



KEIGHLEY, CRAVEN & UPPER WHARFEDALE NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



BRANCH VOLUNTEER MEETING:

Our next volunteer meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th February at the Glusburn Institute, 7.30pm. We hope you can all attend the meeting.

2019 FUNDRAISING HELP NEEDED:

Saturday 16th Feb:
Rainhall Table Top Sale

February 23/24th:
Pets at Home Weekend

Saturday 20th April:
Sutton Easter Fair

4/5/6th May:
Skipton Waterways

Saturday 15th June:
Valley Gardens

IF YOU CAN HELP AT ANY OF THE ABOVE EVENTS, PLEASE SEND US AN EMAIL TO LET US KNOW WHAT TIMES AND DATES YOU ARE AVAILABLE.



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR BRANCH VOLUNTEERS & SUPPORTERS..

We would like to thank everyone involved with the branch for their time and support over the last year. We have been able to hold various local fundraising events which helps to raise vital funds for our branch. We are hoping to hold as many events as possible this year, please see the list on the left for the events we have already booked. If you have any ideas of events we could run, venues we could hire or if you know of any local businesses that would keep a collection tin for us please send us an email to let us know. If you are able to help at any events, even if you can only spare an hour or so, we would really appreciate your help. Thank You.

RSPCA LANCASHIRE EAST KENNELS..

As most of you may already know, we now board all our dogs at the RSPCA Lancashire East animal center. Our branch funds the dog places and the staff on site take care of the dogs on our behalf. The dogs benefit by having staff members on site at all times, the staff members are also on hand to meet anyone who is interested in adopting any of our dogs. This agreement has already proved very successful and we look forward to working closely with Lancashire east throughout the year. We would like to express our thanks to all the team for ensuring the partnership continues to run smoothly.

HOW YOU CAN HELP US THIS YEAR..



PETS AT HOME EVENT: Pets at home are holding national events in support of the RSPCA. Our local event will take place at the Pets at Home store on the Keighley retail park, Hard-ings road. The dates of the event are: Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th February. We will have all the usual stalls including our popular tombola and raffle along with leaflets and branch information for the public to take away with them. We really need help to cover the event, if you could spare some time to help us (even if it's only an hour or two) please do let us know as soon as possible. We can then organize a rota so we know what times are being covered. This is a great opportunity for us to raise much needed funds and awareness of our branch within the local area, please help us if you can.

PET INSURANCE: We continue to receive a number of calls & emails at the branch from members of the public asking if we can help to contribute to their animals vet fees. Like most charity's we don't have the funds available to cover these fees, depending on individual circumstances we *may* be able to offer a one-time only 'welfare voucher' with a maximum amount of £35 for use at your registered vets. We would advise owners to consider taking out a pet insurance policy, even just a basic policy could help you with any unexpected vet trips and costs! Please don't get caught out and leave it too late—take a look online at the policies available and the cover that they provide.

CAT & DOG PICTURES: If you have adopted a cat or dog from us since September last year, please don't forget to send us any pictures you have taken of them in their new forever home. We try to use as many pictures as possible to feature in the next years branch calendar. If you haven't managed to pick up your copy of the 2019 calendar, please continue reading for a special offer on our remaining stock!

HELPING AT EVENTS: Fundraising is obviously one of the most important areas of our work, as without enough funds we cannot help the animals in our care. We always need more volunteers who are willing to help us raise funds and awareness for our branch - this flexible role will include attending events within our area; such as supermarket collections or other local events and dealing with the public. Our volunteers have great fun and the role is very rewarding. We do not ask anyone to sign up for regular donations, we simply have collection tins for anyone wanting to make a contribution to the branch.

CAT FOSTERING: We have some very special volunteers who offer foster homes for our cats, giving them a healthy, safe, loving home until we can find their own 'forever home'. Fostering an abandoned, abused or mistreated pet is a very rewarding and satisfying thing to do. We cover all costs so all you need to provide is your love, time and attention. We are hoping to add to our wonderful list of local foster carers, if this is something that you would like to learn more about then please do contact us today for an informal chat. We would love to help as many abandoned animals as we can but we really need your help to do this.

DONATIONS: Do you have any good quality items to donate that we could use for our fundraising events? Items for the tombola or raffle stalls would be very much appreciated. We are also collecting good quality mugs to make into gifts. If you have anything to donate, please let us know via email or Facebook and we can arrange a local drop off time or collection from you. We would be very grateful for your support. Thank You.

BLANKETS & COATS: We always need and appreciate blankets or coats for the cats and dogs in our care, especially now the weather has turned very cold! If you have any spare wool and would like to knit some items for us, please let us know and we can send you some patterns.

You can find all our latest volunteer roles and links to download our branch volunteer registration and application form on our website: rspca-craven.org.uk/volunteer. If you would like a paper copy of our volunteer form, please send us an email with your name & address.



Calendar 2019

BRANCH CALENDARS: We still have a handful of 2019 branch calendars left which we have now reduced to just £3.00 per copy. The calendar is packed full of pictures and stories of animals that have been re-homed through our branch over the past year. If you would like to get your copy, please send us an email to let us know. You will need to be quick as we only have a very limited amount available. Please don't leave it too late and miss out!



RSPCA LOTTERY: The national RSPCA operate a weekly lottery scheme with entries from just £1 per week. If you would like more information or to join the scheme, please visit the national society website and remember that every time you play you help a rescue animal who really needs a helping hand. Search for 'RSPCA lottery' where you will be able to find further information.

GENERAL BRANCH NEWS..

BRANCH OFFICIAL NAME CHANGE: As some of you may have already noticed we have changed our branch name to 'RSPCA Keighley, Craven & Upper Wharfedale' We are pleased to announce that this name change is now official and will be used across all our communications. We feel that our new name will make it clearer that we are also the local branch for Keighley as well as the Craven district. If any local businesses could display our adoption posters, newsletters or have a collection tin please let us know. You can find further information regarding our branch and what we do on our website: rspca-craven.org.uk

OUR RE-HOME AND WELFARE FIGURES: Thank you to every single one of you who adopted, fostered or helped with our cats and dogs over the past year. We are pleased to say that we managed to find fantastic new homes for 34 dogs and 85 cats! In addition to our re-homing efforts we also helped 44 members of the public to neuter their cat or dog and provided welfare assistance to 14 pet owners within our area. If you have any spare time and would like to join us in finding loving homes for our animals, please contact us for an informal chat. We would love to have you on board.

CAT & DOG FOOD DONATIONS: Thank you to the kind people who donate cat and dog food to our branch. The donations are shared out between our animals at kennels and local foster care. These donations help us to keep our branch operating costs down which means we can then help more vulnerable animals who really need our assistance. Over the past year we have also been working closely with the fantastic food banks located in the Keighley and Skipton area. Many of the food bank users who have pets would struggle with the cost of feeding their pet and our donations ensure they can keep their beloved animal at home. The food donations will also reduce the strain on rescue centres and the animals eventually being signed over for re-homing. Food collection points are located at Morrison's in Keighley and Tesco's in Skipton, if you can spare any tins of food, please pop them into the collection bin and we will ensure they are distributed where needed. We can also arrange a drop off point if the collection bins are not convenient for you. Please send us an email if you need any further information. Thank you for your kind support.

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