

## R.S.P.C.A. TAMESIDE & GLOSSOP BRANCH

### WHO ARE WE?

The Tameside and Glossop Branch of the RSPCA, in common with all local branches is separate and independent from the parent charity, ie the National RSPCA. The easiest way to understand this structure is to think of it in terms of a Franchise.

There are 174 Branches of the RSPCA and every Branch is slightly different from its neighbours. They operate their own animal welfare programmes, which run "in tandem" with the National Society.

Each branch raises its own funds and manages its own affairs. The Tameside and Glossop Branch is run entirely by volunteers.

### WHAT DO WE DO?

The branch raises money to re-home animals brought in by RSPCA Inspectors and to operate a scheme which helps people on means tested benefits to afford the veterinary treatment which their animals may require.

Re-Homing Inspector Generated Animals - The Branch does not take unwanted animals from the public. We do pay for the boarding of animals brought in by our local RSPCA Inspectors, which may have been the subject of a cruelty case. We re-home these previously ill-treated animals to caring new owners whose suitability has been assessed by one of our team of volunteer home visitors

Assisted Treatment - Tameside residents are advised to contact the Greater Manchester Animal Hospital (GMAH) in the first instance (08709 085 311) open consultations (no appointment needed): 7.30am – 4pm weekdays, or to ask their local veterinary surgeon if they operate the scheme. They must take along some proof that they are in receipt of benefit when they visit the surgery. Help is given on a sliding scale on bills over £40.

Glossop residents fall outside GMAH catchment area and are advised to contact their own veterinary surgeon to ask if they operate the scheme.

Assisted Neutering - Our assisted neutering scheme is operated to help reduce the number of unwanted animals in the area. (See above for details)

With the help and generosity of local veterinary surgeons we offer people on means tested benefit the opportunity to have their animal neutered at 50% of the normal veterinary practice fee.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**TO CONTACT THE BRANCH:** Tel: 0705 026 4531

**IF YOU WISH TO REPORT CRUELTY TO AN ANIMAL** – Please contact the RSPCA's cruelty line on 0300 1234 999

**STRAY DOGS – STRAY DOGS** – The RSPCA does not collect stray dogs. Local Authorities have responsibility Please call your local Dog Warden: Tameside – 0845 241 7253 & Glossop – 0845 129 7777

**INJURED STRAY ANIMALS** – The police (Greater Manchester Police Force Instructions) may call on the services of a veterinary surgeon. If you find an animal, which is injured, please telephone the police in the first instance.

**VETERINARY SURGEONS PRACTISING IN THIS AREA CAN BE FOUND IN THE YELLOW PAGES** – Ask them if they participate in the RSPCA's assisted neutering and treatment schemes.

**If you would like to offer a caring home please phone one of the following numbers to make an appointment:**

**07050 264 531 - Dogs**

**07977 757 273 - Cats**

**[www.mypetstopdenton.com](http://www.mypetstopdenton.com)**



# Tameside & Glossop Branch

*(We receive no state aid and depend on voluntary contributions and bequests)*

**Registered Charity Number: 232260**  
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## WHO ARE WE? WHAT DO WE DO? HOW CAN YOU HELP?

**INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO HELP YOUR LOCAL BRANCH OF THE RSPCA?**

**Contact Glossop Volunteer Bureau**  
**on 01457 86 5722 or**

**Volunteer Centre Tameside on 0161 339 2345**

**Or visit our website at**  
**[www.rspca-tameside-glossop.org.uk](http://www.rspca-tameside-glossop.org.uk)**

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The Tameside and Glossop Branch is operated entirely by volunteers. We are small in number and in need of new people.

Expert advice and support is always on hand for all volunteers helping the RSPCA. Training days are run by Regional Headquarters throughout the North Region. All new volunteers are invited to attend those relevant to the type of work they are interested in. We have access to experts in their field based at RSPCA National Headquarters in West Sussex via the local Branch Development Advisor, whose role it is to support the branches in all their activities.

## THE BRANCH COMMITTEE

Most of the people involved in running the Tameside & Glossop Branch are members of the Committee and are Trustees of the Branch. Trustees are responsible for decision-making on Branch policy and ensuring the Branch achieves its aims and objectives. The Committee is elected at the Annual General Meeting usually held in June.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS** – The Committee holds monthly meetings at 7.30pm in the Volunteer Centre, Penny Meadow, Ashton-u-Lyne. New members are always welcome.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY** - The post involves receiving notification from Headquarters of all local people joining the RSPCA, informing fellow trustees of new members and holding a card index system of names and addresses. The secretary contacts new members accepted into the branch to welcome them and to invite them to become involved in branch activities.

## ANIMAL WELFARE



**CAT CARERS AND DOG WALKERS** – Volunteers are needed to help **care for cats** in boarding, to re-socialise those who have been previously neglected or cruelly treated.

**Dog walkers** are needed to walk the dogs in care once or twice a week. We are particularly seeking weekday walkers.

**HOME VISITORS** – Home Visiting Volunteers are responsible to the Home Visiting Co-ordinator. They visit the prospective animal adopters in their own homes to ensure suitability. They need a calm confident manner, to be able to get along with people and to have some knowledge of caring for animals.

### **FOSTERERS FOR YOUNG ANIMALS (usually puppies and/or kittens)**

The branch urgently needs dedicated animal carers who are prepared to foster very young animals or older animals, which are recovering from veterinary treatment or those not thriving in kennels prior to adoption. This will not involve any personal expense but will probably entail a few sleepless nights. Help and support from our rehoming coordinator is always available and a local veterinary surgeon would be happy to train you in rearing young puppies or kittens.

**DRIVERS** - We need people with their own vehicles who would be prepared to transport sick or injured animals to veterinary surgeons, to fosterers or to boarding facilities? Would you be able to deliver food and basic animal care equipment from wholesalers or branch storage to fosterers?

## FUNDRAISING

Join the fund-raising team, or volunteer to be responsible for one aspect of raising much-needed funds.

**STATIC COLLECTING BOXES** – Keep accurate records of the location of boxes in your area. Increase the number of boxes sited in the area. Empty RSPCA collection boxes on a regular basis, issue receipts, and bank the money received.

**MERCHANDISING** - Order and maintain stock. Research suitable venues for events, stalls, dog shows etc. for selling opportunities.

**EVENTS' ORGANISER** – Involves all sorts of events, the list is endless: Dog Shows, Sponsored walks, jumble and car boot sales, coffee mornings etc. etc.

**STREET COLLECTION ORGANISER** - Involves obtaining the necessary permits. Organising volunteers, helping with the collection, counting and banking the money afterwards.

## SPONSORSHIP

The branch pays for private boarding of animals brought in by RSPCA Inspectors at a cost of approximately £2,400 per year for a dog apartment and £2,000 per year for a cat apartment. Individuals, groups or companies can sponsor an apartment from £5 per month (individuals) £20 per month (groups/companies) or an annual donation from £60 (individuals) £240 (groups/companies).