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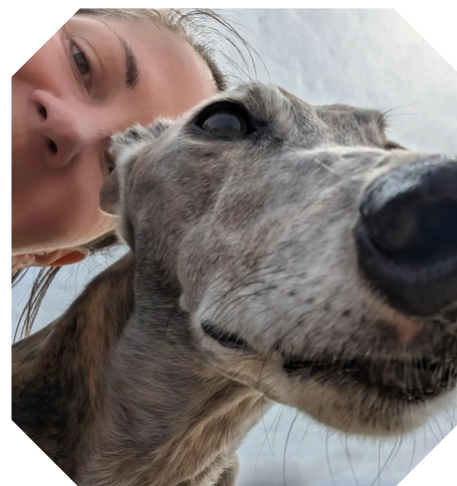
I'm so delighted to bring this latest edition of our newsletter to your inbox! As you'll read in the pages ahead, it's been a whirlwind of activity at our branch recently - from welcoming some truly incredible rescue cat-mums and their tiny kittens, to celebrating some unforgettable rehoming successes.

None of this heartwarming work would be possible without our extraordinary team. A huge thank you to Whitney and Sophie R, as well as our fantastic private boarding partners and foster carers, who constantly go above and beyond to give our animals 5-star love and care.

On a personal note, my dog and I recently sneaked away for a couple of days to North Norfolk! We explored Wells Beach, wandered around an Iron Age fort, and visited the Langham Dome. Though if you asked her, the real highlights were definitely the BBQs and doggy ice creams!

I hope you and your fur-friends have enjoyed the summer and stayed cool. Thank you as ever for your support and generosity as we continue to work with our local community to ensure even more animals get the kindness, love - and a second chance when needed - that they deserve.

Sophie Easteal, Chair and Trustee
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Meet the Trustees of your Branch



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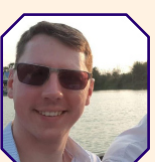
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👉 Got a question? A great idea for your Branch?
Get in touch!

Branch AGM 2026

We held our AGM on 27 June 2026 with seven Trustees being re-voted in to lead our branch.

The AGM was an unusual one as we held it for both our Registered Charity and Charitable Incorporated Organisation. As we continue to transfer our assets and wrangle with our banks to move our funds to our new entity, we expect to be able to make our original Registered Charity dormant later this year.

Following our AGM we had the fantastic news that Jo, a previous Trustee, wanted to rejoin the board, bringing our team up to 8 Trustees.

If you'd like to find out more about becoming a Trustee, please get in contact with our Chair, seasteal@rspca-lincoln.org.uk.

Thank you Penny & Chris!

Our AGM was also a sad one as we said farewell and thank you to Penny and Chris.

Chris was a valued member of the Trustee team and Penny has stepped down as Trustee and Treasurer. Penny has been with the branch since 2013 and has worked incredibly hard as branch Treasurer for the last 7 of those years, not only managing our relationships with the banks and suppliers but also coordinating the CIO transfer process from a finance perspective.

It's no exaggeration to say that Penny has been instrumental in making our branch the success it is today. Her hard work behind the scenes has kept our doors open and our rescue work thriving.

Penny, thank you for your unwavering commitment, your expertise, and everything you've given to our branch over the last 13 years. We are endlessly grateful and wish you all the very best!

Animal latest

Nothing can stop Moose!

When Moosh - now lovingly known as Moose - arrived at our branch this past January, his world was turning upside down. His previous owner was struggling to care for him, but despite a tough start, this resilient 2-year-old German Shepherd hasn't let anything dull his shine!

Born with three fully formed limbs due to a deformed distal radius and ulna, Moose simply refuses to let life slow him down.

During his time with us, Moose has been an absolute superstar at his physio and hydrotherapy sessions, building up strength in his legs. All his hard work has officially paid off: Moose is now heading off to County Durham with his forever family, where he'll be fitted for a brand-new custom splint!

We couldn't be prouder. Go Moose!



Just in the nick of time - Delilah and Rowan's perfect match

After 99 days of love and care with their foster family, bunny besties Delilah and Rowan were facing a sudden move as their fosterer's holiday approached. But just when we needed a stroke of luck, the absolute dream application landed in our inbox!



A fantastic father and daughter duo stepped forward to give the pair their forever home. It was clear how much research they'd done to become first-time rabbit owners - their setup was truly top-tier!

Today, Delilah and Rowan are settled into their new village home, enjoying a sprawling indoor-outdoor setup filled with toys, tunnels, and endless treats. We couldn't have asked for a happier ending for this special pair!

COVER PHOTO COMPETITION

August's cover star is Indie! With thanks to Indie's owner Sandra for submitting this great picture. Indie was adopted from us back in 2013 and is now 14 and as lively as ever!

Would your beloved pet like to be our next edition's cover star!? Please send your entries to our office by 30th September. Photos must be portrait ideally to work well on our cover.



403 days later...Honey is home!

Good things come to those who wait, and nobody knows that better than our sweet French Bulldog, Honey! After 403 days in our care as one of our longest residents, this 7-year-old lady finally trotted off to her forever home this past June.

Honey's journey hasn't been easy - she survived a dog attack as a young pup, which left her preferring the company of humans over other canines. But despite her tough past, Honey grew into the most calm, confident, and affectionate companion you could ever meet.

A total sun-worshiper, Honey could usually be found snoozing in the warmest spot in the yard, soaking up the rays and waiting for her favorite people to drop by for belly rubs. Now, she's living her absolute best life with her new family - spending her days alternating between sunbathing sessions and cooling off on the kitchen tiles.



A second chance at happiness for Bobbie & Susie!

Some rescues take a little extra time and tenderness, and Bobbie and Susie were true testament to that. Rescued from a house with 11 cats, they arrived nervous and suffering from multiple health conditions, including a tough battle with feline Calicivirus.

It took months of dedicated rehabilitation, specialised medical care, and constant reassurance from our team to help them feel safe. But slowly, their true personalities began to shine through, and they let us know they were ready for their next big step! After 259 days in our care, Bobbie and Susie hopped into their cat carriers one last time to head home with a lovely local couple. We couldn't be happier for this brave pair, and we are so grateful to our supporters for helping us give them the time and care they needed to heal!



REHOMING SUCCESS

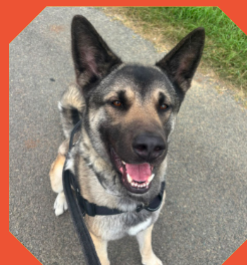
Just some of our other animals that have found their forever homes since the last edition



ALVA



ARCHIE



WOODY



ROLO



BLAZE

Our long-term residents...

Lotta

Lotta came into the branch on the 11th May 2026 after her caring owner was taken into hospital.

Unfortunately Lotta and her owner could not be reunited and help was sought to find her a retirement home. Lotta is around 8 to 12 years old and a Domestic Short Hair. She was extremely timid on her arrival and is likely to continue to be shy towards strangers. However, she has grown to be a complete softy with us over time and enjoys head scratches. She is very comfortable in herself and when she has had enough socially she will move along calmly. It is important that this boundary is respected for her wellbeing.

Lotta would best suit a home with any children being 14+, in a quiet, rural location where she can have enough space of her own to relax. To apply for Lotta, please visit <https://www.rspca-lincoln.org.uk/animal-adoption-how-it-works/>



Marla

Marla has been in our branch since the 10th February 2026 after being surrendered. She is a Rhodesian Ridgeback Staffie Doberman Cross (say that 10 times fast!) and is almost 5 years old.

Marla is a lovely lady but is always wanting attention from humans and is incredibly loyal to her favourite people. Dubbed an escape artist, she will need a secure garden or outdoor area where she can explore safely while supervised. She has improved her reactivity while on walks but sometimes another dog's vibe can unnerve her.

Therefore her ideal home is somewhere where she won't be alone during the day, a strong companion to keep her safe on walks and to be the only dog in the household. She may be able to live with children aged 14+ who understand and are comfortable with Marla's strength and playfulness. To apply for Marla, please visit <https://www.rspca-lincoln.org.uk/animal-adoption-how-it-works/>



**ANIMALS
REHOMED
IN 2026...
SO FAR**



**57
CATS**



**16
DOGS**



**0
GUINEA PIG**



**2
RABBITS**

Comments on this newsletter?
Anything you'd like to see featured?
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26 Kittens Later

Although 2 kittens off being able to make a 28 Days Later pun successfully, the last couple of months have seen one of our biggest kitten influxes ever!

For our catteries, fighting zombies may have been easier than raising 26 little beings at once. However, their persistent care and attention meant that all kittens have successfully reached 8 weeks and are ready for their forever homes! To help name our kittens, we launched a fundraiser where anyone could donate and suggest a name that was then randomly selected. This fundraiser raised £101.82 towards their care! Thank you to everyone who donated.

Our first mother, Ravioli, came into branch on the 24th March 2026, pregnant, after being spotted as a stray. Ravioli gave birth on the 28th April 2026 to Gnocchi, Fusilli, Linguini, Parmesan and Ricotta.

Then came Blaze and Lilly on the 27th March 2025 who were taken to a local vet after being found dumped in an allotment. The vet confirmed they were both pregnant and asked for our support. Blaze gave birth on the 7th May 2026 to Eton Mess, Mr Whippy and Pimms. Two weeks later on the 19th May 2026, Lily gave birth to Priscilla, Raven, Sasha and Yoda.

On the 30th April 2026, Freya entered the branch with her four babies and another stray cat believed to be the father, Titan. Their kittens were named Alva, Finn, Odin and Thora, after Greek Mythology. They were all found on a farm and brought to one of our shops, where a snapped decision had to be made. Fortunately for these guys, we wiggled them in and quickly got them health checked and microchipped.

A week later, on the 6th May 2026, Elphie came into our branch from an inspectorate, along with her 5 babies. We thought, "what's a few more?" Named Arthur, Cilla, Lulu, Merlin and Rupert, they were the first residents at our new cattery partner.

Finally, the last five kittens. Found on an industrial site in Lincoln without a mother, another snap decision had to be made. Our Animal Welfare Officer bravely took off to collect these sweet angels before they got hurt. Named Frodo, KitKat, Mink, Mouse and Yuki, they entered the branch on the 21st May 2026.

June saw lots of round the clock care for both the kittens and their mothers, vaccinations, check ups and microchipping. As of 15th July 2026, Gnocchi and Fuisilli have found their forever home and Alva, Finn, Thora, Parmesan, Eton Mess, Pimms, Raven and Sasha are reserved. Unfortunately, many of the remaining kittens are black cats and currently do not have much interest. Superstitions surrounding black cats continue to be harmful to rescues and we implore anyone interested in adopting a kitten to consider a beautiful black cat.



Moving Moomin!

Moomin is a cat that got a little lost during his family move from Kent to Lincolnshire.

On moving day, Moomin could not be found, spooked by the house being packed up around him. A kind neighbour spotted Moomin and called his owner. Due to the distance, the owner called RSPCA Kent North West for help. As the call was taken, our Animal Welfare Officer, Whitney, was on site visiting. The owner needed help transporting Moomin to Lincolnshire, where Whitney is coincidentally based.

Emma from RSPCA Kent North West and Whitney joined forces to arrange Moomin's safe return. Emma caught Moomin and drove up to Cambridgeshire - and suffered through an M25 closure - to pass the baton on to Whitney, who was waiting to take Moomin on the last leg home. After 160 miles, Moomin was reunited with his grateful owners!



RSPCA  **FOR EVERY KIND.**



SUMMER OF KINDNESS

Animals can face extra challenges at this time of year - together we can help them.

Scan the QR code to find out how small acts can make a big difference for every kind.



Animal Welfare Fund

Beyond rehoming: Supporting pet owners when it matters most

At the start of this year, our Trustees took a big step forward in supporting our local community by launching our new Animal Welfare Fund.

Managed by Whitney, our dedicated Animal Welfare Officer, this fund provides a vital lifeline for local pet owners struggling with unexpected vet bills or temporary emergency boarding.

Heartbreakingly, some of the calls Whitney receives are from devoted owners facing the most difficult decision of all - saying goodbye to a beloved pet when medical treatment is no longer an option.

When Bonnie's owner was faced with this painful moment, our Animal Welfare Fund was able to step in and cover the vet fees, easing the financial burden during an already devastating time. We recently received a beautiful thank-you card from Bonnie's owner, reminding us just how much this support means to families in their hour of need.

To the RSPCA team,
I just want to say in the memory of Bonnie a heartfelt thank you for your kindness in helping with her final vet bill. The circumstances were very sudden and unexpected and I'm still coming to terms with her passing but your compassion and understanding have helped make a difficult situation that bit more bearable. You have really restored my faith in humanity. Words cannot begin to describe how grateful I am.
Rest in peace Bonnie,

VIP treatment: A brand new wing just for our cats!

We have some purr-fectly exciting news to share! On 18th July, our Trustees (Sophie, Dawn, and Debby) joined Animal Welfare Officer Whitney for a very special open day at Purrfect Staycation, a wonderful private boarding cattery we've recently partnered with.

To say owners Chris and Paige have gone above and beyond for our rescue cats would be an understatement. They've been absolutely amazing - especially with a recent rescue mum and her five tiny kittens!

But their commitment didn't stop there. Chris and Paige have actually built a brand-new, dedicated 3-pen suite exclusively for our branch's cats!

They've created a cozy, welcoming sanctuary where our felines can relax in luxury while they await their forever families. We are so grateful to Chris and Paige for their incredible love, care, and generosity toward our most precious residents!



ANIMAL WELFARE FUND May-July 2026

55 vouchers issued to help with neutering

6 vouchers issued to help with euthanasia

23 vouchers issued for other treatment

5 vouchers issued for major treatment

89 animals helped in 3 months!



Ask Whitney... The Animal Welfare Column



***Got a burning animal question? Need some help?
Then let the Branch's resident expert know.***

Send your question in for our AWO, Whitney, and she will answer in the next edition.

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Dear Whitney,

My unneutered female dog had a season a few weeks ago and she's just not acting like herself lately. She's sleeping more, off her food, and drinking tons of water. A friend mentioned something called 'pyometra' - what on earth is that, and should I be worried?

Worried Dog Parent

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Whitney replies:

Trust your instincts - whenever an unneutered dog seems "not quite right" a few weeks after a season, it's always time to pay close attention.

Pyometra is a very serious, life-threatening infection of the womb (uterus). After a female dog goes into season, hormonal changes cause the lining of her womb to thicken, which can unfortunately create a breeding ground for bacteria. Because dogs are masters at hiding pain, the signs can be subtle at first. Keep a very close eye out for:

- Drinking and urinating much more than usual
- Lethargy or sleeping constantly
- Loss of appetite or vomiting
- A swollen or tender belly, or sudden collapse
- A foul-smelling discharge (though not always present!)

The Two Types of Pyometra: Open vs. Closed

It's crucial to know that there are two forms this infection can take:

- **Open Pyometra:** The cervix stays open, so you'll likely notice a brown, yellow, or pus-like discharge.
- **Closed Pyometra:** The cervix stays tightly shut, trapping the infection inside. This is particularly dangerous because there's no visible discharge, but the womb can swell drastically and risk rupturing.

What should you do right now?

If you suspect pyometra, contact your vet immediately. This is a true medical emergency that cannot wait until morning. Treatment almost always requires urgent emergency surgery to remove the infected womb (an emergency spay), along with IV fluids and strong antibiotics. The quicker you act, the better her chances of a full recovery!

How can you prevent it?

The best news? Pyometra is 100% preventable through a routine spay.

Spaying your dog while she's healthy eliminates the risk of pyometra entirely, prevents unwanted pregnancies, and reduces the risk of certain cancers. A planned, routine spay is much gentler on your dog's body than emergency surgery, requires less recovery time, and typically costs a fraction of an emergency pyometra operation.

If your female dog isn't spayed yet, speak to your vet about the best timing for her breed and size. And in the meantime, if she ever seems out of sorts after a season, don't wait—seek vet advice right away. Acting quickly really can save her life!

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Fundraising and volunteering

Dogs at The Lawn

In collaboration with the Lincoln Independent, we are running a free event for the people of Lincoln to come and enjoy a day of all things dog!

Initially postponed due to hot weather, the event will be on Friday 18th September 2026 11am-6pm at The Lawn. This date also coincides with Lincoln Castle's dog friendly weekend. Our participation includes a stand to advertise all that we do in the branch: rehabilitating and rehoming our amazing animals, helping our branch community with their pet care through financial vouchers, fundraising through our shops and other activities, and volunteering opportunities. If you'd like to volunteer with us on the day, please contact our office. This is all a part of a bigger campaign called Lincoln Loves Dogs - promoting Lincoln as a dog friendly city and hoping to improve tourism to the area.



Retail Update

We are delighted to welcome some new volunteers and team members who are supporting our vital retail work. Tina, Jayne, Harri, Emily and Anya welcome!

St Marks has developed a relationship with Jolleys to access take-offs and donations to sell in our shop or use in raffle prizes. These sorts of initiatives are so important to us because without donations we cannot raise funds in our shops!

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In Woodhall Spa, the team made the most of the 1940s weekend with a really beautiful window display.

Did you know, our Woodhall Spa team also run an ebay shop to secure higher prices on really special items, with 100% positive feedback. Do take a look: <https://www.charity.ebay.co.uk/charity/i/Royal-Society-For-The-Prevention-Of-Cruelty-To-Animals-Lincolnshire-Mid,-North-East-and-Lincoln-Branch-CIO/153433>

We were really proud to be asked to support the Pets at Home Wish list appeal in May.

It was a fantastic opportunity for lots of engagement with members of the public about our rehoming and volunteering opportunities, and we raised £180.

**Pets
FOUNDATION**





EVERY RUNNER FOR EVERY ANIMAL

We are putting together a team for the Lincoln Half Marathon on Sunday 4th October 2026. If you would like to run and fundraise for us or volunteer in some other capacity, please contact:

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