

Hello and Welcome

Fosters Urgently Required!

We are in desperate need of foster carers. We supply everything you need, all you need is to give a kitten / cat some love and a safe space to live. Please help us during this "extremely" busy kitten season, as we are at breaking point.

If you are in a position to help please PM us on (0)86 3785584 or email us on offalyspca@live.com.

If you're unsure how to reach us, please refer to the numbers below:

Main Number: 086 3785584

Cat Adoptions/Queries: 086-0222432

Dog Adoptions/Queries: 086-8262986

If you've found a stray pet or lost your own, please send us a photo, location, and contact number via Facebook or Instagram. We'll share these details online as soon as a volunteer is available.

Please note that our team of volunteers is very small, but we will respond to your query as soon as possible.

Pet owners face bigger fines for not picking up after dogs!

Minister of State at the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment with special responsibility for the Circular Economy, Alan Dillon, announced plans to increase on-the-spot fines for littering and dog fouling and launched the 2026 Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI).

Minister Dillon said that he would enact legislation to increase fines for littering and dog fouling – from €150 to €250. The increases will come into effect from 1 September 2026. The hikes are aimed at protecting Ireland's towns, villages, parks, and public spaces.

Commenting on the increases Minister Dillon said: "Increasing fines for littering and dog fouling will act as a stronger deterrent. It will encourage greater compliance and promote more responsible behaviour. The measure also supports the efforts of community volunteers, environmental groups, and local authority staff – who work tirelessly to maintain cleaner, safer and more welcoming neighbourhoods.

You can read the full article online at [Offaly Live](#)

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Ireland's Only Animal Blood Clinic

Michael Byrne runs a unique blood donor clinic at UCD Veterinary Hospital, catering exclusively to animals. Facing high demand, the clinic relies on public donations, as Ireland unlike other countries, do not have a centralised blood bank.

Byrne is appealing for more donors to alleviate the strain on the service. Repeat donors are common, but even a single donation can make a significant difference.

Dogs can safely donate every three months, with ideal donors being between one and eight years old, over 25 kilos, and having no travel history outside Ireland. Certain breeds, like greyhounds, are particularly suited for donation due to their universal blood type and temperament.

Maintaining adequate blood stocks is challenging, with donations often used quickly. The clinic also facilitates donations for large animals like alpacas and calves. Byrne stresses the need for a national animal blood bank in Ireland, as current demand is high.

Ethics are crucial, with donations only taken from non-aggressive, unstressed animals. The clinic faces challenges in finding donors, especially as more people return to office work. Byrne encourages eligible pet owners to consider donating, as one donation can save multiple lives.

For donations, contact: vetblooddonorclinic@ucd.ie

You can read the full article online at [The Irish Examiner](#)

A Cat Success Story

We adopted a little black stray female from OSPCA who had been wandering around Clonbullogue village a couple of years ago.



Peanut had clearly had some major trauma as she is tiny and suffers from a bald patch. She was terrified of men and would lash out at anyone while also trying to bond by purring. We bear the scars! She settled into the shed with a cosy bed, warm blankets, plenty of food and an acre to roam.

Last year, she unexpectedly presented us with three kittens, and we brought all four into the house. The kittens are absolute dotes – Peanut’s name became “Mother” and she was excellent with them. She has made huge strides and now comes in and out of the house freely and boldly. She can still give you a sharp rap with her claws but give prior warning.

This week she started sleeping in our bed.

Author: Jean M



Thanks to Caroline for her encouragement with our unexpectedly large cat family – they have become great, loving companions.

Some of our lovely dogs waiting for their forever homes

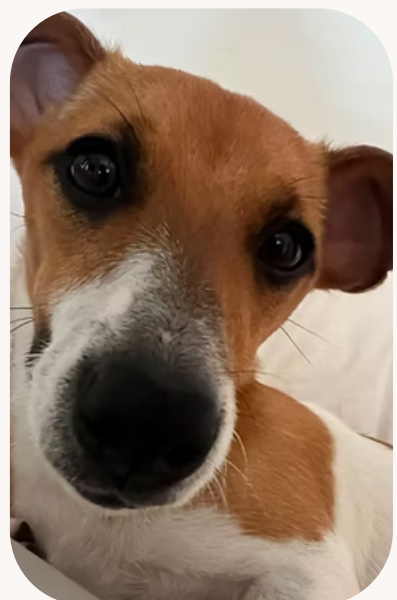


Meet Bruno who is a 1 year old Chihuahua. He gets on with everyone he meets, including people and other dogs, he is not cat tested. Bruno is housetrained; he loves his walks and absolutely ball mad! He is neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. Bruno loves his cuddles and is a brilliant little dog who would fit right into any home. If you are interested in giving Bruno a home that he deserves please call 086 8262986 or email offalyspca@live.com

Please note: A home check and adoption fee will apply.

Meet Alfie — a beautiful, friendly boy about to turn 1. He's medium-sized, playful, and full of energy once he's woken up from his naps! Best suited to an active home with kids 10+ or another dog to play with. An enclosed garden is a must. Neutered, vaccinated, microchipped.

Call 086 8262986 or email offalyspca@live.com to adopt.
Home check & Adoption Fee applies

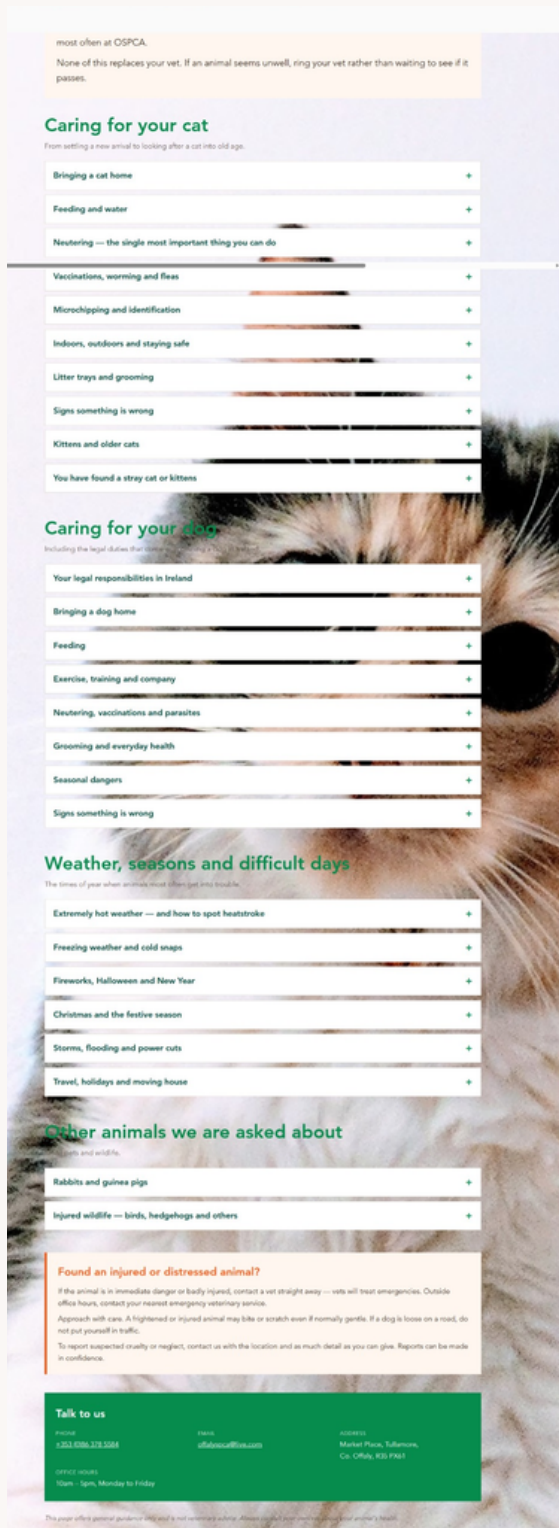


Meet Tiny who a 1 year old JRT, she may be small but this little girl is full of energy! She loves her walks, playing with the ball, and is housetrained. Tiny loves children but not cats. She would be best as an only dog as she wants all the attention for herself! An enclosed garden is a must and possibly a home where somebody is at home at least part of the day. Tiny is vaccinated, microchipped and neutered.

If you feel you can offer this lovely lady the home she deserves please call 086 8262986. A home check and adoption fee will apply

New Page – Animal Care on our website

The OSPCA would like to thank Lee M. who wrote this page to educate visitors about animal care. This is a list of the topics on the page.



This page provides **advice only** and does not eliminate the need for veterinary care for sick or injured animals.

To read each section visit <https://www.offalyspca.ie/animal-care>

Missing Animals on our Social Media

We are pleased to feature lost and found cats on our social media platforms, Instagram and Facebook. If your cat is missing or you have found a cat, please send the details to us via email at offalyspca@live.com

Be sure to include contact information, a recent photo, and the last place the cat was seen or found if it is missing. Also, provide any distinctive features of the cat.

If the cat is found or the owner is located, please inform us so we can update our social media followers.

Distribute flyers to your neighbours' post-boxes asking them to check sheds and other outdoor storage areas and to leave the doors open for a while in case your cat is trapped inside and too scared to come out while people are around. (Leaving the doors open is essential, as cats can be frightened and unwilling to emerge. They might be hiding and not visible if someone merely looks in).

Contact local vets and distribute flyers in their clinics. Reach out to other welfare organisations and advertise in local papers. Post on any online social networking sites you belong to.

Please inform us if you receive any news, and if the cat is found, remember to remove flyers and notify others.

From everyone in the OSPCA

THANK YOU

The OSPCA deeply appreciated a donation made to us, we cannot say it better than the card we received with the donation, which reads:



"We lost our dear friend and work colleague James Shepard in April and we collected €300 in his memory to give the OSPCA as James loved animals and we know he would be so proud knowing that so many animals will be helped, in his memory. James leaves behind a huge void he was a man full of life and love, compassion and kindness to everyone and to animals too."

We are delighted to give €300 to the OSPCA to help you with the wonderful work you do"

Best wishes, Muiriosa Foundation Tullamore

RIP James

Thank you to all our donors
& volunteers

**THERE AREN'T ENOUGH WORDS TO EXPRESS
HOW MUCH EVERY DONATION MEANS TO US.
WE'RE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROUS
GIFT AND FOR VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME.
YOU MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE!**



Thank you to the students of Ballyboy
National School

The wonderful 5th & 6th class students, held an Enterprise Day where they made and sold crafts etc. to their school community. The students, together with their families choose two charities to send the proceeds of the event to. We were delighted to be told by the lovely Michelle, a teacher in Ballyboy National School, that we were one of the recipients.

Thank you to the customers in TESCO in
Edenderry & Tullamore

We want to express our gratitude to the customers in TESCO Edenderry and Tullamore for their invaluable contributions to our instore food banks.



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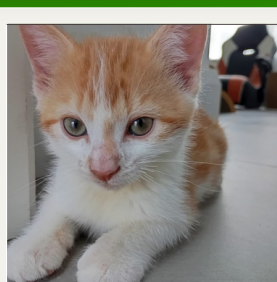
Join Our Team of Heroes at the OSPCA!

OFFALY SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION
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WE NEED YOUR HELP

- FUNDRAISING & EVENTS
- ASSIST WITH OUTREACH & EDUCATION PROGRAMMES
- ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT
- TRANSPORT & OUTREACH
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Our dedicated team of volunteers is the backbone of our rescue efforts, providing vital support to animals in need across Offaly. Whether you have a few hours a week or more, your time and passion can help us save lives and improve the welfare of countless animals.



Call **086 3785584** or email at **offalyspca@live.com** if you interested in volunteering
please contact us and we will answer your queries
You could come to our two monthly meetings to get a flavour of our work!