

WINTER | 2021

the Cotswolds Dogs & Cats Home NEWSLETTER

The latest news and updates from CDCH

What a year!

I'm sure we aren't the only ones to think this has been a bit of a whirlwind year. With restrictions lifting, we have slowly adjusted back to 'normal life'.

The centre has been incredibly busy this year, supporting hundreds of vulnerable animals.

In this newsletter, we would like to share a few updates and some successes.

Without your support, we couldn't continue to do the work we are so passionate about. So thank you, from all of the animals in our care, the staff, and our hardworking volunteers, and the trustees.

SIGN UP TO OUR E-NEWS!

Keep up to date with CDCH news by signing up to our email newsletter! Visit our website and click 'Sign up to our newsletter'.

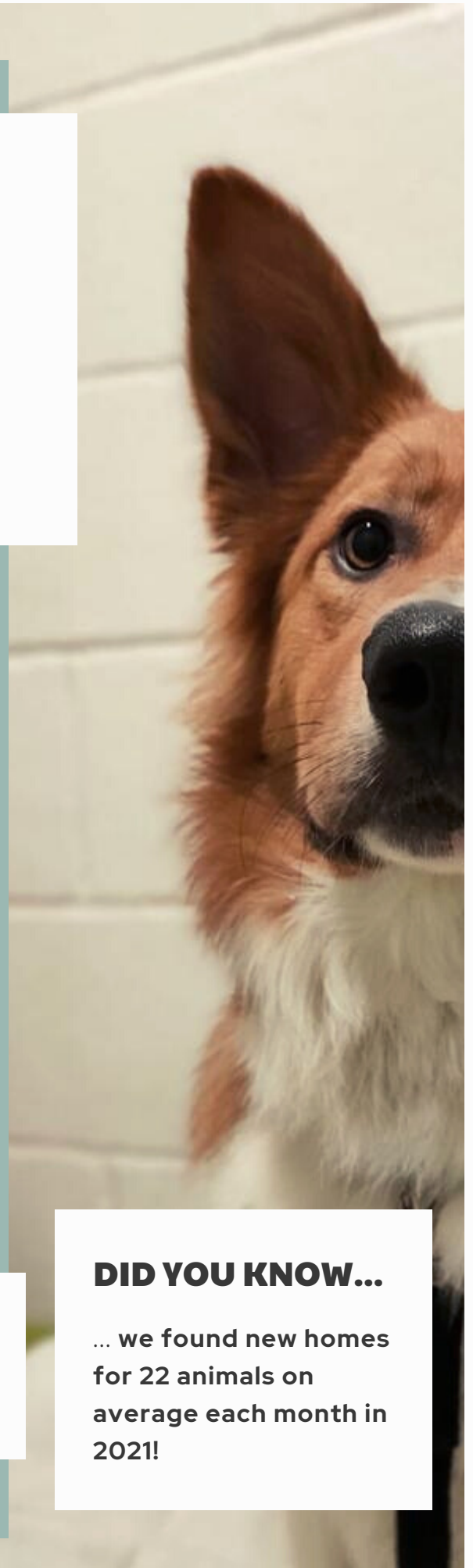
DID YOU KNOW...

... we found new homes for 22 animals on average each month in 2021!

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THE IMPACT CDCH HAS HAD ON OUR COMMUNITY

This year **82 dogs, 118 cats, 1 chinchilla, 8 guinea pigs, 15 mice and 5 rabbits** found new homes with the help of our rehoming team!*

45% of these animals came in via the RSPCA.

These can be some of the worst cases of neglect equating to much larger vet costs. RSPCA will sign the animal into our care.

47% came in via the general public.

An animal may need rehoming due to no fault of the owner. We understand that situations change and we are here to help.

8% were once stray animals.

After a longer than average stay with us (50 days on average), we were able to rebuild trust with these animals and find them their perfect forever home.

***all figures are up to 02/11/21**

We also assist anyone on income support and their pets. This includes low-cost vet care and low-cost neuter vouchers.

This year we had 822 animals booked in for our clinic. 75% of these animals were dogs. We have also issued 70 neuter vouchers and 32 vouchers to help with larger medical costs.

For more information about our welfare clinic please visit our website www.cdch.org.uk and click '**RSPCA Clinics**'.

ANIMALS THAT NEEDED EXTRA SUPPORT

As we mentioned above, almost half our animals came into us via an RSPCA Inspector. These animals are signed over into our care from the RSPCA to The Cotswolds Dogs & Cats Home.

The majority of these animals need extra support and we rely on help from our community to ensure we can care for these animals, the ones that have been let down the most and deserve the best.

We want to thank you all for supporting our special animal appeals, you made such a difference for Arthur, Duke, Humbug, Mable and her pups, Rolo and Andy - to name a few!



One example of an animal needing extra care was Arthur



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LEAVE A LEGACY TO CDCH

Choosing to remember the Cotswolds Dogs & Cats Home in your Will is an incredible way to celebrate your life as an animal lover.

The Cotswolds Dogs & Cats Home works very hard to provide the highest standard of care to vulnerable, abused and neglected animals in the community.

As a charity, we work with these animals to ensure they are fully rehabilitated and confident enough to go off to their forever home. We also provide a weekly clinic that provides access to veterinary services for those on means-tested benefits, ensuring no animal is left untreated because of cost.

To ensure the money comes directly to our branch you need to include our full name, registered charity number, and address:

RSPCA South Cotswolds Branch
(registered charity number 207006)
The Cotswolds Dogs & Cats Home
Beechmeadow Farm, Elmcote Lane
Cambridge
Gloucestershire
GL2 7AS.

For more information, please contact us on fundraising@cdch.org.uk.



OUR GIFT OF A VET NURSE

This year we have been awarded a special grant from one of the UK's leading animal welfare charities, Battersea Dogs & Cats Home in London.

Claire Lilwall recently joined CDCH as a resident registered Veterinary Nurse thanks to the grant from Battersea Dogs & Cats Home.

Being the permanent veterinary nurse for CDCH means that Claire is able to build relationships with the rest of the team and the patients. Getting to know everyone and building their trust is very important as many of the patients at CDCH can be scared and maybe haven't had the best start in life.

Huge thank you to Battersea for their support and help to support the animals in our care.



DID YOU KNOW...

Since our beautiful centre opened in September 2016, we have found homes for 1,142 animals! We opened our low cost welfare clinic in June 2017 and have had 2,463 appointments since then.

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LOLA FINDS HER FOREVER HOME!

Lola came into us extremely under socialised and nervous as all she'd ever known was the house and garden that she came from.

Well, after a staggering 412 days at the centre (over 12 times the average stay) Lola found her forever home! We caught up with her new owners;

'We are both dog lovers and have been wanting a dog since moving in with each other! We felt adoption was the best route for us and are so glad we did.'

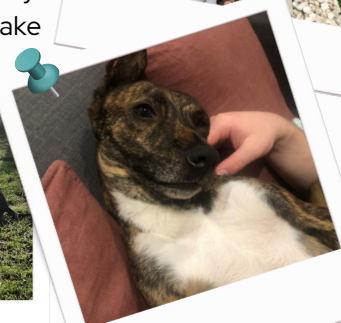
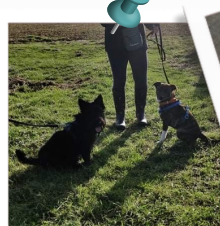
'CDCH was amazing with introducing us to Lola and gave her time to build up our bond and relationship with her. We knew when we first met her that she was the dog for us!'

'We were so excited when we took her home, and it felt like the longest drive, we were just desperate to show Lola her forever home. She has settled in amazingly, she has got so much more confident and is really relaxed, and is enjoying all of the home comforts! She has been absolutely spoilt with toys from friends and family, so now has an entire box dedicated to these which she loves to carry around and show off.'

'She has made a few doggy friends too, and her favourite thing is to go for walks and play with her best friend Murray the Scottie! (I've attached a picture of them together). They even FaceTimed each other last week!'

'The adoption process felt simple, because CDCH took us through and explained everything, and made sure we had all the tools and resources before taking Lola home.'

'Lola has made our home and family complete, and we can't wait to make more memories with her!'



SPECIAL CORPORATE MENTION

We have had some amazing support from local companies this year. A few are mentioned below. Huge thank you to our corporate friends!

We are always on the lookout to work with more companies so if you are interested in finding out how we can work together please get in touch via halley.medlock@cdch.org.uk.



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Mortgage and Protection Specialists



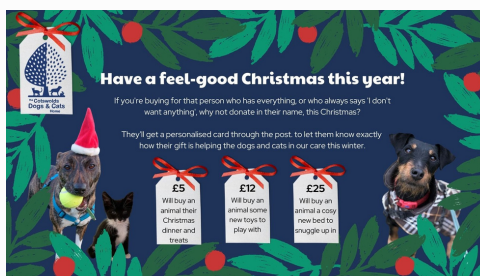
HAPPILY HOMED

We recently asked to see some past adopted CDCH residents on Facebook! We were overwhelmed with the response and had over 200 photos shared! We wanted to include them all but here are just a few!



EVENTS

For more information about our events visit our website www.cdch.org.uk and click 'Events'.



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