



Press Release

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Tiny puppies among animals being cared for after large pet rescue

Fenland's Ravenswood Pet Rescue is calling for support in caring for animals saved in a large rescue – among them young puppy litters.

Three cats and 19 dogs were rescued in a joint operation between police, Fenland District Council and other partners.

Two of the dogs have now had litters of a total of 12 puppies. One of the cats is expecting kittens imminently.

Ravenswood Pet Rescue coordinates a small and dedicated team of foster carers who have taken the animals into their homes. The not-for-profit organisation is in desperate need of public support to continue the care.

It's calling for donations of puppy pads, washing powder, quick dry fleece blankets, pet disinfectant, puppy, dog and cat food and has launched a fundraising page.

Cllr Susan Wallwork, portfolio holder for Environmental Health, said: "These vulnerable animals have been rescued thanks to a multi-agency operation that has seen so many people going above and beyond.

"We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to everyone involved and especially to Ravenswood Pet Rescue and its dedicated supporters for being there to pick up the pieces and give these animals hope.

"Already the generous and caring Fenland community is offering its support and we have no doubt it will continue to rally."

Investigations are ongoing in relation to those responsible for the animals.

Fenland District Council's environmental health team is working with the property owner to improve the conditions of the building where most of the animals were found on April 20.

Ravenswood Pet Rescue is fundraising to help it ensure all the rescued animals get all the appropriate health, grooming and care they need to get them fit and old enough for rehoming.

Later, a chihuahua with four two-week-old puppies was rehomed to the care of Ravenswood Pet Rescue from elsewhere in Cambridgeshire.

This was followed by a separate incident on April 29 involving three three-day-old suspected English bull terrier puppies being rejected by their mum and in need of rescue. Sadly, two were so weak they died and one continues to be given high level care including bottle feeds every two to three hours day and night in a bid to save her.

Donations for Ravenswood Pet Rescue can be made at:

- Ravenswood Pet Rescue 2nd Hand Bargains, Unit 1, Lynn Road, Walton Highway, Wisbech
- Sunnyside vets, Hall Farm, Church Lane, Roydon, Kings Lynn PE32 1AR
- Online at [GoFundMe](#), [PayPal](#) or by phone to Sunnyside vets on 01485 600022.

Once animals are ready for rehoming details will be made available at www.ravenswoodpetrescue.co.uk or on its [Facebook page](#).

Anyone who becomes aware of animals at risk of harm or who finds themselves unable to care for or rehome pets is urged to seek support. There is never an excuse for or need to abandon or neglect an animal.

Support is available from:

- www.ravenswoodpetrescue.co.uk
- www.woodgreen.org.uk
- www.rspca.org.uk/local/block-fen-animal-centre

In Fenland, stray or abandoned dogs should be reported to Fenland District Council. Advice at: www.fenland.gov.uk/straydogs

Fenland's stray dog service always tries to reunite lost dogs with owners as quickly as possible, which can be achieved where micro-chips are present. By law, dogs must be micro-chipped by the time they are eight weeks old.

Licences are required to sell animals as pets, provide animal boarding, hire out horses, breed dogs or keep or train animals for exhibition.

For more information see: www.fenland.gov.uk/animallicensing

Check a breeder has a licence via the [Licensing Public Register](#)

Advice on how and where to report animal cruelty and neglect is available via the RSPCA: www.rspca.org.uk/utilities/contactus/reportcruelty

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Photo:

A chihuahua with her pups being cared for by Ravenswood Pet Rescue, which is seeking donations to help with an influx of animals.