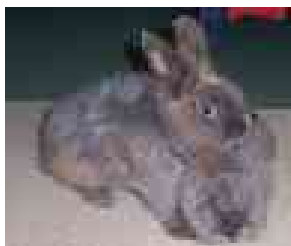




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Spirit and Gingernut (currently in foster care waiting for a suitable home)

Special Interest Articles:

- An old story
- Rehoming success
- Volunteer appeal
- Tabatha and Lyra

Once you have read this newsletter, don't throw it away. Pass it on to a family member, friend or take it to work.

You can help re-home our animals and promote the work which RSPCA Bedfordshire South Branch does.

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Abel and Cain (currently in foster care waiting for a suitable home)

The quarterly newsletter for friends and supporters of Bedfordshire South Branch

Summer Fund Raising Success

Our volunteers have worked really hard over the summer months, sometimes in tropical temperatures to raise much needed publicity and funds for the branch.

Three town carnivals were attended, raising a grand total of £360.00. Pot luck was featured on the stall where carnival goers could choose a lucky prize pot. Our popular tiger and Dalmatian dog also made guest appearances.

Another important role our stall played was to try and re-home some of our long term foster animals, pictures and stories were featured, along with educational literature on keeping and caring for rabbits.



An Old Story

The Branch has rescued its oldest stray bred from without a licence and micro-chip. Being at least 100 years old, you would think this old lady would know her way home.

'Mavis' was found wandering the streets and was picked up by a passer-by. The Branch received a call, and with a carrier in hand went to the rescue.

She was taken to the local vet and given a check over. From there Mavis went into foster care, awaiting news on her owner. No-one came forward to claim Mavis and without any Micro-chip, she could not be formally identified.

Due to strict DEFRA licensing laws, no tortoise may be sold, passed on or

Mavis has now been micro-chipped and has a permanent adopted home with her fosterer.

She is surprisingly agile and friendly. She loves stomping around the garden and house!

She is truly an amazing creature, who will probably outlive us all. What secrets she carries is anyone's guess.



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Blackberry and Apple (currently in foster care waiting for a suitable home)

Carrier Tags

Soon large RSPCA Tags will be appearing on all branch pet carriers.

The coloured tag reads 'I am being Fostered by the Beds South RSPCA, please ask my fosterer if you would like to adopt me or one of my friends'.

The purpose of the tags is to raise public interest in the animals which are in foster care. As nearly all our animals make at least one trip to the vets, it's an opportunity to promote and encourage re-homing.

If you are a fosterer or transport any of the branch animals and are not issued with a tag, please contact your Fostering Co-ordinator.

Thank-you to all the volunteers that stood outside various Tesco store's during RSPCA Week. As always funds collected were much needed and appreciated.



Phoenix (currently in foster care waiting for a suitable home)

Cat Fostering Appeal

We are desperately short of volunteers to foster cats and rabbits.

The animal fostering scheme enables the branch to look after local animals which are abandoned, unwanted, injured or neglected. This includes pregnant or nursing cats, kittens, rabbits and guinea-pigs.

Fostering involves offering a non-permanent loving and understanding home for the animals, sometimes whilst recovering from trauma or injury.

Once the animal is fit and happy a

permanent loving home is found. The branch pays for any veterinary attention, feed and bedding which the animal may require throughout their stay with the fosterer. Full training and support will be given to the fosterer.

Being a fosterer is very rewarding and provides an opportunity to save animals from an uncertain future. We gladly await any cat or rabbit lovers to help with our fostering scheme or anyone who wishes to offer a permanent home to our rescued animals.

Contact Rosemary 01582 472768 or go to www.rspca-online.co.uk

Re-Homing Success

Two of our longest fostered animals were finally re-homed last month.

Guinea-pigs Beckham and Rooney had been with their loyal fosterer for over nine months. Not being the best tempered pair, she worked hard to prepare them for re-homing.

After several posters and a special feature in the 'Herald and Post' during world cup week, Beckham and Rooney were finally found loving homes.

It looks like England's loss, was our gain!



Tabatha and Lyra

These two lovely rabbits came to us nine months ago.



Tabatha is the albino and Lyra the black bunny. For some reason no-one has shown any interest in offering them a home.

They are really friendly rabbits and love a cuddle. Tabatha particularly enjoys watching the birds.

If you have lots of space, love and attention to offer these two, please visit our web-site

www.rspca-online.co.uk or Contact Sam Allen on sam@rspca-online.co.uk or 07967 013373.

For more details of animals featured in this newsletter and other rabbits, cats and guinea-pigs looking for a new home please visit our web-site www.rspca-online.co.uk or tel 01582 472768.