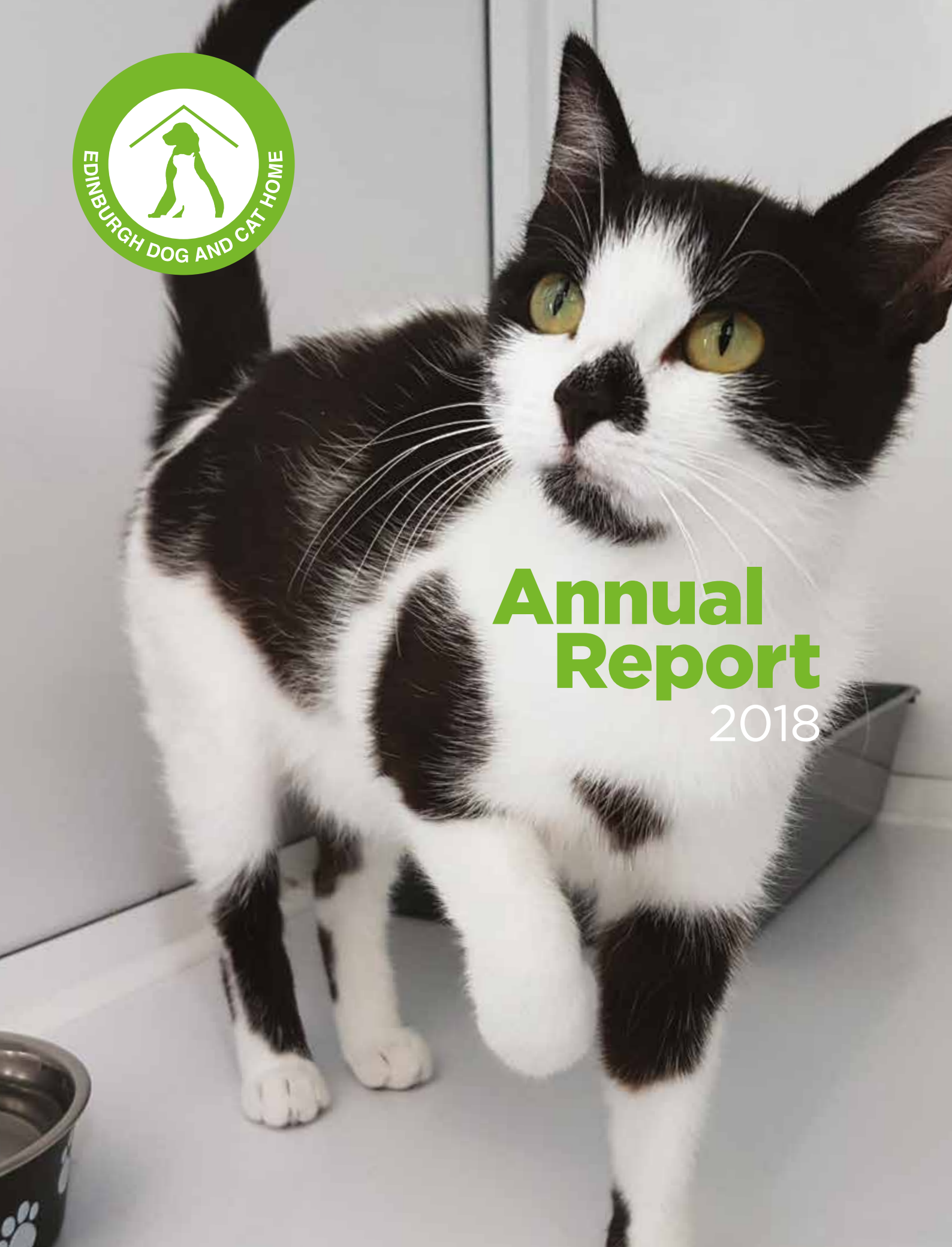




# Annual Report

2018





## Our mission




Rescue, reunite and rehome dogs and cats across Edinburgh and the Lothians.

## Our vision

To create a community where unwanted and mistreated animals are given a voice and a second chance for a happy and forever home; and where anybody who can, will act to advocate for animals still suffering.

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# A message from our Interim Chair and Chief Executive



Working in animal rescue can feel a bit like that story about the man walking along the beach throwing starfish into the sea.

Despite there being miles and miles of sand ahead of him, and hundreds of starfish to save, he knows that each time he bends down, picks up a starfish and flings it back into the water, he is making a difference to that one.

Sometimes it seems like the work we do is never-ending, the challenges insurmountable and the work to influence government and transform culture too problematic.

However, the thing that keeps us showing up to work every day is the dogs and cats who rely on us to draw on our expertise and commitment to our mission when they come to us at their most vulnerable.

As we receive no government or statutory funding, we rely solely on the kindness of our supporters and community partners to keep our doors open, and this past year we were humbled by the generosity of people who so strongly believe in what we do.

Our fundraising efforts ramped up in 2018, resulting in our first Summer Raffle, which raised more than £5,000, our first St Andrew's Day Ceilidh, which raised £3,500, and our first Car Boot Sale, which raised nearly £1,400 for the Home.

We were also proud to host our second In the Dog House event, locking up some of Edinburgh's business leaders and influencers in the kennels for a day to raise vital funds for the Home in a bid to be crowned 'Top Dog'. This unique event brought in £15,600 for the Home, doubling the success of the previous year. In 2019, we have our sights set on bringing in £50,000 through this event.



We continued to build on our strong community connections last year, forming partnerships with Pawbits, Marks & Spencer, Braemore Sales & Lettings, and Petplan, who are kindly helping us pay for routine vaccinations.

Another highlight from last year was the Reflection Garden, installed at the Home thanks to funding from People's Postcode Lottery and individual donors, and with the help of Amazon, who donated flowers and shrubs planted by their corporate volunteers.

We were very fortunate throughout 2018 to work with video production company Heehaw as their charity partner of the year. Heehaw produced four promotional videos for us, featuring our services and our 136-year history within the Edinburgh community. We were also lucky to receive celebrity support in the form of voiceovers by Scottish comedians Iain Stirling, narrator of TV show *Love Island*, and Karen Dunbar (*Chewin' the Fat*), as well as Scottish actress Laura Main (*Call the Midwife*). Meanwhile, our new boarding services video features Gobi the dog and her 'sister', Lara the cat, whose dad is ultra-marathon runner and our Animal Champion, Dion Leonard.

Our time in the spotlight continued, when two of our residents, Remus the Alaskan Malamute and Layla Shar Pei found fame on STV's *This Morning* with Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby. Little did they know that their future families would be watching the show and waiting to be connected with their perfect match.

In September, we opened our doors once again for the annual Paws by the Prom family event, where thousands of animal lovers and their furry friends descended on the Home to enjoy kennel and cattery tours, stalls, games and competitions.

We were also thrilled to announce during Trustee Week in November, a number of new Trustees appointed to our Board, now led by Interim Chair Doreen Graham, who took over the role from David Blaikie. With a combined expertise spanning government, finance, communications, law, HR and property, across the public, private and not-for-profit sectors, our Trustees will work with a new governance framework to help lead the organisation into the future, and we are privileged to benefit from their wealth of experience and invaluable perspective.

We would like to thank David, who was Chairman from 2012 and Trustee since 2009, for his many years of service and dedication to the Home.

Throughout 2018, we continued our advocacy work, supporting public campaigns to end puppy farming and the use of shock collars, providing an expert voice in the media about the need to introduce Lucy's Law in Scotland, and sharing our expert insights into Scottish Government consultations. We also united with our peers in the animal welfare sector to set up the first Scottish Companion Animal Welfare Group.

This important work was supported by the launch of our Educational Outreach Programme, made possible by a grant awarded to the Home by The Kennel Club Educational Trust, and supported by a further grant from the RS Macdonald Charitable Trust.

Closer to home, investment in our most important asset — our staff — saw the creation of a dog training team and dog training programme as part of the kennel and cattery team.

The continued success of the Home's objectives and the tireless dedication of our staff was the focus of our Christmas Appeal at the end of last year, featuring two of our former residents Bella the dog and Bunty the cat, who both came to us in 2018 pregnant and scared. The heart-warming story of our staff working around-the-clock to ensure they were kept safe and warm as they gave birth, the rehoming of the kittens and puppies, and then Bella and Bunty themselves, inspired our supporters to donate an incredible £32,000 to the Home and saw the rehoming of nine of our residents featured in the Christmas Appeal social media campaign.

But as we know, fundraising is not just about making a donation, it's about making a difference, and made a difference we did.

In 2018, we rescued 536 dogs and 152 cats, who would have otherwise faced a very uncertain future. Happily, we also reunited 198 dogs and 20 cats, and sent 269 dogs and 102 cats off to their new forever homes.

One of these was Sadie, a sweet girl who came to the Home as a stray in 2015. Her five puppies, born the Home, were quickly rehomed but Sadie was sadly overlooked time and time again until she finally found her new family in February last year after two years in our care.

Just like the man returning starfish to the ocean, we embark on 2019 with determination and the hope of creating a community where unwanted and mistreated animals are given a voice and a second chance for a happy and forever home.



## Rescuing, Reuniting and Rehoming Highlights

Rescued



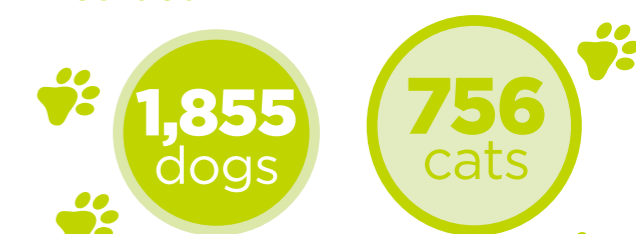
Reunited



Rehomed



Boarded



Total animals cared for



*Doreen Graham*  
**Doreen Graham**  
 Interim Chair of Trustees

*Howard Bridges*  
**Howard Bridges**  
 Chief Executive



# Our work in 2018

## Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce Business Awards: In the Dog House and Edinburgh Trams

**In January 2018, the Home was shortlisted for two awards at the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce Business Awards.**

One recognising our In the Dog House fundraising event and the other in the Chamber's Inspiring Partnership category, honouring our work with Edinburgh Trams. Despite not taking the win on the night, we were thrilled to spend an evening with some of Edinburgh's leading businesses, and have our achievements recognised alongside other high-profile organisations within the community.



## Running with Dion

**In 2018, Dion Leonard, one half of celebrity ultra-running duo Dion and Gobi, came second in a gruelling 640-mile three-race series across the USA to raise funds for Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home.**

Dion tackled three non-stop 200-mile races in three months, each of which included dizzying climbs of up to 50,000ft. He raised more than £13,000, which was split between Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home and the Little Adoption Shop rescue charity in Beijing.

Dion kick-started his fundraising challenge in August by tackling the Big Foot 200, a 200-mile race taking in climbs of up to 50,000ft through the Cascade Mountains in Washington.

He had just four days to complete the race, which took place non-stop, point-to-point. This race was followed in September by a further 200-mile challenge around the Sierra Nevada mountains at Lake Tahoe. He capped off the challenge with the Moab 240, which took him through desert, canyons and two mountain ranges in the Utah desert.

The team welcomed Dion to the Home in November to receive proceeds of his incredible efforts.



## Campaigning for the welfare of animals

**Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home had a busy summer after collaborating with numerous animal welfare sector colleagues on a range of issues, from the banning of shock collars to improved regulation of advertising pets online.**

In April, the Home helped kick off the SSPCA-led 'Say No to Puppy Dealers' campaign, which launched a new public pledge and website aiming to help raise awareness about the truly devastating effects of puppy farming. Meanwhile, Christine Grahame MSP

visited Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home to launch a public consultation on her proposed Member's Bill to better regulate dog breeding and buying.



## Portobello shop marks 25th anniversary

**The Friends of Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home marked a special anniversary in July 2018 as they celebrated 25 years since their shop on Portobello High Street opened its doors.**

'The Friends', as they are affectionately known by Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home, are a voluntary group who run the Portobello shop and donate the proceeds to the Home to support the care of stray and unwanted dogs and cats across Edinburgh and the Lothians. In 2017 alone, the group donated £55,000 to the Home.

A quarter of a century ago, the Home bought and fitted out the shop at 91 Portobello High Street, which was then taken on and managed by the Friends of Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home.

The shop opened its doors on 5 July 1993 and, as it prospered, outgrew the premises. In 2002, the shop was moved to the current location of 104 Portobello High Street.



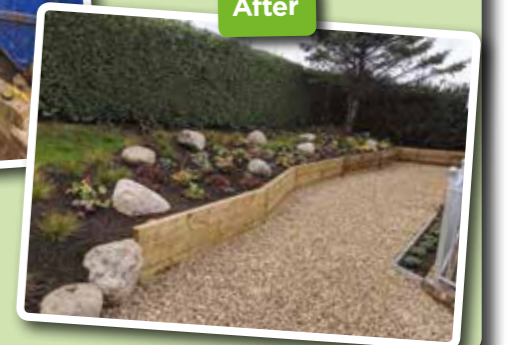
## Reflection Garden

**Work on the Home's new Reflection Garden finished at the end of August but additional aspects, such as seating and a memorial tree, will be added in 2019.**

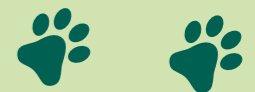
The new space sits in front of the Home and has been created for volunteers and supporters to pay respect to pets they have lost and wish to remember. The garden was made possible by a generous donation from People's Postcode Lottery and volunteers from Amazon, who donated and installed the plants.



Before



After





# Fundraising highlights

**From the introduction of new events, to inspiring partnerships and incredibly kind donations from loyal supporters, 2018 was another busy year for the Home's Fundraising team. All gifts, no matter how big or small, allowed Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home to continue its vital mission.**



Edinburgh Trams bucket shake



Kiltwalk



Halloween Blackout Bungee Jump

Partnerships remained vital to the Home's continued fundraising success in 2018. In February, a partnership with Pawbits was launched, which raised more than £2,300 for the Home. The partnership with Edinburgh Trams finished in April and generated £6,000 through staff initiatives and fundraising events. Early in 2018, the Home's charity partnership with Marks & Spencer Fort Kinnaird came to an end, which raised over £3,000 through volunteering, bag packs and donating gifts in-kind for events. Shortly after this, we successfully won the Charity of the Year pitch with Marks & Spencer's flagship store on Princes Street and secured a new partnership that aims to bring in £10,000 for the Home across 2018/2019. The team also secured an exciting partnership with Ecosse Inns, giving us a 20% donation from meals at selected pubs through their 'kickback card'.

General Manager of Arnold Clark Renault/Dacia/Citroen/DS, Michael Todd, and his colleague Corbin also took part in the Edinburgh Kiltwalk and raised over £800.

In September, our annual Paws by the Prom open day was a fantastic success, attracting 1,700 visitors to the site. As always, it was a huge highlight of the year as we welcomed supporters old and new as well as lots of furry ex-residents. The Corporate Golf Day took place again in August raising more than £3,000, while November saw the launch of the Home's first ever St Andrew's Day Ceilidh, where around 150 people danced the night away and raised £3,500. November also saw the return of the Home's Christmas Extravaganza, which raised £2,793.

The year ended well with a successful Christmas Appeal. The campaign focused on Bella the dog and Bunty the cat, who were both brought to the Home heavily pregnant in 2018. Taking place over eight weeks, the appeal raised £34,000, including donations from 11 corporate supporters who, between them, raised more than £2,500.

## Funding



## Partnerships



## Events





# Jake's journal

**When Jake was just five months old, his owners found they could no longer care for him. He was brought to Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home in July and handed over to the staff, who took him to his new cosy kennel and helped him settle in.**

Kennel Manager, Wendy Mullen, saw potential in Jake and got in touch with one of the Dog Specialists within Police Scotland. After only nine days in our care, Jake was picked up by his new family. But this time, it wasn't your typical 'family'...



## Meeting my new humans

I was really scared when I first arrived at Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home. I wasn't sure why I was here, and the building was much bigger than anywhere I had been before. I felt much better when I got a warm welcome from the lovely people who work at the Home.

They took me into a big kennel with lots of squeaky toys and a big, soft bed. "I could get used to this," I thought!

Then, when Wendy told me that the Police were coming to see me, I thought, "Oh no! What have I done?"

It turned out it was the Police Dog Section. I was a bit scared when a big man in a black uniform appeared, but it turned out he wasn't scary at all! His name was Brian and he was a so friendly, he even got down on the floor and gave me a cuddle. I was so excited I did a little wee on his boots to show him that I was friendly, too.

He then started playing my favourite game, chase the tennis ball. It was great fun! He'd throw the ball, then I'd chase it and take it back to him and he'd throw it again. I could have played all day.

Brian then told Wendy he really liked me and that I had real potential. I didn't know what that was, but I was glad I had it. Brian said that I was going to start training to become an official Police Dog. I couldn't believe it! I really liked the idea of being called PD Jake.



## Saying goodbye to my friends at the Home

The next day, Brian came back to pick me up and, after I said goodbye to all the staff, he put me in a nice new Police van with a comfy blanket and lovely air conditioning. Brian asked if I wanted to drive but I told him I was still a bit young!



## My new adventure begins...

After a nice drive, we stopped off in a sunny place called Kinross for a wee break and some more playtime. I borrowed Brian's sun hat to keep me cool!

I then met another friendly human called Sergeant Fairbairn from the Dundee Dog Section, who seemed really pleased to meet me. I gave him a big hello and he took me for a walk and play. My first road trip was turning out to be super fun!

Soon it was time to head to my new home, so I jumped into Sergeant Fairbairn's Police Van and we headed north to Dundee.

And so, my adventure began.

**Best woofs,  
Jake**



**As we said goodbye to 2018, Jake began his training with Brian and quickly settled into life as a trainee police dog. Watch out for more updates from Jake on the Home's website and social media channels during 2019.**

# Retail update

**Implementing Gift Aid in both charity shops, in-store events, and launching an annual Car Boot Sale — 2018 was a busy year for Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home's Retail team.**

In April, the Home benefitted from the launch of a new electronic point of sale system, which enabled Gift Aid to be claimed on transactions in the Morningside and Stockbridge charity shops. This allows the Home to reclaim 25p in every pound from the sale of eligible donations made in our charity shops.



After opening in May 2017, the Stockbridge charity shop has been extremely successful, with sales raising by 44% in the year 2018. The shop also hosted various corporate volunteers and events, including a Shop Hijack, where four corporate employees helped sort donations, hand out leaflets for the Paws by the Prom open day, worked the till, provided customer service, and spread awareness about the Home.

The Home's Morningside shop continued to perform strongly in 2018. The shop also hosted its first coffee and cake morning and a strawberries and cream event.

July saw the launch of the Home's first ever Car Boot Sale, which generated a total income of £1,400. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, which led to two events confirmed in May and July 2019.

In 2019, the Retail team aims to increase income by developing online channels in order to sell high-value items, upgrade the Stockbridge shop to utilise space, expand the line of dog and cat accessories and create new products to sell.







# This Morning's shining stars

In September 2018, Remus and Layla found fame on STV's *This Morning* with Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby.

Little did they know that their future families would be watching the show and waiting to be connected with their perfect match. Not long after the segment aired, Remus went to live with a family in Ayrshire and was renamed Rufus, and Layla, who now goes by the name of Nala, went on to live happily in Fife.



Remus waiting for his 15 minutes of fame



The Home's staff proudly watching from Edinburgh



Layla on set



## Love struck!

Our staff were thrilled to welcome Edinburgh-born comedian and voice of TV show *Love Island*, Iain Stirling.

Iain visited the Home in 2018 to appear in videos promoting our services and mission to rescue, reunite and rehome lost, stray and abandoned dogs and cats from across Edinburgh and the Lothians. Iain and his family have close connection with the Home, as they rehomed their beloved pup from us many years ago.

## Celeb support

Throughout 2018, we worked with our partners at Heehaw on some promotional videos for the Home, featuring the famous Gobi the dog and her 'sister' Lara the cat, whose dad is ultra-marathon runner and our Animal Champion Dion Leonard.

We also managed to secure celebrity support for the films in the form of voiceover work from actress Laura Main (*Call the Midwife*) and comedian Karen Dunbar (*Chevin' the Fat*).



## Against the odds

Brought in as a stray in November 2018, Professor Pounce went through the normal process when an animal comes to the Home, including being checked for a microchip.

When he was scanned, it turned out that Professor Pounce not only had a family, but they had been desperately searching for him for more than a year. After staying with us for a couple of days, Professor Pounce was collected by his grateful family who were over-the-moon to be reunited with their fur baby.







Luna



Zak



Chico



Theo



Sherry



Freda



Buster



Syrus

# Animals we have rehomed

These are just a small snapshot of the animals we rehomed in 2018.



# Engaging with education

In January 2018, the Home hired its first Education Officer to help launch a new Educational Outreach Programme to schools and organisations across Edinburgh and the Lothians.

The aim was to develop a range of fun, informative, and age-appropriate workshops, covering topics such as enrichment for animals, appropriate feeding for dogs and cats and safety around dogs. The role was made possible by a grant awarded to the Home by The Kennel Club Educational Trust, and supported by a further grant from RS Macdonald Charitable Trust.

With a blank canvas in front of me, I was delighted — and perhaps slightly daunted — to join Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home in January, faced with the task of developing an education programme for the Home. It was an extremely exciting prospect. The Home has a rich history of rescuing, reuniting and rehoming the region's lost, stray and abandoned dogs and cats and, as a result, the staff have an abundance of experience and expertise. I was given the opportunity to take this information, turn it into a programme and offer it back to the community — the same community who have supported us for many years.

I began my year researching the Home's history, exploring case studies, shadowing the education programmes of other animal welfare organisations, and absorbing as much information about dogs and cats as possible. I distilled this information down into various themes — from appropriate feeding of pets, to enrichment, to safety and handling — all carrying central messages of animal sentience and responsible pet ownership.

I designed fun and informative presentations suitable for a range of age groups, ensuring the school workshops met the Curriculum for Excellence, as well as met the Home's strategic objectives and our newly established education strategy. I began trialling the workshops with a range of age groups, collecting feedback and making amendments as necessary. Finally, towards the end of the year and with much excitement, we launched Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home's new Educational Outreach Programme.

Initial feedback has been extremely positive and demand has been high. I'm beyond excited to see the programme continue to develop in to the future, as we expand our offering to more schools, groups, organisations, clubs and workplaces, sharing messages that I have no doubt will have long lasting benefits to the dogs and cats of Edinburgh, both today and in the future.

**Daniel Tipping,**  
Education Officer



To arrange a free workshop for your school or community group, or for more information, contact our team at [education@edch.org.uk](mailto:education@edch.org.uk).  
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Check out our website for educational blogs and video.





# Sasha & Athena

**Sasha, one of the Home's most loved long-term residents, got her second chance at life in 2018 when she scored a forever home alongside her new little sister, Athena.**



Sasha was brought in to Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home on a cold winter's morning at the start of 2017, after she was found wandering the streets alone. The team welcomed the Dutch Shepherd cross, who they believed to be about seven years old, in from the cold and got to work warming her up. Everyone was immediately besotted with Sasha and her loving, friendly attitude. When it was clear nobody was coming to claim her, work started on finding her a new family. However days turned into months, and the months slowly turned into a year.

The staff worked tirelessly with Sasha, keeping her entertained in the paddocks or having a cuddle in her kennel. One of the Home's Animal Champions, Christine Grahame MSP, visited and fell head over heels. She wanted to help find her a home – so when the opportunity arose to speak to BBC News about an animal welfare campaign, Sasha was front and centre. Of course, she stole the limelight – by stealing the microphone! Messages of love came flooding in to the Home, but there was still no sign of a forever family on the horizon.

Meanwhile, in April 2018, a young Malinois puppy was handed in to the Home when her owner moved house and no longer had the facilities to keep her.

Athena may have been a lot younger than Sasha, but the staff recognised the same energy, drive and potential to be an incredible pet.

As luck would have it, a couple with amazing experience in training dogs like Athena and Sasha came to visit. Less than a month later, they had taken both these wonderful girls home! After an incredible 530 days in our care, Sasha had finally found her forever family, while Athena had been offered the start in life she so deserved.



Sasha with Christine Grahame MSP

# Volunteer update

**Alison Stirling began volunteering with the Home in 2018 after the Fundraising team met her at a fundraising event. Since then, Alison has become an invaluable volunteer, often working at community stalls, events and bag packs.**



## How does volunteering at the Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home make you feel?

Great, because you are helping to keep one of the oldest animal welfare organisations in Scotland open and allowing them to continue their great work. It's very exciting as there are many different types of events that you can help with. There really is something for everyone.

## Why do you enjoy volunteering with the team at the Home?

They are lovely and committed people, their enthusiasm is contagious, and they are so appreciative. There is a great camaraderie among volunteers as we are all supporting a shared interest. You are made to feel part of the team and know you are helping the cause even if it is in some small way.


## Why would you encourage other people to volunteer?

It's important to remember that the Home rely on funding to stay open, as they are not government funded, so it is good to know that you're helping them keep their doors open. They also hold social events, which allow you to meet other people who also want to help. You also get to meet people from all walks of life and (sometimes) their dogs — bliss!

Find out how you volunteer with us at [edch.org.uk/volunteering](http://edch.org.uk/volunteering)



# We've been busy in 2018...

-  **Lynne Aitchison was awarded Inspiring Volunteer of the Year through Volunteer Edinburgh for her long service to the Home for 10 years.**
-  **The Home held its first ever Volunteer Award Ceremony as part of Volunteer Week 2018.**
-  **Volunteer numbers grew by more than 30% in one year and we have worked with third sector partners, such as Project Scotland, to support individuals into work through volunteering.**
-  **We partnered with Edinburgh University Royal (Dick) Vet School to develop our new Kennel Volunteering programme.**



# Operations update

**At the end of February, the boarding and rehoming cattery was re-opened following a £90,000 refurbishment made possible by the support from the local community.**



The works were carried out to bring the Home to the standards set out in the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes minimum welfare and operational standards assessment. Specifically, the cat pens were coated in a resin compound, which can be easily cleaned and disinfected, replacing the painted concrete surfaces

that were there previously. The pen fronts, which were made of welded wire mesh, were replaced with glass to provide better infection control and limit the spread of diseases such as cat flu. The overall number of pens in the rehoming cattery was reduced by four to increase the size of each pen and giving the cats more room as well as a separate toileting area segregated from their feeding and sleeping area.

In November, the Home took part in a Health and Wellbeing survey, which asked staff a series of questions regarding their feelings towards their job and whether they feel supported in their role.



The results were positive, with the majority of staff commenting that their colleagues, line manager, HR and Senior Management Team understand what impacts on the mental health and wellbeing of employees at work,

and the majority of staff feel well supported by all of the above areas. Overall, 74% of staff responded to the wellbeing survey, 91% of these would recommend Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home as a good place to work and 99% of staff were aware of potential risks in the workplace.

The results impacted the final Employee Health and Wellbeing Strategy and action plan, which provides a framework for the Home to take a proactive and engaging approach to enhancing the health and wellbeing of its staff and volunteers. Focusing on four key components (social, mental, physical and financial), the strategy will continue in 2019 with the launch of a new wellbeing lounge, key wellbeing events and campaigns throughout the year to bring attention to self-care strategies.

## 2019 events



### Dog Jog, Edinburgh

**When:** Sunday 28 July

**Where:** Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home



### Charity Car Boot Sale

**When:** Sunday 28 July

**Where:** Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home



### Paws by the Prom open day

**When:** Sunday 1 September

**Where:** Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home



### Pedal for Scotland

**When:** Sunday 8 September

**Where:** Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home



### Edinburgh Kiltwalk

**When:** Sunday 15 September

**Where:** Edinburgh



### Christmas Market

**When:** Sunday 24 November

**Where:** Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home



### St Andrew's Ceilidh

**When:** Friday 29 November

**Where:** Lauriston Hall



### Friends of Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home Christmas Fayre

**When:** Saturday 7 December

**Where:** Portobello Town Hall

Find out more at [edch.org.uk/events](http://edch.org.uk/events)

# Teaching dogs new tricks

**Joining the team in 2005, Vicky Fyfe started off as a Kennel Assistant and, over the years, went from running a kennel block on her own to becoming a full-time Dog Trainer.**

### Tell us about your time working for the Home over the last 12 years?

Where do I even start? It has been great fun! Being able to meet all the different people that come in and matching them with different dogs was always a great part of my job that I really enjoyed. I started in Boarding and was there for about six years, but I also helped look after the strays when it was busy. I then took over kennel three in 2011, and I was there until I went off on maternity leave. It's enjoyable working here, it doesn't even feel like a job!

### What does your role involve now? What does a typical day look like for you?

My current role is completely different to what I started off doing. As Dog Trainer, I'm still taking care of the dogs in the morning when I come in, but the rest of my day is now full of training and assessments. On one day I could be doing a minimum of 10 evaluations on new dogs that have come in, but other days it could be just four dogs that need to be assessed. I spend most of my time training the dogs directly, however, I also help the other staff on their training plans so they can work with the dogs in their kennels. Sometimes staff might not have done muzzle training before, or worked with reactive dogs, so hopefully they're learning as well.

### What do you love most about your role and working for the Home?

Seeing a change in the dogs, from when they come in to how they have developed when they get rehomed. One of the dogs that I am currently working with was reactive when they saw other dogs, but after a dedicated training plan, you can see a real difference in their temperament and overall behaviour. When we walked this dog along the prom, he would start barking at other dogs, whereas now, we've helped them to understand that other dogs aren't a threat. I didn't have much time to help the dogs in that way before because I was managing a kennel block and always away at the vet or with customers. Now I can dedicate my time to helping the ones who haven't had much training and who might need it before rehoming, which is great. I'm currently studying for a Canine Aggression Diploma, which I hope will allow me to continue developing in my role.

### What is your favourite memory from working at the Home?

Meeting Supervet, Dr Noel Fitzpatrick — he was amazing! We went to Newcastle in 2017, with a three-legged American Bulldog cross called Sasha. It took a while to find her a home, so we appealed for her to go on a TV show he was making. We talked all about Sasha's health complications (she previously had cancer and we had to take her leg off) and how she was a little bit naughty, hence why it was taking some time to find a new home. As it turns out, her new owners were watching the show. Sadly, Sasha only lived with her new family for a year, but at least it was a year full of happiness for her.





# Favourite moments from 2018



**Kirsten and Tasha**  
(Kennel staff)

The best bit had to be when Layla and Remus went on *This Morning*, which resulted in them finding homes. Another highlight was when Sasha found a home!

A stray cat was brought in, and when we checked the microchip we found his name was Professor Pounce and that his owner had lost him a year ago. She had already gotten another cat but brought Professor Pounce home anyway and he, and the new cats, are getting on well.



**Monica**  
(Receptionist)



**Lucy**  
(Kennel Assistant)

My highlight was adopting Lulu! She is doing really well and we've made a start on her training. It also turns out that Lulu really loves the water!

I loved working on our Bungee Jump event last year. A lot of great people took part and it was fun seeing everyone challenge themselves to raise money for the Home. There were a few screams along the way, but a lot of laughter and memories made.



**Kelly**  
(Community Fundraiser)

I adopted my dog Lugh who is a Staffie cross. I fostered him to begin with but ended up keeping him! He's getting on well with my other, he is a sweet boy.  
Another highlight was Molly finding her home. She was quite an old Collie cross but, after receiving veterinary treatment at Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home for around 10 months, she moved on to her new home.



**Megan**  
(Kennel Assistant)

It's hard to pick just one highlight from 2018. It was great working on all the events, from Paws by the Prom, to St Andrews Day Ceilidh, but my favourite fundraising event was probably in the Dog House, which I manage. It's always fun seeing local business people and influencers from across Edinburgh compete against one another to raise funds for the Home. I can't wait for it to come back in 2019... hopefully even bigger and better.



**Calum**  
(Partnerships Fundraiser)



**Nonnie**  
(Rehoming Operations Officer)

I really enjoyed our open day. It was such a successful day and it was great to see all the visitors coming to support the work that we do. I was based at the rehoming information area, and it was fantastic to speak to all the people who were interested in our animals looking for new homes.



**Martina**  
(Former Shop Coordinator)

Adopting Blue from Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home in 2018 was the best decision I ever made! We fell in love with him instantly, he is such a gentle soul and it didn't take long for him to feel at home and become part of our family. He is so sweet and one of the most affectionate dogs I've ever met.

I really enjoyed all the events last year. I took part in the Dundee Kiltwalk in support of the Home, which was a fantastic day out, even if I was exhausted and a bit wet by the end! Paws by the Prom was a great success and I got to organise the cat competition and see lots of pictures of everyone's beautiful fur babies. I also got a group of friends together to attend the St. Andrews Day Ceilidh and everyone had a wonderful night. I can't wait to see the event calendar for next year!



**Jessica**  
(Senior Finance Officer)



# Financial Summary

Income	2018	2017
	£	£
Dividend income and tax recoverable	161,398	189,298
Income from deposits	310	135
Boarding fees, rehoming fees, accessory sales	232,038	205,566
Receipts from local authorities	3,899	5,082
Subscriptions and donations	454,086	384,536
Legacies	553,765	541,780
Gain on the sale of fixed assets	-	888
Gain on the sale of investments	25,487	-
	<b>1,430,983</b>	<b>1,327,285</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Direct charitable expenditure	1,211,031	1,225,221
Depreciation on fixed assets	109,576	69,284
Cost of generating funds	579,507	273,670
Management and administration	108,074	119,290
Loss on the sale of investments	-	21,963
Loss on the sale of fixed assets	2,075	-
	2,010,263	1,709,428
<b>Net surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>	<b>(579,280)</b>	<b>(382,143)</b>

**During the 12-month period to 31 December 2018, the Home reported a deficit of £579,280 prior to unrealised losses on investments (£1,052,321 deficit including the unrealised loss on investments).**

The reported loss is in line with what was authorised by the Trustees, and represents the investments being made across the Home as part of the planned strategic development.

Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home is honoured to continue to receive generous donations in the form of gifts in Wills and is extremely grateful to everyone who chose to leave a gift to the Home.

This summary has been extracted from the full accounts, which were approved by The Committee of Management on 24 May 2019 and signed on its behalf by Doreen Graham, Interim Chair. They do not constitute the charity's statutory accounts. The full accounts have been audited and the auditor's opinion was unqualified. Copies of the audited accounts are available by writing to Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home.





## Board of Trustees

**David Blaikie** (Chair) – retired August 2018

**Doreen Graham** (Vice Chair/Interim Chair) – Interim Chair since August 2018 role in August 2018

**Sue Stahly** (Interim Vice Chair) – joined August 2018

**Susan McKenzie** (Treasurer) – joined November 2018

**Ian Muir**

**Robin Morton** – retired April 2018

**Richard Mellanby** – retired August 2018

**Leanne Goold** – joined August 2018

**Catherine Brown** – joined August 2018

**Peter Proud** – joined November 2018

**Murray Stewart** – joined November 2018

**Crawford Geddes** – joined November 2018

**David Welch** – joined November 2018

**Julie MacDonald** – joined February 2019

## Senior Management Team

**Howard Bridges** – Chief Executive

**Lindsay Fyffe-Jardine** – Director of Operations/Deputy to CEO

**Nicola Gunn** – Director of Fundraising and Communications

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