

# ROCHDALE ANIMAL CENTRE

Run by your local RSPCA branch

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## FUNDRAISERS TO THE RESCUE

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**Filo** (*soft and sweet*). Filo the rabbit was found by builders under scaffolding in Park Road Rochdale early in January. Neglected and dripping wet with urine scalds, poor Filo was in a shocking state and needed antibiotics twice a day and antiseptic cream. Fortunately he has recovered well from his ordeal and is now ready for a new home.



...caring for animals throughout Rochdale and District

## Fundraisers to the rescue - Filo gets medication in record time!



Filo when he first arrived. Laura Blears, Maddison Kirk and Hollie Dootson with Filo, and at their stall at school.

When Laura, Maddie and Hollie of Elton Primary School in Bury decided to do some fundraising for the Rochdale Animal Centre little did they know that they would end up helping one animal directly.

The girls decided to make jewellery including earrings, bracelets and key rings and sell them at school to help the RSPCA. This was a great success and they raised over £40. When they came to the Centre with this donation they saw Filo, who had just arrived minutes before and was in a terrible state - see our front cover. By coincidence their donation of £40 would just pay for the medication Filo so badly needed and they were very happy to agree for the money to be used to help him. We were pleased too that they were able to see their help 'in action'. Filo was whisked off to the vets straight away.

The girls were keen to help as much as they could and started thinking of more ways of raising money. Finally they decided on a sponsored silence - which raised a

further £30.52. Well done girls your efforts are hugely appreciated.

The girls have been following Filo's progress and we're sure everyone else would like to know too - Filo has blossomed into a healthy and very cheeky rabbit. He needs a new home now and a rabbit friend to share his life with.

### Dear Supporter

I hope you enjoy reading our story about Laura, Maddie and Hollie. Helping children to appreciate and care for animals is one of my passions and I spend as much time as I can spare visiting schools and youth organisations to give talks and demonstrations.

I desperately hope this will pay dividends as these young people grow up and adopt pets themselves. Many of the animals we see in the Centre have been the victims of callous youths and I am determined that this RSPCA branch will do its utmost in engaging young people to be compassionate with animals. Well done Laura, Maddie and Hollie.

Jean

Jean Spencer, Rochdale Animal Centre Manager

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MICROCHIPPING DAY 11.00am - 3.00pm



The trustees of the Rochdale Animal Centre warmly invite you to our

# Spring Open Day

FREE  
Coffee  
and a  
cake

Plenty to see and do: Take a look behind the scenes, visit all the animals.  
19 May 2012. 11.30 - 3.30pm. Entry only £1. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Animal Centre, Redcross Street, Rochdale OL12 0NZ

## Eight million cats in the UK. Most are well kept but...

The RSPCA exists for animals in trouble. It tries to put a stop to neglect and cruelty through prevention and prosecution, rescuing animals and offering them a better life.

Through your kind donations the Rochdale Animal Centre has a large and well equipped cattery helping to cater for the high number of cats needing help in our area.

The vast majority of cats in the UK are actually very well looked after and have loving and caring owners. However some unfortunate cats

have to endure the opposite and we hope that through the well respected and powerful name of the RSPCA and, with the help of donations from the public, we can help as many of those in the Rochdale area as possible.

The staff at the Animal Centre want to ensure that every cat and every other animal that is unfortunate enough to need our help can be found a new loving owner and we try our very best to make this happen. If you can help us we would be delighted.

Open Day in November last year started with more than we bargained for when, only a few minutes after opening the doors, a man rushed in, hurled three tiny kittens at reception and turned and ran.

Such abrupt behaviour is unfortunately not unusual at the Animal Centre, but still leaves the staff who witness these incidents quite shocked. "He just rushed in and shouted "Found these in a skip" and disappeared" said volunteer Barbara Thompson who was in reception preparing raffle prizes at the time. "We don't know if he really did, or where the skip was, or if there was a mother nearby, or anything". Not quite what we were expecting on that day but in spite of that we had a successful event - thanks to all who attended.

**Our open days are always full of surprises - and not always welcome ones!**

## OPEN DAY OPENED WITH A SHOCK!



Three kittens  
thrown at us



Maple:  
Came to the  
Centre in late  
February.  
Poor Maple had  
to have her tail  
amputated

### MAKE A DONATION

**ROCHDALE**  
97 Yorkshire Street, Rochdale  
Tel: 01706 522066

**MIDDLETON**  
1 Middleton Gardens, Middleton  
Tel: 0161 654 7155

**MIDDLETON**  
12 Old Hall Street, Middleton  
Tel: 0161 643 5944

**BY POST JUST POST A CHEQUE**  
**ON-LINE GO TO [www.rspca-rochdale.org.uk](http://www.rspca-rochdale.org.uk)**

**or at ONE OF OUR SHOPS:**

**MILNROW**  
84 Dale Street, Milnrow, Rochdale  
Tel: (Mobile) 07821 748042

**LITTLEBOROUGH**  
23 Harehill Road, Littleborough  
Tel: 01706 374792

**HEYWOOD**  
36 Market Place, Heywood  
Tel: 01706 361444

**TODMORDEN**  
27 Burnley Road, Todmorden  
Tel: (Mobile) 07858 056058

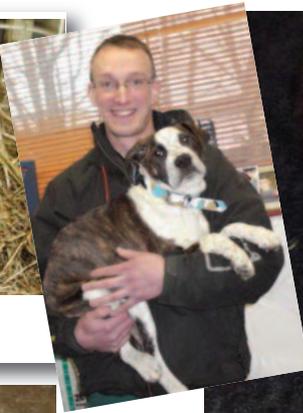
**SHOPS OPENING HOURS:**  
9:00am - 4:30pm Mon - Sat. Closed Sundays and Bank Holidays  
Rochdale shop now open Sundays 11.00am - 4.00pm

## MICROCHIPPING DAY Saturday 28 April 2012

Call in anytime 11.00am - 3.00pm. Only £6.00 per pet. No need to make an appointment



Dumped on the side of a motorway



George now with his new owner. He is with another dog and is settling in really well.



George

Rescued from terrible conditions - neglected and abused - George was one of the most frightened puppies we have ever seen.



Woody

Woody - clipped all over apart from his head, legs and tail.

Woody was found by a lady walking her dog in the woods - he was hiding under a tree, unable to stand and covered in faeces. He was brought to us with his coat badly matted and with a big wound on his left side. His first vet check revealed that in addition to needing a de-mat and his wound stitching he had cataracts and needed dental attention. He is only 6 or 7 years old.

We booked him into the vets the following day for blood checks. All was well, kidney, liver and thyroid so that was our go head to give him all the help he needed. When he was found he was very wobbly on his legs but the vet says its due to neurological problems - unfortunately he will always be wobbly. Woody does have special needs and will be disabled for life but even so the lady who found him wants to adopt him. We are so very pleased he will have a loving, caring owner and we wish him well.



Hartley: Poor Hartley had to have his leg amputated. We have now found him a home with a fellow three-legged cat!

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



Hissing Sid: With us only a few days before going to an RSPCA wildlife centre.

## Staff get commendations



Christine Berry, Hannah Hunter and Shirley Mellor receive awards from Mike Hogg of the RSPCA.

On March 26 three members of staff received certificates of merit from the National RSPCA.

As was widely reported in the media in January, staff from the Rochdale Animal Centre joined firefighters and RSPCA colleagues from Oldham in working through the night to save pets from a blaze at a Garden Centre in Royton.

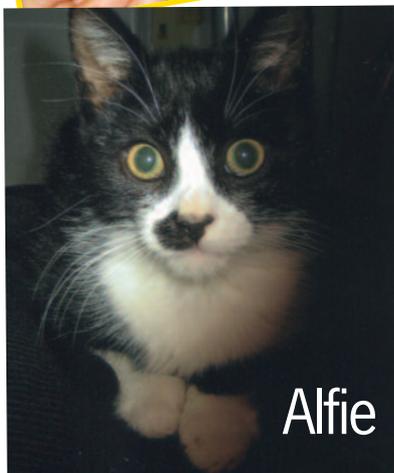
Among the rescued animals were parrots, chickens and other birds. Christine Berry, Shirley Mellor and other staff helped to co-ordinate the animal rescue along with the fire service.

Rochdale manager Jean Spencer said: "Staff got out of their beds in the middle of the night to help a neighbouring branch of the RSPCA because the animals were at risk. Christine and Hannah did not get to bed until 4.30am and all the staff were back at work by 8.30 later that morning"



Some of the lucky chickens rescued

## DO YOU REMEMBER THIS LITTLE KITTEN?



It's just over 9 months since we rescued Rush from his ordeal and we are pleased to say he's looking great. Here is a message from his owner.

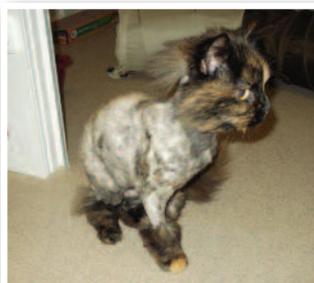
Hello, It's Alfie (formally Rush). Please find enclosed a picture of me at my new home.

I've now settled in with my new mummy and daddy and also have a big! brother called Wallace to show me the ropes.

Thank you for caring and looking after me when I was found in Rusholme and for finding me a new family.

Love Alfie, xx

ps I get loads of cuddles and I purr really loudly!! xx



**Smudge:**  
Long haired cats need extra grooming if they are not to end up like poor Smudge. She was in a shocking state when we first saw her and she needed a lot of love and attention.

### ebay

We are now selling a range of RSPCA products, pet products and donated items on ebay - you can find us under 'rspcarochvalley'.

### FACEBOOK

Help us to promote the Centre and our shops, by clicking 'like' on our page (find it by searching 'RSPCA Rochdale Animal Centre').

### Shops staff are doing a great job fundraising

28 January. £240 collected at Rochdale football club with volunteers and staff from our Rochdale shop - on a very cold day!

17 February. A tombola in the Middleton Exchange with Dee and volunteers from the Middleton shop raised £90 .

10 March. Jumble Sale with Carol, Sherry & Jami from the Rochdale shop raised £180.

9 March. A collection at Morrisons, Kingsway with Darren from the Littleborough shop, van driver Mark and volunteers from the Centre raised £200.

31 March. Toy sale at the Centre with Carol & Sherry from the Rochdale shop.



Dee and volunteer Janet outside our Middleton shop.



## 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.

## Home for Life

You don't have to worry about what may happen to your pets if you die

Our **FREE** Home for Life service gives you peace of mind. If you pass away we will take care of your pets and do our very best to give them a loving home.

Please contact us for more details of this free service.



### Tree of Remembrance

Many people including, of course, all of us at the Animal Centre, would like to have the opportunity to express how we feel about our dearly loved pets who have departed. We decided to try a Tree of Remembrance last Christmas - just in a small way without too much promotion and reaction was very favourable. We will do it again next year.

Over £100 was raised.



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**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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