



# PLEASE HELP US THIS CHRISTMAS

## HERE'S WHAT YOU COULD DO...

### MAKE A DONATION -

**YOU CAN DO IT QUICKLY AND  
SIMPLY AND BEST OF ALL  
IT WILL GO STRAIGHT TO  
HELPING THE ANIMALS IN THE  
CENTRE OVER CHRISTMAS**

### MAKE A DONATION - ON-LINE

**IT'S SO SIMPLE: GO TO  
[www.rspca-rochdale.org.uk](http://www.rspca-rochdale.org.uk)**

### MAKE A DONATION - BY POST

**JUST POST A CHEQUE**

### MAKE A DONATION - AT ONE OF OUR SHOPS

**OPENING HOURS:**  
9:00am - 4:30pm  
Monday - Saturday.  
Closed Sundays and Bank Holidays

#### **ROCHDALE**

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OL16 1DW  
Tel: 01706 522066

#### **MIDDLETON**

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M24 1AJ  
Tel: 0161 654 7155

#### **MIDDLETON**

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M24 1AN  
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#### **MILNROW**

84 Dale Street, Milnrow, Rochdale  
OL16 4HX  
Tel: (Mobile) 07821 748042

#### **LITTLEBOROUGH**

23 Harehill Road, Littleborough  
OL15 9AD  
Tel: 01706 374792

#### **HEYWOOD**

36 Market Place, Heywood  
OL10 4PY  
Tel: 01706 361444

#### **TODMORDEN**

27 Burnley Road, Todmorden  
OL14 7BU  
Tel: (Mobile) 07858 056058

### You could also volunteer to help with our many FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES



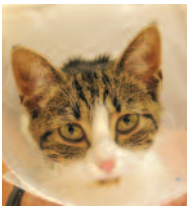
Mark, our van driver, met Noel Edmonds in early October when he was filming 'Deal or No Deal' in Littleborough. Noel asked Mark 'had he been rescued?' and told him to keep up the good work as he thought the RSPCA do a fantastic job!

Saturday Oct 8 2011  
This is Nathan - a volunteer from Heywood, handing a tombola prize to one of the local PCSO's - we raised £85 in the Wheatsheaf Shopping Centre Rochdale that day.



**Sponsored Spell**  
Thanks to St Clare's Primary School in Victoria Avenue, Blackley. Sixty Year 1 children took part, the teacher pictured is Miss Sarah Yates and the amount raised - a fantastic £459.65.

## JUST CHOOSE YOUR WAY TO HELP



# TIDDLES

Behind Tiddles' gorgeous face and big eyes lie deep wounds, broken bones and slowly healing scars. Tiddles was playing happily out in the fresh air with her owner when she

was suddenly savaged by a dog. Although her owner quickly intervened, Tiddles was badly injured. Had no one been there she would have been killed, so intense was the attack. Her owner took her to the local vet but confessed to having no means to pay. The vet was Wendy Lane (we happen to work closely with Wendy and she featured on our last newsletter cover). Wendy suggested that without finances it is never a good idea to keep a pet in the first place and in Tiddles case money needs to be spent both now and possibly again in the near future. Tiddles owner then realised she would never have enough free cash to look after her properly and as a way of solving the problem Wendy asked us if we could take control of the case. Happily, Tiddles is now officially signed over to us and is on the mend and .... wait for it.... she is ready for a new home! Please get in touch if you could offer her a new home.



# Bubbles

At the time of writing, Bubbles is the youngest animal in the Centre. In fact he was only 2 or 3 days old when he was found and brought to us. He was noticed, totally alone, in the Wheatsheaf multi-story car park. When we were alerted we immediately searched the building for signs of his mum or brother or sisters, but to no avail. Wheatsheaf security staff also kept a look out. Bubbles needed feeding every 3 hours day and night and two of our staff, Hannah and Christine bravely volunteered to take on the task. Christine said (when Bubbles was 11 days old and we took this picture) "He's shaping up to be a real beauty - someone is going to be very proud to be his owner".

# FOUR CATS!

These four cats were dumped on 26 September in the town centre. Someone found them inside a cardboard box looking frightened to death and brought them to us. We have vet-checked them and they are all fine. When they have got their confidence back they will be ready to go to a new home.



**Could you offer one of our animals a home?  
If you could, we would be  
delighted to hear from you**



Don't miss your chance to look around the Animal Centre on Saturday 19 November. You will be able to see rabbits, cats, ferrets, mice and degus - and for the adventurous - a snake - and even a **BIG HAIRY TARANTULA!**

**FREE**  
Coffee and a cake

**Open Day**

*Invitation*

The trustees of the Rochdale Animal Centre warmly invite you to visit the Centre on 19 November 2011. (All the animals have had strict instructions to be on their very best behaviour). There will be plenty to see and do, we look forward to seeing you.

Saturday 19 November.  
Redcross Street, Rochdale OL12 0NZ  
Open 11.30am - 3.30pm  
Entry only £1 each

**TREE OF REMEMBRANCE**  
Remember your pets that have gone to  
Rainbow Bridge ★

**Buy a Christmas tag,  
write a message and  
hang it on our tree in  
the Animal Centre  
Only £2.**

You can do this anytime until Dec 25. Just call in. The tree will stay in the Animal Centre until 12 January 2012



**PET CHRISTMAS GOODS FOR SALE  
HANDMADE JEWELLERY  
BODYSHOP STALL RAFFLE  
RSPCA XMAS CARDS AND DIARIES**

**NO INVITATION?** Don't worry - you are still very welcome. Just call in, we will be delighted to see you.

# Sponsored Dog Walk

Help to raise £1,000 to refurbish the small animal room with new equipment and toys

An easy walk, sponsored by Amber Pets. Pick up a sponsor form from one of our shops, the Animal Centre or from Amber Pets.

You don't have to bring a dog to take part but all dogs present will receive a free Goody Bag.

**Sunday 13th November 2011**

Walk starts from Amber Pets in Cutgate at 12 noon



## Fashion show raises £482

A fashion show held on 20 October at the Radcliffe Arms in Middleton was a fantastic success and raised £482 for the Animal Centre. Pictured, modelling some of the clothes are, from the Animal Centre: Justine, Ruth and Lyndsey; from the shops: (member of staff's daughter + friend) Nadia and Maria, and from Wendy Lane vets: Tara, Paula, and extra help from Caitlin - who also sold raffle tickets.



Please remember  
**ROCHDALE ANIMAL CENTRE**  
in your will

The Rochdale Animal Centre cares for hundreds of animals every year. Please help us to provide for them.

Large or small, a gift in your will is a precious gift indeed. Please contact us for more information either through our website or on 01706 861897.

**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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...Mailbag...

## It's black and white to us!



Hi, thought you may like these pictures from yesterday.

They have settled in fine, very hungry and chasing each other around the house. Both crashed out on me when I crashed out on the couch last night which was nice. Also, slightly embarrassing but can you just confirm which one is Aston and which one Marvin? Me and my mum have got them confused! Thanks very much, Andrew



Hello everyone  
I just thought I would let you all know that Vinny had settled in incredibly well to our home and family. He is now called Smudge, due

to the black smudge on his nose. Holly, our other cat, has not taken to him too well - but it hasn't been horrendous either! She will show him she is boss, but would much rather just have nothing to do with him. Smudge on the other hand, would quite like to be friends and play! She has been sulking with us quite a bit, but is slowly coming round.

Thank you for all the great work you do. Kind Regards, Kirsty

## AN EXOTIC LIZARD

Just as Bubbles was having his picture taken (see inside) someone arrived at the Centre with a bearded dragon lizard in a shoebox. Exotic pets like this are proving to be a big problem for the RSPCA. They are bought as pets but very rarely are they looked after properly. Once the novelty has worn off the owners realise just how difficult they are to look after. Before acquiring a bearded dragon it is crucial that a potential owner finds out about the animal - including how to provide for the animal's needs when kept in captivity, how big it gets and how long it lives, (they can live between seven and twelve years in captivity). Bearded dragons are completely dependent on their owners to provide them with the correct accommodation, heating, lighting and food, all of which must replicate as closely as possible their wild habitat. Further information on their care can be found on the RSPCA national society website. Let's hope there is someone with the right expertise and commitment who will come forward to adopt it.



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Run by your local RSPCA branch

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## JOIN US ON 19 NOV FOR A VERY SPECIAL OPEN DAY

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...looking after animals throughout Rochdale and District

### Thank you

Thank you to all those who have donated to our foreign currency appeal. As more people take their holidays abroad throughout the year we will keep the appeal open and announce the total raised in our next newsletter.

### Dear Supporter

You must be tired of me always going on about how bad things are! It's true, some cases get us down and lack of money is a great worry but, one look into a trusting animal's eyes is all it takes to remember why we decided to do this job in the first place.

Please come to our Open Day on the 19 November and you will see what I mean. Take a look around the Centre and see all the different animals we have here. I'm sure that, like me, you will feel brighter, happier and more optimistic for the rest of the day - if not for the whole of the following week! Animals have that effect don't they?

We are often told how important our work in our community here in Rochdale is. Come and see for yourself. I hope to meet you on the 19th.

*Jean*

Jean Spencer  
Rochdale Animal Centre Manager

## Open Day



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HANG A TAG ON OUR TREE OF REMEMBRANCE -SEE INSIDE

### You've heard it all before but a pet really isn't "just for Christmas"

I don't want to sound like we are preaching to the converted, but with Christmas approaching if you think someone may be thinking about adopting a cat or a dog for a present these figures may worth quoting: Typical cost to keep a cat or dog for 16 years - £1,220 not including illnesses or accidents. It's important to be confident that this amount of money will be available during the lifetime of the pet.

