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ANIMAL CENTRE



Leicestershire, Peterborough & Rutland Branch

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WELCOME

Hello again to all our lovely supporters. We can't believe that we are already in another year!

As usual, it has been a challenging year at Woodside but we have a great deal about which we can be proud since our last issue of Inside was released.

Firstly, the Inspectors now have an office on site here. We are great believers in the 'one team' approach and so having the uniformed Inspectorate on hand is proving to be a really positive move.

Secondly, we now have a vet centre of our own here at Woodside! This is now operational and we have employed our own vet and vet nurse here, a first for the charity. To be able to examine, treat and operate on our own animals will make a significant difference to us financially, but more importantly, the animals will be less stressed as they will not have to be transported to a private veterinary surgery with unfamiliar sights and sounds. (See article about this later in the magazine)

Somehow we have managed to put on several events this year and it has been a joy to see so many of you back on site for these. Several car boot sales, a PetFest weekend and RSPCA's 'one fun day' were amongst the events on offer. Our annual Christmas market in November is always a crowd-puller too and gets us all into the festive spirit!

We have also been working hard on an exciting new initiative. We have now merged with the smaller branch of Peterborough and so we are proud to announce our charity name is now 'RSPCA Leicestershire, Peterborough and Rutland branch' (charity number remains 222621). We have explained more about this later in the magazine.

Wishing you all a happy, peaceful and safe festive season!

Neil Overall

Head of Income Generation
RSPCA Leicestershire, Peterborough and Rutland Branch



For over 135 years we have been caring for mistreated, abandoned and neglected animals in Leicestershire Peterborough and Rutland.

Woodside Animal Centre, the home of RSPCA Leicestershire, Peterborough and Rutland Branch, is a local independent charity.

We rely almost entirely on the generosity of our donors, supporters and the general public to help fund our work to improve animal welfare in our region.

RSPCA WOODSIDE'S LATEST NEWS

- RSPCA Woodside's longest stayers, Esti and Elsa the labrador retrievers, have found their forever families! Updates on how they're getting on in their new homes will be posted on social media, and in the upcoming Inside magazine.
- RSPCA Woodside are now offering a pet microchipping service for under £8. Check out RSPCA Woodside's website at rspcaleicester.org.uk/services for more details. Additionally, stray animals can be checked for a microchip at RSPCA Woodside's reception.
- Due to the Cost-of-Living Crisis, a Community Pet Food Bank will be started-up by RSPCA Woodside. Pet food packages will be made up by staff and volunteers, and given out at RSPCA Woodside, and at RSPCA Woodside's charity shops. Details of this will be promoted on social media and in local newspapers and community magazines once the Pet Community Food Bank is up-and-running. We have gift cards available that support dogs and cats in need. Simply pop into RSPCA Woodside or call **0116 233 6677** to buy one for the animal lover in your life.



MERGER WITH PETERBOROUGH BRANCH

During early 2021, seven neighbouring branches were approached by the trustees of the Peterborough branch of the RSPCA who were asking if we may be interested in merging with them. The reason behind this was that they felt that they were unable to carry out as much welfare and rehoming as they wanted, and their branch is run by volunteers with only five paid employees who work in their two charity shops. This meant a lack of time available to devote to the RSPCA work and a resulting inability to grow the RSPCA in the area. I am delighted to say we were the chosen branch after giving them a presentation entitled 'Stronger Together'.

Fast-forward 18 months and we are very close to the end of the merger process. The branch's name is now 'RSPCA Leicestershire, Peterborough and Rutland branch' and we now have six charity shops run by the branch (Hinckley, Birstall, Wigston, Melton Mowbray, Market Deeping, and Whittlesey). Our charity number remains the same (222621) and you will not see any noticeable difference in the work we do at Woodside, but our geographical area

and reach have grown. Once the merger process is totally complete, I hope to be able to establish a strategy for supporting pets in that area and holding fundraising and awareness events.

Our phones at Woodside are now receiving enquiries from the Peterborough area, and in the absence of a PDSA surgery in that region, people are asking for financial help towards getting their animals treated at their local vet. In addition, we are now intaking unwanted animals from this new area and so the demand for space at Woodside has never been higher.

With the new vet facility on-site at Woodside, we hope to potentially be able to offer reduced-cost neutering at Woodside for these animals in the not-too-distant future. Of course, the Inspectors are still attending complaints and rescues in the Peterborough area and bringing us animals as a result.

It will be exciting to see how the new larger branch area evolves over the coming months.

FOREVER HOME STORY- TREVOR

A 20-year-old man came into RSPCA Woodside's pet shop at the beginning of the year asking for some freeze spray. When asked by our retail assistants, what he wanted the freeze spray for, reluctantly he stated, he was planning to crop his dog's ears. The retail staff informed him that this procedure is illegal in the United Kingdom because it can cause significant health problems for animals. However, he walked off, seemingly undeterred. RSPCA Woodside's retail assistants reported him to the inspectors and police. However, the man still went ahead with cropping the dog's ears. The dog was a 15-week-old American Bulldog puppy called Bully.

The state of Bully's ears following the procedure was discovered and reported to RSPCA inspector Herchy Boal during a subsequent vet visit. Inspector Boal said "both ear flaps had been cut with exposure of the cartilage. The ears appeared sore and red." A vet who examined Bully stated "there was no evidence of any conventional surgical technique, or dressing covering the ears" and Inspector Boal stated she "wasn't aware of the patient having received any kind of medication."

Bully was removed from his previous owner and taken to RSPCA Woodside for rehoming. A new home was found for Bully (now known as Trevor) within 2 weeks. Trevor's new family absolutely adore him. Trevor's mum said "Trevor is so loving and loves to be with you. He loves to play with his huge basket of toys. Squeaky toys are his favourite. He makes us laugh all the time with the funny faces he pulls. He is very friendly towards other dogs and people, which is amazing considering what he's been through. He tests our patience sometimes by running off and ignoring us, but we wouldn't be without him. He is also the best van buddy and absolutely loves camping!

RSPCA Woodside would like to reiterate that **ear cropping is illegal** and only done for cosmetic purposes and usually results in infections and other ear issues. We are firmly against ear cropping and if you suspect anyone of cropping their dog's ears or organising for a dog's ears to be cropped, please call the RSPCA cruelty line on: 0300 1234 999.

RSPCA Woodside is thrilled that Trevor and his adoring family found each other. Trevor's family kindly sent us photos of his 1st birthday party. You can follow Trevor's journey on his personal Instagram account:

[@Trevor.johnsonx](#)



FUNDRAISING ROUND UP

Howes Percival Solicitors, Leicester office, have been our corporate sponsors for 2022, carrying out fundraising events including a pancake day and a pub quiz. Staff members from their Leicester office have even ran marathons for us. Howes Percival have also very generously offered to match the amount staff fundraise. Currently, Howes Percival staff have managed to fundraise over £4,500. They even helped us set up our Christmas Market event in November. We are incredibly grateful for all of their fundraising efforts and for choosing us as their Charity of the Year for 2022. RSPCA Woodside would like to say a massive thank you for all of their support!

Samworth Brothers have also raised several thousand pounds for Woodside as some of their team ran a marathon for us. We are grateful for their fundraising contribution.

Since the last edition we have been trying to make up lost ground with our events and have held several throughout the year both on and off the Woodside site.

In March, we held our first sponsored dog walk around Thornton Reservoir, three very successful car boots in April, August and October as well as the RSPCA One Fun day in June.

The car boots have proven popular since the covid outbreak and have been well supported with a maximum capacity achieved in August and October. These will definitely feature next year and the best way to find out what's happening is to visit the website or follow us on Facebook.

The Pet Fest event is one of our biggest annual events but it was touch and go whether the dog show could run in the soaring hot temperatures but fortunately went ahead and attracted loads of four legged visitors to Woodside. The show featured demonstrations from the Nuneaton dog agility team and the police demonstrated their skills with a german shepherd called Reg who was a former resident at the centre.



Audience watching the Dog Show at Pet Fest

During the summer we ventured away from the centre and attended Knighton park show, where we hosted the dog show and have-a-go agility as well as a couple of fundraising stalls. The show proved popular and the event organisers told us that it was the biggest and best dog show in years. We are always happy to fly the Woodside flag.

We held a Christmas Market event in November which raised a significant £12,300. Special thank you to Genies Gems for delivering Santa, to Musical Village Choir for providing lots of festive cheer, and to the Grinch for not stealing Christmas!

Fundraising has been tough this year, as everyone feels the pinch as due to the cost-of-living crisis and prices soaring. Woodside too is feeling the strain since large rises in utility bills and animal feed are hitting home. If you can spare a few pounds then please remember the animals here at Woodside – you can donate online at www.rspcaleicester.org.uk/donate-today or scan the QR code.



A massive thanks to everyone who have volunteered, helped fundraise, donated items, or attended our events this year, we really appreciate all of the help that you give us, we couldn't run the centre without you.

Thank you for caring.



A spaniel having a go at our Knighton Park dog agility course



Lots of visitors to our Undercover area at our Christmas Market event

MODERN DAY PUPPY FARMING

Recently at RSPCA Woodside, we've received numerous calls from concerned individuals about the animals they are looking after. These individuals were asked by animal breeders to care for a pregnant dog and her puppies until they have been weaned. Most people love puppies so they kindly agree, thinking it will be a fun experience. If the pregnancy and puppy development go to plan, the animal breeder will collect the puppies once they have been weaned from mum, and then sell them to new families. However, if the pregnancy doesn't go to plan and mum or the puppies become poorly and need to see a vet, suddenly the individual caring for the animals won't be able to get in contact with the breeder anymore. This is modern-day puppy farming.

Modern-day puppy farming stops breeders from being limited to how many dogs they are breeding at once. This practice keeps breeders' costs to a minimum as the caring individuals will often pay for food and vet bills for the mum and pups, and clean them out, so breeders don't have to carry out these tasks themselves. The modern-day puppy farming practice makes it more difficult for RSPCA inspectors and the police to track how many dogs each

breeder is responsible for. Additionally, breeders who have been banned from keeping animals can avoid detection as they persuade unwitting individuals to care for their animals in their own homes.

At RSPCA Woodside, we want to raise awareness of the dangers of modern-day puppy farming. If an animal breeder asks you to care for their pregnant dog and puppies, we recommend declining their offer and reporting them to the RSPCA Cruelty Line at **0300 1234 999**.



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WELCOMING NEW FRIENDS TO WOODSIDE

At the beginning of the year, we became aware of the Peterborough branch of the RSPCA vying for a merger with a neighbouring branch, we made a bid as we've worked with this branch for many years.

Woodside was chosen as the branch best suited to bring the Peterborough shops onboard and after several months of planning, we officially joined forces on May 1st, 2022.

We have gained two new shops and a group of wonderful staff and volunteers with a wealth of experience behind them. The first is in Whittlesey, a small market town in the Fenland district. Whittlesey shop is run by manager Pat, her two deputies Karin and Vicky, and a dedicated team of volunteers. They have become well-established in the community and offer a fantastic shopping experience for anyone in the area. The other shop is in Market Deeping, a picturesque town in southernmost Lincolnshire. There we have Anne the manager and deputy Amanda running things brilliantly with their volunteer team, great window

displays, and low prices that have people flocking to this location.

We are all delighted to welcome these shops and their teams to Woodside and hope these additional revenue streams can help us reach even more animals in need, across a now even wider area.



FINISHING ON A HIGH (END) NOTE

As many of you may be aware, we closed our Coalville shop and moved to Hinckley with our current staff on Monday 3rd October.

The Coalville shop remained open until May 18th while we prepared to transition to our Hinckley site. This has been hard on the staff in Coalville, and we commend them for trusting us through this process. We'd like to thank the people of Coalville for their support over the years. The shop has been struggling for volunteers and donations however, earlier in the year, a donor walked in with a surprise...

We received an email from the Coalville shop manager- 'We've had a load of designer jewellery donated -boxes of it.' She writes, adding it will be sent to Woodside via our collection van, 'looks real but can never be sure' the email ends.

That week, boxes of jewellery arrived. Dior, Chanel, Bulgari, Vivienne Westwood, Versace, Armani, box after box of bracelets, necklaces, and other accessories. The more we sorted the less we dared to hope it's genuine, over 250 individual items catalogued, surely no one would donate this volume of real designer jewellery to a charity shop?

We visit a local auction house who are equally as sceptical, 'I doubt its real' they

tell us, we give them a small selection of items to sell and make a reasonable profit of around £270.

After doing some research, we came across Chiswick Auction House. They agree to value our items for free and, if we choose to go to auction, would only charge a 6% commission fee as we're a charity. All we had to do now was get the items to London.

The first 129 come through, their low estimates were mostly in the range of £70 - £80 an item, adding up to around £9,400. Then the rest of the jewellery comes through, a further £11,000. These are the prices they recommended we put as our reserves.

The sheer volume of items means they will have to be separated into different sales, the first of which took place on July 15th. We sold 13 items of designer jewellery for a total of £2,350, that's an average of £150 an item, we have over 200 items left to sell over the next year. We will be announcing further auctions on our social media so please keep an eye out for more information.

Thank you to the experts at Chiswick Auction house for helping us and to the amazing donor from Coalville for their generosity.



WOODSIDE VET CENTRE

Woodside vet centre update

In the last edition of Inside, we were telling you about the progress made on the amazing new vet centre here at Woodside. The even better news is that since May, the facilities are now fully functioning.

The vet centre is now making a massive difference to the animals here at Woodside. Our state-of-the-art facilities include an operating theatre, full body x-ray, a dental centre, treatment and recovery rooms. Our vets Hayley Warren and Katie Wain, and vet nurse Amie Green are now carrying out treatments, procedures and operations on our animals every day.

There is no such thing as a typical day at the vet centre but the staff routinely do almost all of the work that we previously had to outsource to local vet practices. Now we are able to carry out our own routine consulting, where our vet team can check and monitor the animals' general health and can manage or identify medical conditions such as eye problems, skin conditions, arthritis or heart issues. It also means that they can monitor post-operative animals much closer and be on hand to deal with any complications that may arise.



Our vet team with vet nursing students

With the operating theatre, dog and cat neutering now comes in-house which means that our animals don't have the stress of being loaded into the animal ambulance and transported to a vets miles away. They can simply walk into the vet centre with which they are familiar, and procedures like castration and spaying become much simpler and much less stressful for the animals.



Vets in action



Dental Suite



X-Ray Suite

Dental care in animals is just as important as it is with us humans and we find that many animals that come into the rescue centre have serious dental problems. Bad diet, neglect, poor breeding, or a poor start in life like puppies from a puppy farm or illegal breeders, can lead to unpleasant and painful gum and teeth problems. Our dental treatment room is fully equipped to deal with these issues

Dreams can come true

“After years of dreaming and planning, the vet centre is finally here and in use! This was the result of a lot of fundraising, kind donations, grants and a wonderful legacy.

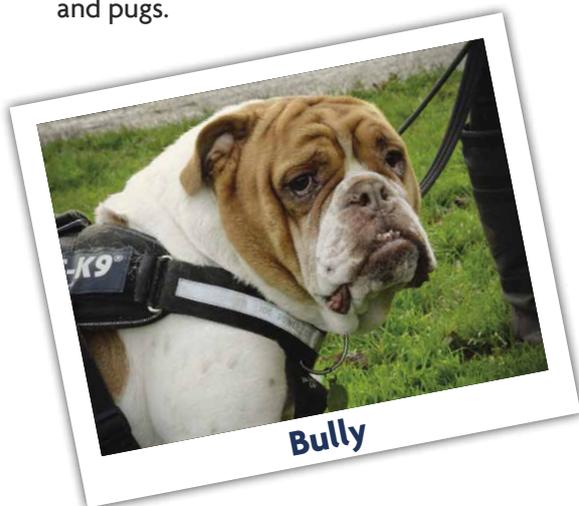
We are so happy about this project because

- Our animals do not have to be driven to the vet for treatments and surgeries so this reduces stress
- It saves us money in vet costs
- We are teaching the vets of the future about shelter medicine as we have an affiliation with Nottingham University vet school. Final year students are coming here to examine and operate, under vet supervision, on our animals as we are an ‘associate practice’.
- We have an educational facility upstairs so we can expand our offering to the community to teach about animal welfare
- We can examine and treat animals from the Inspectors, who also have an office on site. One team for animal welfare based at Woodside!

We would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who believed in our vision and helped to make it a reality.

Watch this space for details of a grand opening celebration early next year!”

We have forged close links with the veterinary school at Nottingham University and the upstairs area of the vet centre will provide space for the students to study and learn their craft, while the facilities downstairs will provide the much needed hands-on experience. With the support from the experts at the University, this also means that we are able to carry out more complex surgeries on animals like a prolapsed gland of the tear gland otherwise known as cherry eye, or the complex operations on Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome known as BOAS which restricts the air passages of breeds like French bull dogs, English bull dogs and pugs.



Bully

You may remember one of our long-term residents “Bully” the bull dog, who we fundraised and raised around £4,000 to carry out

this operation last year; we will now be able to carry out these procedures in-house.

In addition to our own animals, we are able to respond well to other animal emergencies, as inspectors found out when they brought a badger to Woodside that had got tangled up in the football goal nets of a local

school. The vet team were able to sedate the badger and meticulously cut away the tough nylon strands that were cutting into the hapless animal’s skin. All ended well and the badger is recovering at a local wildlife centre.

Animals form such a big part of many people’s lives, and there is real passion about their welfare and how they are treated. The vet centre now places Woodside Animal Centre at the forefront of caring for mistreated, abandoned, and abused animals throughout our region



A wild badger with Amy & Hayley

At the end of it all, the real winners are the animals, as this ensures that they get the very best treatment, in a timely manner with people that they know, and without having to leave the premises.

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RSPCA WOODSIDERS SEEKING THEIR FOREVER FAMILIES

Some of RSPCA Woodside's animals have been unlucky, not finding their forever homes so we wanted to highlight two animals that have been at RSPCA Woodside for over 6 months.

Zeus is a handsome 8-year-old good boy. He loves his walks, enjoys playing with toys and is very friendly and affectionate! Despite Zeus being at RSPCA Woodside for over 6 months, no one has expressed any interest in him which is unbelievable, considering how lovely Zeus is. Zeus is looking for an experienced owner who will enjoy spending time with him. He will need an adult-only home and needs to be the only pet.

Jinx is almost 2-years-old but has spent 8 months of her little life at RSPCA Woodside! Jinx was sadly brought in by the inspectors through no fault of her own. Jinx is a quiet shar pei who is full of love. Jinx is food-oriented so has endless love to give once you've befriended her with a few tasty treats. She loves walks and thoroughly enjoys sniffing. Jinx is looking for an adult-only home and must be the only pet.

If you feel you can give any of our long-stayers a home, please check them out on our website at: rspcaleicester.org.uk and express your interest online, or call **0116 233 6677** or email animalcare@rspcaleicester.org.uk You can also walk around RSPCA Woodside on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays, 11am-3pm.



ANIMAL SENTIENCE

After considerable campaigning since 2016, by many animal welfare organisations including the RSPCA, most animals are now recognised as sentient beings. They include all vertebrates (mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish) and some invertebrates such as lobsters, crabs and octopuses.

The Animal Welfare (Sentience) Act (2022) legally recognises that these animals are feeling beings with complex thoughts and emotions. They can, for instance, experience pain, pleasure, fear, joy, boredom and much more.

The UK Government must therefore consider animal sentience when considering the welfare needs of animals in the making and implementation of policies. This is good news for animals!

Elizabeth Allison



DOG GROOMER PROFILE: BECCA

Becca has worked at Woodside Animal Centre for 8 years altogether. She spends three days of the week as an animal care assistant and the other two days as Woodside's resident dog groomer. Becca is different from some groomers in that if a dog really doesn't like something, she won't do it, whereas some groomers will put a muzzle on the dog and still do the thing the dog doesn't like. Becca's ethos has had a positive impact on the dogs she's groomed, for example, Dexter the German shepherd didn't like his feet being touched previously, but now he doesn't mind it. We asked Becca some questions about what it's really like to be a dog groomer...

What is your favourite part about grooming animals?

I love grooming dogs that I used to look after as an animal care assistant, who have now found their forever homes. I also feel a sense of achievement being able to remove all the matted fur from some cruelty case dogs.

Do you have any funny stories that have happened while you've been grooming animals?

On one memorable occasion, I was hair-drying a dog's backside. It turns out he had a bit of a dodgy tummy and he sprayed diarrhoea all over me including inside my boot. I had to walk around work for the rest of the day in paper trousers. I didn't find it very funny at the time but now find it funny looking back.

• What is your favourite dog breed to groom and why?

I love grooming German shepherds and Akitas because when you blast* them, all the fur flies everywhere and it's like it's snowing.

• What is your least favourite dog breed to groom and why?

Cockapoos because they become matted very easily and people don't realise so they need to have their fur trimmed short which owners don't tend to like the look of.



• How can people prepare their dogs for going to the groomers?

People can help their dogs get used to being groomed by having them groomed as a puppy and getting them used to having their feet touched, nails clipped, and the sound of hair dryers.

• Do you have any top tips for helping people ensure their dogs' coats stay in good condition?

Pet owners should make sure they use the correct type of brush when grooming their dogs. Slicker brushes are great for getting underneath the fur and getting matted fur out.

You can book your dog into our Wag 'n' Wash service by calling **0116 233 6677**, Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm.

Grooming appointments are available Thursday- Sunday.

*Blasting is the technical term for blow-drying dogs.

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Spotlight on...

BEING A VOLUNTEER VAN DRIVER

Roger and Dave have been volunteer van drivers at RSPCA Woodside for over a decade. Dave is also one of our trustees. Ever considered becoming a volunteer van driver? We asked Roger and Dave what it's really like to be a volunteer van driver.

How did you become volunteer van drivers at RSPCA Woodside?

Roger: "We both knew people already at Woodside, and both have a love of animals. At the time when we joined, volunteer van drivers were needed so we effectively fell into the role."

What does being a volunteer van driver entail?

Dave: "One of us is the driver and the other one is the navigator. We pick up donated goods, load and unload the van, and drop off charity collection tins."

What skills do you need to be a good volunteer van driver?

Dave: "You need to be good at driving vans and navigating. It helps if you enjoy driving. You also need to be ok with physical lifting as there can be a lot of donated goods to pack and unpack. People skills are also important when volunteering as you may need to speak to a variety of different people when volunteering including charity shop staff, individuals donating goods and other volunteers."

Do you still enjoy volunteering at RSPCA Woodside?

Roger: "Yeah we still really enjoy volunteering. Everyone is very friendly here, and we love seeing the animals, when they pop into reception."

RSPCA Woodside are looking for volunteer van drivers on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays, 10:30am-3:30pm. Volunteer van drivers need to be over the age of 25 and hold a full clean driving license. If this role would suit you, please fill in a volunteer application form on our website www.rspcaleicester.org.uk/volunteering and drop it into RSPCA Woodside's reception, or post it to Natalie Martin, RSPCA Woodside, 190 Scudamore Rd, LE3 1UQ

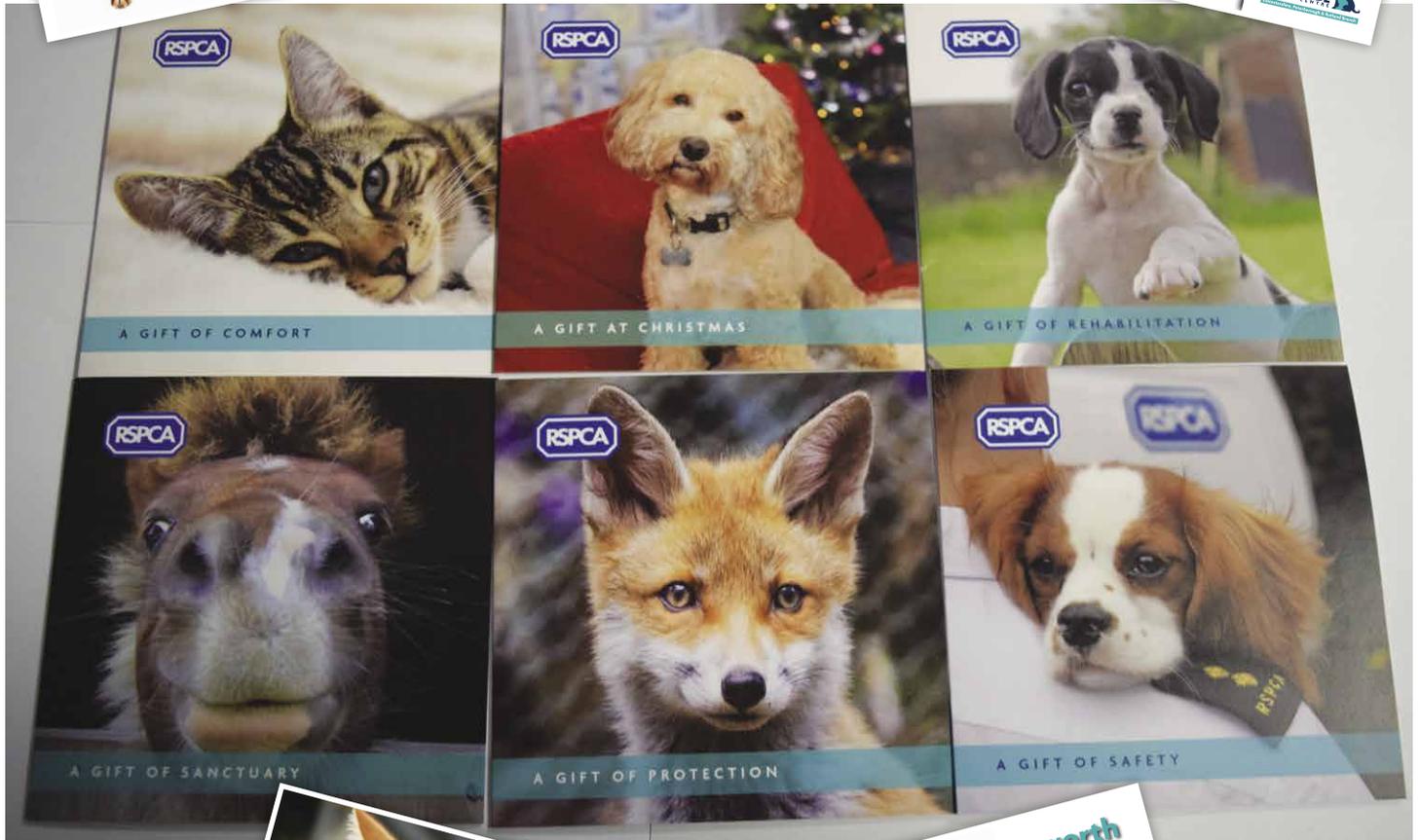
GIFT CARDS

Are you struggling to find something to buy the animal lover in your life for Christmas? No need to worry, we have the perfect gift! The gift cards featured are available for £10, £15, £20, £35, £50 and £100. All money raised goes towards the care of the animals at RSPCA Woodside.

These gift cards are available at RSPCA Woodside's pet shop or you can call the pet shop on **0116 233 6677**, pay

over the phone and we can post the gift card out to you (postage fee applies).

Additionally, we offer gift cards of different value for dogs and cats in need. Money from these gift cards will go towards RSPCA Woodside's upcoming 2023 community pet food bank.





REHOMING ROOM

RSPCA Woodside's wish for a rehoming room has been granted...

If people have had to give up their beloved pets, due to personal circumstances, often emotions run high, and a private place is needed to calm the situation and organise the ongoing care of that animal. On the other hand, when a family, or couple, or individual, are meeting their potential new dog or cat for the first time, to find out about their personality, to see how they interact with one another, to understand what they might need to provide in their home to make sure it's safe and secure for them; a private area is required to allow them the space they need to get to know each other. That area is RSPCA Woodside's new rehoming room.

RSPCA Woodside have wanted (and needed) a rehoming room for years and years. We needed the rehoming room to be cosy so it would mimic a home environment, and comfortable so it would allow our adoptable animals to relax, as much as possible, in front of their potential new owners. We feel we've achieved these goals. We're really pleased with how the rehoming room has turned out. The rehoming room has already supported us in the process of taking in dogs and cats in need. It has also assisted us in matching numerous dogs and cats to their new families.

The rehoming room was kindly funded by public donations to RSPCA Woodside. There's more than one way to donate to RSPCA Woodside. These include buying from any of RSPCA Woodside's shops in Wigston, Birstall, Melton Mowbray, Hinckley, Whittlesey and Market Deeping as well as our main centre's shop. You could also consider donating directly through our donation boxes, joining our charity lottery, donating through Amazon smile when you purchase anything from Amazon or leaving a legacy. We are grateful for people's generosity towards RSPCA Woodside.





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