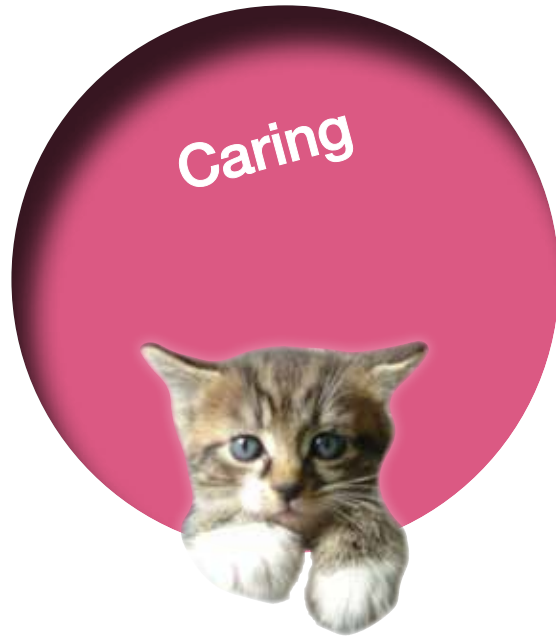




The Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home is Scotland's oldest dog and cat shelter based in Edinburgh. We have been caring for lost, abandoned and unwanted dogs and cats since we were founded in 1883. Our objective is to find new loving homes for every animal in our care, and to promote responsible pet ownership.

PLEASE HELP US TO HELP THE ANIMALS!



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Chairman's report

Funding, competition and the ever increasing cost of animal welfare.

Thank you to David and Rosemary and their staff for their ceaseless hard work in looking after the cats and dogs that find their way into our care. Without their dedication the Home would not maintain its reputation as one of Scotland's most respected animal welfare charities and achieve the high levels of success in re-homing the stray and unwanted cats and dogs. Their work is supported in the background by the unique Friends of the Home. Indeed, to many of our supporters they are the visible face of the Home and their dedication to fund raising through their shop on Portobello High Street, can collections in all weathers and the Christmas Fair is irreplaceable. Thank you all again.

There are an increasing number of animal welfare charities of all sizes in and around Edinburgh and also in the wider context of Scotland. The smaller charities are often driven by passionate individuals who work hard on small budgets to care for individual breeds or small geographical areas. We applaud their efforts. There are also large, national organisations that have considerable marketing and fund raising budgets and are able to advertise fundraising appeals on television. Whilst we all complement each other's activities, we are also in competition for the charitable funding required to finance those activities. The cost of welfare increases year on year – energy costs and vet costs being the most obvious – and we understand that we need to take positive steps to generate funding from sources other than donations and legacies to ensure these rising costs are covered. Careful management of the Home's investment portfolio, income from the dog and cat boarding facilities and the hard work of the Friends of the Home are all crucial elements of our income. However, in the event of a shortfall in legacies for example, we need to develop other, secure funding sources.

To this end the management team, with the Committee's support, have investigated the establishment of new charity shops in other districts of Edinburgh and developed ideas for fundraising events.

A shop on the busy Morningside Road was bought towards the end of last year and refurbished over the winter months. It was opened in February by Maisie of Morningside author, Aileen Paterson, and is already generating good income. An incidental benefit of trading from a busy high street location is that we can display pictures of the dogs and cats that are looking for homes – re-homing has increased as a consequence. I look forward to reporting on the success of the shop next year. It is also hoped that another shop, perhaps in Stockbridge, can be bought and refurbished this year.

The shops and fundraising events require your support to be an ongoing, sustainable success. I ask you all to visit the shops and to buy tickets for the Dinners. I ask you to tell your friends about them and to tell your friends to tell their friends about them. This level of support will ensure that secure funding for the core activities of the Home will be generated for the foreseeable future.



David Blaikie
Chairman



Manager's report

It has been another busy, but interesting, year here at EDCH with what seems like a never ending stream of stray and unwanted dogs and cats arriving at our door.

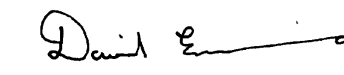
I am pleased to report that the number of animals coming to us is about the same as last year. Not seeing an increase is clearly a good sign. We are also seeing fewer animals coming to us obviously in need of immediate, serious veterinary attention. However, we still have a steady flow of those that require ongoing, and sometimes long-term, treatment before they are ready to be re-homed. For example, those with skin conditions, in particular, can be with us for months while the vets carry out various tests and try different remedies. As long as the animal is otherwise healthy, it is worthwhile to persevere in the knowledge that they will end up in a happy, loving home at the end of the day. The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Medicine provides our vet care and are recognised experts in their field. They have been our vets for as long as I can remember and we work closely with them to make sure every patient is given the best possible care.

We have been extremely fortunate this year as Pedigree offered to provide us with dog food free of charge for a year as part of The Pedigree Feeding Project, which they are running nationwide. This campaign aims to provide rescue dogs with complete, nutritious meals to help them on their journey to become the happy family pets they deserve to be. We are very grateful to Pedigree for this opportunity, which has resulted in a cost saving to us of thousands of pounds.

Staffies, as a breed, still feature largely in our kennels. However, I am delighted at the continuing success rate of finding new homes for them. It further delights me to find how many older people are prepared to commit to this type of dog and they find them, as we know, to be lovely, affectionate little dogs. We will carry on delivering the message "Staffies Are Softer Than You Think" and it is my hope that they will soon become as popular as Greyhounds are today.

Rosemary and I would like to thank our Management Committee for their continued support and trust in allowing us to manage the Home. Their support and guidance is much appreciated. I would also like to pay tribute to our hard working staff, both office and animal care staff, who all do a sterling job and are often faced with difficult circumstances. Working here can be very challenging, but also very rewarding at times. We all work together as a team and have the same aim – to find each and every one of our residents the right home, where they will be loved and cared for. I am, as ever, proud to be part of this great team and, with your continued support, we will continue to strive to make a difference for all of our animals.

Thank you



David Ewing
Manager



One hundred and thirty years later we continue to care for lost, abandoned and unwanted dogs, cats, puppies and kittens.



Our work

In 1883, a passionate group of men and women changed the fate of Edinburgh's lost, abandoned and unwanted dogs, cats, puppies and kittens. They founded the Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home and one hundred and thirty years later their vision lives on. Edinburgh's animals are still cared for at the Home as well as those from East and West Lothian. The passion and dedication of the men and women caring for them today is as undiminished as those who made it happen all those years ago.

Many animals arriving at the Home are frightened and some are in need of veterinary treatment. After being reassured by a member of staff, we protect the animals already in our care by treating new arrivals for fleas and worms and vaccinating them against canine and feline diseases. The high standard of veterinary care is delivered by Edinburgh University's Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies.

Caring

The EDCH team take care of each animal's day to day needs in modern, purpose-built kennels and catteries. They help their charges to settle in, paying particular attention to each animal's health and comfort. This is the start of developing the special bond between the carer and the animal as assessing an animal's likes, dislikes and fears is essential to preparing them for their new home.

rehomeing

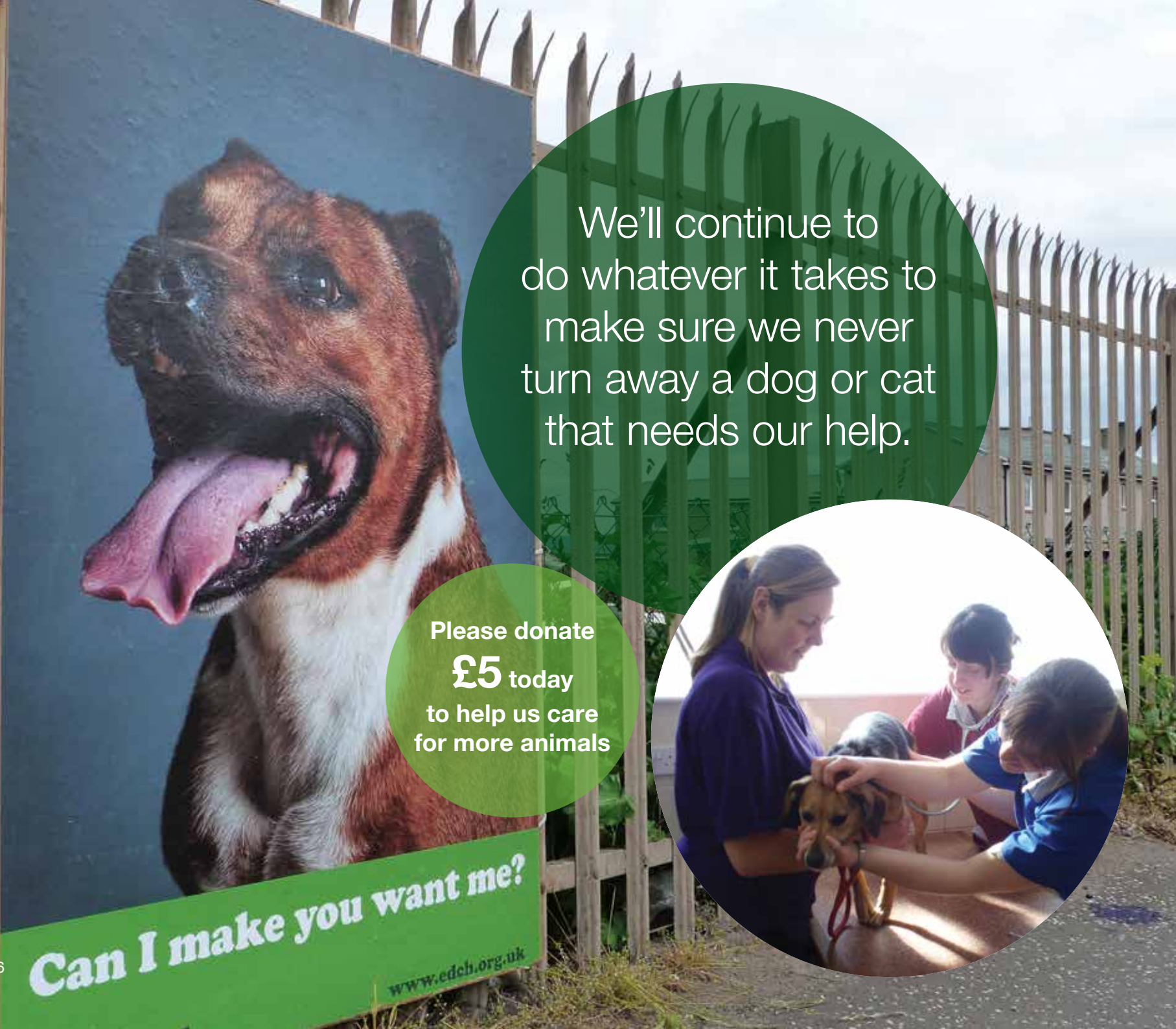
The hard work and dedication of each member of the team is well rewarded when the animals in their care leave with their new family. Animals rehomed by EDCH leave vet-checked, microchipped, vaccinated and neutered.

Micro-chipping

A microchip can enable a lost animal to be reunited with its owner; sometimes within hours. All animals rehomed by EDCH leave with a microchip and in April 2013, the Home launched a new initiative of free microchipping to everyone claiming their stray dog and to other dog owners who make an appointment at the Home.

Boarding

The high standard of boarding facilities at the Home makes them a popular choice for pet owners and many former residents regularly return for their holidays. Units are well-equipped with under-floor heating in the kennels and warm-air heating in the cattery. The boarding facilities help to support the work of the Home in caring for stray and unwanted dogs and cats.



We'll continue to do whatever it takes to make sure we never turn away a dog or cat that needs our help.

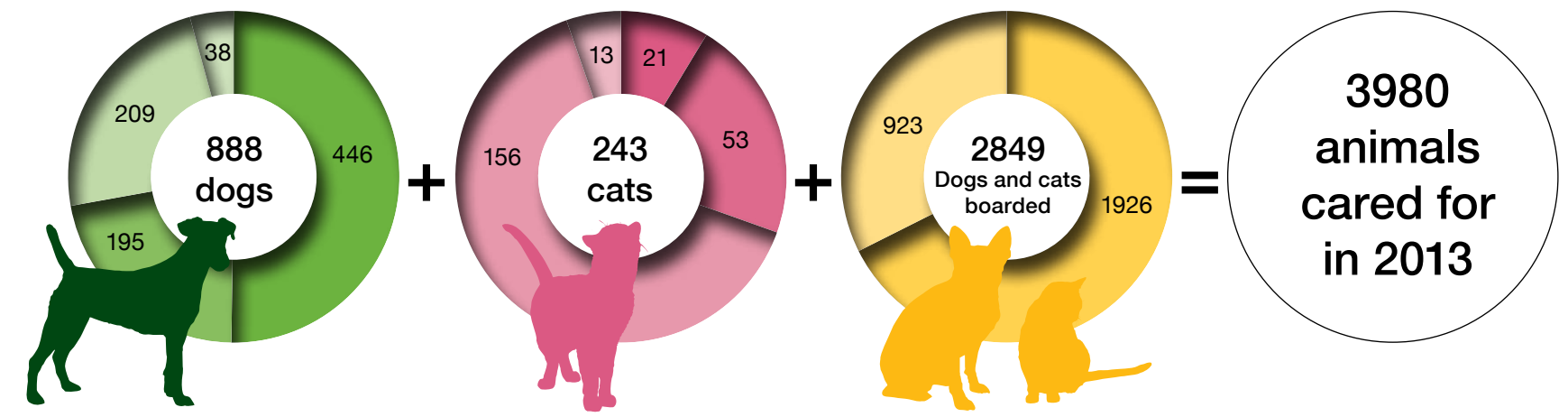
Please donate **£5** today to help us care for more animals

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2013 at a glance

We aim to never turn away a dog or cat needing help. However, the last few years have been challenging as the economic downturn resulted in many animals arriving at the Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home with serious health problems. The Home has a no-destruction policy. This means that no animal will be destroyed unless it has an incurable illness, is suffering from the effects of extreme old age or has a serious behavioural issue. Many animals arriving during this time were beyond treatment.

However, last year saw fewer animals arriving in need of urgent vet care. We are cautiously optimistic that this tragic trend has come to an end. During the year, we cared for 3980 animals and of these 888 were stray or unwanted dogs and 243 were stray or unwanted cats. Our work to reunite animals with their owners or to find them new homes was rewarded with 850 dogs and 230 cats leaving our care.



- 446 stray dogs claimed by owners
- 195 stray dogs re-homed
- 209 unwanted dogs re-homed
- 38 dogs humanely destroyed

- 21 stray cats claimed by owners
- 53 stray cats re-homed
- 156 unwanted cats re-homed
- 13 cats humanely destroyed

- 1926 dogs
- 923 Cats

3980
animals
cared for
in 2013

Rehoming

We want every animal to have the best possible start to a new life. The dogs, cats, puppies and kittens coming into our care are all individuals and as well as caring for them, our staff need to get to know every animal in order to find the right home for them.

Each member of staff is highly trained with the experience, dedication and patience needed to bond with each animal. They find out their fears, their likes and their dislikes before working with them to overcome any issues.

Animals going off to their new homes leave us vet-checked, micro chipped, vaccinated and neutered. If an animal is too young to be neutered or is recovering from a health problem we provide owners with a contribution towards the costs later on.

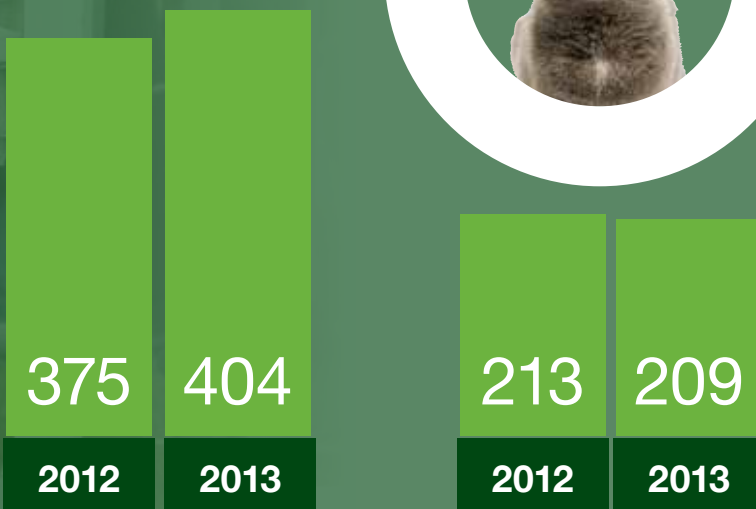
If you can offer one of our residents a new home please contact us on 0131 669 5331

The best word any member of staff can write on a record card is "Rehomed"

DOGS REHOMED



CATS REHOMED



Campaign - Can I make you want me?

Launched in May, 'Can I make you want me?' focussed on the plight of the forgotten pets that had spent a long period of time at the Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home.



Can I make you want me?



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The campaign featured a stunning photographic exhibition of the work of Edinburgh photographer Janeanne Gilchrist and it was opened by Edinburgh Radio Forth One broadcaster, Grant Stott.

The animals featured were considered to be the 'least likely to be adopted' and Janeanne's unique approach created powerful and compelling images.

Shot as a homage to "old masters" and the aesthetic of fashion shoots, these stunning photographs were laden with visual drama. The fifteen images, some over a metre high, explored the intimate relationships between humans, dogs and cats.

EDCH General Manager David Ewing believes that Janeanne Gilchrist's strikingly intimate portraits of these animals really captured their differing personalities and complex emotions. The campaign was successful and new homes were found for the featured dogs and cats.

Some of our special 'guests'

At the Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home, every animal coming into our care is special and with the right treatment, training and time, we turn lives around. Whether an animal has been with us for a few weeks or many months, it is a wonderful feeling to say goodbye to them as they leave with their new family. Here are some of their stories:



Soldier

Soldier made the local headlines on Remembrance Sunday 2013 when he was the only one of five puppies who survived an awful ordeal. The pups had been left in a cardboard box in a lane beside EDCH. Unfortunately, by the time our staff found them, four of the pups had died and little Soldier was found quivering behind some foliage. With lots of TLC, he rallied and became a lovely young dog. The press coverage resulted in the Home being bombarded with offers of a new home, but one offer stood out and Soldier is now a very happy member of the McHardy family.



Basil

Basil is a friendly cat who arrived with an existing skin condition. Skin conditions can be difficult to treat as vets have to first find out what is causing the problem before they can treat it successfully. Basil spent one and a half years with us before he was well enough to go off to his new home. He is now living a stress-free life and enjoying being the centre of attention.



Rhona

Rhona had been with us since 2006 which made her by far our longest resident. She is a lovely big girl but, because of her size, people always passed her by. Rhona was a favourite with all the staff but was nervous in new situations. However, when she got to know someone, she was affectionate and devoted. During September, Evelyn Thomson visited with her son John and they fell in love with Rhona. Despite her many years in a kennel environment, she quickly settled in to her new home and very soon her confidence grew. She is now a very contented and happy girl.



Mindy

Mindy was pregnant when she arrived at EDCH and she soon gave birth to six kittens. She is a friendly girl who is loving and affectionate. Mindy was a good mother and all her kittens were found good homes. However, before we could find a home for her, she was neutered and needed treatment for a skin condition. It took over six months of intensive treatment before she was well enough to be re-homed. Mindy's new owner makes a fuss of her and gives her lots of attention.

Making a positive difference

Microchipping makes a positive difference to the welfare of dogs and the Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home welcomed the Westminster Government's decision that all dogs in England will need to be microchipped by April 2016. In a bid to encourage dog owners in Scotland to microchip their dogs voluntarily, the EDCH is now offering free microchipping.

The service is being offered to everyone claiming their stray dog and to other dog owners who make an appointment at the Home.

A microchip is a permanent form of identification and is the size of a grain of rice. A hollow needle is used to implant the 'chip' under the loose skin on the back of a dog's neck, which makes the procedure similar to a person having their ears pierced.

Last year, the Home cared for over eight hundred dogs, with less than half of the stray animals arriving without a collar disk or microchip.

One of the first things our kennel staff does when a stray dog arrives is to scan the animal to see if it is 'chipped'. If it is, the scanner registers a number and when this is fed into the UK-wide database, the owner's details are made available. This makes it possible to reunite a stray dog with its owners within hours, which can avoid days of worry and sleepless nights. The only time the system fails, is when an owner has moved house and not updated the microchip details.



In July 2013, a friend of Jake McGuire's told him he had seen a photograph of a staffie on our website that had been found by police in Tranent. He thought it was Jake's six year old dog Zeus, who had gone missing from his Dalkeith home in April 2013. Jake was very upset at losing his dog, but never gave up looking for him. He contacted us and both man and dog were delighted to be reunited. No one knows where Zeus had been for three months, but Jake was excited to tell his daughter that her beloved pet was home. Zeus left the EDCH with a microchip, which is irrefutable proof of ownership.

Fundraising and Events

Last year, the running costs of the Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home were £913,751. The Home is grateful to the many individuals and businesses that arrange or take part in fundraising events. We value your support and hope you had fun!



Open Day and Fun Dog Walk

On 1 September, the four mile sponsored Fun Dog Walk saw dogs and their owners enjoying their afternoon jaunt along the promenade to Joppa and back. Some of our current canine residents also took part when dog lovers offered to walk them as well. For smaller and older dogs (and their owners), there was a Mini Dog Walk around the paddock and a brilliant agility display by Midlothian Dog Training Club. Doggy competitions, face-painting, bouncy castle, penalty shoot-outs, tombola and other various stalls and food outlets made for a great fun day out for all the family.



Brodies Champions of Tennis at Craiglockhart

In June, we were one of four lucky local charities to benefit from this prestigious event. We each had a day to fund-raise and promote our charity, as well as trying to spot the tennis celebs taking part! Our dogs Brodie and Ruby had great fun chasing tennis balls at the photoshoot to promote the event!

St Andrews Dinner

In November, we hosted our first formal black tie fund-raising event! Held in Edinburgh Castle with wonderful views over the city, guests were treated to a wonderful Scottish menu, plenty of wine and good company with wonderful live harp music in the background to add to the atmosphere.

Pets at Home

EDCH is indebted to the staff of all three Pets at Home stores in Edinburgh and also their store in Galashiels for choosing to support us this year and for holding in-store fund-raising events. Their corporate charitable arm, Support Adoption for Pets, also provided us with donations raised from Facebook promotions and from their loyalty card scheme. The company has donated a very impressive and welcome sum of over £10,000 to us this year – making a huge difference to the lives of our dogs and cats

Sainsbury's, Meadowbank

Sainsbury's Meadowbank store chose us as their 'Charity of the Year' and raised over £7,000 by holding bag packing sessions and other fund-raisers, as well as providing staff and refreshments for our dog walk and other events. Thank you so much for your help - we love you all!



JFK Hairdressing

JFK Hairdressing are huge supporters of ours and we love all their creative and inspired ideas. Their two hair salons are very dog friendly and this year they held the first ever 'Edinburgh's Top Dog Model' competition, which we helped to judge – great fun! They offer free fringe cuts for all customers, only asking them to put a donation into our charity box. As well as this, they hold regular events to help us. They are all such lovely people – check out their Facebook page now!

Amazon

Amazon donated £500 to us to buy Kongs and other robust toys so that each of our dogs has its own special toy to keep them happy and contented and to stop them becoming bored in between walks.

Edinburgh Playhouse

Edinburgh Playhouse raised over £900 in collecting buckets during performances of 'Cats'!

Amy and Ellis

These two young ladies held a bake sale in aid of our funds and raised a fab £95! Yum!

Xmas Dinner Appeal

We never cease to be amazed at the generosity of all our supporters at this time of year. Our four-legged friends all had a special dinner, a treat and their own toy on Christmas Day. We are indebted to the many supermarkets, vet practices, companies and individuals who donated to us. The staff and customers of Citidogs Creche collected loads of goodies for us, as did our very good friends at Christine's Dog Grooming Parlour, Holly's Hugs and many, many more very generous individuals and companies. A big THANK YOU to every one of you!

VARIOUS

Thanks to everyone who took part in sponsored events like the Half Marathon, the 5k run, the dog walk and Charity Animal Tennis (thanks, Mike!!)

Friends of The EDCH

Again huge thanks are due to our Friends group, who excelled themselves yet again this year by raising a fantastic £54,000 for us! Is there no stopping this wonderful dynamic group?

Heroes of recycling, they run our charity shop in Portobello and shake collecting cans in any supermarket they can. They are always looking for new members so, if you are looking for something worthwhile to do and would like to join their friendly team, just get in touch!

How you can help

You can help the Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home in many ways. As well as fundraising events, you can help us by:



Making a donation and, if you pay income tax, sign a Gift Aid form and the Home can claim the income tax you paid to HMRC. We do the paperwork and it is without any cost to you.



Like many animal lovers, you may want to remember the Home in your Will. No matter the amount, we are always grateful to be remembered in this special way. To find out how to make a lasting and positive contribution to our funds, ask your solicitor or contact us in confidence for more details.



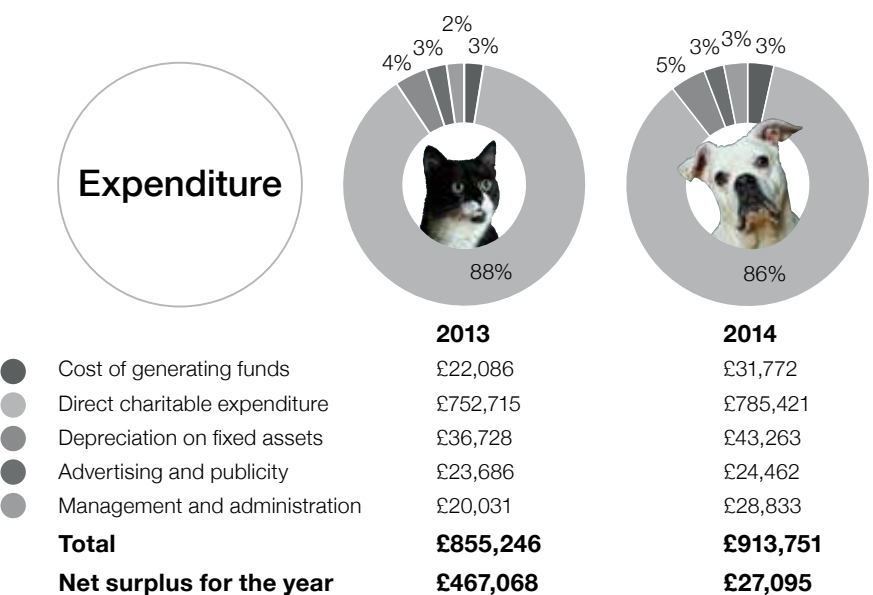
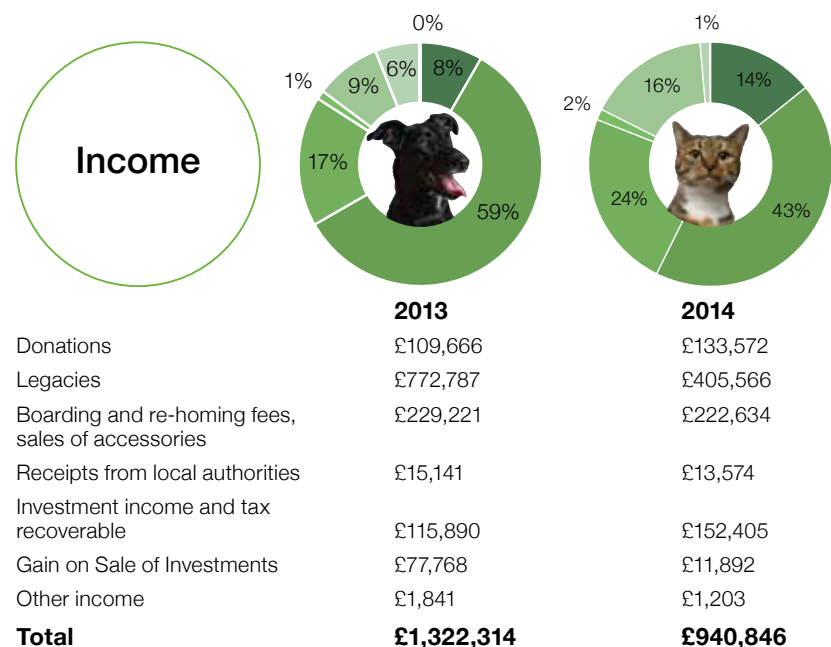
Sponsoring a kennel or cat pen or making a gift of sponsorship from as little as £3.75 per month.



Giving up your spare time to help us at fund-raising events, at one of our charity shops, in our kennels or catteries or with gardening and maintenance tasks.

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Financial summary



Legacies

We are extremely grateful for the following legacies received during the year:

Mrs Margaret Easton Blyth	£76,335
Mrs Agnes Ponton Buchan	25,000
Mrs Evelyn Campbell	11,242
Mr Peter Chisholm	1,500
Mrs Isabella Dominik (further payment)	82
Mrs Agnes H Douglas	3,260
Mrs Janet Dunsire	1,000
Mrs Irene Falconer (further payment)	150
Miss Jessie Henderson	841
Mr Kenneth John Hogg	1,000
Mr Ian Alister Johnston (further payment)	140,968
Ms Frances McClean	3,009
Alexander Thomas Keall McColl	8,384
Mrs Jean Irvine Ross	34,538
Mrs Irene Souter	22,100
Miss Hilda Stewart	19,713
Miss Ruth May Elliot Stewart	2,000
Miss Margaret Malcolm Tait	1,000
Mrs Mary Donaldson Telford (further payment)	733
Mrs Sheina Leckie Wardlaw	44,437
Mrs Agnes Easton Wheelan (further payment)	8
Miss Emeline Elisabeth Williams (further payment)	17,906
Ms Pamela Bell - repayment	- 9,640
	405,566

This summary has been extracted from the full accounts, which were approved by The Committee of Management on 30 May 2014 and signed on its behalf by David Blaikie, Chairman. 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 can be obtained by writing to The Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home.

Donations

Donations are important to us as we receive no government or lottery funding. Any donations, large or small are always welcome. Please help us to help the animals!

If you would like to donate by Gift Aid or make regular donations, please complete the forms below.

GIFT AID DECLARATION

Title First Name
Surname
Address
.....
..... Postcode

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made today in the past 4 years in the future

Please tick all boxes you wish to apply.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 28p of tax on every £1 that I gave up to 5 April 2008 and will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2008.

Signature

Date

Please notify the charity or CASC if you:

- Want to cancel this declaration
- Change your name or home address
- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

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If you would like to make regular donations to us by standing order, please complete the form below and return it to us at:

The Edinburgh Dog & Cat Home,
26 Seafield Road East, Edinburgh EH15 1EH

To the Manager Bank

Address of Bank

..... Postcode

Account Name

Account Number

Sort Code

Please pay to the account of
The Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home,
Account Number 21232575,
Sort Code 83-06-08

The sum of £

(In words)

This amount to be paid monthly/annually

Signature Date



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