

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: **07954 122 481**

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 – 0161 342 8355 (office hrs) 0845 241 7253 (4pm-8am and weekends) & 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:

07954 122 481 – Dogs

07977 757 273 – Cats

www.rspca-tameside-glossop.org.uk



Tameside & Glossop Branch

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

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Volunteer Assistant Kennel Liaison Officer 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. Almost every year we spend more money than we can raise. Funds are always desperately needed to ensure that we can continue to board the animals in our care until they find new homes.



TRAINING

Expert advice and support is always on hand for all volunteers helping the RSPCA. The branch can arrange for volunteers to take part in training courses provided by the National Society. If you wish to take part in any of the courses on offer, please let us know.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Assistant Volunteer Kennel Liaison Officer (AKLO) will work closely with the Kennel Liaison Officer and is responsible to the Branch Trustees (Branch Committee members).

As the Assistant KLO you will be expected to be professional when dealing with members of the public, RSPCA Inspectors, Boarding Kennel Staff and Veterinary Surgeons. You will liaise with the Dog Rehoming Coordinator and the Dog Fostering Coordinator.

You will be a secondary contact for the boarding kennel staff in the event of an emergency arising with the dogs boarded on their premises. You will need to liaise with the veterinary surgeons the branch uses to arrange suitable treatment if needed. You will also liaise with our volunteer dog walkers who may need support and advice on the dogs in care, 4 kennels are contracted with Standrick Hill Boarding kennels with another 2 in Wilmslow and occasionally, it may be necessary to take on an extra apartment, but this should be arranged with agreement from at least one other member of the committee.

You will meet with potential adopters at Standrick Hill Kennels/Heyrod Community Centre in order to show the dog they have expressed an interest in meeting or arrange for another branch member to undertake this.

When a home visit has been agreed you will contact the Home Visiting coordinator to inform them of all pertinent details of both the dog and the adopter.

Once the adopters have been approved the HV Coordinator will contact you to arrange a suitable time for the hand over of the dog to his/her new family.

You will need to complete various forms including adoption forms and neutering vouchers, and account for money raised in adoption fees and donations, which are passed to the branch's Hon Treasurer for banking and statistical returns to the National Society - RSPCA HQ.

You will need to attend monthly branch meetings, last Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at the Volunteer Centre, Ashton.

INSURANCE

Branch volunteers are covered by RSPCA Insurance. You must be over 18 years of age and under 75 years old to benefit from this.

OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES

Out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed on production of a claim form along with receipts and/or other mileage and phone records, on a monthly basis.