

Raystede – the difference you made in 2025 – 2026

It has been a challenging year for Raystede but, despite ever-increasing costs – feed, bedding, veterinary, energy – the numbers of animals we have been able to help and rehome are very similar to the previous year. Sadly, the number of people needing to give up their animals is also similar to last year and still very high. We are encouraged to have reached many more people through our educational programme, and humbled by the huge gift of time from our volunteers and foster carers. We would not be able to continue our vital work without your wonderful support – thank you from all the animals and people at Raystede!

...which included...



250 cats

184 dogs

32 horses,
ponies and
donkeys

118
aviary birds

163 terrapins and tortoises

593 chickens
and cockerels

405 small
animals

20 alpacas,
goats and sheep

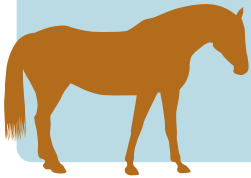
29 ducks, turkeys
and geese



During 25/26
animals under the
care of Raystede
averaged 441
animals per
month.

(these
are not all
on site).

Raystede was asked to take in 4,621 animals – similar to last year which was the highest number ever – this included 1,424 dogs, 1,153 cats (the highest number of cats we have ever been asked to take) and 300 rabbits and 263 guinea pigs. In addition, we were asked to take 182 gerbils, hamsters, chinchillas, rats, degus and mice, plus 229 terrapins.



You helped us
rehome

588
animals.

Our charity shops in Lewes,
Hailsham, Uckfield, Eastbourne,
Haywards Heath, Hove and at
Raystede welcomed a total of

255,987
customers.

Raystede
reached 1,400
school pupils
and students in
24/25 both on
and off site.

£6,500
per day
from money donated
to us went on animal
care, rehoming,
sanctuary and animal
welfare education.

We now
have more than
130
terrappins
on site.

PEACEWAYS
PET CREMATORIUM
cared for

1,389
animals.

We helped

**11 people &
17 animals**

animals through our 'Break Away'
scheme which offers short-term
care of up to 3 months for people
fleeing domestic abuse or needing
medical treatment.

During 25/26
Raystede was on
the TV 3 times and
also did 23 radio
interviews.

We gave pet
advice to 2,751
people at 83 events
in the local
community.

**Animal fosterer
volunteers**

gave us
64,752 hours

and our staff gave us

**14,736
additional hours**

caring for animals
in their own homes.

65,638
people visited the
main Raystede site.

Volunteers gave us
106,844 hours in 25/26

215 new volunteers
joined the team

Total number of
Raystede volunteers:
439

During the year,
42 people
told us they'd left a
gift to Raystede in
their Will.

Thank you

**Over 9,500
people**

took part in Family
Learning Days, the daily
tour, dog adoption days
and special event animal
days in 25/26 on the
Raystede site.