



Thank you for supporting Animal Concern Cumbria helping animals in need during 2023



We extend our heartfelt thanks to our volunteers, supporters, fundraisers, partnerships and everyone who has given Animal Concern Cumbria their wonderful support this year. Your time and generosity has helped to support over 90 animals in need during 2023.

Despite the difficulty with the cost of living crisis, you have still made generous donations, raised vital funds, donated gifts and everyday essentials.

Our thanks also go to our Community Partnership staff and customers at Pets Foundation, Workington, along with many Premises who have collection tins and Stores with our collection bins for your generous donations.

THANKS TO PREMISES HAVING INSTORE COLLECTION BINS FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Jacobs at Pillar House, West Lakes Science Park, Morrisons & Millbry Hill in Whitehaven.

Co-Op, Cleator Moor

Pets at Home, Morrisons, Pet Central & Asda, Dunmail Park in Workington

WCF Pet Supplies & Millcroft Vet in Cockermouth



Prefer to shop online Pop over to our Amazon Wish List to see our frequently used, much needed and for the joy of it, enrichment items



Pawsome Ever After

We are delighted receiving so many purrfect and pawsome “happy furever after” updates from our adopters. Thank you

There is one particular story we would like to focus on and that is ACC gorgeous senior, Duke. His was a truly sad story that touched the heart of many.

This 13yr old was found wandering near Eskdale in the middle of nowhere, flea ridden, had broken teeth and in a rough way. Thankfully some kind soul handed him into Millcroft Vets, who started him on his treatment journey.

We took him in and gave him the time, love and patience he needed to start to mend his broken body and heart. Receiving so many wonderful offers of a foster home, one couple were chosen as the best match for Duke and on the 15th November we received an update with him cosy and comfy on the sofa.

Now happily settled and enjoying, as he so much deserves, his senior years surrounded by comfort, warmth and love.



Support us while you shop

Getting your pet some new bits. Why not shop via Pets Foundation VIP Club and get **10% off** while raising lifelines for the charity.





We love receiving your purrfect & pawsome updates. Thank you for sharing your "happy forever after"



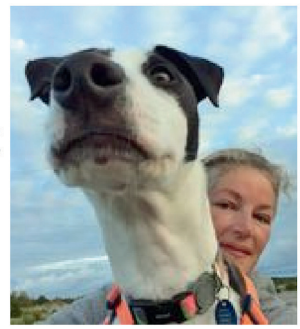
In order to make sure you are ready for compulsory cat microchipping, follow these steps:

- Make sure your cat is microchipped
- Create an account with the microchip company
- Once your account is created check your details are up to date
- Keep up to date if you move or change numbers



We want to give a big thank you to an amazing fosterer who took in many a dog this year. From puppies to those who would particularly struggle being in a kennel environment.

Thanks Tracey for your amazing support & help, so glad to have you onboard.



Meet Mietek

the poster furbie for microchipping

An email was received asking for help with a cat that had turned up at some holiday cottages a few months ago. He was friendly but no sign of an owner and the people who were kindly feeding him were concerned how he would fare over winter.

A member of the team went to collect the cat and took him straight for a vet check to make sure he was in good health and **luckily he was microchipped.**

After checking the details on the chip we discovered he was registered to an address in Manchester!

The phone call that followed was incredibly emotional. Mietek was an indoor cat who had disappeared over 3 months ago and his owners had begun to think the worst, having no idea how he had travelled over 120 miles to get to Wasdale.

His family arranged to come and collect him the next day and following the most beautiful reunion he was in his carrier and on his way back home.

If Mietek hadn't been chipped or if his owner hadn't kept their contact details up to to date, they likely would never have been reunited.

By the 24th June 2024 it will be mandatory to have your cat microchipped, as it already is for dogs and for good reason too.

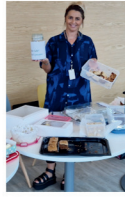
Mietek has a happy ending, but there are so many out there that haven't been as lucky because they weren't chipped or the contact details were not correct.



Thank you Fundraisers

An enormous shout out of thanks goes to the following

Claire from West Lakes Engineering
She has been an amazing fundraiser. Claire puts in so much time and energy into organising, collecting donations and with her Christmas appeal, making up present boxes for each animal to open.



Thank you to all who supported and donated.

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I would like to give a huge thank you to everybody who donated items for the Christmas Parcels for the animals in care at Animal Concern Cumbria (Egremont) It is amazing what Lauren and the team do on a daily basis to help animals heal emotionally and physically - Thanks again!



Xena enjoyed opening her present box on Christmas Day



Our huge thanks to animal lovers Aaron and Naia who raised an amazing £60.00 from their handmade jewellery and origami ❤️



St Bees Year 6 nominated Animal Concern for their Bright Starts business campaign "Santa Paws" and raised an **AMAZING £926.00** They held a film day and had a Christmas Fayre in school. The children made Christmas wreathes, bird feeders and mini Christmas trees and there were cakes and drinks for sale. Thank you to Mrs Hansen and the children of Year 6 and all who supported their efforts.



Thank you to our "unnamed supporters" who gifted through our Amazon Wish list, in person donations and collection point drop offs.

Your kindness, generosity and support is much appreciated.



MOTORCYCLE ACTION GROUP

Thanks to the riders and supporters who turned out on a cold day to donate.

A great turnout of over 90 bikes collected a good selection of food donations for the two charities, Age UK and Animal Concern Cumbria along with cash donations.

Your continued support is much appreciated.



The Temple of Groom

Joanne kindly asked her clients to make a donation to our charity this Christmas, instead of bringing her a gift. The support was amazing. Our thanks to Joanne and her clients for their generosity.



Thank you for making a difference!

Your donation of £402.50 is on its way to Animal Concern Cumbria.



Our **Volunteer Events Team** have been out and about again this year at a variety of events.

Pets at Home & WCF instore events, Keswick Scruffs, Distington Vintage Rally, Clifton Day Dog Show, Egremont Crab Fair, Outside Podgy Paws during Keswick Victorian Fayre and Workington Christmas Lights Festival.

Our thanks to our volunteers for their time and continued support.

If you would like to get involved, fill in a volunteer application form on our website: www.animalconcerncumbria.org/working-with-us/volunteering

Millcroft Shoebox Appeal

Those little elves at Millcroft Veterinary Group were very busy on the run up to the big day! Thank you to the Millcroft team and everyone who donated to their shoebox appeal.



Podgy Paws, Keswick

Thank you to the staff for your ongoing support and customers for your generosity.

WCF Cockermouth

Thank you to the staff & customers for your continued support. Your festive generosity was much appreciated.



In need of a little extra

Dottie came into our care with many fears and anxieties. Fear of strangers, dogs, livestock, traffic really affected her. Everything was scary, at only 7mths of age this was heart-breaking. Doreen from A2B Dog Training and Behaviour came and worked with the animal care team to help Dottie adjust to a new life in kennels, but also to give her the tools to help her when finding her furever home.

After a few weeks of working with Dottie, the improvement was amazing. Dottie learnt the world is not such a scary place and she doesn't need to tell those scary things to go away as they are not so scary anymore. She has oodles of love to give and her true personality started to shine through.

After her time with Doreen and the team, she was finally ready to find her pawsome ever after and as you can see, she did. Her first Christmas in her pawsome furever home. 💙💙



Feral Cats

We had alot of feral this year. Those still in the socialisation period remained in our care until they were ready to find a home. Those past socialisation age were found alternative homes on farms.

Thanks to guardians who have taken these ferals on to their land to support, keep a watch over and meet their housing, feeding and health needs.

Thank you to everyone who donated from our appeals, especially with all the kittens we've had over the year needing much needed kitten food and litter & Waggs for our dogs.



Don't forget to follow us on social media.



www.animalconcerncumbria.org

Hi just thought I'd let you know that Blue has settled in great over the past 3 weeks. She spends her days pottering around the farm and has chosen the workbench in the barn as her bed! She is such a content, lovely old girl & we love her to bits. Please pass this on to the gentleman who was looking after her at her previous home.



Huge thanks to Battersea Academy for giving Lauren and Rebecca the opportunity to attend their Dog Rescue and Rehoming course.

A great week of learning and sharing ideas with others in the rescue sector 🐶❤️

Don't forget our merchandise, is a great way to give a gift and promote the charity.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Dedicated people who share our enthusiasm for the welfare of animals are always welcome. Volunteers form a vital part of running a successful charity, we depend on their help & assistance with every aspect.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Volunteer, Donate, Leave a gift in your Will, Fundraise, shop via our Amazon Wish list. Could you become a regular fundraiser, donor or volunteer.

Fill in our online volunteer application form.

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LOTTERY

By entering our Lottery, you can play a vital part in ensuring we continue our work helping animals as this guarantees a steady income stream for the Charity. You could win big too!

Each week the Unity Lottery offers the chance of a £25,000 win, while directly contributing to your chosen cause. Join today from as little as £1 per entry and be in with a chance of winning up to £25,000!

www.unitylottery.co.uk/causes/animal-concern-cumbria

Pets Foundation Charity Partner of the Year

Huge thanks to team at Workington nominating us as their Community Partner to champion throughout the year.

This gave us the exclusive ability to go into store throughout the year to fundraise, recruit volunteers and supporters and raise awareness of the work we do in our local community.

Our thanks to the instore team for all their support and to customers who gave generously.

Our thanks also go to customers who signed up to their VIP Club giving you 10% off and raises much needed Lifelines for the Charity.



Looking Forward

Animal Concern Cumbria (ACC) has applied to Cumberland Council to make changes to the kennel block at its base at The Mary Irwin Centre, Egremont.

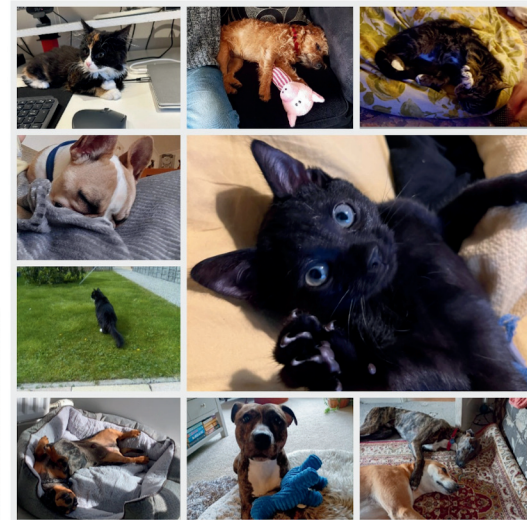
The proposed unit will be of modular construction and exceed all regulatory standards, providing safety, security and comfort to the dog residents.



Trustee Board

Thanks to our Board of Trustees who freely give of their time to support the Charity.

Looking to volunteer your time, have business acumen or an animal care background? Why not get in touch to find out how to become a Trustee and be part of a team shaping the future of our Charity. www.animalconcerncumbria.org/working-with-us/volunteering



Help ensure a future helping animals in need

Leave a gift in your Will  **FREE WILLS**
Wills For Free - Always Free

A steady income stream is vital for a Charity, thanks to your donations and people joining our Unity Lottery.

Unable to give in the way you want to today. Why not consider leaving a gift to Animal Concern Cumbria in your Will.

We are delighted to partnership with Free Wills who offer a *Free Will writing service*.

www.animalconcerncumbria.org/support-us/legacies

Make a Will online at www.freewills.co.uk or call 0333 188 5688 and chat with an adviser, nominating Animal Concern Cumbria Registered Charity 1161354.

Would like to donate but unsure what we need or use the most?

- Cat litter, non clumping
- Wood pellets, non clumping
- Felix wet kitten food, in jelly or gravy
- Wagg meaty goodness dog food

Thank you for your generosity and support.



If you are interested in adopting one of our animals, please visit our website to see the dogs and cats looking for their furever homes. Please also read our adoption process & fill in our adoption enquiry form at www.animalconcerncumbria.org/homing

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