



Nini News

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Happy New Year & Thank You

As we come to the end of one year and the start of another, we can take some time to reflect on the past and the prospects for the future. 2013 was a full year for Llys Nini Branch, the Animal Centre, the Neath Clinic, the shops and other work and activities.

It has been a successful year, thanks to the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm of our staff, volunteers and supporters.

The Animal Centre has rehomed 841 animals and we have also provided subsidised treatments at the Neath Clinic and through our "voucher scheme" provided emergency help to sick and injured animals.

Our shop and fundraising teams have worked very hard in a difficult financial climate to finance our work.

Unfortunately, Llys Nini's cattery has been closed since November due to a contagious disease, so we have not been able to take in or rehome cats during this time. We sincerely hope that things are now improving and we are looking forward to reopening very early in the new year. But we have a plan to stop this ever happening again.

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An old partnership and a new Venture for 2014

Llys Nini and St James Veterinary Practice have had a long-standing partnership for over 40 years. St James has supplied vets for our Neath Clinic for many years, and has been the Animal Centre's vets for over 10 years.



2014 will see a new venture, Llys Nini is currently building a new purpose-built vet clinic on site and St James will operate it. This will give the animals at the Animal Centre even better vet care and will mean that they will no longer have to endure a 30 min trip to and from the vets each time they need treatment.

The arrangement will also provide Llys Nini with a regular income stream and obviously be a saving in both time and money for us.

The building should be completed in April/May and we hope the surgery will open soon after that..

New Cat Reception Unit

All rescue centres are susceptible to outbreaks of disease; we take in animals which are often sick, untreated and not vaccinated. We have therefore decided that we should build a new cat reception unit; newly admitted cats will go straight into the purpose-built 15 (double) pen unit, for assessment or until the Inspectors can trace their owners.

This will give us a chance to vaccinate them, and monitor them for disease before admitting them either into the cattery proper for rehoming or into our (small) isolation unit.

Healthy cats should be able then to go straight into the rehoming programme. We hope that this will not only stop the spread of disease but will allow us to help a lot more cats.

The new unit will be a uPVC sectional construction and will be located between the big dog run and the back of the service block.

We hope that the manufacturers can put the building together for us during the 1st week of February and that we can start to use it the following week.

Having 15 double pens, it should be able to accommodate up to 30 cats. It will have its own kitchen unit.



The new cattery will be similar to that pictured



The Overpopulation of Cats

Llys Nini and other rescue organisations have come to the conclusion that there are far more unwanted, stray and feral cats than we can possibly cope with. Therefore a number of animal welfare organisations and vets will be coming together in 2014 to try to encourage cat owners to neuter their cats in order to reduce the numbers.

We hope to be able to show cat owners that this is the best thing to do for their pets. More information to follow.



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Swansea Mutt Strutt

The annual Swansea Mutt Strutt was held back in October, as always on the Sunday closest to World Animal Day.

The weather was good to us so our supporters and their dogs stayed dry for the walk around the Marina.

This year's circular route ensured everybody completed the walk and got their certificate.

Thank you to the walkers who got sponsors and raised about £1,000 in total.

Halloween Horrors

Phil and the Community Garden Team had a busy Summer growing a stack of scary pumpkins for us to carve at Halloween. We started the day with the pumpkins and then a frightening forage through the Forest, (as well a twilight woodland walk and some very scary storeys). Surprisingly everyone enjoyed themselves and we will do it all again next year.



Morgan
@minkyorga

Great Mutt Strut this afternoon! Thank you to everyone who sponsored us, so appreciated @LlysNini @RSPCA_official
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RSPCA Llys Nini Animal Centre, Swansea

Halloween Fun

Thursday 31 October

Join us at Llys Nini in our Halloween 'Spook-fest'!

- 12:00 - 1:00pm: Pumpkin carving or mask making including a pumpkin 'spooky hunt'
- 1:30 - 2:30pm: £3 per child (booking recommended but is not essential)
- 2:30 - 4:00pm: 10:00 - 11:00pm: costume parade
- adults & children at 6:30
- spooky tales on the wireless
- every half hour
- Halloween feast
- gruesome games
- face painting

For more details contact Clare on 01792 229435 clare@rspca-lysnini.org.uk

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Parthapur, Swansea SA4 9JH. To find us with your satnav, say SA4 9JH



Christmas Fayre 2013

Such a lovely atmosphere! That was the main comment from our supporters at our Christmas Fayre on 1st December. And the weather was kind to us this year, so there were no worries about frost, snow or heavy rain.

The beautiful Christmas Tree, which had been kindly donated by Pontarddulais Garden Centre, was decorated and held pride of place in the meeting room. Around it, an array of stalls invited people to look at toys, Christmas gifts, jewellery, Christmas crafts, Aloe Vera goods and hand-made chocolates.

Our kind volunteers also sold Memory Candles, Tombola Toys and Raffle tickets.

The Children from Uchaf School sang some lovely Christmas carols.

Santa sat in the big room and talked to many of the children present. He even managed to get some of the children to talk to his elves in his workshop through his magic walkie-talkie. Santa took time to talk with some of the dogs that visited on the day, too.

And to end of the day, hot dogs, bacon butties and mince pies were available too.

Thank You to all our supporters and volunteers for making the day such a success.

We were also able to sell wreaths and other woodland craft items made on site from materials found on site. We even had a make-your-own Christmas Wreath Day leading up to Christmas.



Pets at Home Charity Raffle

We benefitted from being both the Fforestfach and Port Talbot Pets at Home chosen charity and all the ticket money for their Car Raffle came to us. Thanks Guys!





Jackie Baker and her hair-raising Fund Raiser in November

A huge thank you to Jackie Baker who had her hair shaved off at Deans uk hair group this morning in aid of Llys Nini.

What a brave women!! Jackie has raised over £100.

THANK YOU!

Can You Do Your Own Fund Raiser?

If you think that you would like to raise money for us by having a coffee morning, event or similar, we would be very grateful and Emma would love to support you.

Call her 01792 892293

Cardiff Half Marathon

Both Inspector Julie and our own Clara did the half marathon in aid of Llys Nini. They both finished and had very good times!
Thanks Both.



Julie Fadden			
No. 11951 Half Marathon			
TIMES	FOLLOW		
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10M	01:48:16	11:00:54 am	11:02
FINISH	02:23:41	11:36:19 am	11:26
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Clara Abson			
No. 10505 Half Marathon			
TIMES	FOLLOW		
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02:33:25			
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START	00:00:00	9:12:36 am	—
10K	01:10:11	10:22:47 am	11:18
10M	01:55:43	11:08:19 am	11:35
FINISH	02:33:25	11:46:00 am	12:10
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Swansea Bay Volunteer Award 2013.

The awards were presented on Friday 27th September 2013 at The Seaside Social Club, in Port Talbot. The winner was Judith Griffiths our chief cat socialiser. Judith has been volunteering 4 hours every day since 2003. She takes on the most difficult cats and with time, patience and a lot of love slowly wins their confidence and trust, so that they become rehomed. Judith is much appreciated by everyone at Llys Nini.

Judith Centre with Claire left and Cattery Team Leader Carole right

Daisy a special case with a happy ending



Daisie, the poor pregnant abandoned sick shih tzu. She was found abandoned in Llanelli, she had an untreated skin condition that had resulted in her losing her fur. Both eyes were infected, so she couldn't see properly and was heavily pregnant.



She came to us in October, needing special medication and lots of care. Here treatments and the care of her and her puppies have been quite expensive, but when her story was told on our facebook group, hundreds of people contributed towards her care. She even received gifts in the post; someone knitted her and her pups a special blanket and someone even sent in a small dog coat to keep her furless body warm. Llys Nini would not be able to help so many animals if it wasn't for the fantastic support of local people. Daisy's 4 pups were all rehomed just before Christmas



Hi, Daisy is settling in well and really has made a lovely friend with Hetty, where one is so is the other. Here they are again cwtched up, feeling warm, safe and happy. Kind regards and a happy new year, Rose



Happy Tails

Dog's matted hair weighed 5.5kg - an eighth of its body weight - and it had maggots in its wounds.

“Shaky’s” matted fur was bad enough but when he was examined by vets, they found a large maggot-ridden wound in his leg.

Shaky’s former owner was successfully prosecuted by the RSPCA while he was being looked after at Llys Nini.

He has since made a full recovery and has been rehomed to a caring and loving home. His former owner was banned from keeping animals for five years, after he admitted failing to ensure the welfare of an animal.

He was also told to pay £951 in costs and to complete 100 hours of unpaid work.



Lotus and OJ Update

These 2 little kittens featured in the last edition of the Nini News. They were found sealed into a cardboard box left at the Gorseinon Post Office Sorting Office during our heat wave last Summer. They were very lucky to be found in time and brought to Llys Nini where we treated them for dehydration and some minor infections. Both have now been rehomed (together) and seem to be enjoying the good things of life.



Facebook Find

This is Scruffy, who is a bit of an escape artist. He managed to escape through the back door and back garden while his owners were away on holiday. It was thanks to the 100s of Llys Nini Facebook followers that he was found and returned home safe and sound. Well done everyone!

A Match Made in Heaven

Minnie, now at home in Challice Court off Cathedral Way with her new family the Rev Ken and wife Ann, a match really made in Heaven! One day they spotted a poor little kitten in their garden and on closer inspection found that she was bleeding, so they called the RSPCA who collected her and took her to a vet for treatment. Coincidentally, a couple of weeks later Ann was at a function with someone from Llys Nini and asked the Kitten. When she was told that the kit had made a full recovery and was now looking for a new forever home, she knew it just had to be. Now Minnie, whom we are told is no angel, is happy in her ecclesiastical new home.



Ex-puppy Farm Dog Megan

Just thought I would send a little update of our chocolate Labrador Megan! We adopted her last September, she was rescued along with other labs from a puppy farm!

She was so quiet, scared and shy when we first got her but she's jumping for joy and a totally different puppy! Absolutely loves her food and belly rubs! Such a pleasure when we come home from work and she's bouncing around with pure joy! Part of the family and she has a new little friend with four paws Bryn our little ginger cat! They are best of friends!

Love her to bits.

Thanks Llys Nini



If you have a happy tails story about a Llys Nini animal please send it to sally@rspca-llysnini.org.uk

Here are Luna and Paprika (formerly Caprice and Charlotte) you can see they have settled in to our family well and have got the comfy seat.

Animals needing homes



These gorgeous rabbits came into the centre as they were abandoned. 8 weeks old - can be rehomed separately. They will need an owner who can give them plenty of time and attention to socialise them.

Brooke the ferret came into the centre as a stray.

She is a gorgeous young girl who is very laid back and will make a great new addition to the family.



Ferrets!

They will require a secure hutch that can be used as their living and sleeping area. This hutch must provide them with sufficient shelter during summer months but also warmth when needed during the winter.

It is also extremely important that a run is provided.

Ferrets love nothing more than to play with toys and run through tubes, therefore a fun activity area should be provided.

It would be best for them to be re-homed with other ferrets, but this does depend on the individual ferret.

If you are interested in adopting a ferret then please don't hesitate in coming to the centre and having a look and talking to a member of





This is **Marley** and he is a 5 year-old Spaniel.
He came in to us as his owner was no longer able to provide him with the care he needed.
Marley has a fantastic temperament. He is gentle and well mannered.
He loves his walks and will need a very active home where he will receive a lot of exercise as well as mental stimulation.
He is very sociable with other dogs and he has lived with cats and dogs in his last home so could live with either.
He could also live in a home with children of primary school age
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This is **Chester** and he is an English 2 and a half year old Springer Spaniel. Chester is a fantastic young dog and has a lovely personality, although he is timid in his new environment and can be wary of new people. He is a dog that constantly seeks reassurance and this is something that needs to be discouraged by a new owner so that he can build his confidence.

Training classes would be ideal for him to socialise him with other dogs and people.

Chester will make a fantastic dog for a new owner. Mature household will be best and he could live with other dogs



New Homes for Old Dogs

We currently have a number of older dogs that really need special homes.

The old dogs' ages range from eight to 14-years-old .Having spent their lives in a home with a family, these poor dogs find it quite a shock to come into kennels and need to find forever homes quite quickly. We have a number of breeds; a Labrador retriever, a Labrador cross, a Patterdale terrier cross, a Rottweiler, Shar Pei crossbreed and 2 collie crosses.

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Come and meet our dogs and find out more, any day but Wednesday between 11.00 and 3.45.



Programme 2014

Thursday 20th February (and possibly 21st) – Community Woodland Planting Day

10am – 3pm, Liys Nini Animal Centre, Penllegoer

CONTACT Emma on 01792 892293, fundraising@rspca-lysnini.org.uk

DETAILS A day of tree planting to create a new native woodland on site for the benefit of wildlife and to improve our nature trails. Please book so we can tell you more



Thursday 27th February – Bird Activity Day

10am – 3pm, Liys Nini Animal Centre, Penllegoer

CONTACT Clara on 01792 229435, clara@rspca-lysnini.org.uk

DETAILS Build a bird box, watch the birds from our bird hide and take a tour of our nature trails, gather treats and make bird food balls to tempt the birds to your garden! Booking essential.



Sunday 23rd March – Spring Mutt Strutt to be confirmed

MEET 11am Gnoll Country Park, Neath

CONTACT Emma on 01792 892293, fundraising@rspca-lysnini.org.uk



DETAILS Join us for our annual sponsored dog walk through the woods at Gnoll Country Park. Walkers are welcome with or without a dog!

Thursday 29th May – Willow Weaving

10am – 3pm, Liys Nini Animal Centre, Penllegoer

CONTACT Clara on 01792 229435, clara@rspca-lysnini.org.uk

DETAILS Learn how to weave willow and make your own wigwam timber. For a selection of climbing plants to plant in your garden. Booking essential.



Sunday 6th July – Fun Dog Show

11am – 4pm, Liys Nini Animal Centre, Penllegoer

CONTACT Emma on 01792 892293, fundraising@rspca-lysnini.org.uk

DETAILS Join us for a great day out at our annual fun dog show. Stalls, crafts, food, games, face painting, raffle and fun competitions for your dog. Everybody Welcome!



Sunday 5th October – Mutt Strutt to be confirmed

MEET 11am, Country Hall Car Park, Swansea

CONTACT Emma on 01792 892293, fundraising@rspca-lysnini.org.uk

DETAILS Join us for our annual sponsored dog walk along the sea front. Walkers are welcome with or without a dog!



Friday 31st October – Pumpkin Carving & Spooky Fun

11am – 4pm, Liys Nini Animal Centre, Penllegoer

CONTACT Clara on 01792 229435, clara@rspca-lysnini.org.uk

DETAILS Join us for a fun day of Halloween activities including pumpkin carving and a treasure hunt. Spooky refreshments available. Reserve your pumpkin to avoid disappointment!



Christmas Fayre to be arranged

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9.15am - 5pm

ANIMAL VIEWING TIMES 11am - 3.45pm

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- Grooming equipment
- Microchipping
- Small animal supplies
- Beds & toys
- Collars, leads & harnesses
- Cat scratching posts



Pet ID Tags

DID YOU KNOW...? If your dog is in a public place it must by law wear an ID tag or collar with its owners address printed on it. You can be fined up to £5,000 if your dog does not wear an ID tag! The tag (and micro-chipping) will also help get your dog back should it escape or get lost.

You can buy tags from Llys Nini online (all profit goes straight back to help the animals in the centre).

<http://www.rspca-llysnini.org.uk/shop/pet-tags/>



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Llys Nini Animal Centre Contacts

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General Enquiries 01792 229435 info@rspca-llysnini.org.uk

Lost and Found Animals lostandfound@rspca-llysnini.org.uk

To order specific pet food clara@rspca-llysnini.org.uk

Fundraising and shop donation collections 01792 892293
fundraising@rspca-llysnini.org.uk

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SA3 4AS

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SWANSEA
SA1 5HQ

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SA13 1PB

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SA11 1RQ

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