

SCOTTISH SPCA REVIEW 2007 AND ONWARDS

SCOTTISH SPCA
Scotland's Animal Welfare Charity



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WELCOME TO THE SCOTTISH SPCA REVIEW: 2007 AND ONWARDS

The Scottish SPCA is Scotland's animal welfare charity. Our objectives are to prevent cruelty to animals and promote kindness and humanity in their treatment.

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A YEAR OF PROGRESS

We rely on all of our funding from the Scottish public. That is why in 2007 we undertook a strategic review of the Society which included a long, hard look at how we operate from the public's perspective.

Many people did not know we are a charity, so we have changed our logo's strapline to 'Scotland's Animal Welfare Charity', which also highlights that we are involved in all animal welfare issues, not just cruelty cases.

Many did not know they could rehome animals from our centres, which are now called 'animal rescue and rehoming centres'. Our centres were closed at key times and are now open on Sundays and lunchtimes, which is more convenient for working families.

People were also confused about which number to call for an animal

emergency. We now have one number: **03000 999 999.**

On average, 42% of our kennel spaces have been taken up by stray dogs which are eventually returned to their owners. Our decision to phase out stray dogs contracts with several councils will increase our capacity to look after cruelly treated and neglected animals.

We have also committed to building a new centre in Aberdeen, finding a new site for our Wildlife Rescue Centre and employing substantially more frontline staff to help animals in distress and investigate cruelty.

All of this requires money and we are committed to delivering further improvements with the vital donations we receive in 2008 and beyond.



Alistair Lawrie
Chairman



Stuart Earley
Chief Executive



Peter Devlin

Scottish SPCA Chairman Alistair Lawrie (left) with Chief Executive Stuart Earley – and Lex!

IN 2007 WE:

CARED for 12,023 animals

REHOMED 5,831 dogs, cats, rabbits and other animals

REUNITED 1,602 more with their owners

RELEASED 719 seals, birds and other wildlife

A very affectionate lad, Gus was one of 2,735 dogs we rehomed in 2007. He came to us when his owner became homeless and is now living with a loving family.

In line with our determination to always provide the best possible care for animals in need, plans have been

progressed for the redevelopment of our animal rescue and rehoming centres in the Highlands and Islands, Edinburgh and Lothians and Lanarkshire, with a new centre to be built in Aberdeen and a new site to be found for our Wildlife Rescue Centre.



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Curly, Mo and Larry (left) and Ollie.



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Collie cross pups Curly, Mo and Larry were dumped in a sealed bin bag and left to die. They were found by a dog walker and rehomed by our Lanarkshire Centre staff.

Where Ollie came from, no one knows. The young otter simply turned up on a doorstep in Bridge of Earn – three miles from the nearest water!

Our Wildlife Rescue Centre staff looked after him until he was transferred to the Isle of Skye International Otter Survival programme.

IN 2007 OUR INSPECTORS:

Visited 2,159 farms, lairages, markets and wharves

Made 58 Quality Meat Scotland and intensive unit visits

Carried out 719 home checks

Inspected 1,325 stables, kennels, catteries, abattoirs, knackers' yards and pet shops

Visited 2,592 vets and police stations and 17 horse trials and meetings

Attended 159 schools, children's events, shows and Supporter Group functions

Drove 1,909,416 miles

THEY ALSO:

Received 105,522 calls from the public

Attended 32,937 incidents

Lodged 127 cases with the Procurator Fiscal, resulting in:

- 42 people being fined a total of £24,700
- 26 banning orders, including three life bans, two prison sentences, five community service orders and three probation orders



David Wardle



Malcolm Younger

SADLY, CRUELTY TO ANIMALS CONTINUES TO SHAME SCOTLAND

The shot swan returned to water (left) and Senior Inspector Ron Patterson with Rocky.

Sadly, cruelty to animals continues to shame Scotland. Above left is a swan which was shot with an airgun and cared for by our Wildlife Rescue Centre staff before being returned to the water.

The dedication and determination of our Inspectors brought many offenders to justice, with 26 people being banned from owning animals and 42 being fined during 2007.

An Inspector's job could hardly be more varied. Shetland-based Senior Inspector Ron Patterson worked with the coastguard to mount an abseil rescue of Rocky, a young raven who became trapped in his cliff-side nest.

Although one of his legs had to be amputated, Rocky recovered at our Shetland Wildlife Rescue Unit and was released back into the wild.

EDUCATION

Our Education Officers taught 24,235 primary, secondary and special education pupils in 2007 and a further 1,556 children who visited our centres.

Activities included the Pets Plus and Wildlife Wonders after-school courses for teenagers, Behind the Scenes days, alternative curriculum courses and our teenage PALS groups run by our volunteers.

Adult education continued with courses on companion animals, animal welfare and our first online course on wildlife.

CAMPAIGNS

The challenge of lobbying for secondary legislation under the new Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 made for exciting times for our campaigns team.

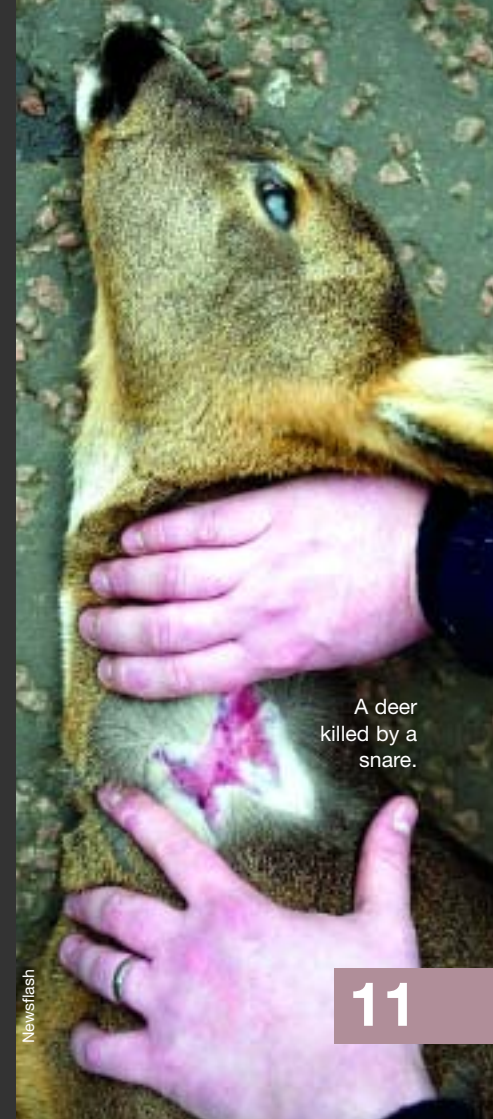
A total ban on the docking of dogs' tails in Scotland was a great victory for animal welfare and followed significant pressure from the Society.

We also took a lead in developing new statutory animal welfare codes for horses, dogs, cats and rabbits and played an

active role in consultations on the trade in young animals and electric shock collars.

While we called for an outright ban, our *Snaring in Scotland* survey revealed the numbers and types of animals being caught in snares and helped lead to the Scottish Government further regulating this cruel practice.

We can also be proud to have campaigned for a ban on the sale of dog and cat fur in Europe, which will be introduced in 2008.



A deer killed by a snare.

Learn more about our campaigns at scottishspca.org/campaigns

PRESS

WE CONTINUE TO FOSTER A PROMINENT AND POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SCOTTISH PRESS

Quincy with Lewis and Cara Smith (left) and Milly with conductor Craig Whittaker.



Press Team

We continue to foster a prominent and positive relationship with the Scottish press, whose assistance was crucial when a dog was found badly burned. Public information led to a man being jailed.

Our Inspectors featured in the BBC2 series *Wildlife Detectives*, with the theme extending to our joint campaign with *The Scotsman* to combat the poisoning of birds of prey.



The Herald

Quincy hit the headlines when he was returned home six years after going missing, all because he was microchipped.

We reunited him with the Smith family, causing particular delight to their autistic son Lewis, who had formed a special bond with the collie.

Always willing to help, we took Milly along to promote the Royal Scottish National Orchestra's *Classic Bites* concerts. A stray, Milly was soon rehomed.

Where safer to hatch your young than our
Wildlife Rescue Centre?

Two ducks simply flew in to one of our
enclosures in Fife and set-up home, with five
ducklings arriving soon after!





Una, star of our successful television advert launched last year.

Peter Devlin

ESSENTIAL SUPPORT

It is essential to continue to raise funds in order for our vital work to continue. Central to this is raising our public profile and increasing our membership.

Last year we launched a successful television advert, starring dog actress Una.

She took to her role seamlessly, portraying an abandoned dog left to starve to death.

Sadly, cases such as this are all too common in Scotland.

We continue to emphasise the fact that we are Scotland's animal welfare charity and, indeed, have adapted this into our logo.

Our message is clear: if you want to help animals in Scotland, you should donate to the Scottish SPCA.

VOLUNTEERS

Photos: Peter Devlin



Volunteers are a key source of support for the Society, be it fundraising, helping our staff care for animals or working with our Education Officers.

Our Supporter Groups raised £150,795 during 2007, selflessly giving their time to support Scotland's animals.

They were aided during Scottish Animal Week in September by Mark Cox and Jane McCarry.

The *Still Game* stars launched an awareness campaign which included an inflatable Highland Cow billboard visiting towns and cities across the country.

Many Scottish SPCA supporters took part in a variety of fundraising activities such as abseiling from the Forth Rail Bridge and the Great Scottish Walk.

Our thanks go to everyone for their enthusiasm and commitment.

**Interested in volunteering?
Visit scottishspca.org/volunteer**

VOLUNTEERS ARE A KEY SOURCE OF SUPPORT FOR THE SOCIETY

Still Game stars Mark Cox and Jane McCarry (left) and volunteer Sarah Gregory.

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Mr Stuart Earley

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2007 AGM



Pictured (above left) are Scottish SPCA Chairman Alistair Lawrie, Animal Care Committee Chairman Harry Haworth, our Vice Chairman Reay Campbell and Treasurer Harry Smith.

Director Bob Farrell retired under company rules and Ian Megahy and Harry Smith were formally elected as Directors, while Dr Sheila Rusbridge was also elected to the board.



William Faassen-de-Heer, of our Sutherland Supporter Group, became Chairperson of the General Council, with Mary Stewart retiring.

The Society presented the John Stewart Trophy to veterinary pathologist Hal Thompson (above right), of the Glasgow Veterinary School, in recognition of his tireless work.

Photos: Peter Devlin

ACCOUNTS

During 2007, our income and unrealised gains were £11,984,000.

Our expenditure was £10,096,000.

This red kite was found in a distressed state in Dunblane and may have been poisoned. Our Wildlife Rescue Centre staff nursed her back to full health, electronically tagged her and set her free from a feeding station near Doune.

The financial summary above has been extracted for the purposes of the annual review from the audited financial statements of the Scottish SPCA, which were approved by our Board of Directors on 24 April 2008 and signed on their behalf by our Chairman, Mr Alistair Lawrie. The statements can be obtained by writing to our registered office.

FOREVER CARE

Have you thought about who will look after your pet should they outlive you? As part of our Forever Care service we can look after your pet and find them a loving new home.

Last year 171 people left gifts to the Scottish SPCA in their Wills, totalling £4,382,000.

REHOME FROM THE SCOTTISH SPCA

Nothing feels better than giving a home to an abandoned or unwanted animal!

We'd keep them all if we could – but we can't.

Dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, mice, rats, hamsters, horses, fish, birds, stick insects, hens, goats, terrapins...the list of animals we care for goes on and on.

They **ALL** need loving owners who can offer them everything they deserve.

If you can offer an animal a home, visit our animal rescue and rehoming centres or scottishspca.org/rehoming to view our animals waiting for somewhere to call their own

Glasgow Evening Times



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