



HEREFORDSHIRE BRANCH

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Last year, the Branch re-homed well over 100 animals and raised tens of thousands of pounds to spend on the welfare of Herefordshire's animals. Here are a few snapshots of our work.



“Gorgeous” George came to us via RSPCA Inspectors. He was very underweight and needed urgent and lengthy treatment for skin and eye conditions. Once these were completed, he quickly settled to life in our kennels and showed himself to be a happy playful dog if a little boisterous at times! He also proved to be ok with cats and other dogs and we are delighted to say that his sunny nature has won him a new home. He even has a lady Rottweiler to keep him company!



Several organisations have kindly let us make collections for RSPCA funds. In addition some have also let us appeal for donations of pet food for our animals and the generosity of these gifts means we have lower food bills and more money available to spend on animal welfare in Herefordshire.



The problem of finding appropriate accommodation for cats in our care has been acute especially for those who need more extensive treatment and rehabilitation. There are never enough foster homes so in 2014 we built two sets of cat pens. Designed to the latest RSPCA specifications, they are complete with exercise areas and under floor heating and each of the seven pens can house up to two cats each.



Martha was one of our longest stayers, spending more than 6 months with us. The first task was to get her weight down and then followed treatment at the vets. She also needed sessions with a behaviourist since she was virtually untrained. One to one, out of her kennel, Martha was great but she hated being confined in her kennel and suffered separation anxiety too, which meant that she could appear aggressive at times, barking at her kennel door. She desperately needed a foster home so that we could see if she would settle. Finally, after an appeal on line and in the press, a family came forward offering to foster her. They went to see her at the kennels and, despite her problems, agreed to give her a chance. A volunteer then took her to their home. An hour and a half later, Martha was teaching her new family how to throw her ball properly! They have since adopted her and so she has her forever home.