

RSPCA - NEWCASTLE AND NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND BRANCH

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Website <http://www.rspca-northeast.org>

In common with all RSPCA Branches the **Newcastle and North Northumberland Branch** is an independently registered charity, dependent entirely on its own fund raising efforts. Covering an area from Gateshead and Newcastle-upon-Tyne and up to Berwick-upon-Tweed the Branch plays a crucial role in the welfare of animals. It does this by supporting the work of the RSPCA Inspectors and Animal Collection Officers (ACO's), and by helping people on low incomes to care for their animals by providing some assistance with neutering, microchipping and veterinary treatment.

The Branch

The Branch has 480 members throughout the area. These members elect a board of Trustees who meet monthly to ensure that the aims of the RSPCA and Local Branch are met and to oversee its activities. Among their many duties the Trustees undertake fundraising events to pay for those activities. This is vital as the Branch is self supporting and relies on money raised locally from its supporters as it does not receive Government grants, Lottery funding or grants from any other sources. All money raised comes from donations, collecting boxes, legacies and the income from its four shops.

Volunteers

In addition to its members the Branch is supported by volunteers who help with the various activities of the Branch and by working in the four shops. In future months the Branch is planning several projects and help is needed. Last year the Branch spent £200,000 in boarding fees and veterinary costs. This year even more will be spent and the Branch needs your help in raising funds to carry out its vital work.

Re-homing

Rehoming Co-ordinator John Black. Contact by Telephone – **07973 952575** or by Email adoptions@rspca-northeast.org
The Branch supports the RSPCA Inspectors and ACO's by accepting from them animals that have been rescued from situations varying from extreme cruelty to road traffic accidents. The branch accepts these animals, pays for whatever veterinary treatment is needed, houses them in Private Boarding Kennels, and re-homes them to suitable families. In the year 2005 675 animals were re-homed at a cost of over £200,000 in boarding and vets fees. Dogs and cats are neutered, microchipped, and vaccinated before re-homing.

Caring homes are always needed for these animals and anyone who would like to give such a home should contact John on the numbers given above, or visit our Website <http://www.rspca-northeast.org>

Volunteers are needed to carry out pre and post re-homing checks on potential adopters. Training is given and volunteers are supported by the Rehoming Co-ordinator. These are especially needed in the Newcastle, Cramlington areas.

Animal Welfare

The Branch provides assistance with the cost of neutering, microchipping and veterinary treatment to families on low income. In the year 2005 over £25,000 was spent in this way.

Anyone needing help with Neutering or non-emergency Vet treatment should ring **0191 2761560**. This number is not manned. A message left on the answerphone will be responded to on the next working day.

To report cruelty or neglect or to report an animal in distress you must phone **0300 1234 999** - manned 24 hours a day

Shops

The Branch has four shops, situated at Alnwick, Newcastle, Wooler and Whitley Bay. These shops play a major role in raising money to enable the Branch to carry out its work. Volunteers are needed to help in these shops, and the shops themselves need the support of the people of the area. If you can help with your time or wish to donate clothing, furniture, bric-a-brac etc. please contact your nearest shop.

The addresses of the shops are

Alnwick - 35 Bondgate Within, Alnwick Telephone **01665 510585**

Newcastle – 200 Shields Road, Byker, Newcastle-upon-Tyne Telephone 0191 2650127

Wooler – 28/32 High Street, Wooler. Telephone **01668 282400**.

Whitley Bay – 186 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay. Telephone **0191 2531395**

Legacies.

These form a large part of the Branch's income. You may wish to consider using this method of ensuring that animal welfare continues to flourish in this area. If you wish to know more please contact the Branch Administrator on 0191 2761560 or 01207 593169

Email admin@rspca-northeast.org Remember that if you wish to ensure that your legacy is spent in this area you must specify the **RSPCA Newcastle and North Northumberland Branch**.

Additional Information

If you wish to know more about the Branch and its activities, or wish to offer your help or financial support, please contact the Branch Administrator, Jim McArdle on **0191 2761560** or by Email admin@rspca-northeast.org



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