

RSPCA shop
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(24 hours)

Tel: 0300 1234 999
(calls are charged at the national rate)

WEST SUFFOLK BRANCH

The West Suffolk branch of the RSPCA is an independent charity and raises all the money required for maintaining its rehoming and other welfare activities. Most of its income is generated by the RSPCA shop in Bury St Edmunds.

Every year the branch volunteers rehome over 300 dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, and other small animals.



Registered charity No: 206965

THE RSPCA SHOP

We have a brilliant shop in Bury St Edmunds. It can be found at the corner of St Andrews St (south) and Kings Road to the rear of the Waitrose car park - there is a map on our web site. The shop is open from 9.30am to 4.00pm Monday to Saturday. Please come along and visit us to browse, buy, or donate goods.

VOLUNTEERS

Our branch relies on its volunteers, and new faces are always welcome. If you think you could help, by taking part in any of our many activities, such as Tesco or street collections, animal fostering, helping in the shop, or would just like to know more, please get in touch with us by phone or email, or leave your details at the shop. All our contact details are on the back page.

ANNUAL EVENTS

- Tesco collection week, in April or May outside Tesco in Bury St Edmunds.
- Street collection Saturday, usually in the autumn in Bury St Edmunds town centre (sometimes also in Sudbury).
- Green Fair, held in November.
- Charity stall night, usually the first Thursday in December on the Cornhill. This is a great night out with dozens of charity stalls and entertainment, and will get you in the Christmas mood. Make this a special evening out and get your Xmas presents from us. All our items for sale are donated goods only.

FUNDRAISING

We are always open to ideas for fundraising. If you would like to arrange an event, stall, sponsored walk, etc., please give us a call at our shop.

LEGACIES

A legacy or bequest will provide crucial funds. If you are making a will, and would like animals in the local area to benefit, please visit our web site or see our shop poster for details.

INKJET CARTRIDGES

Don't throw out that old inkjet or ribbon cartridge (sorry not Epson) as these can be recycled and raise more money. Drop them off in the shop.

ALUMINIUM CANS

Please bring your aluminium cans along to the shop where we can recycle them to raise more money.

POSTAGE STAMPS

English and foreign stamps are always wanted. They can be left on paper or envelopes, but please trim leaving a small border. All kinds of stamps can be used as we either sell them in our shop or on to local dealers. Old stamp books/collections are also welcomed, please bring them along to the shop.

MOBILE PHONES

Finished with your old mobile? Bring it to the shop so we can raise more funds.

ANIMAL REHOMING

Some animals come to us from the RSPCA inspectorate. However when we have spaces available we also accept animals directly from the public when the owner is no longer able, for whatever reason, to care for their pet. Photographs of animals which are currently looking for new homes can be seen in the shop window or on our web site.

ADOPTING A DOG OR CAT

All of our dogs and cats are fully vaccinated, treated for common parasites, microchipped and neutered. Anyone who adopts a kitten or puppy too young to be neutered is required to have this done at 6 months of age. We ask for a minimum donation for our animals. In some cases, with older animals, or with animals needing medical treatment, we will accept a smaller donation. Before an animal is rehomed, one of our volunteers will make a home visit to ensure that the environment will be suitable for the animal, and that everyone in the family is happy about the adoption and the commitment to the new member of the family.

DOGS

Anyone wishing to adopt a dog should contact our dog rehomers (01284 703807) who will make arrangements for you to meet the dog first. Most dogs will need plenty of exercise, and any children present should be over preschool age. These factors can be assessed during the home visit.

CATS

To adopt a cat or kitten, contact our cat rehomers on 0845 2000 287. We rehome cats where the home is not on a busy road and where the cat will have access to shelter at all times. We sometimes rehome cats to an indoor environment for health reasons. We only rehome kittens where someone will be at home for most of the day.

RABBITS, GUINEA PIGS AND OTHER SMALL ANIMALS

Our rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, etc. are looked after by our foster carers in their own homes. If you would like to offer one of our small animals a home please ring Deb (01359 242343) for rabbits or Allan (01638 515935) for guinea pigs and other small animals. We only rehome rabbits as a pair or in groups or to match up with a rabbit you may already have. Our rabbits are all neutered; if you have a rabbit that needs a friend it will also need to be neutered to prevent fighting. We do not rehome rabbits and guinea pigs together as they are different species with different needs.

ANIMAL FOSTERERS

At our RSPCA centre we have only a limited number of places. At certain times of the year we often have so many unwanted dogs, cats, and kittens that we do not have room for them all. Could you be a foster carer for an animal while it is waiting for a new home to be found? Please contact our dog rehomers (01284 703807) or cat rehomers (0845 2000 287) for more information.

Thank you for your support