

Abandoned animals win the heart of The Duchess of Cornwall

London –On Wednesday 12th May, Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Cornwall visited The Mayhew Animal Home in Kensal Green for a tour of the animal home and to meet and greet a few of the residents waiting for new homes.

Camilla, who has Jack Russell dogs of her own fell in love with one of the tiny puppies at the Home who had arrived after the full litter was no longer wanted by the breeder.

She was astonished that anyone could abandon their dogs and couldn't believe that people do turn them out on to the streets.

The Mayhew, CEO, Caroline Yates, said: *"It was wonderful to receive a visit from The Duchess of Cornwall and have the opportunity to discuss the increasing problem of abandonment on dogs on the street and the impact that indiscriminate breeding has on rescue centres."*

The Duchess toured the full Mayhew facilities including the kennels, cattery area and veterinary theatre as she is patron of The Kennel Club Charitable Trust, who have donated over £36,000 to The Mayhew over the last five years. Money which has gone to install air conditioning in the kennel block and refurbish the roof of the indoor exercise area for the dogs awaiting new homes.

As Camilla left the facilities, she joked 'I've got to go back and get that puppy' to which The Mayhew CEO, Caroline Yates replied 'We are sure to have many volunteers eager to carry out your home visit!'

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For the Editor

The Mayhew Animal Home was established in 1886 for the benefit of "the lost and starving dogs and cats of London so that they should have sanctuary from the cold inhumanity they are being dealt outside". Today, The Mayhew is one of the busiest animal sanctuaries in London, rescuing thousands of animals from cruelty and neglect each year. We provide shelter and care for cats, dogs, rabbits and when the need arises, for a wide variety of other animals.

The Mayhew Animal Home strives to tackle the companion animal welfare crisis from every possible angle. The organisation is pro-active, innovative and continually works to assist animals and their

carers. The Mayhew offers a wide variety of community services providing advice, care and assistance to animals and their carers whatever their circumstances.

The Kennel Club Charitable Trust

Since the Kennel Club Charitable Trust's inception in 1987 it has donated over £4.5 million to good canine causes, and achieves its objective to 'make a difference for dogs' through funding of initiatives which help dogs through health, support and welfare.

Over the last five years the Kennel Club Charitable Trust has donated over £36,000 to the Mayhew Animal Home and Humane Education Centre. The Centre, established in 1886 provides a safe haven to the capital's abused, abandoned and neglected animals.

In addition to this, the Trust over the last two years was responsible for selecting dog welfare charities to be recipients of over £1m raised from the Pedigree Adoption drive. Through the Pedigree Adoption Drive the Trust donated a further £11,000 to the Home.