

RSPCA WESTMORLAND

**LIQUORICE**

WELCOME TO OUR AUTUMN NEWSLETTER!

Welcome to our new newsletter! We hope you enjoy reading it and it gives you some insight into the work we do here at RSPCA Westmorland and the work we do in the community. We are a separate registered charity and independent branch of the RSPCA and we raise our own funds to carry out the work we do in our local area. We are one of the 135 independent branches of the National RSPCA across England and Wales.

We have some exciting plans for the branch with the opening of our very own cattery here in Kendal in early 2026! This will enable us to help more local cats and finally give us our own space rather than paying for external boarding facilities.

What we do:

- Rehome cats and kittens
- Helping to control the feral cat population with our TNR (Trap, Neuter and Release) programme
- Cat neutering scheme
- Assist with wildlife rescue where possible
- Welfare support

**COCONUT**

Supporting local animals and their owners since 1965

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A message from our Branch manager



Christine Lowe

Since I arrived in 2017 the Branch has grown from a small office and shop on Highgate to offices and a Hall on Beezon Fields from where we could run our rehoming operations. The next exciting stage is we are hoping to build our own cattery unit opposite our offices. That will increase capacity from 6 pens to 20 pens. From there we can help the Inspectors rehome many more rescued cats and kittens. Once we have that up and running we will look to reinstate dog rehoming again.

FOREVER HOME UPDATES!

Beautiful girl, Holly (now Lolita) has settled perfectly into her new home.

"Lolita is doing great, she has brought our family so much fun, laughter, joy and love. She's definitely got tortie energy and attitude. But she also loves to sit in your lap and have a cuddle. She is very talkative as well!"



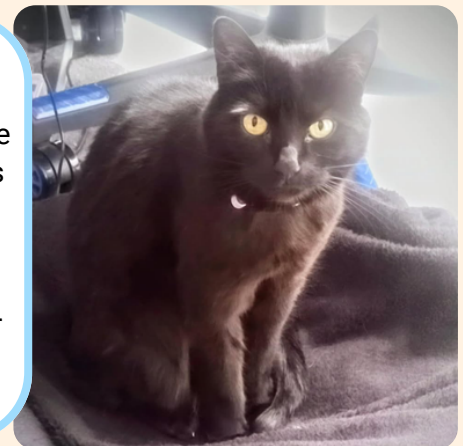
Handsome boy, Tigger has settled perfectly into his new home!

Handsome boy Tigger has settled wonderfully into his new home!
"Tigger has settled in really well, we love him so much! He's loving life and we're loving having him so much. It feels like he's always been with us"

Do you remember our office cat, Gizmo?

He stopped with us for quite some time and had a massive impact and presence in our office, especially with our staff who adored him. It's safe to say Gizmo has landed on his paws, he loves his new family almost as much as they love him.

"Gizmo is an attention prince, cuddles have priority over everything, even food. His favourite spot in the house is the windowsill upstairs - he can stand there for hours watching the cars on the road, he also loves a warm cozy blanket."



All of us here at RSPCA Westmorland would like to say a huge thank you to the families for giving the cats such a wonderful and loving home!

What have we been up to?



Kendal College Freshers Fair

At the beginning of September, the team attended Kendal College Freshers fair to talk to students about what we do at the Branch and to discuss the volunteering and work placement opportunities that we have available. We had Jo from the Highgate shop, Hayley from animal support and Kerry from fundraising.

Woof & Wag for CancerCare

We attended Woof & Wag dog show for CancerCare on the 30th of August. Our stall was run by a team of volunteers, headed by Fiona who made tasty homemade dog treats that proved very popular. We had a successful day especially with our tombola where we raised **£217.50!**

If you're interested in helping us run events in the future then please get in touch with Kerry at: office@rspca-westmorland.org.uk



School fundraising events

Back in July, our fundraising manager, Kerry and volunteer, Pip visited St Mark's CofE school at Natland where the students had raised **£430** for RSPCA Westmorland after organising their own farmer's market.

We would like to say a big thank you and well done St Mark's School, Natland who should be so proud of their achievements. We are truly grateful and the money raised will go towards setting up our new cattery!

We would also like to say thank you and well done to St Martin and St Mary's Windermere School who helped raise **£252.42** for us.



Cattery Update

Exciting News!



Our plans for our own cattery in Kendal are underway and we hope to be open in early 2026. We are currently raising funds to support our new cattery which will be located opposite our hall on Beezon Fields.

If you would like to donate towards our cattery build then scan the QR code or visit our website rspca-westmorland.org.uk to find out how you can donate.



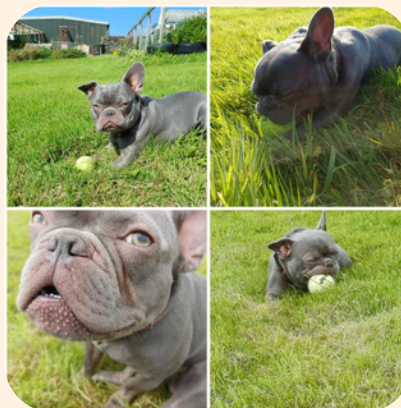
Keep an eye on our socials for updates!

Liquorice has gone to her new home!



Liquorice is approximately one year old. She came to us as a stray with her three kittens. She is a shy girl who has now found a quieter, rural home. Her new family will need to be patient with her as she settles into her new home.

Star has now gone to his new home!



Star is a French Bulldog and is around 2 years old. He is a great little character but will need help house training. He also used to live with a cat.

He is good with all people and used to live with a 10 year old child. He does have problems with his ears being the breed and colour he is. He is on treatment at the moment for this but he will likely have long term problems and need them kept on top of.

Currently, we are unable to rehome cats and kittens until our cattery build is complete hopefully in January 2026

Have you visited our eBay shop?

We have hundred of interesting, rare, collectible items for sale on our online shop. Take a look to see what amazing items we have for sale!

<https://www.ebay.co.uk/usr/rspcawestmorlandbranch>

We're always on the lookout for volunteers to research, list and photograph items on our page. If you're looking to learn a new skill or just enjoy the buzz of selling to raise funds for the animals in our care we'd love to hear from you. No experience needed as full training can be given and you can work from the comfort of your own home.

If you're interested please contact Kerry at office@rspca-westmorland.org.uk or call 01539 736307 (option 2)



A message from our Kendal charity shop!



Jo Stevens
Kendal shop manager

Hello from us all at the Highgate shop!

It's been a busy summer but now it's time for our winter stock to come out of hiding and shine! We have loads of great women's cosy knits and coats and those snuggly hats and scarves you'll soon be needing.

If you are donating to us please remember we are always short of mens clothes, good quality paperbacks and accessories like handbags and jewellery.

Any Horologists or clocksmiths out there who would like a restoration project?



We received this fabulous Vienna pendulum wall clock recently. It's been merrily ticking away in the sorting room but we'd love to find it a new home!

Staff and volunteers from the Kendal shop on our recent brunch date!



Looking for a new volunteering opportunity?

We couldn't do what we do without the help of our amazing volunteers. We're always on the lookout for new people to join our team! Check out our current opportunities if you're looking for something new to do.



Charity shop assistants - Help support us in our busy charity shop



eBay - Research and list donations using our eBay page



Trustee - Help us continue the work we do in the Westmorland area



Drivers - Transport animals to and from the vets as well as collecting and dropping off donations



Cattery - Help in our cattery with cleaning and socialising our cats

Are you taking on a new challenge?

If you're looking to complete a new challenge such as a hike or cycle or are interested in running a fundraising event for us, please get in touch with our fundraising manager Kerry at office@rspca-westmorland.org.uk

By raising money for us, you will help support and raise the vital funds to help animals in our care.

To find out more, pop into our Highgate shop or email support@rspca-westmorland.org.uk

Trap Neuter Release Scheme – TNR

Here at RSPCA Westmorland, we offer a **Trap, Neuter, Release Scheme** for feral cats within the community. Over this last year we have done 35 TNRs.

We have been currently working with Shap Wells hotel and have completed 14 TNRs. Additionally, we have completed 8 at Shap as well as Liquorice and her 3 kittens.

Burton Services asked us to help with a feral mum and her 4 kittens. Mum was neutered and released with all her kittens in foster care.



**Mum and kittens
from Burton Services**



Shap Wells Hotel

It costs us £154 per feral cat

This includes:

- Blood test
- Chip
- Flea and worming
- Neutering

We are always grateful for a small donation to help cover our costs.

Go to our website rspcawestmorland.org.uk to donate or to set up a monthly regular donation

A message from the chair of trustees



**Sarah Halsall Williams
Chair of Trustees**

RSPCA Westmorland are on the look-out for some more trustees! We are currently a lovely friendly team of 8 but would love to have some more enthusiastic people on board.

RSPCA Westmorland is about to go through an exciting period of change and development and the more of us involved the better. Whilst volunteering in other ways is always appreciated – at events, at the shop, down at the Centre and just generally being involved in the running of the Charity, the only actual time commitment as a trustee is attendance at the meetings held every 6 weeks throughout the year to support with the charity's direction and decision making. Although, any proactive help with the running of the charity is always appreciated.

You don't need any previous experience of being a trustee or working for an animal charity. There is support and training for you. We would particularly like to hear from anyone with professional financial experience as our current Treasurer will be stepping down next year.

If you would like to have a chat to find out more then please email me on chair@rspca-westmorland.org.uk

Do you have skills in budgets, accounting, business management or law?

We're looking for new trustees to join the team and help guide our branch to meet its charity and financial objectives. This is a voluntary role where you'll use your expertise to make a real difference to animal welfare in the community.

Interested? Get in touch today: enquiries@rspca-westmorland.org.uk

Fundraising events



A Evening of Foraging & Baking with Abbi Bramble!

Local ex "Bake Off" Contestant Abbi kindly held a talk & cooking demo to help us raise funds. She cooked two courses and talked about her love of foraging local seasonal ingredients. The evening raised **£429**.

Richard from Twisted Earth Ceramics in Yorkshire kindly travelled to Cumbria to hold two pottery workshops at our Hall in Kendal. The workshops are very popular and it's a great day. He comes along with his little dog Tilly who always loves the lunchtime buffet!

Thanks to Richard we raised **£800** on the Herdy & Donkey workshops. In total Richard has helped us raise an amazing **£2400** over the past year with his workshops. Thank you!



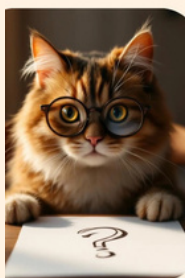
A huge thank you to a group of young friends Molly, Hazel, Gigi & Rosie. They baked and held a cake stall at the end of their driveway in Crosthwaite and raised a fantastic **£154.40**. This money will go towards our new new cattery fund!

Check out our next events!

Quiz night! – 10th of October 2025

Paws & Ponder: Quiz Fundraiser!

Join us for a fun evening of trivia, laughter and friendly competition, all in aid of our new cattery!



When?
Friday 10th October
2025 at 7pm

Where?
RSPCA Hall, Beezon
Fields, Kendal, LA9 6BL

- Supper included
- Bring your own drinks
- Raffle and prizes!



Tickets: £10
Scan the QR code to get your paws on a ticket or visit our website: rspca-westmorland.org.uk

All proceeds go towards building our new cattery to help cats in need to find love, care and their forever homes!

Music Bingo! – 13th of December 2025

RSPCA WESTMORLAND PRESENTS CHRISTMAS MUSIC BINGO PARTY NIGHT

STAVELEY VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Come and join us for a night of
"eyes down, ears open"
Raffle with great prizes, bring your own
drink and nibbles.

£15 per ticket includes your cards.

BOOK NOW VIA THE QR CODE OR THE LINK
ON OUR WEB SITE
DOORS OPEN 6.30PM

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Wildlife rescue stories



We had a duckling rescued after being caught by a cat. Branch administrator, Kai took the duckling in and it was taken to be cared for by Craven Wildlife rescue in North Yorkshire.



Nine ducklings and their mum were found trapped in a garden in Sedbergh. We caught them and then released them back into the river.



This bat was found in a drain, it was picked up by Kai and taken to Kendal College Animal Rescue Centre to be treated.



Do you walk up to Arnside Knott?

Alan has been putting a dog water bowl outside his house for years. This summer he contacted us and asked if he could put one of our collection pots outside. In just a couple of months Alan has collected **£77.71!**

A big thank you to Alan, Shep and everyone who has donated. If you see Shep & little Sindy cat on your walk, they love your spare change and you may even hear the bell ring. Look out for Shep's makeover, he is sporting our new logo and QR code, for those of you who don't have spare change you can donate online!

If you have a business and would love one of our vintage collection dogs or small collection pots, please get in touch. Every penny and small donation really does make a difference!

Help us raise funds for the animals and wildlife in Westmorland

Scan the QR code or visit our website to find out how to donate
All funds raised by Westmorland branch are spent locally on animal welfare

