

## Building a brighter future.

We're very excited to update you on the refurbishment work at our Liverpool Cattery, which began in April. The improved facilities enable us to implement a new way of managing the rescue and rehoming processes. We will address the ever-increasing demand for spaces, by rehoming an additional 300 more cats each year.

The new pens fully meet ADCH (Associations of Dogs & Cats Homes) standards. We have created a Cat Recovery Ward, allowing us to care for cats in poor health or post-surgery under close observation. In addition, 2 apartment style pens have been created for cats with additional needs, who may need to be with us for the longer-term.

An existing storage area was converted into 4 individually functioning pens, providing comfortable accommodation for nursing mums.

Our outdoor Cattery pens had served us well for 30 years, but were clearly not able to accommodate the rising number of animals in desperate need, who are being

brought to our doors every day.

They have been replaced with a modern, fit for purpose 14 pen block. The addition of a welcoming 'meet and greet' will complete the project, making it a more relaxed and familiar environment where cats can meet their potential new families.

We are only able to secure these grants by demonstrating that we use the money wisely and effectively, for the benefit of the animals we are privileged to care for. It is a positive reflection and acknowledgement of the fantastic work in which every single one of us plays a part.

*The remaining £60K has been fundraised, and we cannot thank you enough for all of the support we received to make this dream become a reality. The cats certainly seem ready to explore their new pens!*



We are extremely grateful and proud to have won support in grants of £49K from Pets at Home Foundation, and £11K from the Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust 40th Anniversary funds, to help fund this project.



# Thank You - We Couldn't Do It Without You

## New View for the Farm

**Our farm family is beginning a new chapter in their lives, as in June we began the process of relocating the farm animals from Liverpool to the beautiful environs of our Wales rescue.**

Our goal is to give our sheep and pigs the best setting in which they can live a healthy, happy life, with plenty of space to explore, accompanied by the love and care of our wonderful Wales staff.

Our Liverpool site is restrictive in terms of what we can achieve due to its size – In Wales we have 19 acres; giving them 3 times the space that the farm animals have now!

We are committed to providing



rescue, rehoming and sanctuary for farm animals, and this move will help us save more animals every year. Our beloved sheep will be part of a small flock, fostering a sense of contentment and security. Our pigs will have more room to roam (and get into mischief!) We can now provide companions for some pigs currently living alone. We have always cared for our farm animals with love in a small area, and now their lives will be enriched in a rural environment, with grass paddocks, more natural and varied grazing and the opportunity for more animal socialisation.

Every one of us at the Liverpool rescue misses them being around and saying hello every day. They are a big part of our rescue family, and everyone loves to meet them - but we will always do the right thing for the animals.

*The space freed up in Liverpool will give us the chance to rescue more wildlife, small animals, dogs and cats, so it's a win for all the animals! We're looking forward to developing this area, and we'll keep you updated on our plans.*



## From abandoned and afraid to forever happiness!

You may remember Rubble and Maggie, who were found tied to a bush close to our Liverpool centre last year. One of our staff found them, bewildered and anxious. They were generally in good health, and it appeared they were from the same household. There were signs that Maggie had given birth to at least one litter. We will never know how these gorgeous dogs came to be in the sad situation of being abandoned in the road. We were at full capacity in our Kennels, but we knew we had to help them and we took them in. From that moment on they had new hope for their future.



Maggie was lucky enough to find a wonderful home quickly and was adopted by Alan. She settled in well and claimed her spot on the sofa straight away. They're the best of friends, with Maggie being a celebrity when they pop into their local pub together.





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Two months later Rubble – aka Rubble on the Double – found happiness too. Jackie had recently lost her beloved dog, and when she saw Rubble on our website, it was love at first sight! Jackie and her family wanted a dog who would enjoy going on adventures and walks. Rubble thought: 'that's me!'

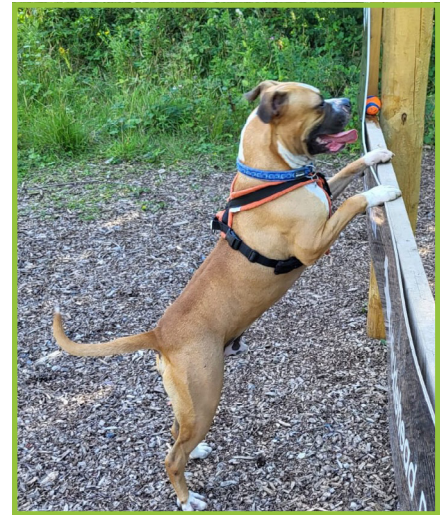
Jackie said: 'we took Rubble home to 'foster' him and, of course, that didn't work out for the very best reason – we adopted him instead! The staff at Freshfields said that Rubble is lucky to find us, but we know that we are the lucky ones! We can't believe our luck.



So, one year on from where it started, Rubble and Maggie had a catch up on Crosby beach. It was a chilly and raining day but that didn't dampen anyone's spirits. Jackie and Alan were so pleased that they could bring Maggie and Rubble together again. They didn't know if they would recognise each



other, but they did, with Rubble giving a lick to Maggie's face. It was so heartwarming to bring them together and celebrate the joy and happiness of seeing them both being so treasured as beloved family pets.



We could not be happier to see Rubble and Maggie one year on from the nightmare of being abandoned in the road. They have both found happiness and joy, and we love to see their updates, enjoying their adventures with their families. They are cherished family pets, which is what we want for all our rescued animals.

## Hundreds more animals like Maggie and Rubble need your help.

Rescues are under such pressure and there is an increasing number of animals being brought to our doors, or worse still, abandoned. Many dogs show signs of being

recently used for breeding, often still with enlarged teets or even milk. So many poor dogs are used to make money, and then cast aside. Despite this dreadful treatment

from humans, they still let us in, we earn their trust and love, and we are always touched by their capacity to trust and forgive.

***Change begins with you! Please talk about this issue, make people aware of the many dogs desperate for a loving home, and raise awareness wherever you can. The only way to stop these poor dogs being used for breeding is to stop the demand for puppies. Encourage friends, family, and everyone you know to 'Adopt, Don't Shop'. We hope that many more people will experience the rewards of taking a rescue dog into your hearts and homes.***

***You will be changing lives for the better - including your own!***

# Microchip - It's Not An Option - It's Vital

## Keep Your Chips Fresh!

If you could easily be reunited with your pet if they were lost - why wouldn't you?

Microchipping your pet is vital - a chip is the only certain way to identify them if they are lost or stray. It means they can be quickly identified and re united with you, removing the heartache and stress of not knowing where they are or what has happened to them. With cats in particular, we can spend hours investigating evidence and comparing photographs, trying to establish the cat's identity. This causes anguish and stress for all concerned. Worse still, it breaks our hearts when we cannot find an owner.

A microchip is a tiny device inserted under the skin of your pet, which contains a unique code that links your pet to you through an online database. A microchip can be inserted by a vet in a simple, quick and painless procedure. Rescue centres, animal wardens and vets can all scan for a microchip to identify an animal and their owner.

*It has been a legal requirement to have your dog microchipped since April 2016. As of this March, it is now a legal requirement to have your cat microchipped before the age of 20 weeks.*

*Cats and kittens born before this year were not required by law to have a microchip. We microchip all our cats and many owners will have done so for the cats' safety. However, all cat owners must have their cat microchipped by June 2024, or you could face a fine of up to £500.*

Getting a microchip inserted is quick and your cat will be able to go straight home afterwards. If you are unsure if your cat is chipped already, ask your vet to scan them.

It's very important to keep your chip details up to date, for example if you move house. If you do not know or have forgotten where the chip is registered, you can find out by this online search:

[www.check-a-chip.co.uk](http://www.check-a-chip.co.uk)

If you don't have the microchip number, ask your vet to scan your pet for it.

## Here's why it's vital to microchip your pet...

Back in April, a cat was brought in by a member of the public who had been feeding and caring for him. Thankfully he was chipped and his details up to date. We were over the moon to be able to help reunite Harvey with his family - and they were delighted, too! Harvey had been missing for over a year, and his mum was relieved and emotional to have him back and to know that he'd been cared for after wandering far from home.

As a rescue centre, we are thrilled to hear that mandatory microchipping is finally becoming law for cats. This gives us the opportunity to reunite more people with their beloved pets!



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