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SAFE HAVEN

RSPCA **SUFFOLK CENTRAL BRANCH**

Safe Haven sponsorship scheme re-launch

We've been busy since the relaunch of our Safe Haven animal enclosure sponsorship scheme in September, with an exciting installation of a 9-foot willow tree at our Martlesham Animal Centre. Created by local Felixstowe-based artist Tracy Barritt-Brown and kindly sponsored by Jean and Geoffrey Short, the tree holds a leaf for each sponsor, featuring their messages of love and memories of their beloved pets.



The ribbon-cutting ceremony was on 29th November and attended by everyone involved, including Dawn the dog. It also featured a special visit from Mayor Sanders of Woodbridge Town Council. We hope the tree will engage visitors at the centre, promote the scheme, and encourage more sponsors.

Why not buy a sponsorship today for just £5 a month, it would make a perfect gift for any animal lover. Scan the QR code for more information.



2024 Round-up

As we finalise our 2024 figures, we wanted to highlight what we have already achieved this year.

- 259** animals accepted into our care
- 88** animals currently on site at our Animal Centre
- 623** animals neutered
- 346** animals microchipped
- 1828** animals received welfare assistance



WE NEED YOU!

Do you love animals? Do you want to help us help over 3,000 animals a year? If the answer is “yes” then we need you!

As we enter the new year, many people are thinking about ways to make a positive impact. If you're passionate about animals and looking for a rewarding way to give back to your community, why not consider volunteering with RSPCA Suffolk Central? Our charity is looking for dedicated volunteers to help us in our mission to care for and support animals in need across Suffolk.

Why Volunteer with Us?

Volunteering is not just about giving your time; it's an opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the lives of animals. When you volunteer with our charity, you'll be part of a compassionate community working towards a common goal: improving the welfare of animals and finding them loving homes. We have plenty of roles available. There is something for everyone!

- Shop Volunteers
- Foster Care
- Store Collections
- Event Support
- Volunteer Home Visitor



How to get involved

Volunteering with us is simple. Visit our website to fill out a volunteer application form, or email us at volunteering@rspca-suffolkcentral.org.uk. After you submit your application, our team will contact you to discuss available roles and how you can get started. Whether you can spare a few hours a week or more, every bit of help makes a significant difference.

By volunteering with us, you'll be part of a dedicated team working to create a brighter future for animals. Join us in our mission to help animals and create a positive impact in our community. Together, we can change lives — both human and animal. Sign up today and be the voice for those who cannot speak for themselves!



HAPPY HOMES

Bouncy Bow

We recently lost our beloved staffy, Lottie; Lottie also came from the RSPCA, and there was quite a big story about how she was mistreated. The RSPCA had done an amazing job getting her back to good health, and I'll forever be grateful to them because I had the most amazing ten years with her.

So, there was no doubt in my mind that when the time was right, getting another dog from the RSPCA was the only option. We had always adopted our dogs from there.

By the end of October, I felt so lost without Lottie, and I kept seeing posts and stories of Bow on the RSPCA Instagram page. I went onto the website and just couldn't stop reading about him and looking at him. There was no doubt in my mind: I had to have this gorgeous little boy and give him the love he deserved.



The adoption process as a whole is fair; it has changed slightly from when we last adopted 10 years ago. The RSPCA is very thorough in its checks and in making sure you meet the criteria. It was reassuring to know they check correctly to make sure their animals go to a safe, loving home.



Fast-forward to nearly a year of having him home. We'd be lost without him. He's settled amazingly, and we call him Bouncy Bow. He's the sweetest, softest, cuddly boy, and I'm glad that not only did we choose him, but I feel like he chose us, too.

UPDATE



Precious Pumpkin

We rehomed Pumpkin just over a year ago after falling in love with her profile picture on the RSPCA Suffolk Central website. She had her front legs curled under her chest like she was sitting at a table and was wearing a jumper - yes, a jumper!

We discovered that she had come to the RSPCA covered in open sores on her back and sides and had spent several months on medication. Slowly, she started to recover, and her fur started to grow back, but she didn't like wearing a cone and could still reach a couple of her sores, so a onesie recovery suit was found, which was how we rehomed her. She has been very clever at getting out of her suit sometimes, though, and over-groomed herself, which meant she took longer to heal.



Pumpkin now



It has been a long road to recovery, but we have persevered. The continued support we have received from the RSPCA at Martlesham Animal Centre has been outstanding. Knowing they are there for us if we need them is a real comfort.

Pumpkin has now been out of her suits for a couple of months and is finally going outside and doing all the normal things that cats do. She has proven to be a very good hunter and keeps bringing lots of 'presents' home! Pumpkin is just the sweetest, most loving, friendliest, playful cat and is so clever that she gives her paw for a treat. We wouldn't be without her!

LONG STAY ANIMALS

Introducing three of our long stay animals. If you think you can find room in your heart and your home for these special characters or any of our other animals please drop us an email to info@rspca-suffolkcentral.org.uk.



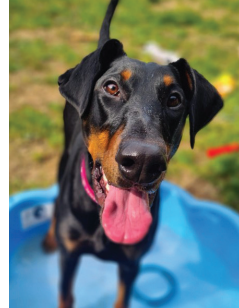
Sadie & Wu

Sadie and Wu (male) have been in our care for over 400 days since being returned due to a change in circumstances. This is the second time this lovely pair of Rabbits has been in our rescue centre. They came in individually the first time but found love in one another and have been a bonded pair since.

Wu is nearly 9 years old, and Sadie is 6 years old. They are the best bunnies and enjoy snoozing together, grooming each other and exploring their enrichment. Due to their age, some additional measures need to be taken to keep them comfortable, particularly in the winter months.

Sadie and Wu are the perfect pair. They enjoy human interaction and deserve to find their forever home to enjoy their retirement years. Sadie and Wu have lived both outdoors and indoors, but we think they prefer the indoor lifestyle, where they can spend plenty of time with their human companions.

Could you be their forever family?



Ruby

Ruby has been with us for over 500 days. For much of that time, she has been undergoing training and rehabilitation to help her cope

with the simple things in life, which she had been deprived of in her previous home. Ruby had to spend a prolonged time in kennels while we waited for news on the prosecution of her previous owners, and this has had a detrimental effect on her learning abilities as a young dog.

Luckily for Ruby, she has a team of experienced and dedicated people around her who give her the time she needs to flourish.

Ruby is looking for a home with no other pets or children. Her new owners must be willing to continue her training using positive techniques with support from our experienced team.

That's a small price to pay for the love of a Dobermann like Ruby, especially one who, once she knows you, will become your best friend.

Ruby, Ruby, Ruby, Ruby
could you, could you, could you
adopt her?

(with apologies to the Kaiser Chiefs!)



NEW YEAR, NEW WILL

We can help write your will for free

Gifts in wills are a vital source of funds for RSPCA Suffolk Central, which helps animals of all kinds across Suffolk. In 2023, 40% of our income came from legacies. Without these, we would not be able to continue the important work we do and the impact we make on the lives of animals every day.

This month, we have teamed up with will-writing specialists Farewill to enable you to write your will for free. It only takes 30 minutes, and you can do it from the comfort of your own home. While you are not obligated to include a gift to us in your will, we hope you will consider leaving one once your loved ones are provided for.

If you would rather write your will over the phone, you can book an appointment with a Farewill specialist. **Visit www.rspca-suffolkcentral.org.uk to find out more about gifts in wills, or scan the QR code here.**

Thank you for building a better future for RSPCA Suffolk Central and for animals in need.



Did you know? ❄️

Christmas is a time of excitement, happiness, and gift-giving. Sadly, pets are often still seen as ideal gifts without thinking about the long-term commitment they need.

For this reason, we stop rehoming over Christmas to avoid animals going home as unwanted or impulsive gifts. Stopping rehoming also means animals aren't adopted at one of the busiest times of the year, where they could find crowds of people, loud noises and lots of new smells overwhelming and unsettling.

We commence our rehoming in the early new year, where we hope 2025 will see many more animals finding their happily ever after.



New Corporate Partnership Scheme

October saw the launch of our Corporate Partnership Scheme, designed to provide a simple way for local businesses to make a big difference to animals in need across Suffolk—even if they don't have the time or resources to plan their own fundraising activities.



We offer a variety of packages, starting from £500 plus VAT, to help engage and motivate teams, demonstrate the company's commitment to local causes to staff and customers, and promote their support.

We're also keen to show our thanks in any way we can, so we've included some unique rewards in our packages! Find out more:



EVENTS DIARY 2025:

2024 saw lots of fundraising activity, including Ipswich Half Marathon in September – raising over £3,900! We have an exciting calendar of events planned for 2025, including:



Charity Pub Quiz

Sunday 9 March 2025

The Woolpack, Ipswich

Spring Charity Quiz Night

Saturday 12 April 2025

St. Michael's Church Centre, Martlesham Heath

Stall at the Suffolk Show

Wednesday 28 & Thursday 29 May 2025

Trinity Park, Ipswich

One Fun Day

Saturday 14th June 2025

Locations to be confirmed!



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