



Hello and Welcome



Happy Easter to all our incredible volunteers, supporters, donors, and foster carers! Your dedication and generosity make it possible for us to continue our vital work. We are deeply grateful for your unwavering support and commitment. This Easter, we celebrate and thank you for being so supportive and dedicated to the animals in our care. May this season bring you joy, peace, and happiness as we look forward to saving more homeless animals together.

As "kitten season" commences, we frequently hear from compassionate souls who discover kittens and their devoted mothers. This informative poster from alleycat.org/TNR serves as a valuable guide for those who encounter these precious little ones. Remember, our delightful cat volunteers stand ready to converse about any furry friend you may find in Offaly.



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A CAT STORY – Rasher a true survivor

Old, weary, worn down by the hardships of life. Desperation, starvation & the cold drove him to take a chance and sneak in through the cat flap of OSPCA foster carer Sarah's home.

He found food in the utility room just inside the back door cat flap. Quietly letting himself in late at night & eating his fill became a regular occurrence until Sarah noticed him. She could tell immediately that he was old and had lived a life of many hardships; seeing more dinner times than dinners.

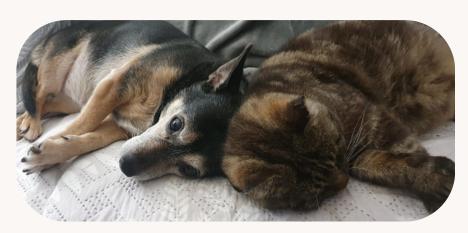
She set up a soft comfy bed for him. He ignored it for several weeks before weariness got the better of him and he finally sunk into a luxurious bed the likes of which he'd likely never known before. Each morning when Sarah would open the utility room door he'd jump out of bed, fly out the cat flap and disappear in the blink of an eye. Over time he became less frightened and eventually after a lot of softly spoken words and plenty of slow blinking and even slower movements he relaxed enough to let Sarah pet him.

His eyes needed treatment. Judging by the left ear being tipped he seemed to have already been neutered at some time in the past. With some medication for his eye condition, a worm/flea treatment, plenty of good food and the luxury of a soft comfy bed he started to blossom.

By degrees he slowly inched his way a little and their many other pets. "Have you a named him yet?" I asked Sarah. "No "she laughed, "If I name him it means he's staying". How about "Rasher" I suggested.....as in "Rashers Tierney" a poor auld fella in the TV drama Strumpet City. "Ilike it", she said." Rasher it is then"

"Rasher's" favourite companion is "Ruby" a 16 year old rescue dog who also had a very hard life before being rescued by Sarah and her family. The two senior citizens seem to have bonded in a very special way, sharing a bed, seeking each other out to share warmth, comfort & companionship.

How did Rasher know where to go for help? Animals are very intuitive but what exactly guided him to Sarah's home? Do they have a sixth sense? Is there an "aura" radiating from the homes of good people? Is it because they listen, observe & say nothing? Is that it? Who knows. Whatever it was that drew Rasher to Sarah's home it found him the very best retirement home a poor frail, elderly cat could have wished for.



Ruby & Rasher living their best lives







Without the invaluable work of our foster carers many lives including Rashers would never have a happy ending -





Join Our Team of Heroes at OSPCA!

At OSPCA, we believe in the power of community to make a difference. 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.

Why Volunteer with Us?

- Make a Direct Impact: Your efforts will help rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome animals in desperate need.
- Join a Caring Community: Connect with like-minded individuals who share your love for animals.
- Gain Valuable Experience: Whether you're interested in animal care, fundraising, or administrative support, we have a role for you.
- Flexible Opportunities: From walking dogs to fundraising events, we offer a variety of ways to get

How You Can Help:

- Animal Care/ Fostering: Assist with feeding, grooming, and socialising our furry friends.
- Fundraising & Events: Help us plan and execute events to raise funds and awareness for our cause.
- Administration Support: δ Provide administrative support to keep our operations running smoothly.
- Transport & Outreach: Help transport animals to vet appointments.
- Education: Assist with outreach and education programmes.

Join us in our mission to create a better future for animals in Offaly. Contact us at offalyspca@live.com or call us on 086-3785584 to learn more and sign up. Together, we can make a lasting difference!

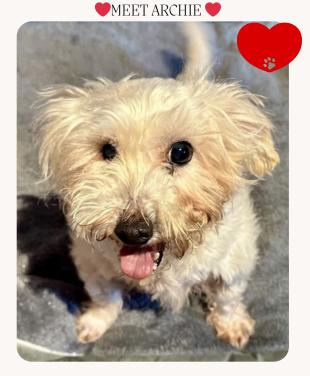
Volunteer with OSPCA – Where Every Paw Counts!



HANDSOME HUGO

another dog for company. If you can offer Hugo the loving home he

Special Adoption Appeal



WANT TO LOVE AND BE LOVED -Well here is your chance!

Archie is a West highland Cross. Archie is approximately 9 years young; and age is only a number as Archie acts way younger than his years.

He came into our care badly neglected and in his life there has been little love and care but ignoring his past life this little fella is affectionate gentle and his foster mum Shanti says "he is like her shadow everywhere she goes he follows, he is a real lap dog loves his cuddles and will be on your couch any chance he gets"

Archie walks well on the lead likes to chase his ball and is house trained. He loves other dogs and ignores cats. PLEASE think about giving him a loving home after the life he's had and he won't let you down.

He is looking for HIS PERSON if that's you call 086 8262986. Home check applies

out of a car at a shop at the Fingerboard in Tullamore like he was a "piece of rubbish"..as a result he ended up in Offaly Dog Shelter and then came into our care. He is a 1 year old miniature terrier who has been vaccinated microchipped and neutered, His foster mum Sharon says he is a "delightful and affectionate dog even after all he has been through" He is a real pocket rocket full of fun, gets on great with other dogs loves to play with his ball walks well on the lead and is housetrained and would love an active home and possibly with

Local people may remember **Hugo** when he was recently thrown

deserves after his ordeal can you call 086 8262986

THANK 4900 SO MUCH



THANK YOU

We would like to thank Georgina who has decided to do a sponsored 70km walk for the animals in Offaly .So far this week she has done 20km .**

Please pop into the office if you would like to support her!

To COLAISTE CHOILM TULLAMORE THANK YOU.

On behalf of animals in need throughout Offaly the OSPCA would like to express our sincere thanks to the 2nd.year CSPE class students & their teacher Ms.Hogan for their recent fundraising endeavour. Donations for a "Free Dress Day" raised €450 for Ospca.

Students also generously donated pet food, treats, blankets, bedding & toys for our little rescued animal friends.

The concern & support from the students & staff of Colaiste Choilm for the welfare of animals by promoting care, compassion,respect & responsibility among young people is both inspiring & so encouraging to all Ospca volunteers. We are extremely grateful to all of you. Thank you.





Thank you to all the 2 legged and 4 legged supporters; who came out to show their support for the OSPCA on St. Patricks Day! It was a great turnout and very much appreciated. Congratulations to the winners of best dressed dog competition.

For those who know us well .. the banner is being held by the lovely Karen who is always happy to greet you in our office and the wonderful Colette who has been with the OSCPA for more years than she cares to admit



A sincere thank you to Lee's Tullamore who hosted a fabulous party night with all proceeds going to support the OSPCA ... from all the animals who will benefit from this fundraising we sincerely thank Lee's for their support.





EASTER RAFFLE

We are holding an Easter Raffle to raise much needed funds to help ANIMALS in Co. Offaly. Tickets can be purchased at our office OR on via our website www.offalyspca.ie/donate Tickets are €5 each or 3 tickets for €10. (Pm your *name, *contact number & a *screen shot of your PayPal receipt & we'll send you your ticket numbers)

Thank you for your greatly appreciated support for OFFALY SPCA

