have raised over £1,000 This is a fantastic achievement and we are very grateful to them for all their hard work



## BUNNIES

**Right: Two of the 10 rabbits we, have for adoption at the moment,** a brother and sister pure white Netherland Dwarf bunnies about 5 months old, both neutered.



We have 2 pairs of rabbits and several singles in lop and up eared available for adoption at the moment. Please email or ring 0191 3883106 for details.

Since starting to take in rabbits for rehoming we have received a lot of enquires from people wanting to give up their rabbits. As our rabbits are looked after in foster homes we are only able to take in a limited amount and try to prioritise space for those brought in by the inspectors as these are in most need.

Many of the rabbits we have had in this year have come in from an allotment where Inspectors had to remove hundreds of animals where they were being bred in unsuitable conditions for sale to pet shops. The two above were part of that group.

If you have 2 rabbits have the sex confirmed by a vet to ensure that they are not male and female as you have been told they are the same sex when they are not.

Remember to cover up rabbit hutches to make them wind and rain proof as the weather gets colder or bring them into a garage or shed.

## KITTENS GALORE

We have had a strange year for cats, at the beginning of the year we had the unusual situation of having very few cats for adoption. Over the months it has gradually built up and now August has seen a huge amount of pregnant queens and ones with litters in tow being brought in. Kittens will not be adopted to homes where the owner is at work full time as they need care throughout the day.



Above: Jay, another dog saved and given a new life.

## STAFF FAREWELLS

Two of our shop staff Pat and Sylvia have now left employment with us and we would like to say A BIG THANK YOU to them for all their dedication and hard work over the years. We hope to welcome a new assistant manager very shortly.

## A happy dog story

A few months ago a situation came to the attention of the Inspectors where 16 dogs were being kept in a house. Three male dogs who had been bred at the house came in to us after a lot of persuasion to get the owner to sign them over. One of them who we named Jay, was a 3 year old Staffie Labrador cross and was extremely nervous and terrified of everything as he had never been out of the house since he was born and was not used to seeing people or the world outside.

He has now been rehomed to a lovely retired couple near the coast and he is experiencing what it is to be a normal dog for the first time in his life just being able to run about and enjoy himself and be a happy playful young dog.

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter or are receiving it in error please email us to inform us of this.

**PLEASE SEE OUR WEB SITE FOR DOGS CURRENTLY NEEDING NEW HOMES**

*DISCLAIMER: We were recently asked to have a display and stall in the Gates shopping Centre in Durham. Alongside us was an organisation called The Animal Man from Glasgow who takes reptiles, chickens, rabbits, rats etc to parties and schools. It seems there was some confusion in the public's mind about the animals and following a few complaints we would like to make it clear that the animals were not brought by the RSPCA but by this organisation which has no connection to us whatsoever. The RSPCA does not condone the use of animals for entertainment.*