

Street Paws

Everybody Benefits – New Enterprise Award

Describe the work of the charity organisation being nominated

Street Paws provides free accessible veterinary care and emergency kennel support to homeless people in locations across the UK. Founded in 2016, we registered with the Charity Commission in 2018. We have a team of over 300 volunteers supporting around 350 dogs and their owners in the North East, North West, Yorkshire, Wales and Northern Ireland. We provide emergency kennel support for dogs belonging to rough sleepers so that they can access NHS inpatient services or get a bed in a hostel through the winter. This year we have started a programme to fund and install kennels into hostel partners' grounds so that homeless people can access vital services and take the first steps off the streets.

Give examples of the projects or work the organisation has done

Outreaches held monthly with veterinary teams to provide vaccinations, microchipping and preventative treatments. Emergency kennel space for up to 14 days in Manchester, Newcastle and Leeds. Supporting two dog kennels in Leeds with vet care and treatments. Funded, sourced and installed four kennels in Supporting People in Need in Manchester – our first dedicated kennels for rough sleepers with dogs. Funded veterinary procedures such as neutering, fracture repairs and dental treatments at supported veterinary practices.

What has been the impact of the organisation's projects or work?

The organisation has provided this year:

- 283 nights of kennel space
- 192 nights preventing rough sleeping due to lack of accommodation for pets
- 45 nights to access NHS inpatient services
- 46 nights for domestic violence
- £14,000 in veterinary treatments for animals who live with homeless people and those in crisis

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