



# Nini News

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Registered Charity 224337

This year's Summer edition of the Nini News is a little earlier than usual due to the fact that we have a few activities and events during the next few months that we want to tell you about.

## Our New Bridgend Shop

The Nolton Street Shop was officially opened by Carwyn Jones AM for Bridgend and of course Wales' First Minister. Carwyn is no stranger to Llys Nini's shops as he opened the Porthcawl Shop a few years ago.

The shop, as with all our shops, is selling a variety of goods but is always needing donations of your old clothes, bedding, towels, and bric a brac.

In the photo left to right; Carwyn Jones AM, Sally Hyman Chair of RSPCA Llys Nini and Kiran Chaegar of RTS Recycling who paid for the new sign above the shop.



Remember the last edition's appeal for a home for Tyson? Here he is on just the second day in his new home with David, who said: "What a fantastic loving dog."





**Thank You so Much!!!!**

We didn't quite reach our target but thanks to all of you helping and giving we raised about £7,500

**AMAZING SUPPORT Diolch**



**Llys Nini**  
**WEEK**

**£10k Challenge**

It costs about £1/min to help the animals at Llys Nini.

Thank You so much to everyone who collected at Tesco's, raised and donated money during RSPCA Llys Nini Week. It was an amazing effort.



# News and Events

**RSPCA LLYS NINI - PENLLERGAER**  
**Fun day Dog Show**  
 with Celebrity Judge - Kevin Johns  
**Sunday 14 July**  
 Registration from 10:00  
 Entry from 12:00  
**plus... cat Photograph Competition**  
 Register on the day or download a form from [www.rspca-llysnini.org.uk](http://www.rspca-llysnini.org.uk)  
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 Penllergaer, Swansea SA4 9WB - to find us with your satnav, use SA4 9GX  
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## Annual Fun Dog Show

This is always a lot of fun. Come along with or without a dog. There will be fun dog classes, stalls, games, a classic car exhibition and a virtual cat show (bring photos of your moggy) and of course refreshments.

Can you help on the day? We need people to man stalls and help in the car park. Please contact Emma 01792 892293 or [fundraising@rspca-llysnini.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@rspca-llysnini.org.uk)

**Do a Charity Skydive!**  
 Sign up **NOW** for the Sponsored Charity Skydive  
 For Llys Nini **RSPCA** Animal Centre  
**August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013** *Limited Spaces*  
 TEL: 01792 892293  
[fundraising@rspca-llysnini.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@rspca-llysnini.org.uk)

## Jump out of an aeroplane for us?

There are just a few places left for those of you who are ~~not~~ brave enough to sky drive for animal welfare. You have to be over 18 and there are weight limits but beyond that the sky's the limit!

## Mutt Strutt in Bridgend—Bryngarw Country House and Park

Following the really enjoyable time we all had at the Gnoll Park Mutt Strutt we thought that we would do it again. Bryngarw is a lovely setting in Brynmenyn

Near Bridgend (CF32 8UU just north of Sarn Services.)

It's a lovely park with lakes and ducks, a café and a restaurant.

All welcome (with or without a dog) ...what colour bandana will there be for you this time ???

**RSPCA Llys Nini Animal Centre**  
**Mutt strutt**  
 Join us with your four-legged friend on our sponsored walk at Bryngarw country Park, Bridgend  
**Sunday 28 July**  
 Registrations from 11:00  
 12:00 start from car park  
 Everyone is welcome with or without a dog!  
 £5 entry / minimum sponsorship  
 Sponsor forms are available from:  
 • Llys Nini Animal Centre Penllergaer Swansea SA4 9WB  
 • [www.rspca-llysnini.org.uk](http://www.rspca-llysnini.org.uk)  
 • your local RSPCA Shop  
 Walk sponsored by **CITROËN** Bassetts Swansea

Leave the M4 at Junction 36. Follow the signs for Brynmenyn. Follow the brown and white signs for Bryngarw Country Park

## Swansea Prom Mutt Strutt

For those of you who can't get to Bridgend or who really like **strutting their mutt** there will be the usual October walk in Swansea. Details nearer the time but this time we hope to set off and finish at the Café at the Civic Centre.... Cafes may just be coming a bit of a theme! Hopefully we will be able to attract sponsorship for bandanas—colours to be decided.

Sunday October 6th October 2013.

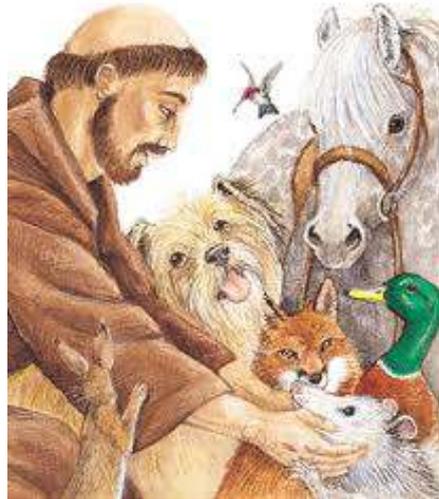


## World Animal Day

Did you realise that our Autumn Swansea Mutt Strutt is always on the Sunday nearest to World Animal Day?

World Animal Day has been celebrated since 1931, it was started at a convention of ecologists in Florence. October 4th was chosen as World Animal Day as it marks the anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi - the patron saint of animals.

It is a day to remember and to celebrate the mutual relationship between people and animals and to acknowledge that animals share the planet with us and need our care.



## St Melangell

Did you know that Wales had its own patron saint for animals - St Melangell?

Melangell was a female saint of the 7th century. According to tradition she came here from Ireland and lived as a hermit in the Tanat Valley. One day Brochwel, Prince of Powys, was hunting and pursued a hare which took refuge under Melangell's cloak. The Prince's hounds fled, and he was moved by her courage and sanctity. He gave her the valley as a place of sanctuary, and Melangell became Abbess of a small religious community. After her death her memory continued to be honoured, and Pennant Melangell has been a place of pilgrimage for many centuries. Melangell remains the patron saint of hares.



## Willow Weaving

Well done to the people who came to our 1st ever willow weaving course. The weather was fine and there were some good efforts at garden pyramids. Jo said "Good day & good fun." We hope to have more activity days at Llys Nini over the summer.

# RAFFLE



WALES GRAND SLAM RUGBY TEAM 2012  
signed by team and framed

## SUMMER RAFFLE

Tickets just £1 and available from Llys Nini and all our shops.

If you can sell a book or two for us please contact Emma on 01792 892293, [fundraising@rspca-llysnini.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@rspca-llysnini.org.uk) or call into Llys Nini for one.

The draw will be made at the Fun Dog Show July 14th at Llys Nini.

## Look what we found in the donations a Swansea Town FC towel.



While sorting through a pile of donated towels, looking for suitable bedding for some kittens we came across a towel with Swansea Town F.C. woven into it. Although not a new towel, it is in very good condition. We were just about to use it to make a bed for a litter of small kittens, when we noticed what it said on it.—Swansea Town FC and possibly a collector's item.

We then put out an appeal on face book and in the Evening Post to find out more: Cynthia Beresford e mailed the towel's story to us. Shedding light on the tale (tail!) of the Swansea Town F.C. towel. The towel belonged to the late Des (Bill) and Joyce Shaddick (Cynthia's parents) who were fanatic Swansea Town fans and members of the supporters' club,. Des was actually a committee member of the club.

Des in particular spent a lot of time down at The Vetch, especially at weekends but also sometimes during the week. He helped out by undertaking any job he was asked to do, including selling tickets at most home games or handing out cushions for those lucky people who had seats in the Stand although he and Joyce watched the games from the terraces – or the 'Bank' as it was called in those days.

Des was an avid collector particularly of sports' memorabilia, and probably got the towel in the 1950s or 60s.

The above information was supplied by Des and Joyce's daughter Cynthia who goes on to say "I can assure you that my mother would be delighted to think that the towel just might get interested parties bidding for it and that the proceeds will go towards the wonderful work you and your team undertake at Llys Nini.

I wish you the best of luck in your efforts via the South Wales Evening Post to get interested parties in bidding for the towel – let's hope it makes lots of money and helps you reach a goal!!!

# Working Together

Although RSPCA Llys Nini is actually a separately registered charity from the National RSPCA we work very closely together. Many of the animals rescued by the RSPCA Inspectors are brought to Llys Nini for care and treatment. Once the animals are well, and if the previous owner or the Courts give the animals to us, we try to match the animals with a new family.

## 6 Lucky Puppies

These 6 pups were found living in awful conditions. The Inspector managed to persuade their owner to hand them over to the RSPCA. They came into Llys Nini, where they were cared for before going up for adoption, much healthier and happier little animals.

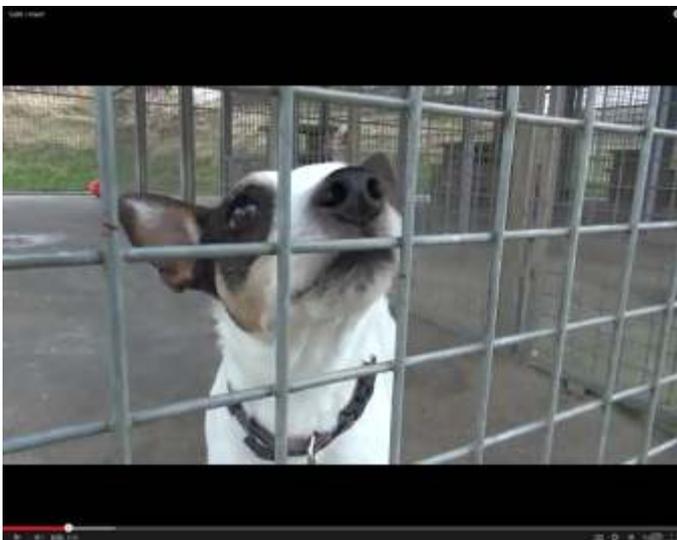


## Kittens saved from drowning in a bucket

Neighbour prevents these 4 little kittens being drowned in a bucket of water. They were only a couple of weeks old when the incident was reported. Collected by an RSPCA Inspector, fostered by a Llys Nini volunteer and now fit, healthy, happy and old enough to be adopted. The kittens have now been all booked while the case is still pending.



## Student Film about Llys Nini and the Safe Haven Kennel sponsorship Scheme



This short film was made by 3 students from Swansea Met. It tells of the problems on unwanted dogs and how Llys Nini's staff and volunteers work so hard to care for and rehome the dogs that come through the Centre. It acknowledges that much of our work is paid for by our Safe Haven Sponsors.

Click the picture for the hyperlink or copy and paste the URL into your browser.

# Animals Needing Homes



This gorgeous young girl is Jessie-May! She is a Jack Russell Terrier of 5 years old. Jess is a gorgeous young dog and is very active. She enjoys playing fetch with her toys and this should help with training. Classes would benefit her as they will help to socialise her with people and other dogs as well as teach her the basics.

Ariel is looking for a home as will a number of other kittens of various colours. But remember although kittens are lovely, they need company and do grow into adult cats. Why not have an older cat?



## Special Appeal

Lulu & Lollipop came into the Centre as sadly their owner died. They are both gorgeous girls who are quite quiet and a little timid. They so deserve a relaxed and loving home where they can enjoy life.

If you can offer them that then please come and see these lovely ladies - they deserve a second



Princess (left) has plasma cell pododermatitis (cushion foot) - the cause is unknown but thought to be immune system related. It often regresses spontaneously so treatment may not be necessary. Otherwise steroids are used as treatment but as a last resort. It can recur at intervals/seasonally (possible allergy component)



3 legged Indie also needs a special home. She is a lovely, happy and sociable cat, who gets around well on her 3 legs and will make a lovely pet.



# Roxy

This is Roxy and she wants a new home - she is a one year old collie crossbreed.

Roxy came in to the centre as her previous owner was unable to give her all the attention and exercise that she needed. She will need an active household

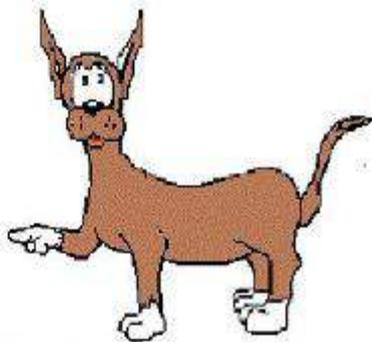
# Pedro

This lovely lad is 3 year old Pedro, he is a terrier breed. Pedro is looking for a new home as his previous owner could no longer keep him.

Pedro is a lovely friendly dog who enjoys a good walk and a bit of fuss. He has a great cheeky personality! Pedro could live with other dogs but not cats and would be ideally suited to a home with slightly older children. We recommend weekly training classes to keep him socialised and teach him his basic commands as well as regular exercise.



**We need your old clothes  
towels & blankets please**



**Llys Nini**

*giftaid it*

Please drop off your old clothes, towels & blankets at Llys Nini or any of our shops - Swansea Kingsway, Gorseinon, Mumbles, Afan Centre Port Talbot, Opposite Morrison's Neath, John St Porthcawl, Stepney Street Llanelli, Nolton St. Bridgend. THANKS

If you are a UK tax payer and we can sell your donations in our shops we can now claim 25% of the sales price back from the Government via Gift Aid and it doesn't cost you anything. We run Gift Aid in Swansea, Neath, Mumbles, Porthcawl and Llanelli.

Ways to help— donate and buy from our shops. Get your pet supplies from Llys Nini, print and display a poster for the dog show and or Mutt Strutt and print the sponsor form and come along on 28th July.

## The Power of Facebook

The use of our facebook page as a lost/found resource continues to amaze us. When Loki went missing we posted his picture on our page and tweeted the information. 54,336 saw Loki's poster and he was brought home safe and sound.



# MISSING



**ALASKAN MALAMUTE PUPPY**  
 HIS NAME IS LOKI, HE WENT MISSING AT 9PM ON 08/05/13 IN CLYDACH, SWANSEA  
 IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING HIS WHEREABOUTS CAN YOU PLEASE CALL NIK ON:



**A new sponsor**

## Cruelty Free Make Up

We are now stocking a limited range of low-cost cruelty free make up at Llys Nini and in all our shops.



Do you want a stall at our Fun Dog Show? Or can you help on the day?



Sunday July 14th  
 If you want to run your own stall or if you can help on one of our stalls please contact Emma on 01792 892293 or e mail fundraising@rspca-llysnini.org.uk

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**Llys Nini opening hours:**  
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 and 3.45.  
**Shop and trails Open**  
 9.00 to 5.00 daily (except Wednesdays)



**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

Pet Tags either at Llys Nini or online




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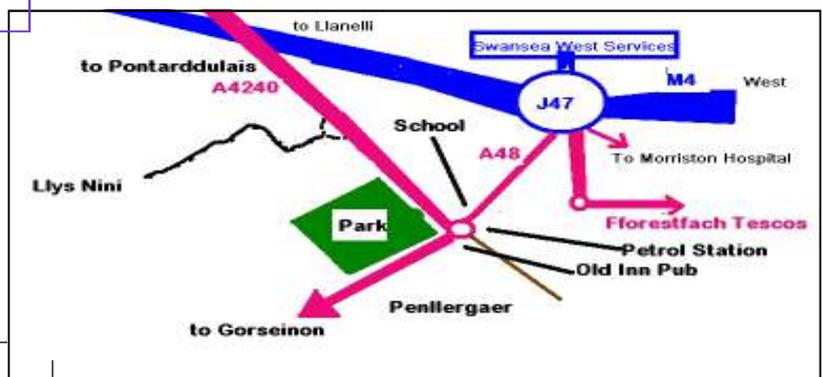
**Contact Emma 01792 892293**  
 We always need people to help in lots of  
 different ways. If you can help please  
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**To find us**

Just off the A4240 south  
 For your Sat Nav use SA4  
 9GX  
 To get to our gates



**New RSPCA Hotline number for emergencies**  
**0300 1234 999**



**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.

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