

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 – The RSPCA does not collect stray dogs. 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



Tameside & Glossop Branch

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

Registered Charity Number: 232260

Established 1899

Email: office@rspca-tameside-glossop.org.uk

Website: www.rspca-tameside-glossop.org.uk



Cat Socialising Volunteers' Guidelines (inside)

ABOUT THE BRANCH

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

The need to meet our ever-increasing expenses is an ongoing commitment. Funds are always desperately needed to ensure that we can continue to board the animals in our care until they find new homes.



VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers are recruited to assist in the socialisation of cats brought into branch care via RSPCA Inspectors and those reported as strays by members of the public. They have often experienced terrible cruelty or neglect and as a result are very unsure of any humans they may meet. With care and loving attention almost all of them can be rehabilitated and go on to make wonderful family members.

TRAINING

The branch can arrange for volunteers to take part in any training courses provided by the National Society. If you wish to take part in any of the courses on offer, please let us know and we can make enquiries as to when and where the next courses are to be run.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Cat Socialising Volunteers are responsible to our Cattery Liaison and Rehoming Co-ordinator, Doris Mawhinney.

As a Cat Socialiser you will be expected to be calm and above all caring when dealing with the cats in Branch care.

Get to know each individual cat so that you can report any suspected illness or behavioural problems to the coordinator. Be extra gentle and understanding when dealing with those cats, which are finding it difficult to adjust to life in the cattery.

Additionally you should ensure that staff at MyPetStop are aware you are visiting the premises.



Always sign in on the RSPCA's health and safety form held on the reception desk at MPS and have your volunteer's ID pass on display.

Please be considerate of MPS's Staff and premises

INSURANCE

Please note that all branch volunteers are covered by RSPCA Insurance. You must be over 18 years of age and under 75 years old to benefit from this.

Unfortunately, anyone who is not a registered volunteer will not be covered by our insurance and MPS 's insurance only covers their own paid staff and customers.

As a result, volunteers should not take any visitors, either friends or relatives, along with them when visiting the centre, without prior arrangement with our cattery liaison coordinator (Tel: 07977 757 273).

OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES

We do not reimburse travel expenses to and from home to the cattery for this opportunity. However, volunteers can claim out of pocket expenses incurred in the course of their duties when taking cats to vets, pre-adoption home visiting, or fostering young/sick animals. Please ask the Coordinator for a claim form

For up to date information on the cats in our care, please read the notes on each pen or visit the website at www.rspca-tameside-glossop.org.uk