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London animal rescue centre wins Animal Welfare award

The Mayhew Animal Home receives Marchig Animal Welfare award for 2009
London – The Mayhew Animal Home and Humane Education Centre has received a prestigious Animal Welfare award and \$20,000 to fund and promote the charity's pioneering neutering ethos and educational community programmes. A portion of the funds will also go to further develop Mayhew International's overseas projects, setting up sterilisation initiatives and working for best practice and animal welfare standards for companion animals.

Patron of the award, Lady Marchig, has been a keen supporter of The Mayhew, in Kensal Green, for many years and backs the charity's mission: to stem the current global stray animal crisis, more neutering and public awareness programmes need to be set up to prevent rising numbers of unwanted litters being born daily.

Lady Marchig has also given generously to help build The Mayhew's Community Veterinary Clinic in 2007, supported our stray & feral cat neutering project and has funded one of the Home's Animal Ambulances, used by the charity's four Animal Welfare Officers in the community work and rescue of abandoned or abused animals.

Mayhew CEO, Caroline Yates, said: *"We are absolutely thrilled to receive this generous award. The Mayhew works tirelessly to pioneer new community programmes and drive home the message of responsible pet ownership; of which neutering is key. Additionally, at a tough time financially, all charities are feeling the pinch and this support means we can continue with our essential animal welfare work and educational initiatives."*

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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. We aim to set the standards in animal welfare. The Mayhew offers a wide variety of community services providing advice, care and assistance to animals and their carers whatever their circumstances.

Other issues The Mayhew is qualified to comment upon: Pet therapies, pet refuge programmes, early neutering initiatives, dangerous dog issues, feral cat trapping and community-based animal care