

# Bedfordsire South Branch Newsletter

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## Welcome South Beds recent update

As we approach one of the busiest times of the year we are pleased to report a particularly successful November with lots of our foster animals finding permanent new homes. A recent influx of multiple animals from single households has meant we are busier than ever as we try to find space for as many animals as possible before we close for rehoming for the Christmas period. Our fostering doors will however be open again early in January with lots of animals looking for adoption - including many of those featured below

## Interested to help us

### fostering/homevisiting/fundraising

Our focus in 2011 is to establish a team to help raise funds to support the valuable work carried out by our volunteers on behalf of animals in need. If you would like to help out with any aspect of raising funds for our branch, from helping out with the running of a stall at a local fete to researching and co-ordinating larger events we would love to hear from you. Previous experience is not required, just enthusiasm and some spare time (however small!) to help out. To offer your services or simply find out more, please e-mail [sam@rspca-online.co.uk](mailto:sam@rspca-online.co.uk)



Snowy is pure white and, as is often the case with white cats, she is deaf. We needed to find her a home where she could be a house cat in a loving and safe environment. She was re-homed to an elderly couple and soon made herself very much the boss!

## Would you like to Take me home



Still with us. Cherie's a beautiful friendly girl. She came to us when her owner could no longer look after her.



*Snowy & Frosty*

## Rabbit adoption corner also available for adoption

Two of our friendly rabbits that are still seeking a new home for winter are aptly named Snowy and Frosty! Snowy is a very friendly female albino with a cheeky personality. She is very food orientated and likes to be handled. Her brother, Frosty, is also friendly and inquisitive and is very happy to feed from his fosterers hand but is a little more reserved and follows his sisters lead. Both rabbits are neutered and vaccinated and are fine with noise and other family pets. If you would like to find out more please e-mail us at [fosterbuns@rspca-online.co.uk](mailto:fosterbuns@rspca-online.co.uk)

## Success story Another happy ending

Kitty came to us as a tiny 5 week old kitten. She had been dumped in a rubbish bin and left for dead. When found, she was covered in chewing gum. Kitty came into foster, and was mixed in with a litter of five other kittens. She soon settled in and far from being traumatised by her experience, she became the most adventurous and outgoing of the kittens. She and Jimmy, one of the litter were re-homed together.



## Re-homing Seeking new homes



*Poppy*

Poppy is still with us having been neglected by her owner. Poppy is 8 months old and has settled into her foster home extremely well. She gets on brilliantly with the children at her foster home! They love her to bits and so we are hoping to re-home her within a loving family.

## Re-homing Success Story

In South Bedfordshire we sadly hear many horror stories and see first hand the effects of people's cruelty towards animals. Thankfully, we also meet a lot of very kind and thoughtful owners who help to restore our faith in the human race. Here are some 'good news' stories to bring a bit of festive cheer"



*Milo & Fizz*

Their time with us started when we had been asked by one of the animal centres to help out by taking on these two rabbits. Fizz was very aggressive, grunted and growled and was really unhandlable. We wanted to give Fizz a second chance and Karen (a rabbit fosterer) was kind enough to take them on. In about 3 months with lots of hard work and patience, Karen had turned them into a pair of re-homable bunnies who went off to their new home with a loving family who had the time to continue all of Karen's good work.

## Re-home Seeking a loving home

Jess came to us pregnant and unwanted by her owners. She had her five kittens whilst in foster care and two of them have since



been rehomed. Jess is a very friendly and loving girl and has been a fantastic mum to her kits.

Three of Jess' kittens are also still looking for a new home: Tommy, Jonn and Ramses.

Ramses has been born with a deformed back leg. While we wait to see if the leg



can remain and not hinder him too much, or otherwise be amputated, he copes very well with his disability,

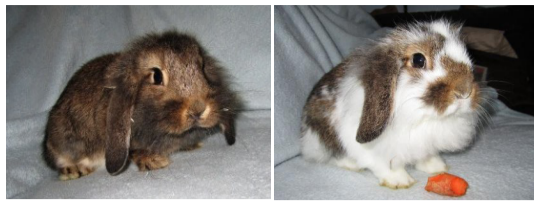
running up and down the stairs and playing with his brothers. We need to find him a loving home where he can remain a house cat but with a safe and secure garden for him to play in. It would be lovely if he and one of his brothers could find a home together, but they are all confident enough to re-home separately.

### Will

Will, as you can see is the cutest little kitten and he has received a lot of enquiries following this photo being placed on our web site! Will was brought in as a little 8 week old stray, his loving nature was the reason that led us to believe that he may have been unwanted and abandoned.



## More homes needed Beautiful baby bunny boys



**"WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW HOMES".**

These beautiful bunnies came in to foster care with an all-too-familiar story. The owners had purchased 2 "female" rabbits from a pet store only to find a few weeks later that they had 1 female and 1 male and 4 baby bunnies. As the owner could not cope we took in the baby rabbits to hopefully pair up with each other but unfortunately they turned out to all be males and will need to be re-homed with other single females or as house rabbits



## E-Newsletter request

If you would like to keep up-to-date with the work of our branch and would like to receive future copies of our newsletter, please e-mail our Membership Secretary [paula.brooks60@ntlworld.com](mailto:paula.brooks60@ntlworld.com) with the subject "newsletter" to be added to our e-mail distribution list.

If you don't currently have e-mail but would like to still receive future copies, please telephone Rosemary Marks with your name and address and we will arrange for a copy to be sent to you by post.

## The branch are always keen to recruit more fosterers and homevisitors.

We provide all equipment and pay for all vet bills incurred by our animals while they are in foster care, and in return our fosterers provide a warm and loving safe haven for their small furries whilst we find them a permanent home. If you are not able to provide a temporary foster home, but would like to contribute to the re-homing of our animals, you might like to consider becoming a home-visitor for the branch. Homevisits are carried out for anyone interested in adopting an animal from the RSPCA, and are arranged at dates and times convenient to the prospective adopter and homevisitor (including evenings and weekends should you wish). Becoming a homevisitor can therefore be a good way to volunteer if for example you work full time. Full training is of course provided. If you have time and space and are interested in caring for a foster animal we would love to hear from you".

## Success story Friends find new home

Blue came to us having been hit by a car. It was decided that his leg could not be saved so it was amputated. He went into



foster care for cage rest and when he was well enough, he was put on the list to rehome.

Blue was totally against any other foster cat that came into his foster home until Tommy.



Tommy and Blue became the best of friends and were re-homed together after Blue had been with us for 7 months!

## Stray meets an angel Off the street and looking for a new home



### Molly

Molly is a young female who has been with us since October. She was handed over by a member of the public who found her living as a stray.

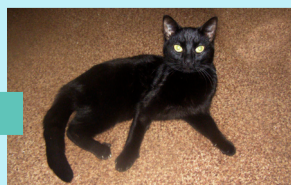
Molly has resisted all attempts from the other foster cats in her home to become friends, until now!!

Angel a beautiful black one year old girl and Molly have become friends.

Angel has had to have her hind leg amputated due to an accident.

We would love to re-home Angel and Molly together if possible.

### Angel



## Help out

If you would like to find out more about any of these valuable roles, or to discuss any other way in which you might be able to help us help animals in South Bedfordshire, please call our Branch Secretary, Rosemary, on 01582 472768

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