



A Brighter Future
For Animals

NEWSLETTER
SUMMER 2010

KENT - ISLE OF THANET BRANCH

(reg. charity 209365)

AND THE WOODCHURCH ANIMAL CENTRE

Patrons: June Brown, Suzy Gale, Dave Lee MBE, Paul O'Grady

Your **LOCAL** RSPCA needs you! We are a local, self funding charity

COME AND JOIN US!

**Annual Fun Dog Show - Sunday 18th July, Woodchurch
Animal Centre, Queensdown Road, Woodchurch,
Birchington CT7 0HG**

Registration open from 10.00 am. Judging 12.00 pm - 4.00 pm (approx)
ENTRY: £1/per dog/per class

Classes: 1. Best Nose (fastest to find the treat), 2. *Best Trick*,
3A. *Crossbreed Puppy (6-12 months)*, 3B. *Veteran Dog (7 years plus)*,
4. *Children's Handling (6-10 years)*, 5. *Egg & Spoon Race (dog and handler)*,
6. *Best Condition*, 7. *Children's Handling (11-16 years)*, 8. *Musical Sit*,
9. *Best 6 Legs (dog and handler)*, 10. *Mismatched Pair, (i.e. 2 dogs)*,
11. *Best Rescue Story*, 12. *Best In Show (automatic entry for winners of all the
above classes)*

PLUS STALLS, REFRESHMENTS AND DOG DISPLAYS

BOOT FAIRS - Every 1st Sunday of the month. Call Cindy on 01843 847196 for
more details

SPONSORED DOG WALK - SUNDAY 19th SEPTEMBER from BELL INN MINSTER,
11.00 am start.

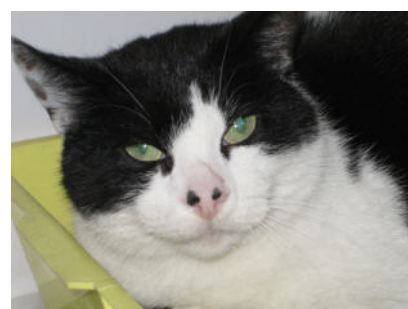
NOSH AND KNOWLEDGE NIGHT - SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER - venue to be
arranged - watch this space

ANIMAL ALERT!! We Need Your Help!

We have many beautiful cats and small animals for adoption. We are asking all Members and Friends to help us by spreading the word. **Tell** people about our website at www.rspcakent.org.uk where all our animals are displayed. **Invite** people to visit us to see our cats in particular and facilities between 11.30 am and 2.00 pm daily (closed Wednesdays). **Call** the Centre on 01843 826180 for information. **Inform** people all our animals come health checked, vaccinated, neutered, wormed and de-fleaded plus any veterinary needs are also catered for.

**CATS LIKE VICTOR MELDREW (right) ARE
DEPENDING ON US.**

Can you help us make a purrrrrfect life for a needy friend?



BLISSFUL LIFE!

Patience arrived to us as quite an outgoing cat in the first place but a little shy though she is now noisy, happy and fat.

Marbles was extremely timid and would hide permanently. Although she is still slightly timid she is now much better.

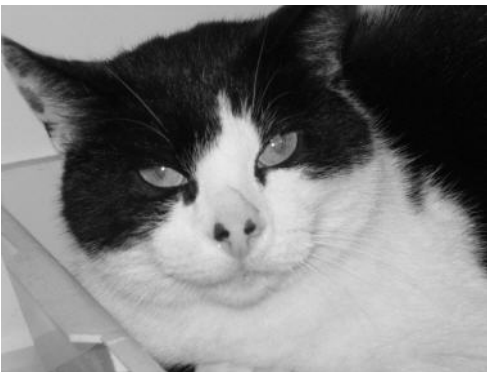
When we first got them we knew they came from two different homes and were unsure whether or not whether they would get along but just take a look at the photo! This will hopefully answer your question!

Neill & Karen White



Marbles (left and Patience

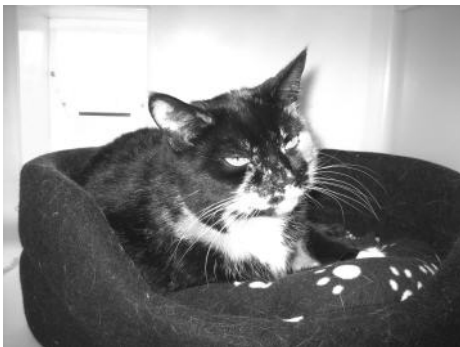
ANIMALS DESPERATE FOR HOMES



Victor Meldrew is an adult male who came to us as an injured stray. He had a burst abscess on his side which was painful and infected. He is now fully recovered and looking for a loving home.



Jack is a 3 year old male who came to the centre from another branch. He is very friendly and outgoing and would be OK living with another cat or dog and older children



Rosie is a 9 year old female who came to the centre because her owner was moving to a flat and was unable to take her. She doesn't like other cats so is finding it very stressful being in a cattery environment. She is desperate to find a loving home.



BARRY the bunny has been with us since April and desperately wants a loving family to care for him. He is a cute, friendly little rabbit

All these animals have been with us for some time. Can anyone offer them a loving home?

Readers will be pleased to know that all the cats featured in our last newsletter with the exception of Victor Meldrew have now found homes.

NEWS: Several degus, another 3 rabbits and a guinea pig were DUMPED at the centre at 11.00 pm one evening. These also need loving homes.

WISH LIST

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for a variety of items to help with events at the centre.

The following is a list of things we hope you might be able to help with.

- Tombola Prizes
- Bottle of Anything!
- Large BBQ (are you turning out?)
- Volunteers
- Old Crockery
- Solid frame paddling pool

FUNDRAISING TO DATE



Pictures show the youngest winner (left) and oldest winner of the Hunt The Bunny (photo) competition held at the EASTER FAIR. The event went well and raised £482.78

RSPCA WEEK at Tesco Extra Broadstairs raised £1738.00 in cash and the equivalent in food of £500.

COLLECTIONS at Ramsgate and Broadstairs have raised £512.53.

THE LONDON MARATHON

So far money is still coming in from the London Marathon but David Hall ran the distance in an amazing 3 hours 16 minutes!! WELL DONE AND THANK YOU DAVID. The final figure is hoped to be around £800-£1000.

Picture right shows David with his medal



TALKS have been given to Ellington Infants, 14th Broadstairs Beavers, Canterbury College, Headway and the Partially Sighted and donations have been gratefully received.

The Beavers visited the centre following their talk and enjoyed a tour and some refreshments. Two or three of the children took their allegiance vows at the centre before leaving.

Picture shows Beavers during their inauguration



THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS

As you can imagine a 5 acre site that is mainly grassland takes a bit of keeping under control. The Manager has asked me to thank Brian, John and all those responsible for helping to get the 3 ft grass cut with a special thank you to Carl who has 'worked his socks off' with a strimmer. Thanks also to Barbara Woodrough for contacting local farmer Nick Barnes who brought in his large machines to finish the job. Nick gave his up his time and machinery free of charge to help the branch. Thanks also to all the volunteers who formed a 'raking' party to collect up the cut grass for a compost heap.

NEWS IN BRIEF

FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATOR CINDY HARRISON has been told by the Co-op in Birchington that they are to hold a Fun Day to raise money for the Branch and Centre. The money raised will be spent in the Co-op to buy items for the Fun Dog Show and any other events that take place during the year. Our thanks to the Co-op staff.

THE MOBILE NEUTERING CLINIC is visiting Thanet 1 day a month and is proving very successful.

ANGELA GRANT-JACOBS our food collection organiser is still in need of a large bin/container in good condition for Tesco in Cliftonville. Can anyone help? If you can please contact Angela on 01843 863164.

JOAN BARTLETT is busy organising street Collections 1 day a month across Thanet. Joan is looking for more volunteers to help with these. If you can spare just a couple of hours please contact her on 863461.

Our Volunteer Co-ordinator CAROL GREEN is always looking for new volunteers to help in many different ways, i.e. ground maintenance, cat socialising, shops etc. If you would like to join our group please contact Carol on 826180 for more information.

MARGARET DRIVER and TESSA MOORES, our shops Managers at Ramsgate and Margate have recently resigned for personal reasons. We wish them both well for the future and thank all the volunteers who have supported them. Our thanks also to 'Little Margaret' who retired after 3 years of voluntary service from Ramsgate.

MESSAGE FROM DAPHNE

The isolation block is now complete and up and running. Our first 4 dogs have arrived! They have been brought in by the Inspectorate for staff training and assessment and are not currently available for adoption - but we have got our first dogs!

Things are still progressing. In these very difficult times we are managing to balance the books with the help and support of members, friends, staff, shops and general public. The shops continue to do good business and are the mainstay of our income but we are very grateful to all those people who continue to donate money to the branch. The hard work put in by volunteers on fundraising and the donations help us to give all the animals at the centre the best possible care.

If anyone donating is a tax payer please remember that we can get an additional 28p/£ if you gift aid your donation. Over the year this can make a considerable difference to our income and makes your donation go even further.

On behalf of all trustees can I thank everyone once again for their continued support.

STOP PRESS:

Some degus, 3 rabbits and a guinea pig were brought to the centre at 11.00 one night by a man who found them on the roadside. All will be cared for and re-homed.

JOIN OUR '4000' CLUB

Don't forget. If you haven't yet joined our '4000' club please consider doing so. Standing Order forms are available from the Centre or can be posted on request. The minimum payment is only £2 a month, deliberately designed to make it viable for anyone who wants to support us. If we can get 4000 people on a £2 a month standing order we will have a guaranteed income of £8000 a month, £96,000 a year!! Together with our shops income this would help us to build into the future as well as securing what we already have. **So please**, spread the word and if you can, join our club - we and the animals would love to have you!

DONATIONS: PLEASE SEND TO RSPCA Centre, Queensdown Road, Woodchurch, Birchington, Kent CT7 0HG

STANDING ORDERS should state: Please pay the RSPCA Isle of Thanet Branch, Registered Charity No. 209365 £.....every month/quarter/year until further notice. Bank Details: Sort code 30-96-93 A/C 07042719 or write to RSPCA Centre, Queensdown Road, Woodchurch, Birchington, Kent CT7 0HG requesting a standing order form from the branch.