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A Puppy is for Life

Wow, another year has flown past and its December again. I love Christmas but there is always a sad story that pops up at this time of year about the number of people still buying puppies and kittens as Christmas presents and then dumping them a few weeks later.

This month I thought we should do something to highlight the number of pets currently looking for homes in our local rescue centres. This year nationally the number of stray dogs having to seek shelter reached a whopping 120,000 – that's 330 lost and abandoned dogs every day, not to mention all the stray cats and small pets like rabbits. We are constantly hearing that our local rescue charities are full and struggling in this difficult financial climate and they could probably do with a bit more help. The SSPCA reported last week that the donations of pet food they receive has just hit a 13 year low. If you are thinking about buying a puppy or kitten for someone's Christmas, why not sponsor a stray pet instead or donate a bag of food to a local rescue centre?

Something else I have noticed recently which is adding to the problem is that many people seem to have been overlooking neutering their pet in an attempt to save money. But then what do you do when your pet becomes pregnant? There could be costly difficulties at labour not to mention the feeding costs when you suddenly have more mouths to feed! At Border Vets we encourage neutering as part of responsible pet ownership to help to reduce unwanted pregnancies as well as many other benefits. If you have been putting off booking your pet to be neutered why not take part in our neutering amnesty in December? If your dog or cat is between 18 months and 4 years old and you are currently registered with us you could benefit from reduced priced neutering in December – please see our website for more details. www.bordervets.co.uk

If you would like to donate money or food to our local pet rescue centres here are some details:

Arthurshiels Rescue Centre, St Boswells www.arthurshielrescuecentre.co.uk
07581878393

Borders Animal Welfare, Craigsford, Earlston www.bawa.org.uk
01896849090

Cats protection www.peeblesandbiggarcatsptotection.org.uk

SSPCA, Mellerstain www.scottishspca.org.uk

See you in 2012!

P.S coming soon – our online shop :o)

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