

# Roscommon SPCA Newsletter January 2021



**ROSCOMMON  
SPCA**

RESCUE ANIMALS  
IRELAND



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Welcome to our very first newsletter.

We hope to keep you informed of what is happening here at Roscommon SPCA on a monthly basis, it will all be about the work of the volunteers here at Roscommon SPCA.

Last year was one of the busiest in the history of Roscommon SPCA. Despite the COVID -19 restrictions and movement we still managed to help a huge number of animals in the County and outside. Our Annual Veterinary Care Bills came to over (€60K) Sixty Thousand euro. It was also the year that our external fundraising ceased, and we had to turn to our social media platforms. Thanks to the ongoing support of our supporters and followers we can report our stats with a hint of pride I must say.

But, without the commitment of all our volunteers and your donations, we could not achieve this. Thanks to the commitment of our Foster Carers, we saved so many small lives.

Roscommon SPCA is a non-profit organization run by people who volunteer their time. We are affiliated to the Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ISPCA).

We look out for the care and protection of animals in County Roscommon, Ireland. We believe that animals should have:

1. Freedom from hunger or thirst by ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full health and vigour.
2. Freedom from discomfort by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.
3. Freedom from pain, injury or disease by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment.
4. Freedom to express normal behaviour by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal's own kind.
5. Freedom from fear and distress by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.

This year we have also rolled out our First Junior Membership ever at Roscommon SPCA.

## ANIMAL WELFARE STATS 2020

#### Animal welfare Stats For 2020

Dogs Spayed/Neutered	240	Cats Spayed/Neutered	835
Rabbits spayed	5	TNR CATS (Trap, Neuter, Return)	348
Injured Cats/Kittens	149	Injured Dogs	11
Cat/Kittens with sore eyes	258	Injured Wildlife	17
Microchip/Registration	97	Feline Aids Tests	71
Flea/Worm Treatments	302	Vaccinations	102
PTS	11	Amputations	3
<b>DOGS &amp; CATS REHOMED</b>			
Dogs/Pups Rehomed	35	Cats/Kittens Rehomed	174

This is the number of animals we have dealt with over the past year.



#### Welcome & Introduction

Hello & welcome to our first Junior Membership in Roscommon SPCA. We are delighted you have decided to join us in Roscommon SPCA.

Here in our SPCA, we care for stray, sick, injured & abandoned animals. These animals range from dogs, cats to injured wild animals.

This is your welcome booklet & you will also receive a Roscommon SPCA Pencil. There are lots of lovely puzzles for you to do plus a colouring competition. Be very creative with our Puppy colouring competition - when you have it completed send it to our email address - [sPCA@roscommonspca.ie](mailto:sPCA@roscommonspca.ie) & we will upload it to our Junior page at [JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP PAGE – RoscommonSpca.ie](#)

We have lots of information for you if you are thinking of getting a pet. Also, we have listed some wonderful animal rescues that you can sponsor if you are not ready to get a pet just yet. Every quarter we will send you our newsletter with all our news on the animals & how they are all getting on. We will include nice photos of them in their new forever homes. You can also pay for the membership and postage by clicking the donate button on the post and send us a screenshot.  
<https://form.jotform.com/202622235987358>



## **VOLUNTEERING**

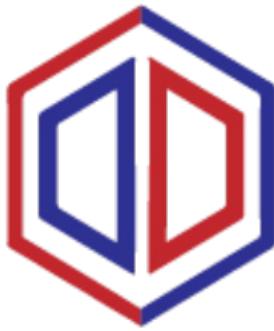
Volunteers are the heart and soul of our organisation – we have NO paid staff, we're all volunteers! We would welcome any offer to take part in a fundraising event across Roscommon. We especially need volunteers for our Church gate collections and street collections. We also need help with home checks, transport of animals, vet runs etc.

### Be a Volunteer

- Just a little help goes a long way!
- Fostering
- Fundraising
- Logistics
- Adoption & Rescue
- Publicity

Click on the Volunteer inquiry form here.  
<https://form.jotform.com/193593026442358>

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#### OUR COMMUNITY SPAYING & NEUTERING PROGRAMME 2021

We will be commencing our 2021 Community Spaying & Neutering programme from the 4th January 2021. To avail of this offer contact us on 087 050 5594.

This is supported by our donations and the Department of Agriculture animal welfare grant for 2021.

Cats €10.00 per cat  
Dogs 50% discount per dog  
Microchip €10.00  
Flea/Worm €10.00

Available to Residents of County Roscommon only, you will need to provide Eircode and proof of address may be required. On the microchipping, you will need proof of ID and proof of address for the vets. To avail of this offer contact us on 087 050 5594. Please note the spaying and neutering etc is done via your own local vet.



## WHY TAKE THE RISK? GET YOUR PET MICROCHIPPED

### Microchipping your pet

Sadly, almost every day, we are contacted about stray, lost or abandoned dogs that have become separated from their owners.

Microchipping your pet gives them the best chance of being identified and returned to you if they become lost or stolen.

Although it is a legal requirement for every dog in Ireland to be microchipped, unfortunately, many dogs that are presented to us have unregistered chips, the registered owner is not contactable, or the dog is not microchipped at all  
**Get your dog microchipped and registered for €10.00.**

## DONATE YOUR UNWANTED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS



Unwanted Christmas presents wanted for our on line shop.

### Wondering what to do with all those unwanted Christmas Gifts?

Why not donate them to Roscommon SPCA Online Shop, we can sell them on there and all money raised will go towards animal welfare in the County.

The Smallest among us  
need us the most



## FOSTER CARERS FOR CATS & KITTENS

### Why Foster?

Many of our cats and kittens have been found dumped or abandoned some at a very early age especially during the kitten season- the only way we can save them is with the help of foster homes.

Fostering is all about saving lives. It's as simple as that. We are an all-volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to the proposition that all cats and kittens deserve safe, loving, permanent homes.

Our foster parents provide temporary care for cats and kittens in their homes until they can be placed for adoption. Their compassion provides the second chance that so many stray, abandoned or homeless kitties need, and the satisfaction of knowing that they have helped save the lives of these helpless animals.

We provide support, medications, food and litter as needed, and absorbs all veterinary expenses associated with the care of our kitties. If you love kitties and would like to be a part of our lifesaving team, consider opening your heart and home to cats or kittens in need. We promise you won't regret it! If you can't foster, you can still help save lives as a volunteer or supporting member. If you would like to inquire about fostering, please cling on the fostering inquiry form link here. <https://form.jotform.com/210051620449344>



### COLD WEATHER

As the weather is quite cold and wet at the moment, please make sure that all animals have shelter and food.



### FUNDRAISING

We are expecting another very busy year ahead dealing with sick and injured animals, the calls have already started to come in. Are you up for the challenge? Run, Walk, skip or whatever to raise funds for Roscommon SPCA. You can even do a virtual walk or treadmill or anything at all, do steps up and down the stairs, even cycle, it's all to raise funds to help animals. Do you take the dog for a walk? Go for a stroll yourself; walk with friends it all adds up. You can donate on our Facebook page or set up your own individual Fundraising page, just follow our link. Get your friend to sponsor and away you go.

<https://www.facebook.com/fund/roscommonspca/>

With this link, you will be able to easily create a fundraiser for Roscommon SPCA. Share it with supporters and encourage them to help you raise money on Facebook for Roscommon SPCA. If you are not feeling fit, after all that turkey and goodies, you can donate directly here on the Facebook page, just hit the donate button. All money raised will go directly to help the sick and injured animals in the County. <https://www.facebook.com/fund/roscommonspca/>

## PUPPY EXERCISE GUIDE

MTHS	MINS	MILES
3	15	0.75
4	20	1
5	25	1.25
6	30	1.5

### EXERCISING YOUR PUPPY

Below is a guideline on exercising a puppy, the amount of exercise will be determined by the health and Breed of the puppy. The wrong type of exercise

can damage your puppy's growth. If in any doubt always seek advice from your local Veterinary Practice.  
<http://barkercise.com/exercise-puppy/>

**We hope you have enjoyed reading all about what we have been up to over the past year. It looks like 2021 will be a very busy one for again. We look forward to more volunteer and foster cares coming on board with us this year.**



### Roy

This is the Lovely Roy, six months old and looking for his forever home



### Buddy

Buddy is a Rottie X and looking for his forever home

## CATS & DOGS

This is the time of year we get lots of calls about abandoned and unwanted cats and dogs. If you can no longer care for your pet, please do not dump them or abandon them, call Bridget on 087 050 5594 and we will do everything we can to help and find another home for your animals. We know there are many reasons people give up their animals so if you need help or advice, please get in touch.



### Little Kittie

This little kittie was found in a very bad way and received



### Stray Cat

This lovely cat turned up at a house cold and hungry.

emergency veterinary  
care.

## Abandoned

Those three little kittens  
were found abandoned  
in a box.

### OUR DOGS

All of our dogs looking for homes can be seen on our website at

[Dogs for Rehoming – RoscommonSpc.ie](http://Dogs for Rehoming – RoscommonSpc.ie)





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