



## HEREFORDSHIRE

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Welcome to RSPCA Herefordshire!  
Whether you be existing friends (thanks for all the support) or new ones (good to meet you), let us tell you a bit about what we do.

### REHOMING

In line with other RSPCA branches and animal charities, we are seeing more animals coming into our care but fewer offers of adoption and so some are staying for quite a while.

Nell is a case in point.



As is Maisie.



Nell is a medium sized German Shepherd/collie cross of about 7. She has a sweet nature, loves her walks and is fine with other dogs though untested with cats. She would suit an older single person or couple as she lived most of her life with an elderly lady, who sadly fell ill, hence Nell came to us.

Maisie is a quiet cat of about 3-4 years of age and came in to us 4 months ago having been abandoned. She has gained in confidence since then and is now fine with other cats though may be better suited to a dog free home.

Both have been with us too long!

As with all our animals they are neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped and would benefit from being in a permanent home. If you, or anyone you know can help Nell, Maisie or any of our animals, please get in touch either by e mail

[contact@rspcahereford.org.uk](mailto:contact@rspcahereford.org.uk)), by phone (0845 2002962), or by calling in to our shop at 22-23 Commercial Road, Hereford. For full details of all the animals in our care, please visit [www.rspcahereford.org.uk](http://www.rspcahereford.org.uk) .

### DID YOU KNOW....?

There are two RSPCAs! The national RSPCA campaigns on issues of animal welfare, is responsible for Inspectors, Welfare Officers, prosecutions and runs

our animal centres and call centre. Then, there are the local branches, each of which is an independent charity run by volunteers. Every penny we raise from fundraising, shop sales, donations and bequests to RSPCA Herefordshire (charity number 223364) is spent on our welfare and re-homing activities within the county.

### CAN YOU HELP?

Do you have some spare time? We are always looking for volunteers for a couple of hours a week at our shop in Commercial Road. If you prefer to be a bit less regular, we have several fundraising events coming up that you would be welcome to join in with. (Phone 01432 272771 or e mail [secretary@rspcahereford.org.uk](mailto:secretary@rspcahereford.org.uk))

Could you be a fosterer? We urgently need people who could give our animals a short or long term foster home. This is a vital role and can be tremendously fulfilling as you see animals that have had their lives turned upside down revelling in a home environment. (Phone 0845 2002962)

Do you have a car? Would you be willing to transport the occasional animal? We always need animal transport to and from vets, foster homes and kennels. (Phone 0845 2002962)

Would you be willing to act as a home checker making sure that every new home has what our animals need. You would have training from an experienced home checker and, of course, get the

satisfaction of helping an animal get a new home. (Phone 0845 2002962)

### AND FINALLY....

We recently said a sad but very grateful farewell to one of our most versatile volunteers. Dylan.



Dylan came into the care of RSPCA Herefordshire back in February 2004. He had been found in a shed with claws so overgrown that he could hardly walk and coat so matted it was hard to tell which way he was facing. He went to a foster home, and, having worked his charm and been adopted, stayed for the rest of his life, quickly showing his skill with other foster inmates. He would allow rabbits into his bed for a cuddle; he helped many traumatised dogs regain some of their lost confidence and trust. On several memorable occasions, he would even lick kittens' bottoms to stimulate them to go to the toilet. This was, frankly, a long way above and beyond any call of duty! But this was the joy of Dylan. Despite his own early life he came into his own and helped his new mum rehabilitate and rehome a huge number of animals.

Thanks, Dylan. We all miss you.