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ANIMAL CENTRE 

# Volunteer at Woodside

As a self-funded centre, we rely on Volunteers to continue rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming animals in need. Can you lend a paw in the following areas?

**Admin**

**Reception**

**Home Visiting**

**Pet Shop**

**Charity Shops**



**Gardening & Maintenance**

**Fostering**

**Animal Centre**

**Fundraising & Events**

If you would like to find out more information or apply to become a volunteer, email [animalcare@rspcaleicester.org.uk](mailto:animalcare@rspcaleicester.org.uk) or pop into Woodside for a sign up form.

## Donate:

As a self-funded centre of the RSPCA, we rely on your generous donations to fund the life changing work we carry out everyday at Woodside. If you can help change an animals life then check out the many ways you can donate...

- Online - [www.rspcaleicester.org.uk/donate/](http://www.rspcaleicester.org.uk/donate/)
- In one of our collection tins, located in shops across Leicestershire
- On site at Woodside Animal Centre
- Via Standing Order



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# RSPCA ON THE FRONT LINE

On average, every 30 seconds someone in England and Wales dials 0300 1234 999 (RSPCA 24 hour cruelty line) for help. Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Milton Keynes and West Bedfordshire have just 5 Animal Collection Officers and 9 Inspectors. With a vast amount of calls daily and only a small amount of inspectors and ACO's available to help, we spoke to ACO Jack to find out how you can help the RSPCA and what it's like working on the front line.

**How long have you been an RSPCA ACO (Animal Collection Officer)?**

Almost 1 year now.

**What do you enjoy most about being an ACO?**

The variety, everyday is different and getting to help animals that are in need of help.

**What are the worst parts of your job?**

Nothing, although getting stuck in traffic can be a pain.

**What have you learnt from your time as an ACO?**

I have learnt a great deal about a variety of animals and their welfare, as well as many rescue techniques for animals that need help.

**What's your favourite memory from your time in this role?**

My favourite memory so far is when I got to help with the capture and transportation of a Wallaby.

**What is the most common animal you encounter whilst on duty?**

The most common animals I deal with is wildlife, mainly Birds and Hedgehogs. As a group, our Inspectors and ACO's encounter a lot of cats that need help.

**What can the public do to help reduce the number of calls the RSPCA receives and when an animal is in danger?**

The best thing you can do is to monitor the animal until we arrive. In any case that we can't get to you, ensure it is safe to do so and put a towel over the animal and place it in a box (if wildlife). If it's safe to do so and you have transport, take them into a local vets where they will treat the animal for free or contact us if any further action is needed.

**What would you say to anyone thinking of becoming an RSPCA Inspector or ACO?**

It can be a difficult job at times and the hours can be long but the best thing to do is to try and gain as much experience with a variety of animals as possible. For example volunteering at your local RSPCA centre or wildlife hospital.

**To find out more about being an RSPCA Inspector or ACO, go to:**

<https://www.rspca.org.uk/utilities/jobs/becomeaninspector>



# SUPPORT US THIS WINTER

Winter is a great season for Woodside as there are lots of opportunities for you to support us. Whether it's donating, fundraising or supporting, there are tons of ways you can get involved with our festive celebrations.



Rutland Pet Photography have chosen Woodside Animal Centre as their beneficiary for the 2020 Charity Calendar. We are absolutely delighted to be supported by a local company who specialise in making our K9 companions look and feel great!

Calendars are now available to buy online by visiting <https://www.rutlandpetphotography.co.uk/tails-of-rutland-calendar/> and from our on-site Pet Shop at Woodside.

You can also support us by purchasing your 2019 Christmas Cards from one of our Woodside charity shops located in Birtstall, Wigston, Melton Mowbray and Coalville or from our on-site pet shop.

Our 2019 Christmas cards come in packs of 10 with 2 designs which feature festive cats and dogs. For only £3.25 per pack, you can support Woodside Animal Centre this Christmas and grab a bargain at the same time!



\*All profits made go straight to Woodside Animal Centre.\*

## More ways you can support Woodside:

- Purchase an item from our Pet Shop and donate it to the animals in our care.
- Purchase an item from our Amazon Wishlist for the animals in our care.
- Shop through Amazon Smile and Amazon will donate 0.05% of your purchase cost to us.
- Buy a present for the animals in our care and leave it under our Christmas tree in reception.

Event	Date	Time	Where
Christmas Market	23rd & 24th November 2019	11am - 4pm	Woodside Animal Centre
Christmas Carol Service	20th December 2019	6pm - 8pm	Woodside Animal Centre
Physic Reading	8th February 2020	12pm - 4pm	Woodside Animal Centre
Volunteer Open Day	29th February 2020	11am - 3pm	Woodside Animal Centre
Car Boot	22nd March 2020	10pm - 2pm	Woodside Animal Centre

Woodside Animal Centre's

# Christmas Raffle

## You Could Win:

- ❄️ A 32" Flat Screen TV
- ❄️ Various Shopping Vouchers
- ❄️ A Ragdale Hall Spa Day
- ❄️ A David Lloyds Voucher
- ❄️ National Space Centre Family Ticket

... over 50 prizes to be won!

Available for purchase at Woodside Animal Centre and Woodside Charity shops. The draw will be held at Woodside Animal Centre at 12pm on the 16th December 2019. T's & C's apply.

Only  
£2 Per Ticket



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## Woodside Pet Shop's Christmas Raffle

£1 Per Ticket

Win £100  
to spend at  
Woodside Pet Shop!

T's & C's apply.



## WOODSIDE PET SHOP

Winter has arrived and Woodside Pet Shop are fully prepared with a large selection of Winter Warmers available to purchase for your beloved furry friends. Keep them warm, safe and see this Winter with a range of waterproof, knitted and hi-vis coats & jumpers.



As well as hi-vis coats, we also offer flashing collars, light-up leads and hi-vis rain macs. Prices start as low as £2.99, we have so much to offer, you simply can't miss out!

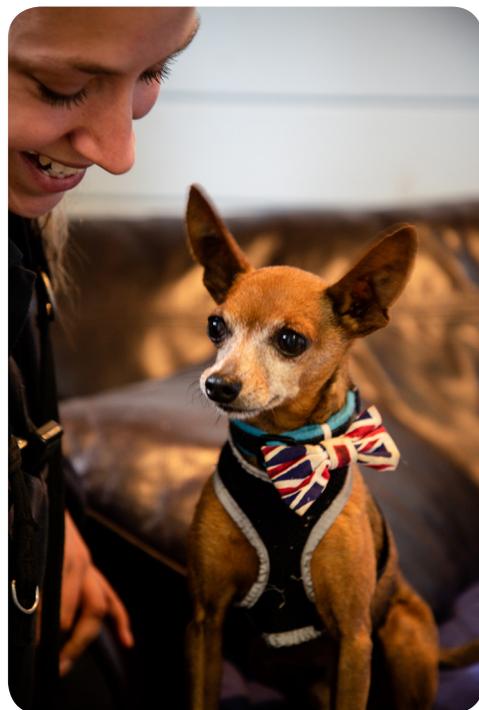
Woodside Pet Shop is located at Woodside Animal Centre and as a non-profit organisation, all profits made go straight back into funding Woodside. As well as offering micro-chipping, nutritional talks, pet weighing and harness fitting services, we also offer delivery to certain postcodes.

# HELPING YOUR DOG SETTLE INTO THEIR FOREVER HOME

Whether you've decided to adopt from Woodside or elsewhere, it's really important that your new K9 companion is introduced to a new environment correctly. It can be a very scary process for some dogs, so we spoke to Woodside's animal care specialist Kim, to give you expert advice on how best to go about a life changing experience.

Every dog is different and they set their own pace for settling in. It can take a few weeks for them to get the hang of their lovely new home and family. Here are a few things to think about before taking them home.

- It is worth spending time at Woodside getting to know each other, especially if they are a bit nervous around new people and in new places. If they have started to bond with you at the centre this will help them when everything else is new to them.
- You will be provided with copies of observations which can give you lots of useful information about their behaviour, likes and dislikes. Talk to the kennel staff who will know them well and don't be afraid to ask any questions.
- Make sure you have everything prepared at home like a bed area/ crate, water, food and toys. Put any stair gates or barriers in place especially if you have other animals. Also make sure the garden is safe and secure.
- You will be advised what food they are eating and it's important to carry on with the same diet and only change over gradually if you need to. You should also be advised how they have their food i.e. dry or soaked or with meat. If they usually have a kong at bedtime this is something you can continue, which they may appreciate. They may not eat well for the first few days until they have settled in so making sure they have what they are used to will help them.
- Keep your diary clear for the first couple of days to allow them to settle at their own pace. You need to be at home but also be free to observe them and be approachable. Work out a safe area they can be kept in while you are away where they can settle and feel comfortable. Build up the time you leave them alone after the first couple of days of arriving home.



## Taking them home

- Although it is an exciting day try to keep your arrival home as calm and quiet as possible. Take them into the garden on a lead to have a look around and then bring them inside.
- Try not to overwhelm them by giving them the full run of the house. Introduce them to the areas they will be allowed to go gradually so they can look round in their own time. Be there so they can come to you but if they have settled for a snooze leave them to it.
- Supervise children around them and make sure they give them space. Also be vigilant if you have other dogs or animals and ensure they are introduced correctly and are safe.
- Give them a couple of days to settle in their new home before inviting people round to meet them or taking them on visits to family and friends.
- Try to get into a routine in the first week for walks and feeding, this will help them to settle in and relax. If you have provided a blanket or a piece of clothing for them to have in their kennel take it home with you as this may help them settle in their new bed. If not ask the kennel staff for a piece of their bedding or a favourite toy they can take home with them.
- Finally enjoy your new family member and if you have any questions or queries about their needs or behaviour you can always give us a ring for advice or check out our website for more information booklets.

# HELPING YOUR CAT SETTLE INTO THEIR FOREVER HOME

Cats and dogs settle into new environments differently, so it's very important to ensure you receive the appropriate advice when adopting your furry forever friend. We spoke to Vice President and long term Cat Foster Carer Elizabeth, to give you the best advice.

Adopting a cat is an exciting prospect and you will want to do everything possible to give them a happy, contented life. In order to do this it is important to remember that a change of environment and past experiences could cause them initial stress. However, there are a number of things you can do to help your cat settle and feel safe.

## Taking them home

- Many cats dislike being in a carrier let alone travelling but a carrier is essential. When your cat is safely inside, cover the carrier with a towel. A spray of Feliway on the towel shortly before the journey can help a nervous cat to calm down. (Feliway is a man-made cat pheromone that helps them to feel more secure and content).
- A quiet room, preferably with no 'through traffic' should be prepared prior to your cat's arrival and contain a number of essential items.
- Some cats prefer to urinate and defecate in separate litter trays so two should be provided. Place the trays as far away as possible from sleeping and eating areas. Food and water bowls should also be placed apart.
- There are many cat beds on the market but a soft cushion covered with a washable blanket is just as good but make sure your cat has a choice of beds and places to sleep. He'll soon find his favourite spot! A cardboard box on its side containing a cushion or a purchased igloo will enable a nervous cat to hide and feel safe. Cat toys should be provided for cats of all ages. However, some toys can be dangerous if your cat is left unattended. Another possible cause of harm or injury to your cat is a collar. If you want your cat to wear a collar, ensure you buy one with a quick release fastening.



- A high spot where your cat can perch such as the back of a settee or chair, or a climbing frame is advisable as cats like to view their surroundings from a height. They also feel less threatened from a higher vantage point than from ground level. Take things slowly and proceed at your cat's pace. Do not hurry them or move them from where they obviously seem comfortable. On arrival at home leave your cat to vacate the carrier on their own and allow them to explore their new surroundings at leisure.
- Apart from feeding and cleaning it is best to leave your cat alone for at least a few hours or longer and keep the house quiet. Cats also like routine and for this reason it is not a good idea to introduce a cat into your home during the Christmas season if noise and disruption are likely.
- After quietly entering your cat's room get down to his level; put out your hand so they can become accustomed to your smell. It is said that cats 'see' with their noses! Let them come to you and don't force anything. Patience is the key to success. Move slowly; avoid direct eye contact and speak softly. Once your cat gains confidence with you introduce other family members, keeping children calm.
- Gradually let your cat explore the rest of the house ensuring he can't 'escape' outside. Keep him indoors for between three and four weeks before going outside when at first he should be supervised. If your adult cat has not been neutered they should definitely not go outdoors until the operation has been carried out. (Cats are classed as adult from one-year-old. Kittens can be neutered from about four months old.)
- Spend as much time as possible with your cat. Although they have a reputation for aloofness and independence every cat I've had has responded positively to attention and demonstrations of affection no matter what age they are.

**WOODSIDE  
ANIMAL CENTRE'S**

# Christmas Market



Meet  
Frozen's  
**Anna  
&  
Elsa**

- 50 CRAFT STALLS
- MAGICAL SANTA'S GROTTO
- CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES
- FESTIVE FOOD & DRINK
- ENTERTAINMENT
- ICE-RINK
- AND MUCH MORE...

11AM - 4PM • 23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> November

**WOODSIDE ANIMAL CENTRE  
190 SCUDAMORE ROAD, LE3 1UQ**



**ADULTS £2.50 • KIDS (5-15) £1.50 • UNDER 5'S FREE  
FAMILY TICKET £6.50 (2 ADULTS AND 2 CHILDREN)**

Our animal centre will be closed to the public for the duration of the Christmas Market.

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO  
RSPCA LEICESTERSHIRE BRANCH**

**SEE YOU THERE**



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