

## 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 166 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 who have been raising money to improve the welfare of local animals since 1899. 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 needed to ensure that we can continue to board the animals in our care and to ensure that they receive essential veterinary attention until they find new homes. It is branch policy that any animal rehomed has been neutered, vaccinated, treated regularly against fleas and worms and microchipped.

We are small in number and always welcome new people.

### 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) 0161 770 2222 (4pm-8am and weekends) & Glossop – 0345 129 4870 between 8am - 6pm, Monday to Friday.

**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 07954 122 481 to make an appointment:  
Or Email – [office@rspca-tameside-glossop.org.uk](mailto:office@rspca-tameside-glossop.org.uk)**



# 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](mailto:office@rspca-tameside-glossop.org.uk)

**Website:** [www.rspca-tameside-glossop.org.uk](http://www.rspca-tameside-glossop.org.uk)



## Volunteer Fundraisers

**We've been raising funds since 1899  
to help local animals in need.  
Your help is still needed in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

## FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEERS

Branch fundraisers are needed to take part in our fundraising events throughout the year. Not surprisingly there's much more to fundraising than just holding a collection can or bucket. It can be fun, rewarding and an opportunity to meet the many people in Tameside and Glossop who also care about animal welfare, whether it's that of their family's own animals, or that of farm livestock, laboratory animals or wildlife.

## ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### Collections

These are usually held usually in supermarkets, shopping malls etc. Our fund raising coordinator will have obtained the correct permissions and organised rotas for collections – usually 2 hour slots. It is important to remember that collectors should remain stationary and not call out to customers or passersby or shake the collecting tin/bucket.

This type of fundraising activity can be an ideal opportunity to promote the work of the branch and to inform members of the public about the national society. Time flies by when you are busy and everyone who takes part says how much they enjoy the time they give, especially when they find out just how much has been raised on their day.

### Coffee mornings, Fashion & Fun Dog Shows

Coffee mornings are held twice yearly in the Glossop area, charging for refreshments and selling good quality used bric a brac, clothes, cakes and RSPCA logoed goods. There is usually a tombola with donated prizes galore. Volunteers are needed to staff the stalls, serve tea and coffee and sell raffle tickets during the event.

Fashion shows – money is raised by charging admission and for refreshments, and a small percentage of the sales is often given by the business/shop which sells the clothes at the show. Volunteers are needed to sell raffle tickets and to help set up and clear away the venue. A bar is usually provided by the Golf and/or Cricket Clubs involved.

Fun Dog Shows – These are held 2 or 3 times a year and although they don't make a huge profit are enjoyed by all the contestants, branch volunteers and the dogs themselves. Volunteers are needed to help set up the tables and

gazebos, to register contestants, act as stewards, help our judges or to judge themselves and then of course to help pack up at the end of a busy, tiring but fun day.



## NEW IDEAS WELCOME

**We always welcome new fund raising ideas, whether it's to climb Ben Nevis, to hold a dog agility competition or ..... ?**

## INSURANCE

Branch volunteers 16 and over (NB you must be over 18 years of age for direct animal care volunteering) are covered by RSPCA Insurance.

## 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.

## OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES

Travel expenses to and from home to the venue are not available for this volunteering vacancy due to the need to conserve branch funds.