

# **THE DUCHESS OF CORNWALL VISITS THE MAYHEW ANIMAL HOME, KENSAL GREEN, LONDON**

**WEDNESDAY 12TH MAY 2010**

## **Engagement**

The Duchess of Cornwall, Patron, the Kennel Club Charitable Trust, will visit the Mayhew Animal Home, tour the centre and meet volunteers and supporters, Trenmar Gardens, Kensal Green, London NW10 6BJ.

## **Background**

### **Mayhew Animal Home**

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. They provide shelter and care for cats, dogs, rabbits and when the need arises, for a wide variety of other animals.

The Mayhew Animal Home functions day to day as a rescue centre for abandoned or abused dogs, cats and rabbits. There is a community veterinary clinic on site and function as a re-homing facility for the animals in our care.

### ***Humane Education Centre and community work***

As a dual function, the Animal Home is also the site of the Mayhew's Humane Education Centre and this extends into the community with the programmes run at the Home and offsite by four Animal Welfare Officers. Programmes which include:

- Educational visits to schools and colleges - including dog safety talks Homeless community support
- Pet Refuge
- Trap, Neuter and Return programme for feral cats (TNR)
- Pet Industry workshops

For more information please visit: [www.mayhewanimalhome.org](http://www.mayhewanimalhome.org)

The visit will be covered by a Royal Rota media facility, for more information please contact Sarah Dickinson 0208 968 2443 [sarah@mayhewanimalhome.org](mailto:sarah@mayhewanimalhome.org)

### **The Kennel Club**

The Kennel Club is the UK's largest organisation dedicated to the health and welfare of dogs. The Kennel Club was founded in 1873 and is able to offer dog owners an unparalleled source of information, experience and advice on dog welfare, dog health, dog training and dog breeding. The Kennel Club of today holds within it the broadest remit to protect and promote the general wellbeing of dogs. At its heart are programmes and investments in education and health initiatives to help dog owners across the UK to have healthy happy dogs living long lives with responsible owners.

The Kennel Club is concerned with anti-dog legislation, promotes the positive place of dogs in society and actively represents the interests of responsible dog owners, whether their dogs are Kennel Club registered or not. It also runs Crufts, the world's largest dog show and licenses over 3,000 dog shows a year. It is also at the forefront of the development of many canine health initiatives and invests in education programmes and other campaigns to protect and promote the general wellbeing of dogs.

***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 Duchess has been Patron of the Kennel Club Charitable Trust since September 2007.

For more information please visit: [www.thekennelclub.org.uk](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk)