



Nini News

Newsletter of
RSPCA Llys Nini Animal.
www.rspca-llysnini.org.uk
Spring 2013

Record number of neglected pets

790 Animals
were found
new homes.



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395 cats
127 small animals.



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animals coming into
Llys Nini were
brought in by RSPCA
Inspectors who were concerned for their safety
an wellbeing.

The New Format Nini News

Unfortunately due to raising costs especially postage costs we have had to take the decision to stop printing and posting the Nini News.

You can keep right up to date with all the news and appeals by making us one of your Facebook friends or follow us on Twitter.

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Thank to Steve Maunder at HP for
the printing of the
Nini News.



Opening of our New Gorseinon Shop

85 High St. Gorseinon



The shop was
officially opened by
Sara Manchipp Miss
Wales 2011
(centre).
Also pictured (left)
Jackie Breen the
shop manager and
(right) Suzy
Davies AM .

All the profits from
this and our other
shops go directly to
animal care at Llys
Nini.

Shop Number 8 –soon to open

At the time of writing, we are busy refurbishing our newest shop at 22, Noltton St. Bridgend. We have great hopes that this shop will earn us much needed funds to run Llys Nini and the Neath Clinic. It has had a total revamp. We hope to open in mid February.



2013 APPEAL FOR THESE TWO SPECIAL GIRLS

Bella

Long stay rag doll Bella has found a new home with Jayne, a long time supporter of Llys Nini.



Mo-Mo



Stella

**Record number of neglected pets
cared for at Llys Nini in 2012**

**A RECORD number of neglected pets came through
our doors last year — and back out again!**

2012 was a hard year due to the demand to care for so many unwanted and cruelly treated animals. However, once again we coped, thanks to the hard work of our wonderful volunteers and supporters and the exceptional staff.

On the bright side, we, found new homes for 268 dogs, 395 cats and 127 small animals such as rabbits, ferrets and birds.

Nearly 75 per cent of the animals brought to Llys Nini, were the result of RSPCA inspectors' investigations into cruelty.

We had to prioritise the animals in greatest need, usually in danger of their lives. This puts a huge strain on us and our resources as these animals are usually in a poor physical and mental state, needing veterinary attention and a lot of tender love and care.

Our staff and volunteers are amazing. They spend time socialising the animals, nursing them back to health and ready to find homes and when the centre is full, which it often is, both staff and volunteers often take animals home to care for them.

All of this work costs money. But we are able to function thanks to local supporters and the work of seven charity shops where a small army of volunteers help our staff to raise the much-needed funds.



**Thank
You**



**What can we do to prevent local animal charities being
overwhelmed with so many
unwanted animals?**

We don't have the answers but we would suggest that if you want a pet, go to a responsible rescue charity and not a breeder and most certainly do not let your pet have unwanted litters.

In just 8 years a pair of unneutered cats can be responsible for over 2,000,000 offspring!





Happy Tails

Gorseinon couple adopt second dog from Llys Nini

A couple from Gorseinon have given another dog from a Swansea animal centre a home after losing their old one.

Dave and Lesley Gowen, who are former Llys Nini volunteers, have adopted another dog from the RSPCA animal centre after falling in love with her.

The dog lovers took home Meg, who is only eight months old and was one of a number of dogs rescued by a RSPCA Inspector .



Picture courtesy Of the Evening Post

Cassie, Lesley and Dave's last dog also came from Llys Nini 8 years ago.



Lesley said of Meg: "We just fell in love with her. We are very happy." We know that young Meg has already started training classes and was really excited when she met her brother there!

Thrown in the Rubbish!



This is Toby a small unwanted black kitten that somebody thought to get rid of by putting him in a box for the bin men in Tycoch Swansea. Luckily a passerby heard him and rescued him just minutes before he would have been crushed in the back of a refuse lorry. Lucky for Toby, Becky who works at Llys Nini on a Wednesday, fell in love with him and has given him a forever home.

Skittles and Sherbet



They have both settled in very quickly and have developed their own personalities. They love food and sleeping on our beds when they can. They are happy to play with/cuddle anyone and so are loved by all family and friends!



We are now **Hari and Bo**
(our new mum has a sweet tooth!)

We settled in straight away as if we had always lived here and we love nothing better than to chase each other all the time and play lots of games. We started to go outside at Christmas but we mostly stay in the back garden because we are still too small to climb the fence that leads to the front. We especially like to go out in the rain so

that we can collect worms to bring back into the house!! We are good in the night but we never let mum sleep past 7.30am, even on weekends, and we like to wake her up by kissing her on the nose and licking her fingers!

We enjoyed our short stay with you and meeting the nice ladies in the cattery but we love being spoilt and having lots of cuddles in our new home xxx



Barney

He most definitely has all four paws well & truly under the table! He has settled remarkably well and is proving to be a very good-natured dog who likes everybody which is amazing bearing in mind his ill-treatment before he came to you.



I think we are very lucky - he is proving to be the ideal dog for us though until we saw his picture on your website we were intending to have a younger dog but now so glad we have Barney! Here is a picture of our lovely 'old(ish) boy' Kind regards Pam & Joe.



Lily and Dusty

Dusty, Lilly and me relaxing after a run in the fields and breakfast. It's been a few years – Lilly and Dusty are still healthy and happy dogs, here is a recent photo for you, thanks as always to the work done by all the staff and volunteers at
Llys Nini xx

News and Updates

Latte Cappuccinio Espresso Coffee Tea Soup

Collaborative Communities Grant

Thanks to the above grant we have been able to do a number of alterations to the Administration Block. The main thing is that the new mezzanine floor has allowed us to open a café area equipped with a hot drinks and snack machine, so visitors will be able to have a cup of coffee or tea, an espresso, latte or whatever they fancy, while dog walkers can have a cup of soup to warm themselves up.

We have also re-designed and improved the toilets and kitchen area.

The next stage will be to sort out the flooding at the front of the main building and resurface the access lane.

All this at no cost to the charity.



Coal Bed Methane

A planning application has been approved to allow a test bore hole to be drilled on our car park. This should tell us whether there is methane trapped in the coal measures below the site.

We will carefully consider the results of the drilling to see if the gas can be extracted without any damage to biodiversity on site, to the environment or nuisance to our neighbours.

Coal bed methane is not extracted by “fracking” or “gasification”.



Visit us, walk the trails and then relax with a hot or cold drink and a snack.



Solar Farm Producing Green Energy

We are currently in talks with GMI Renewable Energy about having a solar farm on site. Should this happen, it will provide an additional income stream for the Centre.



Sustainable Swansea Awards

Llys Nini's work to protect the Environment has once again been recognised by the Sustainable Swansea Biennial Awards. 2 years ago Llys Nini won the Biodiversity Award and were runners up in the Community Awards for their recycling work. This year, we have been short-listed in the Champions Awards which will be presented in March.

WCVA Third Sector Awards

Llys Nini has also been shortlisted for the Welsh Council for Voluntary Action Wales Third Sector Awards in the Green Category. This is in recognition of the work in of charity shops in recycling over 1,000,000kg/yr of textiles and selling for reuse 250,000 items, all in order to raise money for our animal welfare



Gift Aid in Mumbles Shop

Well done to all our staff and volunteers in the Mumbles Shop. They have been running an experiment in "Gift Aid" for the past year raising a huge £2,500 extra for our work.



Gift Aid in shops involves some extra paper work in order to

claim back money from the Government. The experiment has been so successful that we hope to run it out to other shops soon.

StillWalks



This project is working with three primary schools and a community group to develop their interest, understanding and enthusiasm for their local natural environments and create resources that will encourage a sustainable approach to further environmental conservation work which may be carried out later in the year through the [John Muir Award](#).

Welsh Language Ambassador

Sara Manchipp (Miss Wales 2011) has become our Welsh Language Ambassador. She has appeared on both Heno and Prynawn Da on S4C promoting the work of the Centre and trying to find homes for some of our long stay dogs. Diolch Sara!



THANKS ELVIS

Over 800 "Elvises" descended on Porthcawl in September, boosting our funds by buying sun glasses and clothes from our shop.

Extreme Fundraising

Last year we saw several people do some extreme things in order to raise funds for our animals.



Sian Evans, on the right in the left hand photo, climbed Kilimanjaro and raised £650

Kelly Rowland, right, cycled 900 miles from Landsend to John O'Groats and raised £991



Julian John, Barney's owner, who is competing in the Men's Health magazine – Survival of the fittest in Cardiff Bay and raised £358



Sian Jones, Ian Coombs, Demi Stevens & Jordan Jenkins, did our annual sky dive and collectively raised £1484.75



Sara Manchipp took part in "Strictly Swansea" and the Swansea 10K and raised £800 for Llys Nini.

Picture Courtesy of the Evening Post



Going to the Other Extreme!



A big THANK YOU to our team of regular enthusiastic fund raisers who turn out for our events, collections, etc. Too numerous to mention but who make a huge effort to raise the cash for us to help the animals.

Our regular fundraisers and volunteers like Ian are invaluable to the running of the Centre and Neath Clinic. We really appreciate all your efforts.

Can you help at any of our bucket collections this year..?

February 15th 16th & 17th – Pets @ home Fforestfach, Parc Tawe and Port Talbot

March 15th – Swansea City Centre

March 30th & 31st ASDA Llansamlet

May 3rd – May 9th TESCO Llanelli, Fforestfach, Llansamlet, Swansea, Neath & Port Talbot

Call Emma 01792 892293 – Email - funraising@rspca-llysnini.org.uk



Long stay animals needing a new home

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SEE THESE GIRLS ON OUR DOG BLOG FOR MORE
INFORMATION ON OUR LONGEST STAY DOGS -
COULD YOU OFFER ONE OF THEM A HOME THIS YEAR?



Mo-Mo



Stella



**Longest
Stay Cat!**



Magic has been with us since August. She came in as a stray. She is a lovely girl that had a flea allergy on arrival at the Centre, but is now fine, however she will need regular flea treatment in the future.

**Longest
Stay Cat!**



Suzie came in to us as a stray; she is a lovely, quiet lady that loves a cuddle and will make a great addition to the family.

She needs a nice quiet home where she can relax and show what the term lap cat really means.



Kenna came into the Centre via an Inspector. She was in a terrible state on arrival. Her coat was badly matted, which has been sorted and she is now looking great!

She is a lovely & friendly cat that is also very affectionate. She will need daily grooming to keep her coat matt free!

She has a long soft pallet which sometimes causes a cough. She has been seen by the Vet who advised leaving things as this does not seem to cause any other problems except occasional coughing.

Please see Carole (Team Leader) or Clare for more info!

Harley came into the Centre as a stray;

we think he was involved in a road accident which resulted in multiple pelvic fractures. These are healing well but his walk might possibly be affected in the future.

We think that after everything that he has been through he would prefer a quiet home.



What's Happening in Fundraising



What can you do in RSPCA week next year?

A dress down day in work? A cake sale? An office collection? A coffee break auction? Please let Emma know what you are planning and perhaps we can help—provide collection boxes, T Shirts ... etc. 01792 892293 or email fundraising@rspca-llysnini.org.uk

Got unwanted items sitting around the house..? Having a clear out after Christmas..?

We have the perfect solution... Organise for all your colleagues to bring their unwanted items into work on a set day and we will send our van to collect. This will raise awareness of recycling and the benefits it has on our environment, at the same time raising money for Llys Nini.

Book a workplace clothing collection today 01792 892293

We have a wide range of pet foods in our shop.

We also stock wild bird food as well as food for caged birds. We have leads, collars, bowls and everything your pet needs.

Our Friendship Estate Cat litter is environmentally friendly, made from British straw; you can compost it in the garden.



Our Burns dog food has a very low carbon footprint as it only comes from Buryport!



Thanks to our volunteers we also have great inexpensive UP-CYLCLED dogs' beds.



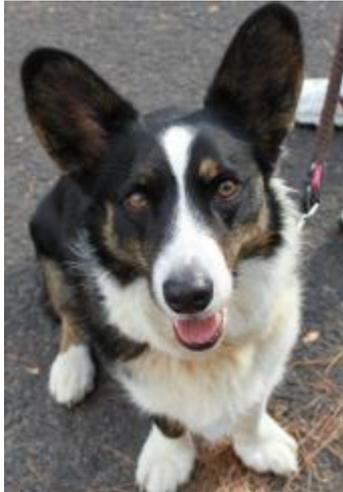
LLYS NINI PET SHOP

OPEN DAILY (CLOSED WEDNESDAY)

9.15am - 5pm

ANIMAL VIEWING TIMES 11am - 3.45pm

- Pet food and treats
- Small animal supplies
- Training equipment
- Beds & toys
- Grooming equipment
- Collars, leads & harnesses
- Microchipping
- Cat scratching posts



Our Autumn Mutt Strutt usually takes place on the first Sunday in October. Following the dismal summer weather we wondered what weather we would get on October 7th. The day dawned dry, but cool and windy. We could go ahead.

We started the walk from the car park near County Hall in Swansea, at 12.00. Lots of our old four-legged friends turned up as well as some new ones too. Some of our dog-walking volunteers took dogs from Llys Nini. These dogs were still waiting for their forever homes and wore their 'Please Adopt Me' coats.

Following a photo-shoot with the Evening Post, everyone set off towards the Junction Café at Blackpill. Emma and Clara, who were looking after the Llys Nini stall, were on hand to give out certificates for everyone who took part.

After dog biscuits and water (coffee and cake for the humans), lots of us set out on the return journey, tired and happy after a 5 mile walk.

Well done to you all! We raised almost £1000

Mags Jones

RSPCA LLYS NINI - PENLLERGAER
Easter Egg Hunt
 2013
Saturday 30 March
 from 1.30pm

Plus Easter Bonnet Competition from 2.15
 - Join us for a great fun day for all the family
www.rspca-llysnini.org.uk 01792 229435

Llys Nini Animal Centre
Registered Charity 22821

Gnoll Park Estate Neath

RSPCA Llys Nini Penllergaer
Spring Muttstrut
 2013 Sponsored walk
 at Gnoll Country Park, Neath
Sunday 24 March
 Register from 11.00
 Start at Main Car Park at 12.00

Sponsor forms are available from Llys Nini Animal Centre, Penllergaer, SA4 9WB
 Or go online at www.rspca-llysnini.org.uk or visit your local RSPCA Shop.
£5 entry / minimum sponsorship.

Start Spring off with a lively walk at Gnoll Country Park with your dog and help our homeless dogs at the same time!
www.rspca-llysnini.org.uk 01792 229435
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Llys Nini opening hours:
Any day except Wednesdays between 11.00 and 3.45.
Shop Opening
9.00 to 5.00 daily except Wednesdays

Shops:

Swansea: Carol: 07501469004
 Neath: 07501469003
 Port Talbot: 07501469005
 Porthcawl: Kim: 07501469006
 Gorseinon: Jackie 07501468995
 Llanelli: Susan: 07501468997
 Mumbles: Maggie 01792 369772

Fundraising

Contact Emma 01792 892293

We always needs people to help in lots of different ways. If you can help please E mail Emma fundraising@rspca-llysnini.org.uk



Visitors are welcome.
 Walk the trails, see the animals, have a drink or an ice cream.

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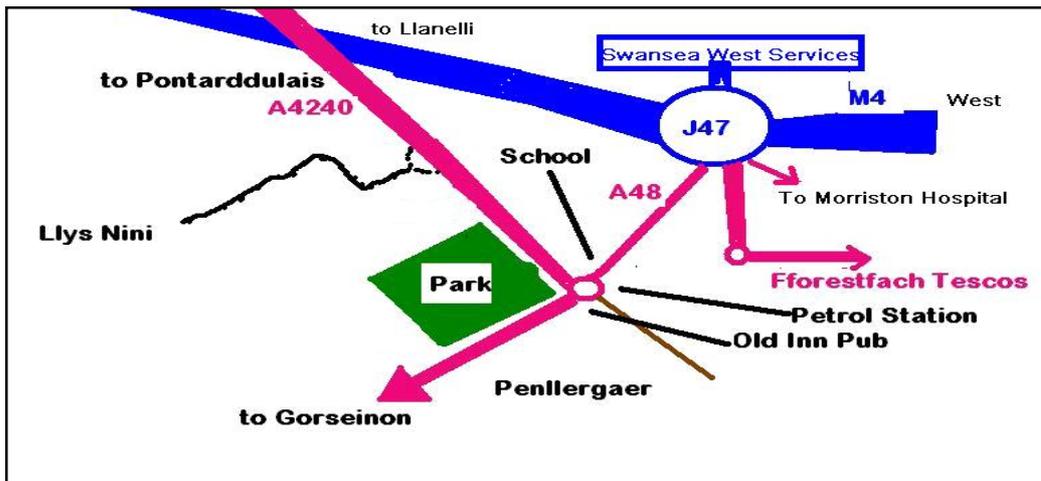
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To order specific pet foods etc.

Contact Clara on 01792 229435 or clara@rspca-llysnini.org.uk

Pet food now available at our shops



To find us
 Just off the A4240 south
 For your Sat Nav use SA4 9GX

Neath RSPCA Clinic

St James' vets, Lewis Road, Neath

Open Wednesday Evenings 6.30—7.00
 For low cost veterinary treatment for the pets of people on benefits (proof of benefit is essential)
 No appointment necessary.

Contacts:

Llys Nini info@rspca-llysnini.org.uk
 tel. **01792 229435**

Gary Weeks Animal Centre Manager, or Laura or Clara on the above email and phone number.

Emma for any fundraising enquiries
01792 892293 or e mail fundraising@rspca-llysnini.org.uk

New RSPCA Hotline number for emergencies
0300 1234 999