



# Winter Newsletter 2014

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## BREAKING NEWS




**Please help us find Bertie, if you see him please call the GSPCA on 01481 257261**

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## Forth Coming Events with the GSPCA



- **Thursday 27th November** US Thanksgiving & Christmas Themed Bingo at the Market Bistro - £14.50 per adult, £10.50 per child, includes food and 8 games of bingo
- **Sunday 30th November** Scottish Fancy Dress Family Fun Day at the Last Post for St Andrews Day
- **Sunday 7th December** Christmas fundraiser at Oatlands,
- **Thursdays in December** Stall in St Peter Port for the Late Night Shopping, we are positioned just outside Barclays Bank on the High Street
- **Sunday 14th December** Santa Paws Sponsored Dog Walk & Christmas Fair at the Market Bistro with the Guernsey Cheshire Homes—A Themed Santa Style Dog Sponsored Walk starting and finishing at the Market Bistro where we will have stalls and games!
- **Monday 29th—Wednesday 31st December & Friday 2nd—Saturday 3rd January** guided tours 2pm each day - guided tours £5 per adult £3 per child or a family of 4 for £15 to book call 257261 or online
- **Wednesday 7th January 6.30pm** Volunteer Induction Evening at the GSPCA Animal Shelter 
- **Monday 19th—Saturday 24th January** we are at the OSA Pop Up Shop with lots of pet goods, clothes, bric-a-brac and more
- **Monday 26th January** Australia Day Themed Bingo at the Market Bistro - £14.50 per adult, £10.50 per child, includes food and 8 games of bingo
- **Monday 9th—Sunday 15th** GSPCA Purple Week—celebrating 142 years caring for animals in Guernsey. Why not help raise funds with a purple theme during our birthday week
- **Tuesday 10th February 6.30pm** Volunteer Induction Evening at the Animal Shelter
- **Wednesday 11th February** GSPCA Birthday Themed Bingo at the Market Bistro - £14.50 per adult, £10.50 per child, includes food and 8 games of bingo
- **Saturday 14th February** Sidney's Sponsored Events Invites you to a 1920's St Valentine's Day Mafia Ball at St Pierre Park Hotel—£38 per person
- **Monday 16th—Saturday 21st February**
- **Sunday 8th March** Cat First Aid Course 9.30am—11am only £15 per person
- **Sunday 15th March** Dog First Aid Course 9.30am—11am only £15 per person
- **Tuesday 17th March** St Patricks Themed Bingo at the Market Bistro - £14.50 per adult, £10.50 per child, includes food and 8 games of bingo



For a calendar of events during 2014 and 2015 please go to [www.gspca.org.gg/fundraising](http://www.gspca.org.gg/fundraising)



# BREAKING NEWS—GSPCA New Build Begins



The GSPCA is proud to announce the start of the first phase of its Rebuild and Redevelopment Plan.

With over 140 years of helping animals in Guernsey and being based at our current location since 1929, the GSPCA provides around the clock care and rescue at the Animal Shelter in St. Andrews.

The Shelter has had many developments over the years moving with the times to help the varied species that come through the door. Some of the structures date back to the 1950s and are becoming difficult to run and maintain. The team at the GSPCA and its Managing Committee have been working hard planning for the future.

The new welfare building will help provide a safe haven for animals like Spot, a tiny kitten found all on his own with no mother in sight only a few weeks ago near Admiral Park. The young kitten was found terrified and full of worms and fleas, but with the care of the staff at the GSPCA he will soon be in a loving new home.

The new building will comprise of a two storey structure that will have multi-purpose use including welfare cattery, quarantine, isolation, animal reception, laundry, electrical substation and more.

It is without doubt the biggest project we have undertaken at the GSPCA. It is an essential but costly undertaking and to go hand in hand with this project we are launching our exclusive Build Partner programme.

What is the objective of the GSPCA Build Partner programme?

The Build Partner programme is designed to meet the building costs associated with our new £1.3 million multi-purpose animal welfare building. The building is to replace five existing structures that have become unusable with age.

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## How does the GSPCA Build Partner programme work?

- it is a simple partnership designed to meet the funding requirements for the new welfare building
- 500 individual or corporate partners
- join for a 5 year partnership donating £520 annually

## What benefits do I gain as a GSPCA Build Partner?

- the knowledge that you are actively supporting animal welfare and the community
- the first 25 GSPCA Build Partners to register will be entered into a draw to lay the foundation stone
- one Build Partner will be selected by draw to be involved in the topping out ceremony
- V.I.P. invitation to the opening of the new facilities
- exclusive rights to use the GSPCA Build Partner logo
- updates on the progress of the new building
- should you wish, a personal / corporate profile on the GSPCA website
- recognition of your support within the new building if desired

## How do I become a GSPCA Build Partner?

- simply complete the Deed of Covenant and Standing Order details and let us take care of the rest



For more information please email [buildpartner@gspca.org.gg](mailto:buildpartner@gspca.org.gg)

# GSPCA Exclusive Build Partner Programme



Steve Byrne, GSPCA Manager said “We are all very excited at the GSPCA as the new build we are about to embark on will replace five structures at the Animal Shelter, some of which date back to the 1950’s.”

“The staff ensures all the animals get excellent care at the GSPCA despite the age of many of the buildings, and the New Build is a way we can look to the future of animal care in Guernsey and continue to lead by example.”

“The GSPCA exclusive Build Partner programme is a way that an individual or company can be part of the GSPCA’s future and contribute to something that will stand and make a big difference to animals’ lives and support the community for years to come.”

“Every year thousands of animals are rescued, rehabilitated, rehomed, reunified with their owners, or released back into the wild through the GSPCA: from Spot a tiny kitten found terrified only a few weeks ago to the seal pups Trinity and Eden who were released from Jethou earlier this year.”

“Every day at the GSPCA we make a difference to animals and the community. We are extremely proud of the work that goes on 24 hours a day 7 days a week and with our wonderful history we hope you can join us in looking to the future.”

John Knight GSPCA President said “The GSPCA has played a major role in the community for the past 141 years, continually evolving and adapting to ensure that it maintains its work for animal welfare, through thick and thin.”

“Some of our welfare buildings and structures are now inefficient and have become difficult to maintain.”

“This new building will replace five aged structures at the Shelter and is a major step in the redevelopment of the Shelter.”

“This new build is a major investment in our future and we need help from the community to aid us in this redevelopment programme.”

“I urge our business leaders and supporters to get behind us, and support this necessary project through our new Build Partner Programme, a scheme designed to fund our new welfare building at an affordable cost.”



For more information please email [buildpartner@gspca.org.gg](mailto:buildpartner@gspca.org.gg)

GSPCA build partner 

# Seasonal Advice— What to do if you see an injured seal



Every Autumn the shores of the Bailiwick see Grey Seal pups being born and the GSPCA are issuing advice today on what to do especially with the rough weather that is due.

If anyone see's a pup with or without a mum we really do appreciate a call so that we are aware of its location and condition but here is some advice.

A healthy pup looks like a big, stuffed maggot without a neck. However, a thin pup looks sleek (but not bony) and has a visible neck, like a healthy dog.

**PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH THE SEAL.** They can give a nasty bite, which will become infected by bacteria that live in a seal's mouths.

**Note:** Do not allow dogs or other animals to harass a seal.

If a Seal is scared back into the water, it could then be washed out to sea by strong currents and be lost. You should **not** put a seal pup back in the sea as it may get into difficulty.

If a Seal pup is sick, thin or injured then we would ask you to contact the GSPCA immediately on 01481

257261 day or night

When reporting an injured, sick or abandoned seal to the GSPCA, please make sure you are able to supply the following information:

- Exact location; nearest town / village
- Position on the beach, and state of the tide
- How long you have observed the pup; any disturbance / risk to it; whether the mother has been seen
- Any wounds / obvious signs of illness
- Length/colour/condition.

Pictured to the left are Jethou Bumblebee and Hanoi two Grey Seals GSPCA staff rescued and cared for which were released on Jethou April 2013.

**Caution:-** Handling of any animal either domestic, wild, dead or alive may be potentially hazardous. Obvious dangers include bites, scratches and general hygiene issues. Common sense should be applied in all instances and, if unsure, seek additional advice or assistance. Personal hygiene should be taken into consideration after handling any animal, whether it's domestic, wild, dead or alive.



# GSPCA Redevelopment Plan



With the fantastic news of the New Build underway we are on the first phase of our 10 year redevelopment plan. If you would like to donate to other parts of the project then here is an easy way to help us plan for the future:

- Via Paypal or the Account Details are:  
Bank - **HSBC**  
Payee Account - **GSPCA**  
Sort Code - **40-22-25**  
Account Number - **22076233**



- By calling **01481 257261**
- By filling in the form on our website:  
<http://www.gspca.org.gg/blog/gspca-10-year-redevelopment-plans-launched>

We thank you for all of your support. If you would like any more information on the redevelopment please contact GSPCA Manager Steve Byrne:  
[stevebyrne@gspca.org.gg](mailto:stevebyrne@gspca.org.gg), **01481 257261**

<http://www.gspca.org.gg/about/our-plans-wish-list>

On our Wish List page you can see a link to our Amazon Wish List which is a great way you can help us care for the animals at the Shelter, as it is full of items that we really need here at the GSPCA.



## Seasonal Advice



As well as cold, wet weather, winter bring long dark nights. Now the clocks have changed, many of us will be getting home from work after dark and walking our dogs at night. When driving, it can be very hard to see people and animals on the sides of the road. As owners, we are aware of high vis jacket and waistcoats we should be using, but what about our dogs?

Here, Meghan (left) and Maisie (right) can be seen wearing their lit collars, resting after playing with their light-up ball! At the GSPCA, we sell these collars, as well as reflective collars. For breeds with longer coats, try a reflective jacket or lead to keep your pets safe.

## Animals at Christmas



At this time of year we receive a lot of calls regarding horses in wet weather.

Despite being domesticated for over 6000 years in the wild, horses are well adapted to cope with cold and can withstand temperatures below zero. However, there are a number of things that you can do to maximize your horse's health during the colder months:

- Has your field got natural or adequate shelter and space? In muddy conditions it is important that horses have an adequately sized, well-drained area in the pasture on which to stand, lie down and feed.
- Does your horse have company or enough of your time?
- Have you got a supply of extra feed for the cold months?
- Are you registered with a local vet and farrier?
- Do you know what your donkeys, ponies or horses normal behaviour and health is?

If you are cannot devote more time to your horse's care during the winter months, consider keeping your horse at full livery, where there is adequate winter turnout and a high standard of daily care.

Short days add to the complication of winter care. Make your first visit to your horse each day as early in the morning as you can. If there is a problem, you can call for assistance in daylight.

There are a huge variety of different rugs and rain sheets on the market to suit all types of donkeys, horses and ponies. It is best to ensure you use the right rug for your needs.

If you plan to ride in winter, beware of getting your horse sweated up in the afternoon, as horses can easily catch a chill. Also ensure that you and your horse have appropriate clothing to ensure that you are able to clearly be seen.

Make arrangements with an experienced person to take care of your horse in the event of an emergency, for example if you are ill or cut off by bad weather. A starting place could be one of the local groups or clubs who will have a network of experienced owners.

More than anything you MUST remember that your horse needs you. At the GSPCA we are concerned about the animals out when we have awful weather but we do sympathise with the owners.



## Corporate Days



For a third year in a row, we have welcomed volunteers from Richmond Fiduciary Group to the shelter. This year Mike Good, Jo Falla, Natalie Le Ray, Katie Read, Jacques McKeneary, Kelly Roger and Chrissie Rabey came to help. Kelly and Chirssie did a brilliant job of scrubbing the rehabilitation pool, which is been used by Blue, the young gannet (see page 20). They are pictured here with GSPCA Manager, Steve Byrne's, dogs, Katie and Toby.



In November, five volunteers from the Travel Corporation volunteered at the shelter. Richelle Swart, Amber Holt, Deanna Le Page, Lisa Goman, Wayne Ogier and Stacey Gallienne were a great help all round the shelter. Contiki Travel Consultant Stacey said "I had an amazing time volunteering at the GSPCA. It was brilliant to give something back to a charity that do so much for our animals. The attitude from the staff was very committed and you can tell they have so much love for the animals"



We also saw two groups from Credit Suisse spent time at the shelter. Credit Suisse have been very supportive of the GSPCA and donated us an iPad, which will be available to win in a future event! We had some great feedback from the Credit Suisse staff, with comments such as;

"Would recommend anyone volunteering to go there."

"A great day, interesting, educational and hard work!!"

**We are always overjoyed to make new connections and for the help offered. If your work place is interested then you can find out all the details by calling **01481 257261** or visit:**

**<http://www.gspca.org.gg/about/corporate-and-group-days>**

# GSPCA Bingo Fun!



The GSPCA have now held 4 Bingo nights and they have all been a huge success (as well as a lot of fun!). Each night had a top prize of up to £100, which added a bit of competition to the night! To date, we have held a Halloween Bingo, Animal Themed Bingo and a Mexican Bingo night. These night have raise £2,122.10! We have put together dates for next years Bingos, each with their own theme. Tickets are £14.50 per adult and £10.50 for children (includes food and 8 games of bingo). Please call the shelter on 01481 257261 to book!



## **Thursday 27th November**

Christmas & US Thanksgiving theme

## **Monday 26th January**

Australia theme for Australia Day

## **Wednesday 11th February**

GSPCA Birthday week with a Purple theme

## **Tuesday 17th March**

St Patricks theme

## **Tuesday 21st April**

Queens birthday theme

## **Tuesday 26th May**

John Waynes birthday cowboy theme

## **Monday 22nd June**

Summer Solstice themed Bingo

## **Tuesday 14th July**

Bastille Day Bingo French theme

## **Wednesday 26th August**

Dog Day Bingo

## **Wednesday 16th September**

Mexican Independence Day Bingo

## **Monday 12th October**

Spain Day Bingo

## **Monday 30th November**

St Andrews Day Scottish Bingo

## Animal Castle Day



Earlier this year the GSPCA were invited by Guernsey Museums and Galleries to attend their 'Animal Castel Day' at Castle Cornet.

On the 6th October we invaded the castle! There were rabbits, guinea pigs, tortoise, donkeys and a parrot for children to watch and stroke. There was also a large educational side to the day, with talks on 'Famous animals in history', 'Guernsey gulls' and 'Bats!'. Workshops on the day included a dog training demonstration and a chance for children to have a go making environmental enrichment toys for the rabbits and guinea pigs! To make these toys we used cardboard boxes and toilet roll tubes. These were then stuffed with hay and vegetables. Children who had rabbits at home took them home for their pets and we hope it will encourage people to think of easy ways to enrich their pets life.



Children were also entertained by dressing up and by face painter, Joni Lockwood. We owe a huge thank you to Joni, who has supported us at various event this year.

The day was a huge success, helped by the lovely weather despite it being late in the year. We raised £841 to help look after animals in Guernsey.



## Learning with the GSPCA

Throughout the year, the GSPCA run various educational courses and events. These are aimed at anyone with an interested in animals, regardless of whether you have pets at home.

A popular course has been our Animal Care and Welfare Course, which is run in conjunction with WEA.

The course covers:

- Wild animal rescue and first aid,
- Emergency care,
- Domestic animal health checking,
- Animal handling and grooming,
- Animal behaviour and psychology,
- Nutrition and diets for animals,
- An introduction to the GSPCA and the history of animal welfare,
- and an Introduction to careers with animals

The course is run over eight evenings and costs £60 (2014 price).

The course tutor is Steve Byrne, GSPCA Manager, who has over 17 years experience managing RSPCA animal shelters. Steve has wealth of experience from owning a large variety of his own pets, volunteering and working in a number of other animal environments, experience in working with International groups in animal care and has been with the GSPCA for over two years.



The GSPCA also runs regular Cat and Dog First Aid courses. These courses are run over one day (lasting approximately 3 hours) and we ask for a minimum of £15 donation.

During the sessions you get the chance to learn about what to do if you were faced with an emergency situation with a dog or cat. The course covers bandaging, heatstroke and CPR, among other subjects. All participants receive hand-outs, a few goodies and surprises. We have had great feed back from the first aid courses we run in 2014.

We are also holding Pet Bereavement Training. These evenings are taken by staff from Guernsey Bereavement Service. The sessions are aimed at helping those who are in a position of informing public that their pets have sadly died. The sessions have proved very successful and we are looking to run another in April.

If you are interested in any courses run by the GSPCA, please visit::

<http://www.gspca.org.gg/services/training-courses>

Or email [stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg](mailto:stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg)



## L'Ancrese Pond—Warning to dog owners



There has been a potential poisoning of a dog around the Millennium stone area on L'Ancrese Common. It is thought a dog may have suffered an adverse skin reaction after paddling in a pond near the stone. The Environment Department, Health and Safety Executive and the States Veterinary Officer took the claims very serious and currently investigated the area. The results from the pond came back clean. Possible causes of the injuries include blue-green algal blooms, hairs from the nests and caterpillars of the Brown Tail Moth which are known to have been in this area, 'Alabama Rot' and Occupation white phosphorus mortar bombs. We are advising dog owners to be particularly vigilant when and after walking their dogs.

## Help find Bertie



On Saturday 8th November a 7 year old grey Schnauzer called Bertie was scared by bonfire displays and escaped from his back garden, near the Vale Primary School. The GSPCA are helping coordinate the search for Bertie and have a working map with sightings, locations, dates and times.

Bertie is a very nervous dog, especially around men and people he doesn't know. If you do spot him then please call the GSPCA on **01481 257261**. Please do not approach or try to catch him as it is likely to scare him away and will not help with his safe capture. If you do try to approach him he is likely to take off. If he is in a secure area where you can close a gate or door then please do so and call the Shelter.

All reports of time, location and direction of movement are extremely important, pictures or video clips also help. We are in close contact with Bertie's owners. They have put up a £200 reward for his return.

## Firework Calendar Launch



Bonfire night is a very worrying time for many pet owners in Guernsey, especially with the increase in firework displays taking place in the week surrounding the 5th November. The GSPCA has launched a new calendar to inform local pet owners when firework displays are happening. The GSPCA's Animal Welfare Manager, Lorna Prince, is on the Firework Committee in Guernsey and backs the initiative. The GSPCA see an increase in stray and escaped animals during the firework season. We hope that this new calendar will help owner prepare and keep their pets safe, especially for those owners who have very nervous pets. At the GSPCA we also sell 'Adaptil' and 'Feliway' products, which can help reduce stress in animals.



Guernsey Cheshire  
Home



## Santa Paws Sponsored Walk &



## Christmas Fayre



## In aid of Guernsey Cheshire Home & GSPCA at the



Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2014 from 11am – 4pm

Market Bistro, Market Square in St Peter Port

### *Inside the Market Building will be:*

*Food & drinks, Craft Stalls, a Santa Grotto for dogs & children, Games & Tombolas*

*Guernsey Cheshire Home Cook Book on sale*

*Pet Goods, Pet Stockings and much more.....*

*In the Market Square 12.30pm Deputy Daugs in the stocks & from 12pm Beechwood Choir singing carols*

*(if you have a choir that would like to join us please do get in touch)*

*11.30 am Santa Paws Sponsored Walk includes a fancy dress competition & a walk along the Seafront (no min. distance) & back to the Market Building*

*Sponsor forms & details on [www.gspca.org.gg](http://www.gspca.org.gg) or 01481*







Animals come into the shelter for a variety of different reasons. We need to do the best we can for every animal that comes through our doors. On average it costs £15 to care for a dog, £10 for a cat, £6 for the smaller mammals. By sponsoring an animal pen you can help 1000's of animals that find themselves in the shelter each year.



Kenya and Mitzi are a couple of our long-stay cats. They have both been at the shelter for over a year. We are working hard to find these lovely cats a home, but in the mean time your sponsorship helps us give them a safe environment and the care they need.



Heather and her kits were an abandoned family of rabbits. Every year we had numerous stray rabbits that are never claimed. Before any of our rabbits are rehomed they will all be vaccinated, microchipped and neutered.



We also need to look after numerous species of wild-life. If this is where your interest lies, why not sponsor a hutch for a hedgehog, or an aviary for rehabilitating birds?



**To become an ANGEL, please fill in and return the form at the back of this news letter.**

**Thank you.**

### How to Make a Donation

You can make a donation to the GSPCA via any of the following methods:

- Visit the GSPCA website at [www.gspca.org.gg](http://www.gspca.org.gg) and donate online via PayPal or Just Giving.
- Complete a form and post it to the animal shelter (see pages 32 and 33)
- Visit the Animal Shelter and complete the paperwork on site. Make a monthly donation by completing a standing order form (available online or via the GSPCA by calling us on 257261).
- Or by post (see back page)





## Animals in need of a home...

Over the next few pages we will show you some of the animals we have available for adoption at the GSPCA. We have new animals arriving all the time, so if you are thinking of adopting an animal and can't find what you are looking for here, please give us a call at the shelter on **01481 257261**.



**Pasha** is 3 1/2 year old neutered male rabbit. He has lived as a house rabbit and is very friendly (as well as being quite cute!)



**Dotty (pictured), Poppy and Peppin** are three rabbits who came in for rehoming together. Rabbits form close bonds with each other and we would ideally like to home these three together.



We currently have **six lovely Rex rabbits** (like the two picture here) looking for homes. They are all approximately 1 year old and we have 5 females and 1 male (they do not all need to be rehomed together!). These rabbits have amazingly soft coats that are very therapeutic to stroke!



**Honey and Liquorice** are stunning rabbits. They are both quite large, have lovely personalities and are best friends. We are looking to home these two together.



**Marmalade and Marmite** are another pair that we would like to rehome together. They have lovely personalities and are happy to be held and cuddled. These two would make lovely pets for a family with young children.



**Grace and Fudge** are a lovely pair. Unfortunately, Fudge is blind, but Grace makes sure that he is comfortable and spends hours cleaning him. It is very touching to watch the relationship between them.



**Jeremy** is a brilliant rabbit! During his time at the shelter he has visited a lot of the primary schools on the island and has been great with the children.

**All our rabbits will be vaccinated, neutered and microchipped before they are rehomed.**

## Animals in need of a home... just some of the cats at the shelter.



**Vinnie** is still looking for a home!! He is a characterful, young cat who never fails to make the staff laugh! He loves to play with his toys—his favourite being his cardboard box filled with newspaper! Vinnie needs a home where he can be an active cat and have lots of outdoor space to burn off all his excess energy! Vinnie is approximately 16 months old. He has been at the shelter looking for a home for over 1 year.



**Elsie** (15 years) is a friendly old cat who is looking for a quiet home. Although she is elderly, she does still like to play!



**Kenya** (7 years) is a very cheeky cat who does not always show himself well to people that he does not know. Kenya needs a quiet home with no children, as he gets very worried by them. He would also benefit from outdoor space where he can hunt! He has been at the GSPCA for 16 months.



**Nala** (7 years) is a beautiful cat. Unfortunately Nala has very arthritic joints, which can cause her pain. Due to this she does not always like to be picked up and needs her own space. She does however enjoys being stroke and is a very loving cat.



**Mitzi** is a 10 year old cat and has been at the shelter for over a year now. She came into us after her owners passed away. Mitzi would be ideal for people who like the presence of a cat around the home. Mitzi is not a lap cat and prefers to do her own thing, she does like attention, but on her terms!



**Indi** (11 months) is a very special cat. Indi has a neurological problem, which affects his balance, due to this he needs to be homed as a house cat. Indi is a very lovable, comical cat who loves human contact and exploring places!



**Muji** (7 years) is a very pretty, fluffy cat who has lived most of her life as a house cat. Muji is in need of a home with a secure garden where she can be introduced slowly to the outside world and choose to go out or stay in. She can get very worried by new things, so would be best in a home with no children or other pets.



**Poppy** (14 years) is a lovely, elderly cat. Poppy would suit a quiet home as an only pet with owners who are home part or all of the day. Poppy suffers from a skin condition, which does need treatment but is manageable.




**Pusskins** (12 years) may look like a bit of a grumpy cat, but don't let this fool you! Pusskins loves nothing more than having her head and cheeks rubbed! She was a little nervous when she first came in and would benefit from a quiet home.

**Sidney's Sponsored Events Invites You to a  
1920's St. Valentine's Day Mafia Ball  
On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

**GANGSTER & MOLL**

In Aid Of The GSPCA  
At St Pierre Park Hotel  
6.30pm Until 11.45pm  
Music by The Bandits  
Tables of 10  
£38 Per Person  
3 Course Meal  
Raffle & Auction  
Fancy Dress Desirable  
Call Corinne 07911-720469 or  
Email  
[corinneconnolly@cwgsy.net](mailto:corinneconnolly@cwgsy.net)





We currently have ferrets at the shelter and on foster, all looking for a home. Ferrets are very trainable animals and can make wonderful pets. They have been used in many films and can be clicker trained, just like dogs! Ferrets will also sleep for roughly 18 hours a day! We have some lovely ferrets who would make a lovely pet for first time owners, as well as those needing owners with a little more experience and knowledge.



**Rosie and Jim** (the cockatiels) and **Rose** (the budgie) are currently living in our aviary and can be seen in the car park of the shelter. Since moving them out of the bird cages, they have become more active and more vocal. Now that their welfare has been improved by giving them the ability to exhibit normal behaviours, we are looking to rehome these birds to an aviary.



**Mitch** is a Meyers Parrot. Meyers parrots are generally quite quiet parrots. They can learn a few words, as well as whistles and other noises. Generally, they will bond with everyone in a family.

**We do have birds arriving fairly regularly. Please call us if you are interested in one. Where possible, we aim to rehome all birds to aviaries or free flying environments. We will be able to advise you on the different species we have and the needs (e.g. exercise and companionship needs) of each individual bird.**

**We have more animals available and other arriving all the time. Please visit our website or call the shelter if you are interested in any of them, or would like to arrange a visit.**

**Taking on any animal is a big responsibility. They require care, attention, time and love.**

**We urge everyone to seriously consider whether they can provide for an animal and avoid impulse buying.**

<b>GSPCA Adoption Charges:</b>			
Dogs	£160	Guinea Pigs	£15
Cats/Kittens	£80	Birds (varied species)	From
Rabbits	£29.50	Chickens	£6
Ferrets	£25	Mice/Rats/Hamsters/Degus	£6

# 'Happy Tails!'



## Wildlife—Blue



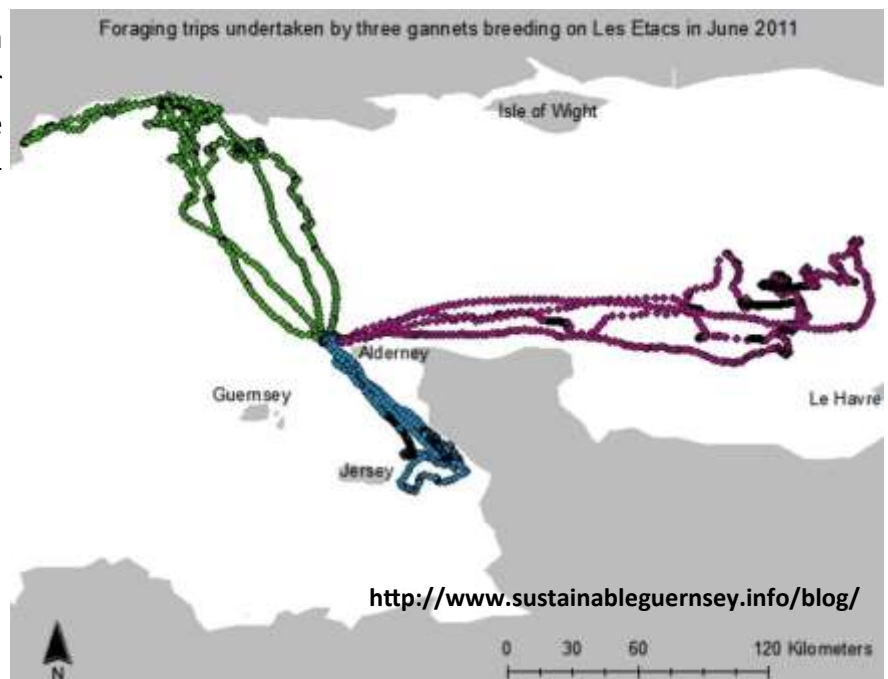
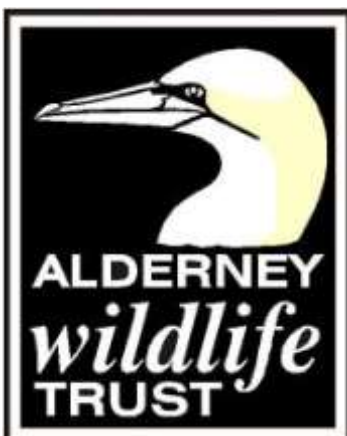
This beautiful bird is Blue, a Northern Gannet. Blue is under a year old and is most likely one of this years chicks from Les Etacs or Ortac off Alderney. It will take Blue roughly three years to change to his adult plumage of a white body with black wing tips and a beautiful yellow head.

Although the birds breed of Alderney, it is very common for us to see the gannets in Guernsey waters. Gannets travel huge distances to hunt. Some birds will travel to the South Coast of England, others northern Normandy and some to the south of Jersey (see map below). A gannet can typically travel 200km in 24 hours! Gannets

feed by diving for fish from heights of 10—40meters! They have specially adapted skulls, which contain fluid filled sacs, and no external nostrils, to help absorb the shock and prevent injury of hitting the water at 100mph!

Poor Blue was found at Grande Rocque and was incredibly weak. He was gasping for breath and it was very easy to catch him. Blue was taken to the vets, who saw that he had a severe throat infection. This would have impacted his ability to fish. Blue was put in a course of antibiotics and a painkiller. He needed to be hand fed and was given vitamins along with his fish. As Blue became stronger, he was put out onto the seal unit pond to rehabilitate. Over the last month we have seen Blue become a different bird. He has now been ringed and is trying to take of on the pond. This is a great sign and shows he is ready for release.

Gannets spend the winter of the west coast of Europe and can travel as far south as Africa! We will be releasing blue on the north of Guernsey. We hope that he will join up with other gannets travelling south and be shown the wintering sites. Gannets do not spend long time away from the Channel Islands and will start returning in January. One reason for this is the high competition for limited nest sites. Some gannets have been known to guard their nest sites for 11 months of the year! With 11,000 birds nesting together, space is in short supply! If you are around the coast and spot a gannet, it is worth watching them for a few moments and you may be lucky enough to see one of their spectacular dives!



## Petplan & ADCH Awards are open—how to nominate

Last year we were very proud of Yvonne Chauvel, who was nominated and shortlisted for the **Petplan Charity Employee of the Year**. Yvonne was up against two other very strong candidates and unfortunately did not win the award. Regardless, we are all delighted that her hard work was recognised on a National level.

It is a brilliant way to help recognise the tireless work done by individuals and charities.

If you would like to nominate the GSPCA team, an individual employee or a volunteer, please visit either of these sites:

<http://www.cevawelfareawards.com/index.html#home>

# Petplan®



## Christmas Guided Tours

We are offering guided tours behind the scenes at the GSPCA. These tours will be running on the following dates at **2pm**:

You will get to meet the many cats, rabbits, and dogs looking for homes as well as the wildlife.

**Monday 29th December—Wednesday 31st December**

**Friday 2nd January—Saturday 3rd January**

During the tours you will visit different areas of the shelter, including the cattery, hospital and wildlife units. You will also be able to handle certain animals and see wildlife, such as hedgehogs, up close! Your guide will explain the work we do and the history of the shelter.

We are asking for a minimum donation of £5 per person and £3 per child or £15 for a family of four, with a maximum of 15 people per tour. The tours last around 80 minutes. The Christmas tours can also be brought as a gift certification for a more unusual Christmas present!

We will be offering more tours during school holidays in 2015. Details will be posted onto our website as they become available.



## Make an Animal's Christmas with our Amazon Wishlist



Would you like to help make Christmas a little special for some of the animals at the GSPCA this year? Our Amazon wishlist makes it easy and cheap to make a difference this year.

There is a range of products, which will all help the shelter run smoothly, from £4 cat bowls, £8 dog treat toys to more expensive items, such as £45 Royal Canin Sensitivity food, to help feed some of the elderly or ill cats. We appreciate every item brought, however big or small and they really do make a difference to the day to day running and quality of life for the animals on site.

## Pug Party Fun—thank you to all involved



A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in the Pug Party, which raised funds for the GSPCA and Pug Welfare! An afternoon of tea and cakes for dogs and their owners, games including pug musical statues, pug musical mats, egg and pug race and a pug fancy dress competition was organised. GSPCA Manager, Steve Byrnes said, "It is always wonderful to hear of new ways of raising funds for the animals at the Shelter and what better way than a Pug Party to not only raise funds for two charities but also raise awareness

of the breed." The GSPCA received £111 from the event.

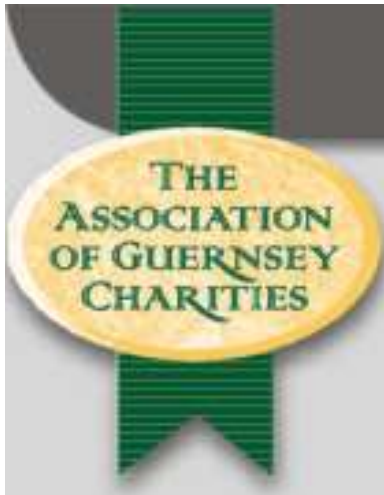
## Turtle and terrapin warning



Films, TV and social media can have a massive impact on the type of animals people get as pets. A University of Bristol study, published last month in the journal 'PLOS ONE', analysed 87 movies featuring dogs and found that the release of movies is typically associated with an increase in the popularity of featured breeds. The authors warned that because the most popular breeds also have the greatest number of inherited disorders, this trend spelled bad news for dogs. With the release of the new Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles movie, the GSPCA is urging parents not to rush out and buy turtles

and terrapins for their children, but carefully consider this purchase first. Turtles are not cheap pets to own. The average lifespan of an aquatic turtle is 25 years, but they can live for up to 50. The costs of vet bills, a thermostatically controlled enclosure, lighting, food, habitat enrichment and cleaning during this time can total tens of thousands of pounds over their life span. The other consideration is that 3/4 of all pet reptiles die within their first year in a home. If you are thinking of adopting any pet it should be thought through, researched and the whole household should understand the responsibilities.





If you are interested in volunteering for the GSPCA, please come along to one of our Volunteer Induction evenings. If you would like more information on the volunteering or fundraising available, please email Steve Byrne: [stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg](mailto:stevejbyrne@gspca.org.gg)

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The National Trust of Guernsey does all of its work on a voluntary basis. Properties, lands and miles of cliff paths require year round maintenance. We rely on your support, be it by donation or membership.

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Membership gives access to all NT properties & places throughout the UK and many other worldwide Trusts

# Why Ferrets make great pets

The GSPCA still has many ferrets looking for homes. We have ferrets suitable for first time owners, who are friendly and enjoy handling, to those that are a little wilder and would benefit from owners with a little more experience. If you are interested in coming to meet our ferrets, or would just like some more information on their needs, please give us a call at the shelter (01481 257261). Here is a little reminder of the background information on the fantastic ferret that was published in our GSPCA Magazine:

- The average lifespan of a ferret is 6 years, but they can live to 10.
- A healthy ferret will sleep between 18-20 hours a day!
- Ferrets have bad eye sight but brilliant senses of taste, smell and hearing.
- Domestic ferrets are sociable animals and most enjoy living in groups.
- Ferrets are intelligent and need mental and physical stimulation – they will play constantly during the hours they are awake.
- Ferrets can catch the human cold, so you do need to be careful about hygiene if you are ill.
- Ferrets have been trained for films using clicker training; a method also used to train dogs, owners can easily teach their pets tricks! They can also be trained to use a litter tray.
- Ferrets have been domesticated for around 2000 years.
- Ferrets are incredibly flexible and have been used to run cables through small spaces, ferrets were used to rig the cables at Buckingham Palace for Prince Charles and Princess Diana's wedding!

The ferrets that we rehome from the GSPCA will have been neutered (if male), health checked and undergone a behavioural assessment.

We spend time getting to know all the animals that are up for adoption, so we can ensure that we are placing them in the perfect home for them.

If you would like a fun, active pet (and a little bit of a challenge) please give us a call and give a ferret a chance!



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# New & Christmas Goods on sale



**Check out Christmas Lottery Tickets to our new Guernsey Donkey hoodies and t-shirts!!**

**Many items can be bought vi our online shop and can be viewed at <http://www.gspca.org.gg/shop>**

The Online Shop has a number of GSPCA branded goods from tops to teddy bears, pens to pin badges, wrist bands to baseball caps and much more.



You can click and collect the items or we also have delivery options for both Guernsey and the UK (for other overseas options please contact us via email).

Currently we have a range of over 20 products but please keep checking as we broaden the choices available.

Steve Byrne GSPCA Manager said 'We must thank Indulge Media who support the GSPCA by creating and developing our website and the Shop is the newest edition to the pages, offering supporters a chance to purchase GSPCA goods from the comfort of their own home.



## GSPCA Membership as a gift for Christmas



For only £10 a year you can join as a GSPCA Member and be part of one of the oldest charities in Guernsey. We can also arrange Membership as a gift on request.

As a member you will receive our newsletter four times a year and be invited to attend our Annual General Meeting. During our AGM we present awards to those people who have helped us during the year.

[www.gspca.org.gg/about/gspca-membership](http://www.gspca.org.gg/about/gspca-membership)



# *Scottish Themed St Andrews Family Fun Day*



*at the Last Post, St Andrews  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014 12pm until late  
Free Entry but donations welcomed*

*GU10, Bagpiper, Fun Games, Stalls, Tombolas, Christmas  
& Pet Goods, Face Painting, Scottish Fancy Dress Competition,  
Fun Dog Show, Hog Roast, BBQ & much more .....*

For details call 01481 257261 or go to [www.gspca.org.gg](http://www.gspca.org.gg)





## Out now

If you haven't seen or received your copy of this years GSPCA magazine thanks to the Guernsey Press please do pop into the Shelter for a copy



*Herm Island*



GUERNSEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

## St Andrews win the KGV firework poster competition

Chloe Butt (8), a pupil at St. Andrews Primary School had a surprise last week when she was told that she had won a party for her year on the 3G Pitch at the KGV. Chloe was the winner of the GSPCA design a firework and bonfire poster competition which will be used in the GSPCA safety information for 2015.

Presenting the prize was Toby the dog accompanied by Steve Byrne, Manager of the GSPCA who commented "The lucky winner was Chloe and despite a large number of entries from other schools island-wide, it was two of her class mates that were awarded joint second place". Over 70 posters were received by the animal charity and it presented a tough decision for the judging panel made up of staff from the GSPCA.

Sarah Creasey, Animal Welfare and Education Officer said "Lorna Prince and I judged the Firework and Bonfire Poster Competition, the standard was very high and it was really hard to decide a winner but with Annie, one of the GSPCA rehomed dogs help we soon found our winner. Chloe's entry was both very artistic and informative.

Jo Wyatt, KGV Director said "We were delighted to see the winning poster and we are looking forward to welcoming Chloe and her class mates to the KGV for their 3G Party, it should be great fun." Year 4 class teacher, Abigail Kimber, said "over 2/3 of my class entered the competition and in class we talked about how spellings and presentation were important and that they had to make their poster stand out from entries from other schools. Pupils in my class worked hard on their own designs and I am very proud that the winning entry came from my class. They are all very excited about their prize and playing on the 3G pitch down at KGV".



## Ceva Awards are open—how to nominate

Having launched in 2000, Ceva Animal Health markets pioneering animal health products in the livestock, swine, equine and companion animal sectors. Ceva is committed to carrying out research and trials to improve veterinary and animal owner knowledge.

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To nominate go to <http://www.cevawelfareawards.com/tablet/nomination-form.html>





# BINGO



**Australia Day BINGO at the Market Bistro in the Market Building, St Peter Port Monday 26th January**

**£14.50 per person £10.50 for children from 7pm includes Food and 8 Games of Bingo**

**For a bit Australian fun, why not join us in fancy dress (optional) and bring a didjuridu or musical instrument**

**Menu – Christmas & Thanks Giving Buffet including a Vegetarian and Dairy, Wheat and Gluten free options**

**To Book your place or table please call [01481 257261](tel:01481257261) or online via our paypal link [www.gspca.org.gg](http://www.gspca.org.gg)**

**Cash prizes, tombola, raffle and all proceeds helping animals in Guernsey.**

**Bingo Bash top prizes for the last game have been up to £100.**

**Can seat up to 180, please book your seat by lunch time 26th January**

**Possible seats on the night but please try and book early**

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# How about something new for Christmas?



Along side our Puppy and Dog Training classes, the GSPCA now has in stock two books to help training your dog or puppy. 'The Puppy Survival Guide' and 'The Adolescent Survival Guide' give you practical advice on what your dog is doing and why. The books explain how to prevent problems, such as puppy biting and stealing, occurring and how to stop if your dog has already learnt this! They also give handy hints to how to read what your puppy is telling you, as well as exercises you can teach your dog. The books are written by Sarah Whitehead, a renowned dog trainer. They are on sale at a reduced price of £4.50! So this Christmas, why not learn a little more about what your dog is trying to tell you and how you can work with them!

The GSPCA also have a range of Christmas goods, such as Pet Stockings, Santa dog coats, Elf pet hats, toys and treats for sale! Make this Christmas a good one for your pets too!



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# Happy Christmas!!!



How many animals can you count in this picture?

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The shelter will be manned all through Christmas, in case of emergency.

We are offering advertising for your business or companies in our newsletter. The prices are:

1/4 page spread: £40

1/2 page spread: £80

Other rates are negotiable!

If you are interested, please contact Steve Byrne on: **01481 257261** or [stevebyrne@gspca.org.gg](mailto:stevebyrne@gspca.org.gg)



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