



Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch PO Box 493, Keighley, BD21 9AG

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**Volunteer Newsletter February 2012**

**Rehoming** - By the end of December 2011 the branch had:

- rehomed 136 animals, up 17 (14.3%) on last year
- welfare neutered 58 animals, up 52 (866.7%) on last year
- welfare microchipped 46 animals, up 7 (17.9%) on last year
- provided welfare assistance to 7 animals, up 7 on last year

In 2011 the branch admitted 151 animals:

- 111 animals (73.5%) were categorised as RSPCA generated animals (i.e. case animals, welfare concerns, sick or injured via NCC, pet retreat/home for life, transfers from other branches, returns under 6 months, born in branch care)
- 40 animals (26.5%) came from non-RSPCA sources.

At the end of December the branch had 14 animals in its care of which:

- 86% had been in branch care for less than 3 months
- 14% for 3 - 6 months
- 0% for over 6 months

The branch has once again undertaken a huge amount of animal welfare work during the past year and my congratulations & thanks go to all involved.

J.Stevens

Branch support specialist

**So everyone's involvement and hard work is certainly worth it.**

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**Animal action event in November**

**The day was a great success - 53 chipped at the event, Over 20 vouchers given on the day for neutering, 16 cats neutered, flea wormed and chipped on the day. Two welfare vouchers and transport to the vets for one cat, also 4 neut vouchers sent after event for people who couldn't make it.**

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS IS – [acraven87@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:acraven87@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Membership to RSPCA – AGM**

**You do not have to but if you wish to become a RSPCA**

**member:** If someone joins the RSPCA they are automatically a member of the National Society and can decide whether or not they wish to be counted as a member of their local branch (there is no extra cost involved).

If they agree to be a member of the branch then a proportion of their subscription (currently £5 per member) is paid to the local branch.

All members will receive the various publications from the Society and be entitled to attend National events, **but only those who have opted for local membership will be able to attend branch meetings (e.g. the AGM and stand for election etc)**. A - Adult Annual Individual £24, AJ - Adult Annual Joint-£36

### **Fund raising Concert**

**Friday February 24<sup>th</sup> 7.30-9.30 Ermysted's Big band are doing a concert to raise funds for the branch at Ermysted's School Hall, Gargrave Road, Skipton, BD23 1NR - Contact for ticket sales : 01756 797434. ( more info on website)**

**Lets hope its a sell out ..... ☺ should be a good night .**

**If you have any unwanted Christmas presents you would like to donate to the raffle they will be gratefully received,**

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**We could still do with more cat/dog fosterers - not only does this save us money but more importantly it is really beneficial for the animals as well as giving us more information which helps get them rehomed to the right person. Sometimes it may be very short term others longer but the animals definitely feel the benefit.**

### **Fund raising**

**We need to fund raise as much as ever so any ideas large or small are most welcome. Any help you can give on these fund raising days is also greatly appreciated. So any local fetes coming up feel free to borrow our gazebo and do what you can☺**

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**Volunteers - Following a discussion by the committee on the subject of volunteer expenses it was agreed that volunteers may claim **reasonable** out of pocket expenses. Alternatively volunteers can choose, if they wish , to donate their**

expenses back to the branch; and if tax payers to Gift Aid their donations which would make the donation worth more.

**If you can think of anywhere that would be willing to put one of our collection boxes please let us know – every penny counts. ☺**

**Please note if you contact us on the branch mobile number we are always happy to ring you back as we appreciate not everyone has a mobile and calling mobiles can be expensive. However, the branch is on a good price plan and gets unlimited minutes.**

**The next volunteer meeting is at**

**STEETON HALL 7.30PM Wednesday February 8<sup>TH</sup> 2012**

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN US.**

*If you can distribute posters of our animals that need homes that would be much appreciated. Please let us know and we will gladly email /post you some.*

*If you **do not** wish to continue receiving a newsletter please let us know by either email or a quick phone call to the branch line.*

*If you have recently got an email address we would welcome that as it helps cut down on costs and every little bit helps! ☺*

**Wherever possible we try to keep costs down, so in future, unless you let us know otherwise, we will email as many newsletters as we can.**

**Thank you for your continuing support .**