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The ISPCA in Partnership with The Association of Irish Riding Clubs

Introduction

The ISPCA is the leading animal welfare charity in Ireland. Our role is to prevent cruelty to animals, to promote animal welfare and to proactively relieve animal suffering in Ireland. Established in 1949, we are a registered charity No CHY5619 and are registered with the Charities Regulatory Authority No. 20008723.

The ISPCA is at the forefront of preventing animal cruelty in Ireland. We currently have 8 inspectors investigating animal cruelty in 17 counties in Ireland. Our confidential National Animal Helpline received over **16,000** calls in 2016 of which **3,500** calls were cases of animal cruelty which required inspector visits.

Vision: To end cruelty to animals in Ireland

Mission: Through education, legislation and on-going support for affiliated member societies, we can prevent cruelty to animals.

Operational Centres: We operate 2 centres; The ISPCA National Animal Centre in Keenagh, Co. Longford and our Equine Rescue Centre based in Mallow, Co. Cork. We are funded 90% through public donations and 10% from Government.

The ISPCA Currently

The ISPCA is full to capacity at our National Animal Centre in Longford and in our Equine Rescue Centre in Cork. We need to expand our facilities to care for more rescued equines.

Last year, 2016, we rescued rehomed and rehabilitated **1,263** animals in total that were cruelly treated and abused. In March 2017, we launched our annual inspectorate report which highlighted that we received **53,000** calls to our national cruelty helpline; **11,065** investigations were initiated; **2,795** animals were seized and **92** prosecutions taken since we were granted statutory powers under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013.

For AIRC Members:

The ISPCA needs to develop our equine facilities in Longford and Mallow to meet the growing demand to help rescue, rehome and rehabilitate horses that have been cruelly treated and abused. We are seeking support from the Association of Irish Riding Clubs and invite AIRC members to undertake one fundraising event – A Charity Ride in aid of the ISPCA in 2017. All funds raised will go directly to the following two specific projects.

The Projects

1. Replace Stable Doors in Longford
2. Enhance the Isolation facilities for rescued Horses in Dromsligo, Mallow

1. Longford Equine Facilities –Stable Doors

In 2017, The ISPCA National Animal Centre in Longford seized 49 horses and 18 donkeys. Our centre is full. We badly need support in maintain and develop our equine facilities. One key project we are inviting AIRC members to support is the need to replace stable doors. Our stable doors put up with a lot of punishment; they are designed to resist impact from kicking horses and any damage that would be caused to the top by horses biting. The ISPCA need funds to install new stable doors.

New Stable Doors plus professional installation: Project cost €5,000



2. ISPCA Equine Rescue Centre Dromsligo, Mallow

The Equine Rescue Centre in Mallow is a busy centre and last year we took in 73 equines and re-homed 57 horses. The centre is currently packed to capacity and we need to develop our isolation unit which is separated from the main stables. This unit is the holding area for newly rescued animals which are typically those that have suffered from extreme neglect and abuse. The ISPCA want to expand these facilities on site so as to cater for the ever increasing number of rescued horses seized by our Inspectors.

Outdoor Stables – Isolation Unit. Enhance and Expand current facilities.

Project cost €10,000

AIRC members and the ISPCA

- AIRC members support the ISPCA's capacity to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome equines that have been cruelly treated and abused
- AIRC members have the opportunity to visit our centres and learn of our work
- The ISPCA will acknowledge AIRC members support on our social media channels
- All AIRC clubs that participate and return fundraised income to the ISPCA receive special participatory ISPCA rosettes for all riders.

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