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Welcome from your new Branch Manager



Hi everyone! We are back with a bang. It has been hectic around here, with many new and exciting things happening. So I thought it was time I introduced myself. My name is Chloe, and I could not be more thrilled to join you this year as the new Branch Manager. My journey to this role has been shaped by a deep-rooted love and respect for animals and a background in animal health and science. All my new colleagues and volunteers have greeted me with so much warmth, and I am very excited to hopefully meet many of you this year.

Over my first few weeks, I have learnt so much and am excited to continue this learning curve. My absolute favourite experience so far has been seeing the happy faces of both animals and people as pets leave our animal centre in Martlesham to start a new, safe, and happy chapter of their lives.

Rising costs continue to strain us here, and it is evident that the animals that we share in this beautiful county of Suffolk need us more than ever. I could not be prouder to be a part of such an amazing team of volunteers, colleagues and supporters alike, whose passion and motivations are immense. All are committed to providing EVERY KIND the best possible treatment and care. This drive, effort, and love for the animals mean we can continue to find them, when the time comes, the perfect new home.

Now, about the animals in my life! My two beautiful dogs, Darcy, and Loki, absolutely adore going for walks along the beach. My two rabbits, Pepper and Lulu, are real characters, and you'll often find me playing fetch with Pepper (I think he is more dog than rabbit!). Finally, my horse, Temptress, is most certainly ruled by her stomach.



I am honoured to be part of this incredible community and am excited to continue working to ensure that as many animals as possible receive the treatment and care they so rightfully deserve.

Best wishes

Chloe Hazell

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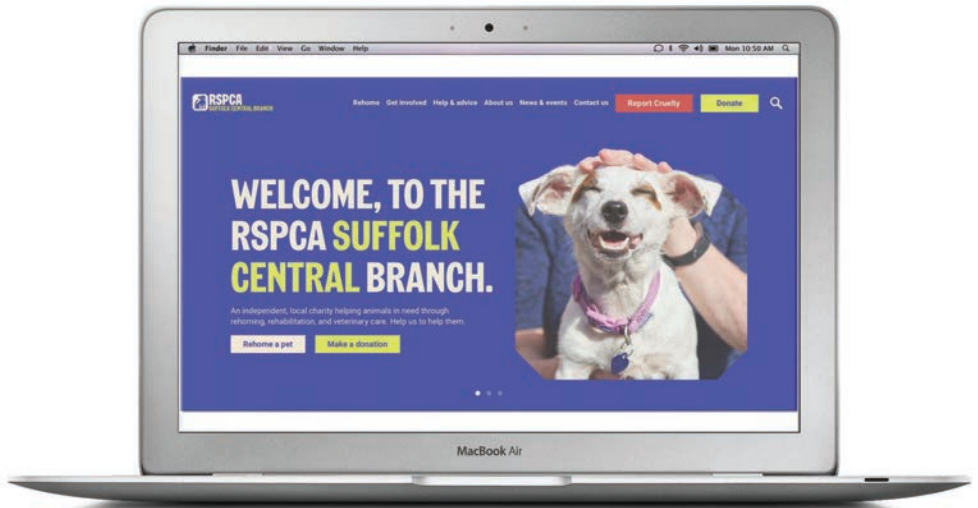
changing the look and feel of the RSPCA

Today animals are facing some of the biggest threats in the RSPCA's 200 year history, and to face down those threats, we need to create a groundswell of support and supporters to change how people think and feel about animals. For our 200th year, the RSPCA has changed its look to encourage all kinds of people to help us fight for all kinds of animals.

The Suffolk Central Branch will continue our efforts to help every kind of animal and will be adopting the new RSPCA look and feel across our sites, leaflets and communications, like this one. To minimise our costs, we are going for a phased approach; introducing the new brand where a natural opportunity arises.

We'll start with the easy stuff, so watch out for our new website, launching in May, which will be more user-friendly and engaging. Over the next two years, you'll see more of the new brand being rolled out across the Branch.

This is an exciting time for the RSPCA and our Branch. Although the new look and feel will inevitably raise questions and bring some challenges due to the scale and impact of change, it's a positive step to ensure that the RSPCA continues to do what we do best – help animals... For Every Kind.



SEEKING LOVING FUREVER HOME

After 927 days in our care

Poppy is our longest stay Rabbit and has been with us for 927 days. That's almost 3 years!

Poppy came to us with her sister Lilly from another RSPCA Branch and they were available for rehoming for over a year with no interest.

Sadly, both Lilly and Poppy fell poorly with a chronic infection called Snuffles, and despite our best efforts and treatment, we lost Lilly.

Poppy grieved for her sister for a long time and now finds comfort in a similarly coloured rabbit teddy bear, which she grooms and treats like her companion.

Although Poppy is not symptomatic, she will carry the infection for life and can show symptoms in stressful situations like visits to the vet. Her symptoms usually extend as far as sneezing, and watery eyes but have previously needed vet treatment when more severe as they can lead to bouts of gut stasis.

Poppy is on the search for an indoor home with no other pets, or with a neutered male Rabbit who has also been diagnosed with Snuffles. As the infection is contagious to other Rabbits, her options are limited.

We fully appreciate the importance of Rabbits having the same species company, as they can show signs of depression and loneliness without it. However, as Poppy is so attached to her human companions, we feel she would benefit from being in a home environment without another rabbit, instead of spending the rest of her life isolated in our care.



Poppy would need a room to call her own that is rabbit-proof and has lots of enrichment.

Poppy is the cleanest Rabbit we've ever cared for, and always uses her litter trays to go to the toilet. She enjoys time on the grass in a secure run and will happily climb on to the lap of people she trusts for gentle strokes and hand feeding.

We'd love 2024 to be the year that Poppy finds her forever home, please help us spread the word about this wonderful bunny!

CONTACT US IF YOU
CAN OFFER POPPY
A HOME

Cat Microchipping date looms

Attention all cat lovers! The new law requiring microchipping for cats is coming into effect soon. Ensure your furry friends are safe and accounted for by microchipping them today to keep our beloved feline companions happy and protected.

It is law that cats must be chipped by 10th June

We microchipped a total of 238 cats in 2023

Face a fine of up to £500 if you don't comply

A small chip is inserted under your cats skin.

Each microchip has its own unique code registered to the owner



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MICROCHIP YOUR MOGGY FOR JUST £8

Don't lose me. Microchip me.

The law is changing. All cats must be microchipped by 10th June 2024.

The team at RSPCA Suffolk Central are here to help. We can microchip your cat for only £8, two cats cost £12 (and any cats thereafter will cost £4 each).

Book your appointment by calling 0300 999 7321
Appointments available 7 days a week between 11:30-3:30

www.rspca-suffolkcentral.org.uk

Meet the Team

Behaviour & Animal Welfare Advisor



Natalie Smith

I embarked on my journey with the RSPCA 14 years ago, following the completion of my studies in Animal Behaviour and Welfare at both college and university. My path started at RSPCA Danaher, and after two years, I transitioned to the team at RSPCA Suffolk Central, where I currently work as the Behaviour and Welfare Advisor.

What I cherish most about my role is the opportunity to apply my passion for dog behaviour and welfare while continuously expanding my knowledge. Outside of work, I love spending time outdoors, creating memories with my little girl, Gracie.

Dogs die in hot cars!

Many people think it's ok to leave their dog in the car if they're parked in the shade or the windows are open. But a car can become as hot as an oven, even when the weather doesn't feel that warm. When it's 22 degrees celsius outside, the car could reach an unbearable 47 degrees within an hour. It's very dangerous and will cause your dog suffering and harm.

Did you know?

Did you know that 15 minutes of mental stimulation is equivalent to one hour of walking!? It can also help with a wide range of behavioural issues, such as destructiveness, anxiety and hyperactivity.



HAPPY HOMES UPDATE

Wallace & Gromit

Wallace and Gromit were with us for 145 days before finding their perfect new home. Ferrets can sometimes stay with us for longer as they're still not always seen as domestic pets.

We think ferrets are fantastic animals, who make the best indoor house companions with the right setup. We're so pleased these lovely boys have finally found their happily ever after.

Wallace and Gromit's new adopter had this to say:

"I'm just contacting you to say how amazing all the team is! I've been wanting ferrets of my own for a long time, and couldn't have been happier after finding Wallace and Gromit! They are the best boys ever and suit my personality amazingly!

I wanted to say a massive thank you to all of the team for all the communication, help, and guidance throughout the adoption process. It was such an amazing experience, and if anyone is ever considering adopting a pet, I would definitely recommend RSPCA Suffolk Central.

Since the first email asking how to apply, to the interview and the follow-ups, they have been nothing but amazing! The boys needed some extra attention due to some digestive issues, and the team kept me informed about the vet appointment and the results.



On arrival at the centre, the team was extremely friendly and I was able to meet one amazing person who took me to meet the boys, and whilst spending time with them, she talked me through all the boys' qualities and what they like to do.

I am so grateful to all the team, and I'm such a proud mamma to my lovely boys!

Again, thank you so much for all your support. You're all amazing!! And Wallace and Gromit also say thank you for looking after them so well during the time they were there. Thank you"

We are so happy for you boys!

If you think you can offer a small furry or two a home, don't hesitate to contact us at info@rspca-suffolkcentral.org.uk

EVENTS DIARY 2024:

Family Fun Day

Sun 26 May 11.30am - 3.30pm

RSPCA Animal Centre, Martlesham

A dog-friendly day out for the whole family, including activities, stalls, games, live music, entertainment and food stalls. £1 minimum donation at the gate per person.

Craft Day

Sat 15 June 11am - 4pm

Charity Shop & Café, Unit 5, The Bartons Retail Park,
Barton Road, Bury St. Edmunds, IP32 7BE

Enjoy a creative crafting day with loads of things to do and make for adults and children of all ages; including making a bug hotel or bird feeder, a t-shirt dog toy, or a snuffle mat.

One Fun Day & Dog Show

Sun 16th June 11:30am - 3:30pm

Earl Stonham Village Hall

A fantastic fun-filled day. Includes a fun dog show – including a Dads 'n' Dogs class to celebrate Fathers' Day, refreshments and pizza van, raffle, games, crafts and animal-related stalls.

Down Dog 200 Challenge

Sunday 23 June 10.00am-1pm

Corn Exchange, Ipswich

We're looking for 200 people to join us for a morning of health and wellness to support our doggy residents! Visit www.rspca-suffolkcentral.org.uk/down-dog200 for more information.

Open Day & Dog Show

Sunday 1 September

RSPCA Animal Centre, Martlesham

With a field full of craft stalls, refreshments and games, centred around our ever-popular fun dog show, our Open Day is a great day out for all the family!

Ipswich Half Marathon

Sunday 22 September, 9.30am

Portman Road Stadium, Ipswich

We have a handful of FREE spaces available for you to run on behalf of RSPCA Suffolk Central. Find out more at <https://www.rspca-suffolkcentral.org.uk/event/ipswich-half-marathon-2024>



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