

StreetVet



On the 25th of November the Hamish News Hounds interviewed Jade Statt, the amazing owner of the life changing charity, StreetVet. Jade explained how StreetVet helps homeless owners and their pets and she also gave behind the scenes information and told us some heart- warming stories!

In 2016 Jade was walking out at night when she came across a homeless man with a poorly dog called Brick, she discovered that the Brick had sore itchy skin. She thought to herself that maybe she could help the homeless dog by giving it treatments. So the next time she went out for a walk, she brought with her a medical bag and treated Brick. Jade knew that there would be lots of other homeless people and their pets that she could help, so StreetVet was born.

There are now 17 StreetVets in the country such as Southampton, London and many more! StreetVet helps homeless people and their furry friends by giving them company, support and things that they will need such as leads, collars and toys. Jade told us that they give vaccinations, annual health check ups plus extra treatments that they will need. If a pet requires even more treatment that cannot be provided, StreetVet partners with local vets which are willing to help. StreetVet has approximately 350 vets and vet nurses working towards helping all homeless animals. As well as helping many dogs, StreetVet also helps cats, ferrets, rabbits and geckos. Jade reported that they find the homeless people and their pets by going to places where homeless people meet, soup kitchens and hostels. StreetVet are very busy so they treat an average of 3-5 dogs a day. It is not just vets working for StreetVet they also have nurses, receptionists, media people and volunteers who fundraise.



When we asked Jade if she had a story to tell, she told us about Spy. Spy is a border collie which is a sheep dog. Spy's owner was worried because he thought Spy had cancer. As there was not a StreetVet nearby, Jade travelled to meet Spy. After Jade had examined the dog, she told Spy's owner that he did not have cancer but needed an operation for a hernia. A local vet

gave their facilities for free and Jade and the team successfully removed the hernia which was life threatening. Spy was reunited with his owner not on the streets but in a hostel.

Amazingly, Jade has been a vet for 20 years but now she works part time as she found it difficult to fit Street Vet into her already busy life. As well as caring for dogs and cats Jade has also cared for some scary animals including a peacock and an aggressive swan! Despite helping over 100 dogs a year Jade still has time for her own pooches, Buddy and Innoko.



This outstanding charity supports animals that are owned by the homeless and after all these years of comforting pets StreetVet have managed to perform over 5000 consultations on the streets which cost thousands of pounds a year. StreetVet raises money through grants, sponsorship and donations. This year Ludlow raised over £379 as part of Hamish's 7th

birthday celebrations.

However StreetVet wouldn't have risen to all the challenges without the fantastic Jade who started it all!

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