

Raystede – the difference we made in 2023 – 2024

It has been another extremely challenging year for Raystede. We have experienced the highest number of requests ever from people needing to give up their pets and a slowdown in rehoming as people struggle with the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. We can only continue caring for the animals who so desperately need us, thanks to you, our incredible staff and volunteers, and your passion, hard work and dedication. This shows the huge difference you made in the last year – thank you!

£6,500 per day

from money donated to us went on animal care, rehoming and sanctuary

Animal healthcare days
Our surgery team helped

88 cats
At 2 microchipping days

53 rabbits
At 1 vaccination day

Peaceways, our pet crematorium, cared for
1,320
animals



...which included...

340
cats

130
dogs

411 small animals

151 aviary birds

489 chickens & cockerels

50 ducks, turkeys and geese

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We gave pet advice to
3,730 people at
45 events in the local community

You helped us rehome

542

animals

Our shops welcomed:

Lewes: 78,000 customers
Hailsham: 30,000 customers
Uckfield: 35,000 customers

We had **4,278** animal surrender requests – the highest ever – this included that we were asked to take in **1,606** dogs, **943** cats, **507** rabbits and **277** guinea pigs

During 23/24 Raystede was on the TV twice and also did 20 radio interviews

We helped

18 people & **25** 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 the year, **76** people

told us they'd left a gift to Raystede in their Will

Animal fosterer
volunteers

59,448 hours

7,728 additional hours

caring for animals in their own homes

Volunteers

gave us **28,000** hours in 23/24

102

new volunteers joined the team

Total number of Raystede volunteers
241

62,000

people visited the main Raystede site

Over 8,424
people

took part in Family Learning Days in 23/24