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On Thursday 7th December 2017 the Hamish Newshounds travelled to Blue Cross animal shelter to deliver donations as Christmas presents for the cute and cuddly animals. For the past couple of weeks Ludlow-Junior-School have been gathering donations such as: Puppy pads, toys, treats, beds.



Whilst the newshounds were at the centre we asked questions and found out lots about how they care for the animals in the shelter.

When animals first arrive at the shelter they are often nervous and can be frightened and aggressive. There is a behaviourist who helps to calm the animals down and help them to fit in. If the animals come in as a pair they go in a cage together. There is a traffic light system for staff and volunteers to warn them which animals to handle. Green for friendly and red for animals that can only be handled by staff.

When animals first get to the centre they get a check up. The check up includes checking the eyes, ears, teeth and heart.

954 animals were helped by the Southampton Blue Cross last year 292 dogs 594 cats and 74 small animals.

Most of the animals are fed twice a day but kittens and puppies are fed 3 or 4 times a day. It costs a lot to take care of the animals at Blue Cross so if you would like to rehome one it costs,

Dog £170

Cat £70

Rabbit £30

Lots of people rehome animals from the Blue Cross so they don't stay at the centre very long, which is good.

