

It Takes 2 *continued*

Lastly we have **Rey and Fin**, another pair of siblings whose owner passed away. They were just 3 years old but were extremely shy and both had a severe case of ear mites which meant they needed 3 weeks of ears drops twice a day. It was a long road with Rey and Fin but after a month of treatment we had two adorable healthy cats' which obviously relied on each other for comfort and security. Thankfully a lovely lady came along and took to them straight away so they are now living the good life together once more.



Forest Cats

The members of folk rock band **Rocketship Forest** have in common a love of animals and met through their work with the Manchester and Salford branch of the RSPCA. Rick (Northern Quarter Shop manager) Tom (Didsbury shop manager) and Ian (tireless volunteer) now make sweet music together—when their four legged friends let them. Find Rocketship Forest on social media or see them with your own eyes at these forthcoming gigs:
Sunday 1st May - Rebellion Mcr
Tuesday 2nd June - Night & Day Cafe



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The Three Rs Rats, Rabbits & Reptiles



The first quarter of each year is usually our quiet time, but this year has been different. From 1st Jan to 31st March **we have rehomed 113 animals** (that's more than one a day!). This success means we have been able to admit more animals than ever before: a whopping 129. We are very proud of these record figures, especially because we do not own an animal centre and instead rely on foster carers and private boarding facilities to care for and rehome our animals from.

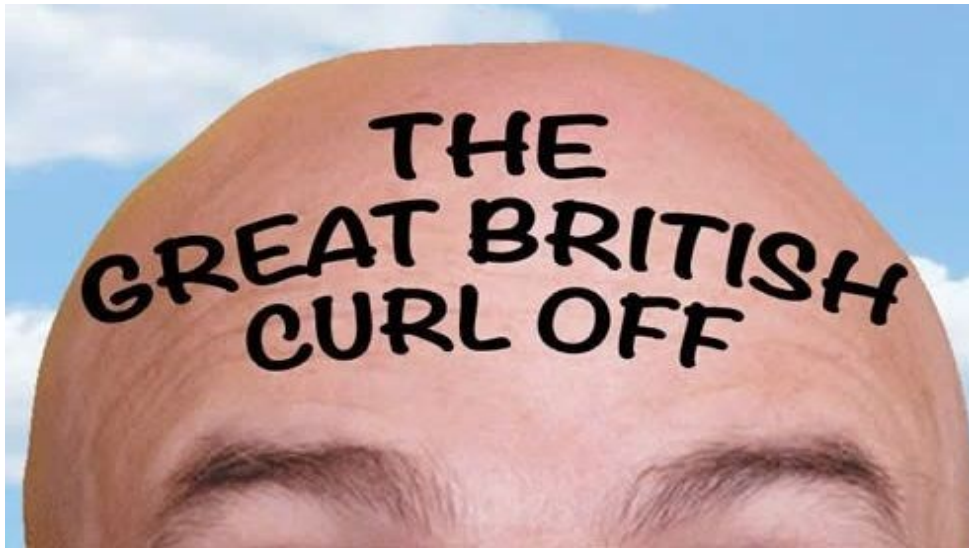


The theme for this first quarter has been rats, rabbits and reptiles. **Rats** because our branch began admitting them for the first time and has had the great joy of caring for and rehoming 13 ratties so far.

Rabbits because the inspectors have been inundated with calls to rescue them from neglectful conditions (one was a home of 70 rabbits!). As a consequence we've been swamped with more bobtails than ever before and currently have 40 rabbits looking for new homes.

Reptiles because our partnership project with the national RSPCA and Pets at Home is officially up and running. You can meet RSPCA rescued reptiles looking for new homes at the Stockport branch of Pets at Home, where we have our own mini adoption centre!





Our latest Hair Raising Fundraiser!

All of our animal care comes at a cost and when you have to raise all the funding yourself this becomes a difficult task at the best of times. We rely heavily on the income from our 4 shops in Urmston, Chorlton, Didsbury and Nother Quarter and always need donations. But another ingenious way in which you can help us raise some funds is **The Great British Curl Off**.

Conceived by our Animal Welfare Supervisor Deborah Beats, we are inviting people to come and have their body hair shaved off to raise money for the animals. We have so many animals that come into us suffering with hair loss due to neglect, stress and flea infestation that we thought we should share the burden too!

So on Saturday 4th June we are hosting the hair-raising event in Chorlton where people can have their heads shaved, legs/back/chest waxed and even their eye brows removed! For more information just drop us an email on: rpscamcr_salford@btconnect.com.

We appreciate that **The Great British Curl Off** is not for everyone so why not hold on to your eyebrows and sponsor Deborah and the branch manager Susie Hughes to have their heads shaved instead of undergoing a drastic makeover yourself? Why not forgo your regular haircut and donate us the money instead? Text **BALD02 £5 to 70070** to donate or visit this link:

http://campaign.justgiving.com/charity/rpscamcr_salford/baldies

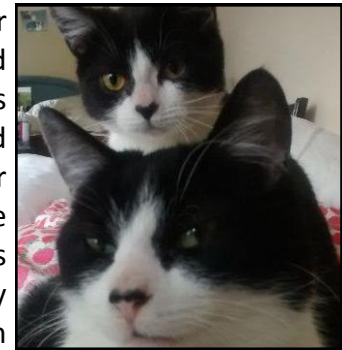
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Cats are naturally solitary animals, but sometimes we get pairs that have such a strong bond we need to find them a home together.

Finding a home for a pair of adult cats can take a long time. People either want just the one cat because 'two make too much mess' or they are looking for a younger pair of kittens. We used to sigh when inspectors told us how much two cats from the same property loved each other, as we knew we were doubling their waiting time for a new home. But, so far, in 2016, we have been blazing ahead with finding homes for our inseparable feline duos.

Here are 3 of the double acts that we just could not bear to separate who have gone on to find forever homes together:

Diamond and Genie were a mother and daughter combo from a property overrun with animals and small children. Both came down with a nasty virus and had to be treated separately at the vets and we thought they might have forgotten each other when they were reunited in foster care, but we could not have been more wrong! The girls instantly got along and have shared a bed every night since. They were rehomed together in February and had completely settled in within one hour!



Brandon and Dane were two 7 year old brothers who came to us after their elderly owner sadly passed away. We almost had to leave Dane behind as when we went to collect them he made himself scarce. Thankfully after Brandon had spent an unhappy week alone in our cattery Dane returned and we were able to reunite the boys. Despite their shy nature and bewilderment at the sudden change in environment the boys sold themselves to a lovely retired couple and left us in March.

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