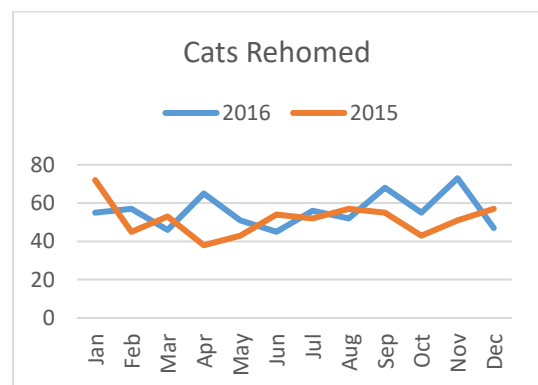
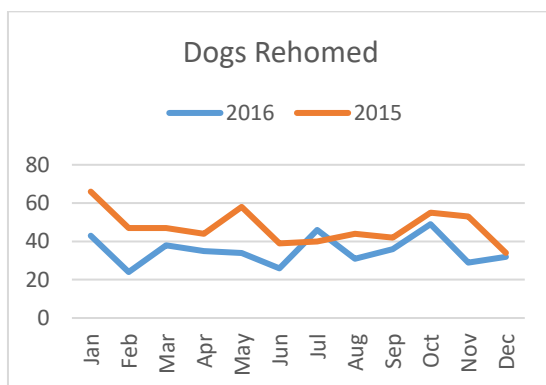


Animal stats for Jan-Feb

Arrivals	Jan-Feb 2017					Jan-Feb 2016				
	Dogs	Cats	Rabbits	Other	Total	Dogs	Cats	Rabbits	Other	Total
Total via public	34	66	4	7	111	43	72	3	4	122
Total via warden	38	0	0	0	38	43	0	1	0	44
Total via Vets	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total via RSPCA	5	10	0	1	16	0	37	0	1	38
Total via Police	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Transferred from other shelters	0	4	0	0	4	15	0	0	0	15
Born on site	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Returns (within 12 months)	9	3	0	0	12	10	8	0	0	18
Total Arrivals	86	85	4	8	183	112	117	4	5	238
Departures										
Rehomed	71	100	8	4	183	67	112	2	3	184
Reclaimed	19	2	0	0	21	30	0	0	0	30
Transferred out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Died on site	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Euthanised	medical	1	2	0	2	5	0	10	0	10
	temperament	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1
Total Departures	93	104	8	6	211	98	122	2	5	227

Rehoming overview 2016

- Dog rehoming was down by around 26% last year. This can be put down to varying factors (drop in capacity, number of long stay dogs, organisational restructure, etc). However, it's worth noting that there was a steady improvement throughout the year (Down 50% during Jan-Jun, Down 17% Jul-Dec), as staff in the new rehoming team began to settle in to their roles.
- Encouragingly, cat rehoming was up by 8% - due in no small part to the abundance of kittens available for rehoming over the autumn.
- Average length of stay for all dogs last year = 60 days (27 days for dogs that are rehomed within 6months)
- Average length of stay for cats = 39 days



Updates

Dog emergency kits: are now located around site in the following locations:

- A block (by the door)
- B block (by the door)
- F block (outside kennel 11, to the right of the door)
- D block (outside kennel 11, to the right of the door)
- Volunteer paddocks (attached to the outside of the enrichment paddock fence)



Each kit contains equipment that staff can use in the event of an on-site emergency. We now carry out monthly drills to help staff practise what to do in the event of a dog attack or escape.

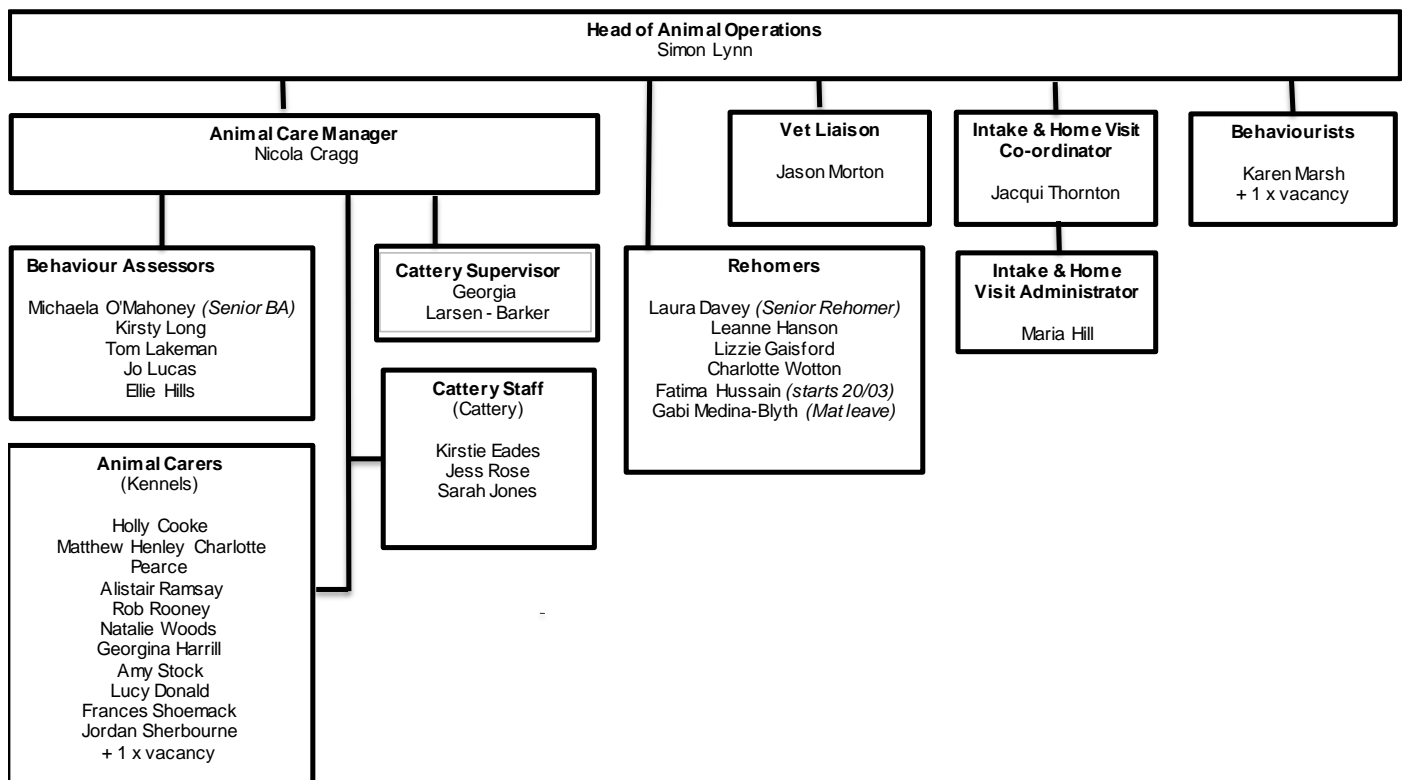
Volunteers working with dogs should have received training on what to do in an emergency during their green training. We will soon be carrying out refresher training for anyone who feels they need it. Details will be posted on the volunteer noticeboard in late March.

Dog walker helpline

If you are involved in an incident while out walking a dog and require assistance, call the dog walker helpline on [01225 750199](tel:01225750199). Inform the person answering the phone that you require immediate assistance. State your name and give details of where you are, the dog that is loose and a contact number so that staff can get back in contact with you. It may also be useful to describe what you are wearing so that you are easier to locate.

Senior Roles

To help improve communication across the Animal Care dept., Laura Davey has now taken on the role of Senior Rehomer, whilst Michaela O'Mahony is our new Senior Behaviour Assessor. Whilst their day-to-day roles will remain largely the same, Laura and Michaela will be an additional point of contact with the Home, providing support when the Animal Care Manager or Head of Animal Ops are unavailable.





Dog tags

All non-stray dogs in kennels are now wearing tags with the BCDH details on.

A new engraving machine has now also been delivered to the shop, enabling us to provide legally compliant tags to adopters at the point of rehoming.

Ongoing initiatives:

Animal Nutrition

Our nutrition working group was set up in January, with a view to standardising the types of food provided to the animals in our care. Over the last 6 weeks, they have been researching ingredients, talking with suppliers and finding out information from other rescues. During March, we will be trialling 2 different foods on C&D block and 2 in fuller cattery.

Long term, this may mean that we move away from predominantly feeding donated food; however, a final decision will be made in late March, when we will also review where and how food is stored on-site.

Enrichment

An enrichment working group was set up in February to research and develop a consistent programme of enrichment and assess the potential for an 'Open Paw' programme at BCDH with a view to submitting proposals or updates to AWC by summer 2017.

The Open Paw programme is something that is successfully used in a number of centres in the UK and America and we want to learn more about it to see if it will benefit animals at BCDH. For more info on this, visit <http://www.nawt.org.uk/open-paw>

The enrichment working group will also be looking at what other low cost initiatives we can incorporate in our day to day routines to improve standards of welfare.

Home visit guidelines/training

We will be contacting and consulting current home visitors during March/April as we look to clarify our home visit procedures and ensure that we have clear procedures and training in place for staff and volunteers.

Disease management: New disease management and Iso protocols are due to be rolled out on May. These will ensure that staff and volunteers are better prepared in the event of an outbreak of illness or disease amongst the animals on-site.

