

ManxSPCA Veterinary Report June 2026

Point of Care – mobile veterinary clinic has provided veterinary services to the ManxSPCA since 2021. In July 2024 we succeeded in a contracted tender and are a primary provider of ManxSPCA veterinary services until June 2027.

As a practice, we are committed to maintaining our excellent working relationship with the Society and building on the strong foundation we have established together. Since January 2024, we have provided at least one weekly visit by a dedicated veterinary team, comprising a veterinary nurse and at least one veterinary surgeon. During these visits, we examine newly admitted animals, carry out health assessments, administer routine vaccinations and microchips, and review existing cases where ongoing care is required.

Once initial health checks have been completed, we perform routine surgical procedures, including neutering of cats, dogs, and rabbits, as well as dental treatments and any additional surgery or diagnostic investigations that may be necessary. Where appropriate, we continue treatment and monitoring through our specialised mobile veterinary clinic based on the Society's premises. Over the past year, our team has carried out 94 visits to the ManxSPCA.

In July 2025/June 2026 we have carried out the following procedures:

Bitch Spays – 10 (12)

Dog Castrates – 15 (10)

Cat Spays – 168 (176)

Cat Castrates – 146 (138)

Dentals – 49 (38)

Rabbit Spays – 3 (7)

Rabbit Castrates – 6 (17)

Other procedures – 31 (15)

Radiographs - 20 (16)

The figures in brackets relate to the period 1st July 2025 until 30th June 2026.

A further detailed procedure list is provided below, at the end of the report.

The number of total cat neutering procedures was the same as the previous year, however the totals of spays vs castrates has changed. Only a third of these were feral cats which is also the same to the previous year.

We have had some interesting cases and performed a front leg amputation on cat, who had been in an accident over a year prior. We had several ophthalmic procedures - including eyelid separations and enucleations on three kittens. Three puppies required umbilical hernia repairs and two dogs had mass removal surgery.

We have provided 96 core vaccines, which is increased from last year, however we administered 9 less kennel cough vaccinations for dogs. 572 cat vaccinations and only 7 rabbit vaccinations were also administered.

In Cattery - Only one feral cat was diagnosed with feline leukaemia (FeLV) during routine testing as part of the neutering procedure. 14 cats tested positive for feline immunodeficiency (FIV). Both of these figures are less than the previous year.

There were 238 kittens going through the cattery in last year, of them 10 were euthanised. There were 29 who passed away, which is a significant decrease to the previous year. Of these, many presented with respiratory problems and fading kitten syndrome. We also had a kitten who tested positive for Mycoplasma, Pasteurella and Chlamydia who received treatment and was successfully adopted.

272 adult cats came through the cattery, with 117 of them having been gifted in and 30 of these cats needed dental care treatments, including dental x-rays, scaling and extractions on some of these cats. 9 of the cats were under the age of 5 and a further 12 under the age of 10.

In Kennels - we again had several patients who needed to have some form of calming supplements, due to their behaviour.

One of the main problems identified on primary health checks with dogs gifted in to the charity was dental issues. Of the 68 donated dogs, we had an additional 9 dogs on top of last year's total needing general anaesthesia and dental care, the youngest being just 1 year old and 8 dogs under the age of 5. Dental issues are believed to be a very much underdiagnosed condition affecting dog's welfare and behaviour.

Despite the microchipping of dogs over 8 weeks of age being a legal requirement, we have had to microchip 6 adult dogs in the last year who hadn't been microchipped previously, on top of 13 puppies.

In Small Animals – most rabbits are donated unneutered, so neutering procedures were performed on 8 of the 11 rabbits gifted in, that is 73%. We had one rabbit who hadn't been spayed who developed masses in both ovaries and her uterus and the tumours had spread to her liver. Unfortunately, this is a well-recognised condition in unsplayed female rabbits over four years of age and highlights the importance of routine neutering as a preventative health measure.

Large Animal and Wildlife – for welfare reasons, we performed 22 euthanasia's which is less than the previous year.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all the staff at the ManxSPCA for their support and dedication. It is a privilege to work alongside the Society in promoting and improving the health and welfare of animals across the Island, while also helping to educate the public about responsible animal care and welfare. I look forward to seeing what the next year brings.

