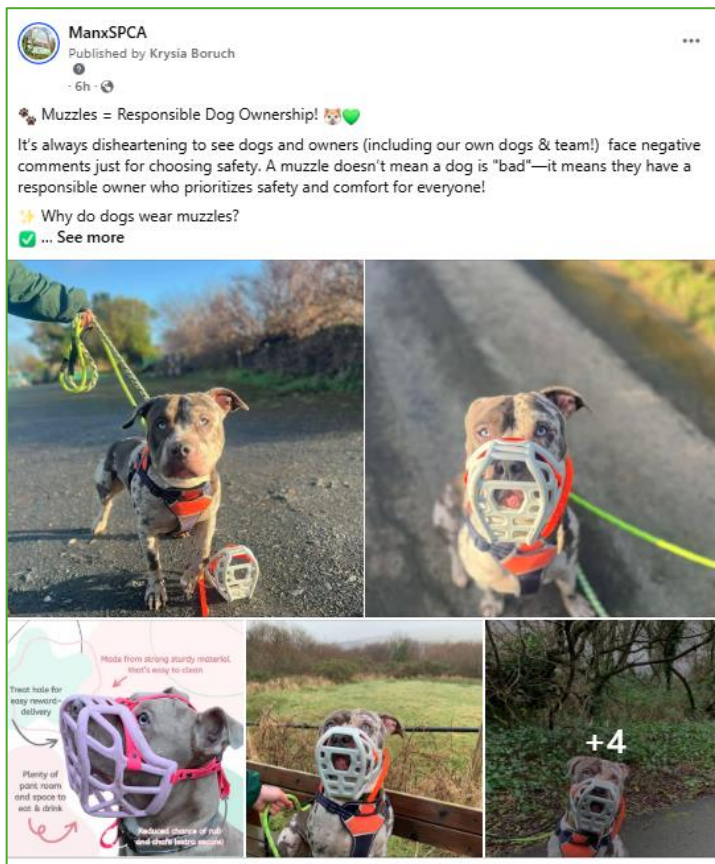


Operational Highlights from 2025

A few pages of the year's highlights really don't do justice to the scope and variety of the work undertaken by the ManxSPCA, and they can only hint at the level of commitment shown by the team - whether that be in the direct care of animals, or raising funds and awareness so that we can continue with our work.

Let's start with **DOGS**. In 2025 we rehomed 69 puppies and dogs, with husky/husky crosses and Jack Russells topping the arrivals leader board, with the most common reason for relinquishing a dog being 'owner unable to cope'. Bandit (below) came to us with a destruction order placed upon him by the Police. He is an XL Bully (hence the order), but he had been on the Isle of Man for several years and so he did not fall within the same 'banned breed' regulations that applied to poor Charlie (who was euthanized, as a result of a court order, for being an illegally imported dog). In Bandit's case, we had his destruction order lifted in return for guaranteeing that his rehoming process would include various additional stipulations such as being insured and always being muzzled in public. He became the 'poster boy' for our muzzle campaign (aiming to make the wearing of a muzzle the sign of responsible dog ownership rather than as a result of a 'bad dog'), and he came with us to various events such as Tynwald Fair. He was eventually rehomed with a family who had adopted a large dog from us several years ago - he had died a few months previously and left a Bandit-sized hole in their lives!



An alarming trend that we've seen increasing over recent years is the number of dogs who come to us without a microchip, despite this having been a legal requirement since 2018 and carrying a penalty for non-compliance of up to £500. 19 dogs came to us in 2025 without a chip. Is irresponsible dog ownership on the increase?

... and then half way through the year this happened: seven Newfoundland cross poodle puppies were born entirely unexpectedly to Bramble, whom we had just rehomed (with a date set for her spay). She completely masked her pregnancy, and gave birth on her own in the middle of the night, giving her new owner quite a shock the following morning! The pups and their mum spent the next few weeks with us at Ard Jerkyll, with the team working around the clock to keep them all well. Bramble went home with her adoring owner, and was subsequently spayed; and all seven pups went to loving new homes. We facilitated puppy classes for them to ensure that their respective new owners were equipped with the necessary training skills, and they still meet up regularly for social walks.

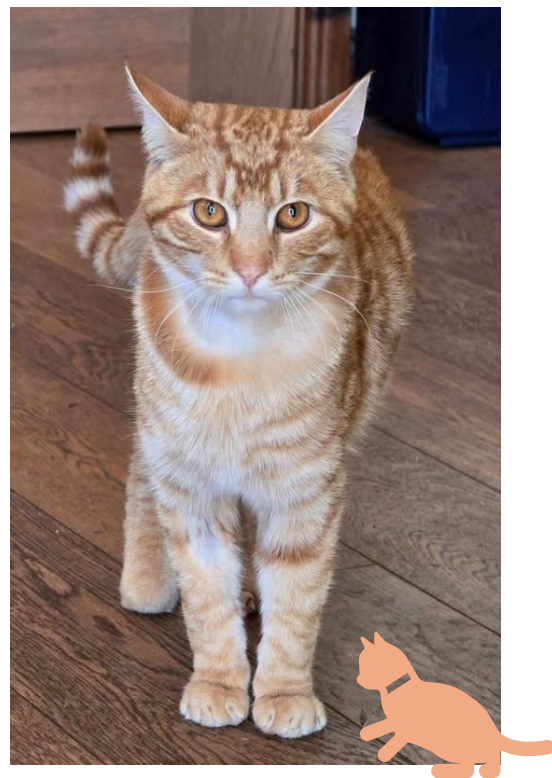
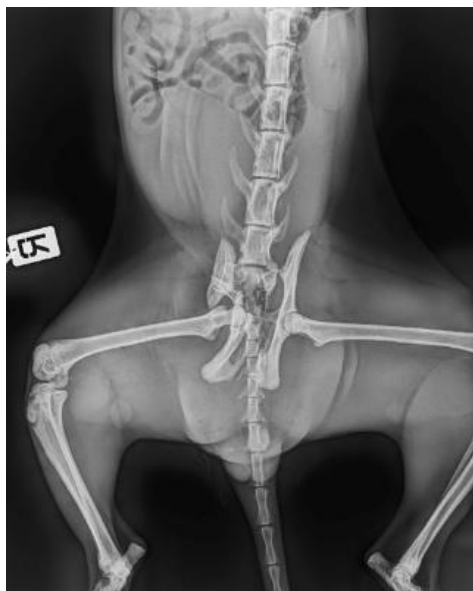


Moving on to **CATS**, we welcomed 464 kittens and cats into our Cattery during the year, a slight decrease from 2024. 51% of these were feral.

Sadly, one of those cats included the young feral pictured below, brought in from Janets Corner in Castletown. He tested positive for both FIV (Feline Immunodeficiency Virus) and FeLV (Feline Leukemia Virus) which is why his skin was so degraded. He is an example of why we generally euthanise feral cats who test positive for these diseases because they cause lingering, painful deaths even if the cat is asymptomatic when it is tested.



Earlier in the year we rescued an unowned cat in Sandygate (and, of course, called him Sandy!) who had a badly broken pelvis having been hit by a car. He was a young cat who was otherwise in good health, and he was incredibly friendly, so Katerina the vet advised us that she thought he had a fighting chance. However, the necessary major surgery would need to be carried out by an orthopedic specialist and it would cost thousands. The great Manx public responded to our appeal for donations, with more than 700 people sending in funds to cover Sandy's veterinary expenses. His surgery was successful, and his long post-operative recovery was assisted with additional treatments like acupuncture (acupuncture increases the flow of blood to a specific area - you can see the needles in the photo below). Sandy went on to make a full recovery, apart from having a slight limp ... and he's still the friendliest boy ever!



Our beautiful new Cattery also had a narrow escape from CATastrophe when one of several winter storms blew a big tree over – fortunately the main trunk landed on the adjacent path and not on the Cattery roof.



We cared for a wide variety of **SMALL ANIMALS** during the year, and rehomed 34 domestic rabbits, Guinea pigs and other small pets. The following montage summarises the **WILDLIFE** we cared for in 2025:



2025

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**We have cared
for a total of 214
animals in our
wildlife section.**

**40 Mammals
174 Birds**



**2 cockerels and 1
chick were able to
find new homes.**



**We released 34 Mallard
ducklings, some of
which had hatched not
long before arriving. 10
had fallen down a drain
and became separated
from their mother.**



**7 Racing Pigeons
arrived into our
care.**

We take in wildlife for a variety of different reasons, some are found injured and others may be young animals who have fallen out of their nests and been separated from their parents.

**We helped a
grounded Manx
Shearwater get
back into flight.**



**41 Herring Gull
Chicks were
cared for and
released.**

Some chicks arrived at just a few days old and spent over 7 weeks in our care before being released.



**We cared for a
brood of 4 goslings
and found them a
safe release site.**



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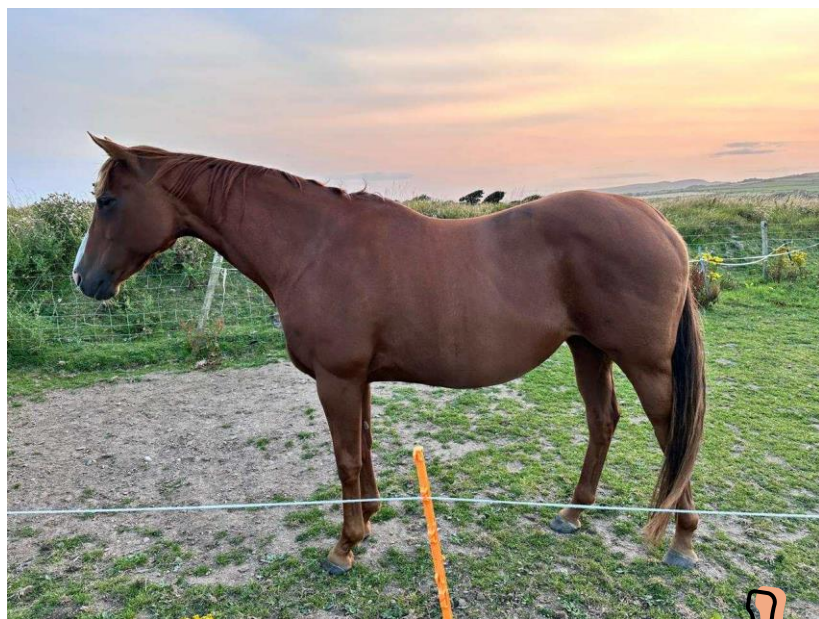
When it comes to **LARGER ANIMALS**, we always try to help where we can despite Ard Jerkyl having limited paddock space. In October 2022 we were advised by an experienced equine vet at Milan, that in his opinion Cassie would die before the end of the year if she was left in her current situation. After a little persuasion, Cassie's owner signed her over to the ManxSPCA and we collected her and took her to a knowledgeable foster home. Cassie's body score was a one out of five, and she had abscesses in all four hooves as a result of living in a windswept, hilly and rocky field on the coast near Dalby. This was a case of neglect and not having appropriate land, rather than deliberate cruelty.



Cassie's foster carer gradually brought her back to health, slowly increasing her feeds and access to grass. We also discovered more about Cassie's previous life: she had cost almost £37,000 as a yearling; she raced 16 times and was placed on three occasions, including at Kempton in January 2022. She was then sold for £1,000 and fell into unsuitable hands.

We struggled to find Cassie an experienced, permanent home on the Island and so, at the end of 2025, we returned her to her breeder in Wales. She's now sharing a field with her elderly half-sister and we receive regular updates on her continued progress.

Cassie now ...



The ManxSPCA continues to work closely with Isle of Man Horse and Pony Aid to ensure equines on the island are well cared for, and we host their annual tack sale in our PlayBarn.

Towards the end of 2025 we also collaborated with the Manx National Farmers Union and lobbied Milan/Arg Beiy's parent company when they decided, with three weeks' notice, to withdraw their farm animal services. Ultimately they extended their withdrawal period allowing time for two new (locally owned) veterinary service providers to set up and take over Milan's farming clients.

The ManxSPCA has been a member of the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes for many years, which requires it to uphold a set of high operational standards. In August David Bowles, Head of Public Affairs for the RSPCA (based in London) and Susie Hughes, Manager of the RSPCA's Salford shelter came to undertake a formal inspection. They were both very impressed by our facilities, the scope of our work, and our current financial position.

We were able to invest in further capital projects during the year, including upgrading the kitchens in the Kennels, re-roofing the Tearooms' conservatory (replacing the old PVC roof) and purchasing two replacement vehicles – a Skoda Yeti and a Ford Transit.



Our finances are underpinned by our charity shops (we'll 'talk shop' at the AGM in August) and by fundraising initiatives such as the Halloween dog walk ...



Our Dress Up As An Animal Day, the Prospect Pub Quiz, and our Christmas Fair continue to be a popular annual events, and a regular fixture in the fundraising diary. We wouldn't be able to achieve all of these things without the support of the Manx community; and our volunteers who give their time freely in our shops and at Ard Jerkyl, and as our Board of Management.

Thank you to you all.

