

A microchip must-have



You may think it unlikely that your pet will go missing. It happens all the time - take our word for it. When that day comes, make sure your pet will be back with you in no time. A tiny microchip, no bigger than a

grain of rice can be inserted under the skin. On it is your unique number which can be detected and read by any vet, dog warden or animal welfare organisation. The number is then traced back to you. (If you have microchips already don't forget to keep your address and phone numbers etc., up-to-date).

Your vet would normally charge £20-£25. Here at the Rochdale Animal Centre we charge only £10 and no appointment is needed - just call in.

SPECIAL EVENT

Microchipping Day

ONE DAY ONLY - SAT 19 JUNE

Ensure that your cats, rabbits, dogs, and ferrets and any other animal that might just decide to take off has permanent identification. It's quick, easy, painless and best of all, for this special day

...it's only £5

Holly - a harsh lesson about winter



Were do you go to keep your babies safe? Poor old mum thought she had the answer, half hidden under bushes, but one icy night it was not to be. She was found - barely alive, but worse - her kittens were by her side, every one frozen to death. It was a very traumatic night for all

concerned with the rescue, (sadly she was not the only one that night). Temperatures in January were literally too low to bear. We have cared for Holly, helped reduce her milk production and get her back on her feet. Holly is a gorgeous cat, very quiet and selfless. We know she wont be with us long.

Could you offer one of our animals a home? Please contact us.



Calling all mouse lovers

In response to an appeal from Bolton branch RSPCA we have agreed to take in fifteen cute little mice. We love them but we need to

find them homes. If you could take one or more that would be great! See back page for our contact details.

"A wonderful evening"

Animal Communicator Julie Rolls gave another of her absolutely fascinating talks on 17 December. Julie's empathy with animals is truly astounding and a wonderful evening was had by all. Julie often volunteers to help us with traumatised animals and was included last year in an edition of

BBC Countryfile. If you missed her in December, she will be doing another talk later in the year.



Julie, with Centre Manager Jean, during filming with the BBC last year.



NO CHASING CATS TONIGHT!

What accident befell poor Tommy the collie-cross? Found at the side of the road, he was brought to us in a sorry state. He needed veterinary treatment and x-rays and our vet kept him overnight for observation. He was found to have three broken bones in his left front leg and would need

quite a lot of attention, not to mention regular pain killers if he were to stand a chance of a full recovery. And he was only about 10 weeks old too - what a start in life! Needless to say, he's had plenty of TLC with us and has already caught the eye of a prospective new owner.

Christmas fundraising

Thanks to everyone who helped with fundraising over Christmas especially:

Bowser Supply UK Ltd
Graham & Phil, Middleton
Gordon Riggs Garden Centre, Rochdale
Knights News, Middleton
Greggs Discount, Middleton

Major Changes, Middleton
Sun & Beauty, Middleton
McDonalds, Middleton
Marks & Spencers, Rochdale
Wilkinsons Ltd
Wendy Lane Vets

Help to keep our Centre open

Please join us as a FRIEND of the Animal Centre

The Animal Centre in Redcross Street costs a great deal of money to run. We rely entirely on supporters like you to keep the Centre open and ready to take in animals in desperate need.

You can make a huge difference just by making a small regular contribution

Please help – ask for details at the Animal Centre or visit our website:



www.rspca-rochdale.org.uk

Please remember us in your will

Be sure that the causes you believe in are supported when you are no longer here.

Most people agree that it's vital that we all have a will (and that someone knows where it is kept). It's easy to put off, but we know many people feel great relief when they finally get round to putting their wishes in writing.

A solicitor will be able to assist you with your will and ensure that it is legally correct and that your wishes are carried out, including whether you would like to leave a legacy to charity. It is not a difficult process and not expensive either.

Please remember to keep your will up to date with changing circumstances. If you have already made a will and would like to include a legacy to the Rochdale RSPCA then all you have to do is contact your solicitor who can then make the addition – this is known as a Codicil. If you need advice, just give us a call and we will be pleased to help.

Without your generosity the Rochdale Branch could not continue. For us, a legacy is a precious gift. No matter how small, it will be put to good use.

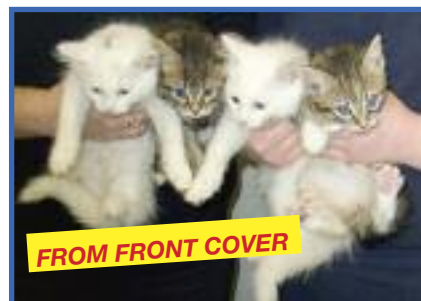
Your solicitor will advise on the correct wording, which must be quite precise - see example below. Remember also to state 'RSPCA Rochdale Branch'.

EXAMPLE: I wish to bequeath the sum of

£ _____

to the RSPCA Rochdale Branch, 1 Redcross Street, Rochdale OL12 0NZ. Registered charity No 232257.

Found by the road in a cardboard box, these four little characters gave our inspector a bit of a problem. It was Christmas, everywhere was full, she had asked us once already, but here she was, back again. We saw the kittens for the first time - they were the most adorable kittens we have seen for ages. We gave in, we moved things around - it was Christmas after all. The



four plucky kittens were lucky to be alive in those sub-zero temperatures. They will soon have new owners and, we hope, continue to stay lucky.

Local Shops News

Our seven RSPCA shops play a big part in keeping our animal welfare activities running. Please support them whenever you can. ALL the profits stay here in our area and it's the local

animals who benefit. Contact your local shop whenever you have any item which you could usefully pass on. We take anything in good condition and will collect from you if you prefer.

Do you live in Todmorden?



Cutting the ribbon to open the new Todmorden shop are PCSO's Pat Hirst (front) and Faye Mitchell with Rochdale Animal Centre manager Jean Spencer.

In the New Year Todmorden became part of the Rochdale and district branch. Come along to our new shop at 27 Burnley Road, opposite the market, and show your support.

Bring unwanted household items to us or ring 07858 056 058 and we will collect. We also need volunteers to help in the shop. Phone the number above and ask for Becky German.



Just before Christmas Shirley, our shops manager fostered this little puppy. He was brought into the Centre by a young couple, who were his third owners in 24hrs - he was only 12 days

old, far too young to leave his mum! "Jean asked if I could help out. How could I say no?" said Shirley. "I fostered him for 4 weeks, I had to set my alarm for the first few nights because he had to be bottle fed every 2-3hrs. It was worse than having a baby! I cried a few tears when it was time for him to go." He has now been adopted.

All profits raised in our shops STAYS IN OUR AREA



Watch out, there's a rabbit about

According to the man who brought her in, this 'little b...' had been sheltering under his car for three nights, probably trying to get some warmth from the engine. She defied being

caught but eventually he succeeded and brought her to us. She needed some medication, but nothing serious, she'll have been glad to be out of the cold. We've christened her L.B!

Tell us your pet stories

We love to hear how your pets are doing and it's great when someone unexpected pops in to see us. One such person was Alan Woolley from New Zealand who was visiting friends and decided to call in. We gave Alan a tour of the Centre and as a volunteer for the Auckland SPCA, Alan gave us an

insight into the world of rehoming pets New Zealand style. We'll keep in touch, and thanks Alan for your letter received in January.

Let us know what your pet is getting up to. Send us a picture, write to us, or send us an email - our contact details are at the foot of this page.

Brave or...

"I must be either brave or stupid" said Chan as she contemplated what she had let herself in for. Chantal Taylor, our Centre's Deputy Manager has decided to help raise funds for the Centre by doing a sponsored parachute jump on Sunday 16 May, jumping from 10,000 feet. "I freefall for 5,000 feet - I must be

bonkers" says Chan. "but I really want to help our animals. The event takes place at the Black Knights Parachute Centre at Cockerham. You can help by sponsoring Chan online at www.justgiving.com (once on the site just look for Rochdale RSPCA) or by calling in at the Animal Centre.

More than just an itch

This terrible situation could have been totally prevented by a quick trip to the local vet. What a torture this poor dog was enduring. The fleas were drawing blood from all over his body. We had to take poor Teddy away from his owner because of this, but it need not have happened. Make sure you flea your animals regularly.



Rochdale Animal Centre

Support the Centre - buy your pet products from us

Every penny helps us to keep the Centre running. Here is just a small selection.

World's best Cat Litter



Without doubt the best cat litter there is - and at an unbeatable price!

Small **£7.00**
Medium **£18.50**
Large **£32.50**



Applaws 99p/63p

£5.99 This delicious range of flavours will make your cat love you more than ever

£2.89 **£2.59**

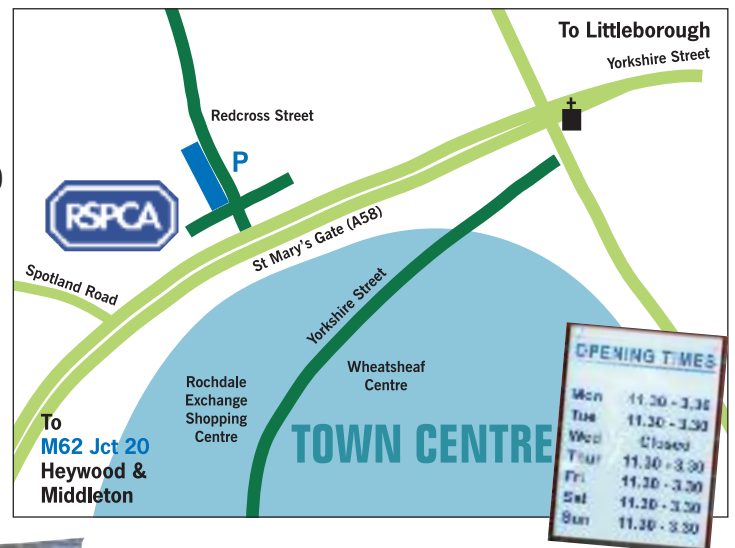
£2.99



Toys and Treats

For Rabbits, Guinea Pigs Gerbils and Hamsters who enjoy a bit of pampering

Directions to the Rochdale Animal Centre



St Mary's Gate (A58) runs across the top of the town centre towards Littleborough in the north east, and Heywood and the M62 in the west.

Redcross Street is easily accessed from the A58, from either direction, or on foot directly from the town centre.

Limited free car parking is available for RSPCA visitors opposite the Centre, plus 'Pay and Display' car parking.

We are open every day including weekends, except Wednesdays 11.30am - 3.30pm.

OPENING TIMES	
Mon	11.30 - 3.30
Tue	11.30 - 3.30
Wed	Closed
Thu	11.30 - 3.30
Fri	11.30 - 3.30
Sat	11.30 - 3.30
Sun	11.30 - 3.30

TO REPORT AN ANIMAL IN DISTRESS: TEL 0300 1234 999

CALLS TO OUR CRUELTY AND ADVICE LINE ON THE NEW 0300 NUMBER WILL COST JUST THE SAME AS A NATIONAL NUMBER

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ROCHDALE ANIMAL CENTRE

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RSPCA WEEK 26 APRIL - 2 MAY 2010



www.rspca-rochdale.org.uk

...looking after animals in Rochdale and District

See us during RSPCA Week

We will be out and about from 26 April to 2 May collecting donations and handing out information about the Animal Centre.

See us at:

Middleton - Tesco

Rochdale - Tesco

Heywood - Morrison's

Summer Fair and Open Day

To help get RSPCA week off to a flying start, come to the Rochdale Animal Centre on **24 April 11.00am to 3.00pm**. Join in the fun, grab a bargain from one of the gift stalls and find out what's happening at the Centre.

Meet the Rochdale team...



Jean -
Animal
Centre
Manager

With over 100 animals in at any one time the Rochdale Animal Centre has to work like a well oiled machine 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We never stop. Making sure this relentless workload never falters is the responsibility of Centre Manager Jean Spencer. Jean deals with staffing issues, animal issues, funding issues, nice visitors, the occasional abusive visitor and much more besides.

Jean is a mine of information about all animals, not just those likely to pass through the Centre. Before coming to the Centre Jean worked with horses at HAPPA Horse and Pony Protection Association and she loves nothing better on her free days than to take her two dogs, Meg and Lass out into the countryside. **IN NEXT ISSUE:** meet Shirley, animal crackers and manager of our shops.

RSPCA Week 2009 - a total of £4,046 was raised in Rochdale



Our two lovable reception rogues Flash and Fidget, the friendly ferrets, have been with us so long now we

thought they deserved a new luxury suite for Christmas. Here's Flash examining his new bed.

For all the latest information - www.rspca-rochdale.org.uk