

## 2006 was just a beginning!

2006 was an exciting year which saw the introduction of the website. Clare and Ally joined the team, we created our own forum, and made connections with Jet Tec for recycling ink cartridges and mobile phones for cash. We also joined Easyfundraising.org.uk which raises money every time you shop online.

Relying on public support for our funds has proved to be a bit of a rollercoaster throughout 2006.

Becoming more established meant an increase in the number of dogs needing our help, and seasonal dips

in donations received meant there were several periods through the year when we had to seriously consider whether we could survive as a rescue.

Special appeals helped boost our funds at those times but we needed to look more realistically at ways to bring in a more reliable income.

This led to the introduction of the Buy a Dog a Day Scheme, where £4 buys a safe kennel space for a dog in need, and can be bought in your name or that of a loved one.

We also introduced RDR fridge magnets and key-rings which are for sale via our Forum, and as we enter 2007 Rochdale Dog Rescue is registered on Ebay as another means to sell items we have been donated or have made., with a Paypal account for easy payment.

We hope that 2007 is our best year yet and sees even more dogs helped to rescue and eventually new homes.

*Thank you for your support!*

## Ally, our Transport Co-ordinator tells her story

I joined RDR after answering a post on The Refuge asking for help. I had always wished I could do more to help the poundies (I don't drive) and this was my chance. After Clare taught me the ropes I took on the challenge of Transport Co-ordinator.

I can't deny the job can be stressful at times but the reward I get from seeing those dogs go off to safety is amazing. How many people do you know that do a job where they can say "today I saved a life"?

People often ask "why do it if you don't get paid?" All I can reply to that is, just look into the eyes of any RDR poundie and there is your answer; how can I turn my back on them and hope that somebody else is there to save them? I believe this is what I was meant to do.

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As for the rest of the RDR team, I couldn't wish for a better group of people than the guys at RDR and that includes the volunteers, who without their generosity and dedication my job would not be possible. I have made some great friends since joining RDR and have many times sat laughing on the phone, and at sad times like when we lost Uncle Arthur sit crying. You are all fantastic and I am proud to be a part of RDR.

## We need a Fundraiser!

Rochdale Dog Rescue is looking for a committed and enthusiastic Fundraising Co-ordinator.

You would ideally have previous experience of devising, planning and organizing fundraising events, with the ability to put ideas into practice and using your own initiative. You must be reliable, trustworthy, have good

communication skills and enjoy dealing with the public.

Whether you have raised money for your local school, scout group or other agency, we want to hear from you.



*Do you have the skills to raise cash?*

We are also looking for fundraising team members to support the Fundraising Co-ordinator and offer practical help for events.

If you are interested, please contact us via the website, or call one of the numbers on the back page.