

### **Why is the reFURb necessary?**

As demand for our services continues to grow, with more animals needing our care - many with complex medical conditions - our current shelter is no longer fit for purpose.

We are embarking on a vital redevelopment project aimed at transforming our outdated animal centre facilities and securing the long-term future of our RSPCA Branch.

Without this essential upgrade, we face the very real risk of being forced to close our doors in the coming years. The animals we care for deserve the best possible chance at recovery and finding loving, forever homes. Losing the ability to help them is simply not an option for us.

### **Will the site be expanding?**

While we are unable to expand the site outward, we will be maximising the use of our current space by building upwards! We will utilise every spare inch of our land to make sure we create the best environment for the animals in our care

### **Why are you staying on the current site/not moving to a new one?**

Staying on our current site is the most cost-effective and sustainable option. The land is already owned, saving significant costs, and the location is well established within our community. Redeveloping here allows us to improve facilities without interrupting the vital care we provide every day.

### **Will you be taking in new animals during the work?**

A key priority for the RSPCA Halifax, Huddersfield & Bradford team has been to ensure services remain active during the build. The branch is proud to confirm that we will continue our usual rescue and rehabilitation work throughout the entire project and the public will still be able to adopt, donate, and support the centre as normal.

### **What will happen to staff and volunteers during the build?**

All of our dedicated staff and volunteers will continue to play a vital role in ongoing activities. Our team are committed to keeping the standard of care for our animals throughout the refurbishment process. Our Animal Centre Team will continue to work both from the Wade Street site and from our temporary kennel housing. Meaning all staff and volunteers will continue in their roles.

## How will the project support animals in need?

The new facilities will expand and improve accommodation for all species, including larger, quieter and more enriching kennel spaces to reduce stress for dogs, support the care of more feral or traumatised cats in a safer environment, and create an indoor space to host educational sessions for local schools and community groups.

## How much money needs to be raised?

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our supporters over the past two decades and the careful financial planning of our charity, which has worked incredibly hard to set aside funds wherever possible - we've been able to save funds to get this historic project underway. However, we still need £1.8 million to complete the full refurbishment of both phases of our build work.

## When will work start?

The builders will be onsite and will begin construction in early Autumn 2025.

## Why now?

Over the past few years, we have been exploring various options, including seeking new premises, but have found that our current location is the best option for the work we do. Our facilities have reached a point where they are limiting the services we can provide, and with this new solution, we can address these challenges, rebuild the centre and continue to grow.

## What will happen to the animals currently in the centre?

Our cats will remain on site in soundproofed and secure accommodation, protected from disruption during the first stage of the build. Dogs will be temporarily relocated to nearby trusted RSPCA Centres, under the continued care of the branch's dedicated team. The Centre's Reception, Adoptions, and Pet/Vet Shop will remain open throughout the redevelopment.

## How can you support us?

You can stay updated on our project's progress by signing up to our mailing list, you could arrange a fundraising activity at work or with family and friends ... or just donate!

All details on how you can help can be found on our website:

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