

NEWSLETTER

CAN YOU HELP OUR CROWDFUNDER?

Scent training to help traumatised dogs feel safe

BARNEY & BELLA'S GRAND OPENING!

Renovations, ribbon cutting and first customers,

CAT REUNION

Meeting again after almost 3 years!

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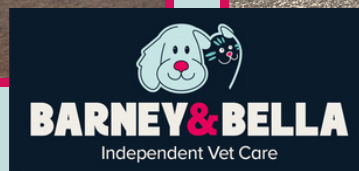
BARNEY & BELLA'S FIRST CUSTOMER



Barney & Bella's first customer



Barney & Bella's new entrance



On 19th May, we opened the doors of our newly refurbished Barney & Bella reception entrance to welcome our very first clients. The lovely Doris made history as the first patient, what a milestone!

She came in feeling a little under the weather with an upset stomach, but was an absolute star for vet Emily during her check-up! Doris went home with some medication and lots of love.

BARNEY & BELLA'S GRAND OPENING



Lord Mayor cutting the ribbon

On 27th May, we were honoured to welcome the Lord Mayor of Leicester, Teresa Aldred, along with her close friend and Consort, Maggie Corley, and the High Sheriff of Leicestershire, Stephen Bryan, for the grand opening ceremony of Barney & Bella. They were joined by a number of invited guests for a memorable celebration.

Attendees enjoyed light refreshments, guided tours of the new facilities, and the highlight of the event – the official ribbon-cutting ceremony led by the Mayor. With a few kind words, she proudly declared the veterinary practice officially open.



Lord Mayor, Consort and High Sheriff with Woodside staff outside Barney & Bella

SPARKLE FINDS HER WAY BACK HOME

REUNITED AFTER 3 YEARS

After nearly 3 years missing, Sparkle, a much-loved member of her family, finally found her way back home this month! A kind-hearted member of the community discovered Sparkle in Countesthorpe, Leicester and brought her into our care thinking she must be a stray cat.



Sparkle waiting at Woodside's vet suite



Sparkle reunited with owner

This incredible story is a beautiful reminder of why microchipping matters.

Welcome home, Sparkle!



Sparkle on the car journey home

BLACK CATS ARE LOOKING FOR LOVE

It's an unfortunate truth in animal rescue: black cats are often the last to be adopted and the first to be overlooked. Despite being just as loving, playful, and wonderful as their colourful counterparts, black cats face a few unfair hurdles including superstition and stigma. They may also blend in at busy shelters as they don't grab immediate attention. Even black and white cats are struggling to be seen, especially as kitten season starts to role in.

But at Woodside, we know black cats are amazing. They're sleek, elegant, affectionate, and full of personality. Once you look past the myths, you'll find a loyal and loving companion.

Right now, we have several beautiful black cats waiting for their forever homes. They're just as deserving of love and a second chance.
Could you be the one to give it to them?

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HELP US BRING HOPE TO DOGS IN NEED

CROWDFUNDING SCENT TRAINING

At Woodside Rehoming Centre, we care for up to 60 dogs at any one time—each with their own story, their own trauma, and their own need for rehabilitation.



Dog with Woodside staff member



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For many, the bond between dog and human has been broken. Rebuilding that trust takes time, training, and skill. We need your support to fund essential scent work training for our team—a program that will transform how we care for the dogs who need us most.

In a shelter environment, scent work can be life-changing. It brings joy, provides purpose, and can help even the most traumatised dogs feel safe again. Studies show that enrichment activities like scent games can significantly improve both the welfare of dogs and their chances of being adopted. To donate, head to 'ways to give' - 'Donate'. Thank you for your support.

HERCULES FINDS HIS FOREVER HOME



We made quite a fuss over Hercules, the brave little warrior who came to Woodside with a serious eye injury.

Thanks to our incredible vet team, he underwent surgery to remove the damaged eye and start his journey toward a better life.

And now, we're thrilled to share that Hercules has found his perfect match! He's officially settling into his forever home with a loving family who sees him for the hero he truly is.

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Woodside Animal Centre (RSPCA Leicestershire, Peterborough & Rutland branch) is a self-funded charity, meaning we receive no funding from the central RSPCA, the government or the lottery.

If you can donate something for the care of our dogs and cats, it would be most appreciated! Simply click 'ways to give' - 'Amazon Wishlist' in the menu bar.



STORAGE SPACE NEEDED URGENTLY


Can You Help?

We've been offered a fantastic opportunity to receive several large donations, but there's just one problem... we don't have anywhere to store them!

We're urgently looking for a storage unit or space we can use for at least one week. If you or someone you know might be able to help, please get in touch!

Call us on 0116 233 6677

Your support could make a big difference
— thank you!

A close-up photograph of a small tortoiseshell kitten with orange, black, and white fur. The kitten is looking up and reaching its right paw towards a bright pink tassel hanging from a white, fuzzy cat tree. The cat tree has a brown, textured band around its trunk. The background is softly blurred, showing a dark, patterned surface.

Play our lottery

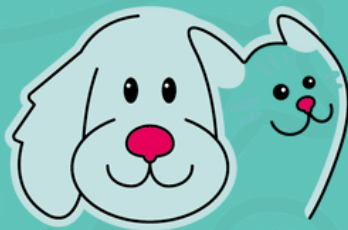
Woodside Lottery is a weekly lottery committed to raising money for our animal centre.

Every ticket purchased makes a big difference and you also have a chance to win £25,000! Play the lottery and support Woodside Animal Centre – it's that simple!



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