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About the RSPCA

The RSPCA stands for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and we've been here for animals since 1824. We're the world's oldest and largest animal welfare charity, with the primary focus of rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming or releasing animals across England and Wales.



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Women in the history of the RSPCA



Issued by the R.S.P.C.A.—Patron, Her Majesty the Queen. [Edited by John Colam, Jermyn Street, ...] THE ANIMAL WORLD The dear God who loveth us, He made and loveth all.—COLERIDGE. No. 377—XXXII. "BOTH MAN AND BIRD AND BEAST." FEBRUARY 1, 1910



RSPCA FIRST WOMEN PATROL OFFICERS

With the appointment of the first Women Patrol Officers, whose duties correspond with those of RSPCA Inspectors, the RSPCA breaks a tradition dating back to 1824, when the Society, on its foundation, appointed its first Inspector. Since that time the work of investigating and suppressing animal cruelty has been the duty of men only. There are now 200 stationed in England and Wales.

At RSPCA Headquarters Miss Ninette Gold and Miss Pat Jones were congratulated on their appointment as first Women RSPCA Patrol Officers by Mrs Wallis Power, vice-chairman of the RSPCA Council.

At RSPCA Headquarters, Mrs Wallis Power (seen shaking hands) congratulates Miss Ninette Gold and Miss Pat Jones on their appointment as the first Women RSPCA Patrol Officers.

American tourist; this claim, sustained by intensive propaganda, is a deliberate attempt to promote selfish economic interests at the expense of the intelligence and moral sense of the public, and be it further resolved that this resolution be sent to all countries and widely publicized as widely as possible. The American Travel Agency, which is meeting this morning...

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The Animal World
was the first
magazine of the
RSPCA. Here are
two example pages
of the magazine.

Queen Victoria
(pictured left, 1901).

Queen Victoria with
her dogs in Balmoral
(illustrated right, 1901).



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Front page of The Animal World Baroness Burdett-Coutts (pictured left, 1872).

Animal Action (pictured right) is the official magazine of RSPCA today. If you love animals, then this magazine is for you. Ask your teacher how to sign up.





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At RSPCA
Headquarters,
Mrs Wallis Power
shakes hands with
the first ever two
female RSPCA Patrol
Officers, Ninette
Gold and Pat Jones
(pictured right, 1952).



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Pictured left,
Baroness
Burdett-Coutts

Pictured right,
RSPCA inspector
Herchy Boal



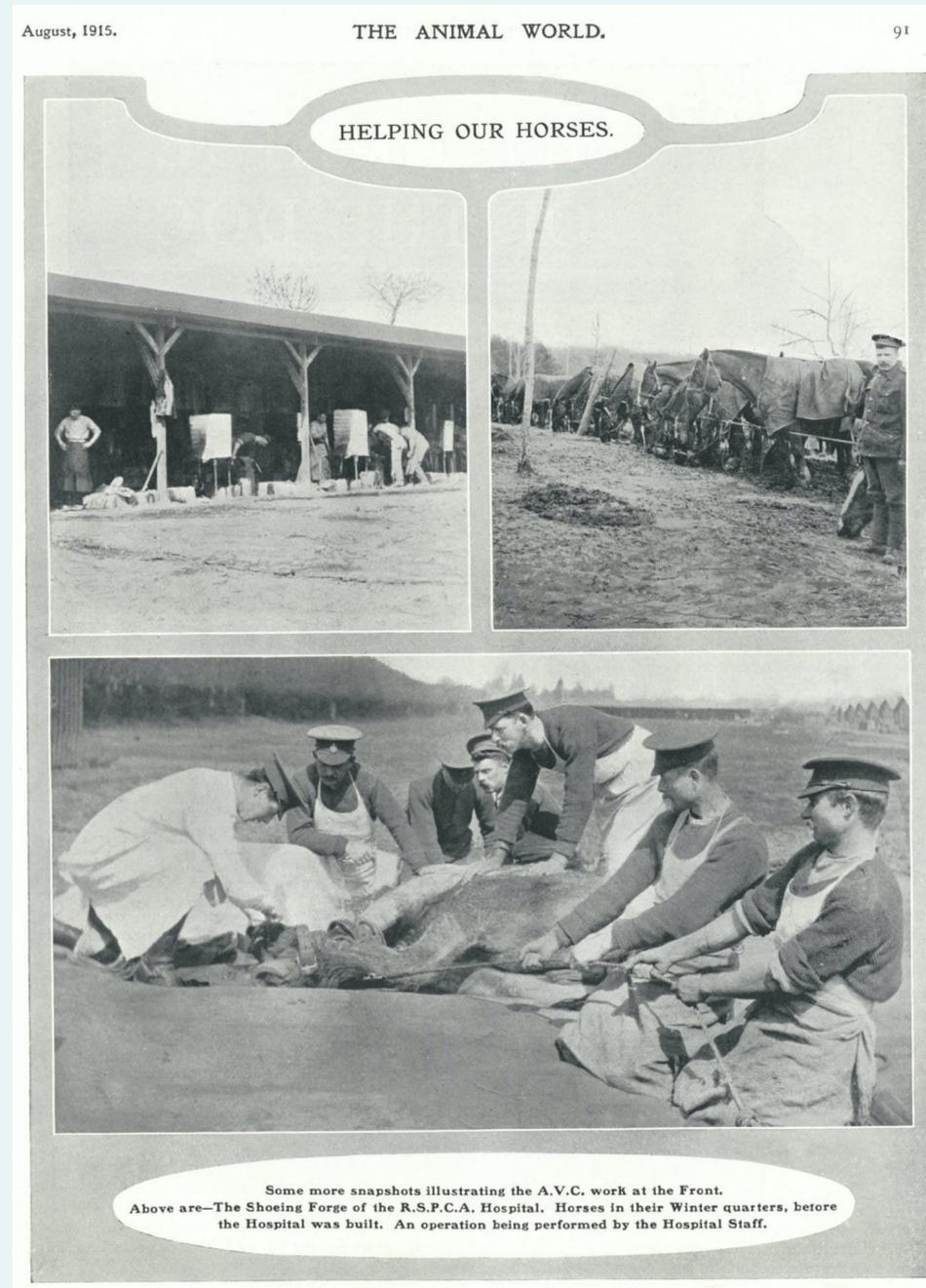
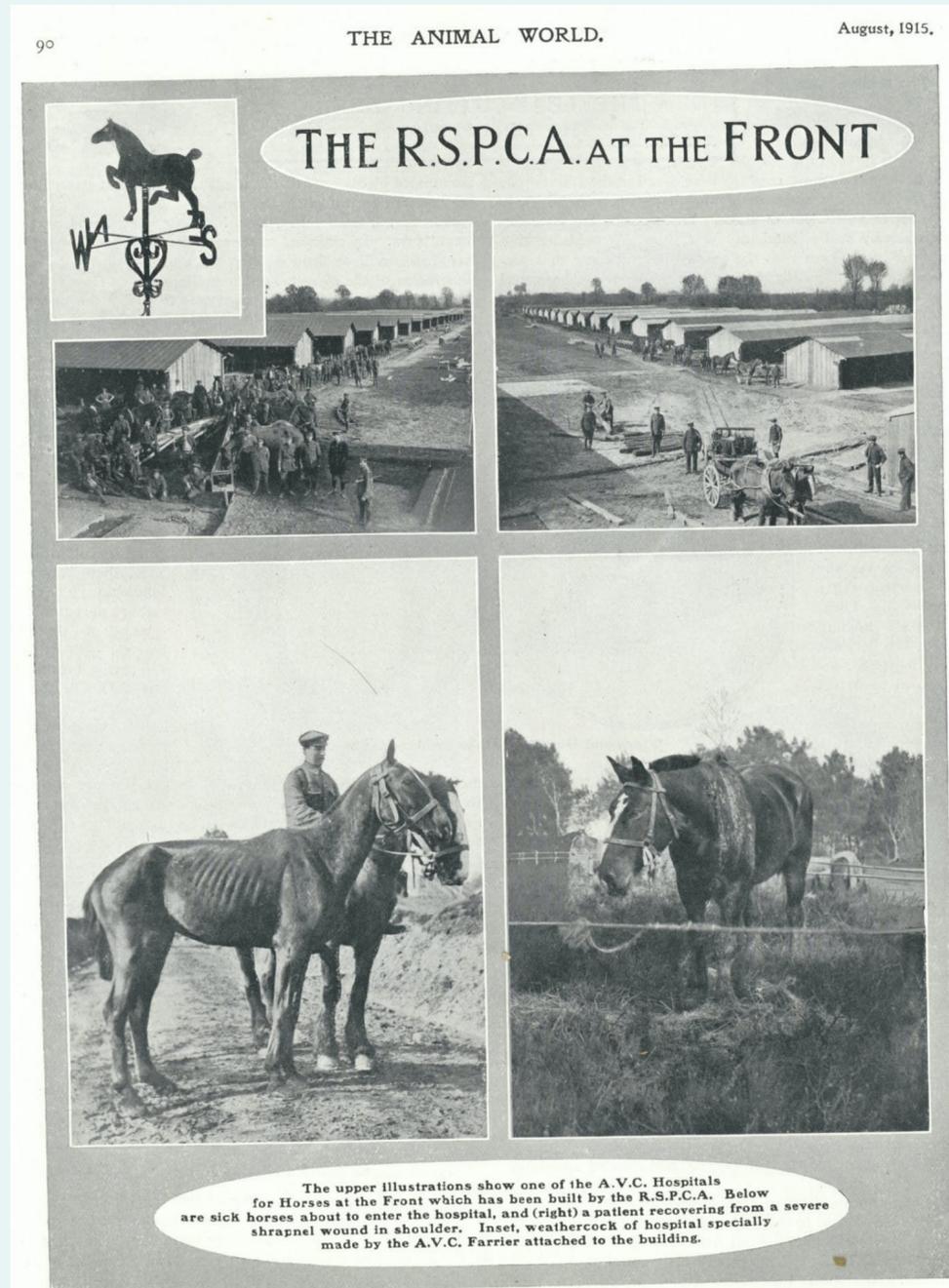
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The RSPCA during wartime





Two separate pages from The Animal World, the official magazine of the RSPCA (1915).

Both demonstrate the efforts to which the RSPCA went to care for sick and wounded horses.



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Animals in War Time

★ Maybe you are thinking that in war time you have so many calls on you for assistance that you cannot help the R.S.P.C.A. ★

In that case DO, PLEASE, consider A FEW FACTS:—

Cruelty to animals, caused by ignorance, or carelessness, or sheer brutality, does not cease because we are at war.

That is not a vague statement ; its truth has been proved. Every day since the outbreak of war R.S.P.C.A. Inspectors have had to warn people about the ill-treatment of animals and to give them sound advice and practical help. Numbers of serious cases of cruelty have been reported to R.S.P.C.A. Headquarters.

Human beings can voice their grievances ; ill-used animals cannot complain. People who ill-treat animals have to be cautioned and advised and, if necessary, prosecuted ; otherwise they will continue to ill-treat their animals. All R.S.P.C.A. Inspectors are experts on animals ; they know how to prevent cruelty.

If the R.S.P.C.A., through lack of support, were compelled to withdraw their inspectors numbers of cases of cruelty to animals and birds would not be detected.

Such a state of things is unthinkable and, therefore, the work of the Inspectors MUST go on ; only in this way can "fair play for animals" be made a CERTAINTY.

Your gift will go towards the maintenance of the Inspector in this district ; by giving you will be doing all you can do for those who can do nothing for themselves—ill-used animals.

**THEY PLEAD FOR YOUR HELP.
ARE THEY TO PLEAD IN VAIN?**

The R.S.P.C.A. carries on!

TODAY after four years of war, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals still actively pursues its work.

The strain is great. The difficulties are many. But in its essentials, encouraged by the good will of the public, its many sided task continues.

Its corps of Inspectors, though greatly depleted, still carries out its normal duties. These have been increased by war-time demands. Among these may be stressed the rescuing of animals injured in air raids, the humane destruction of homeless and unwanted pets, the inspection of markets, the supervision of conditions of transport and the prevention of the illicit traffic in wild birds.

Among other activities are:—

EDUCATIONAL WORK. Although the issue of literature has been very largely restricted, special efforts are being made through the Society's magazines to capture the interest of school children and to form Junior Division Groups.

CLINICS. The Society has now more than 85 Clinics established throughout the country. At these, qualified veterinary surgeons give free aid and advice.

HUMANE SLAUGHTERING. Thanks to the Society's efforts, the advocacy of painless slaughtering methods is steadily limiting the use of the knife.

P.T.O.



Royal  Society
for the
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
Headquarters: 105 JERMYN STREET, S.W.1 Telephone: Whitehall 7177

THE ARMY THAT IS STILL LIBERATING

Dachau, Belsen, Buchenwald victims have at last had their chance of speaking, but let us not forget that many animals are still suffering ill-treatment in silence. Pictured proof can be seen in the R.S.P.C.A. booklet "Cruelty or Kindness"; facts from the Society's records speak: 4,148 convictions for cruelty in 4 recent years.



As the fighting forces of the United Nations liberated oppressed humanity, so the R.S.P.C.A.'s Inspectors exist to serve all animals. Go to them with your problems: if in doubt how to do it, write to R.S.P.C.A., 105, Jermyn Street, London, S.W.1, or phone WHL. 7177.



The suffering animals have their liberators in the R.S.P.C.A.'s uniformed Corps of trained Inspectors. You can help by reporting animal cruelty or neglect to the nearest Inspector. If you cannot find his address in the local telephone directory, please get in touch with: R.S.P.C.A., 105, Jermyn Street, London, S.W.1. Telephone: WHL. 7177.



Three campaign leaflets from the RSPCA during wartime. Each of them campaign for the prevention of cruelty to animals during wartime.



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HELP THE HORSES—THEY HELP THE MEN

GRAND CARNIVAL

IN AID OF

SICK and WOUNDED WAR HORSES

(R.S.P.C.A. FUND),

ST. ANDREW'S HALLS, GLASGOW,
Friday and Saturday, 7th and 8th Dec., 1917
2 till 10 p.m. Each Day.

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MAIN HALL.

FRIDAY. Opening Ceremony, 2 p.m.

2.30-3.30 Organ Recital	6 - 7	Grand Oriental Pageant
4 - 5.30 Glasgow Corporation Tramway Orchestra	7 - 8	Organ Recital
	8 - 9	Grand Oriental Pageant

SATURDAY. Opening Ceremony, 2 p.m.

2.30-3.30 Organ Recital	5.30 - 6	Glasgow Conservatoire Students' Orchestra
3.30 - 4 Glasgow Conservatoire Students' Orchestra	6 - 7	Grand Oriental Pageant
4 - 5.30 Johnstone Silver Prize Band	7 - 8	Johnstone Silver Prize Band
	8 - 9	Grand Oriental Pageant

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ADMISSION (including Tax), - - - 1s. 3d.

JOHN HORN, LTD., GLASGOW.

The British Army Horses Need Your Help!

WHAT THE R.S.P.C.A. FUND IS DOING.

IT is working with the approval of the War Office, in conjunction with the Army Veterinary Corps, for the Horses of the British Army, and is the only fund that has been authorised for this purpose. It is supplementing the provision already made by the War Office, and is supplying motor ambulances, motor lorries, horse ambulances, corn crushers and chaff cutters driven by petrol engines, tugs, halters, bandages, and other veterinary requisites; it has provided three complete Veterinary Hospitals, which accommodate 3 700 horses, besides giving shelters to hold 500 horses. The R.S.P.C.A. has in addition trained and sent to the Army Veterinary Corps, for enlistment, nearly 200 men, including many of the Society's own Inspectors, and is giving special lectures on the care and treatment of horses to N.C.O.'s and other soldiers. The R.S.P.C.A. has also helped the British Army Horse at home by supplying ambulances, rugs, humane killers, veterinary stores and medicaments to regiments all over the country.

Donations Urgently Required.

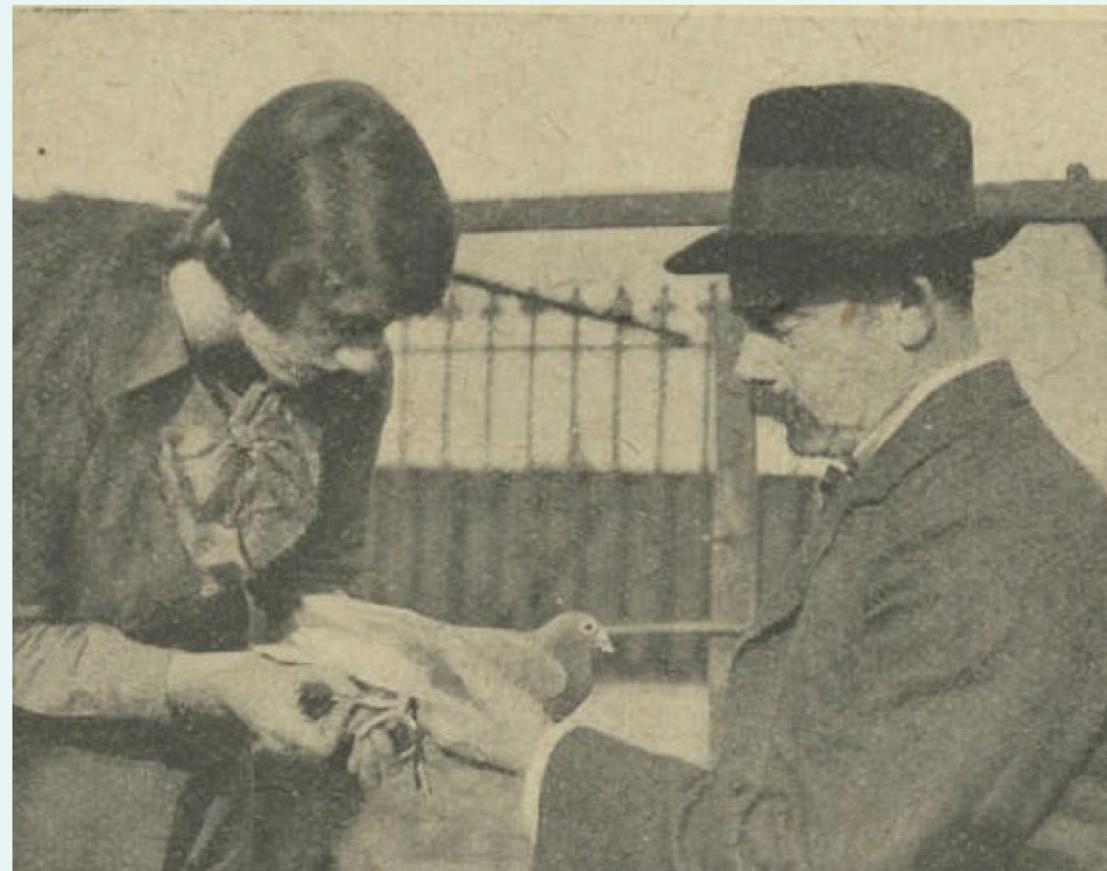
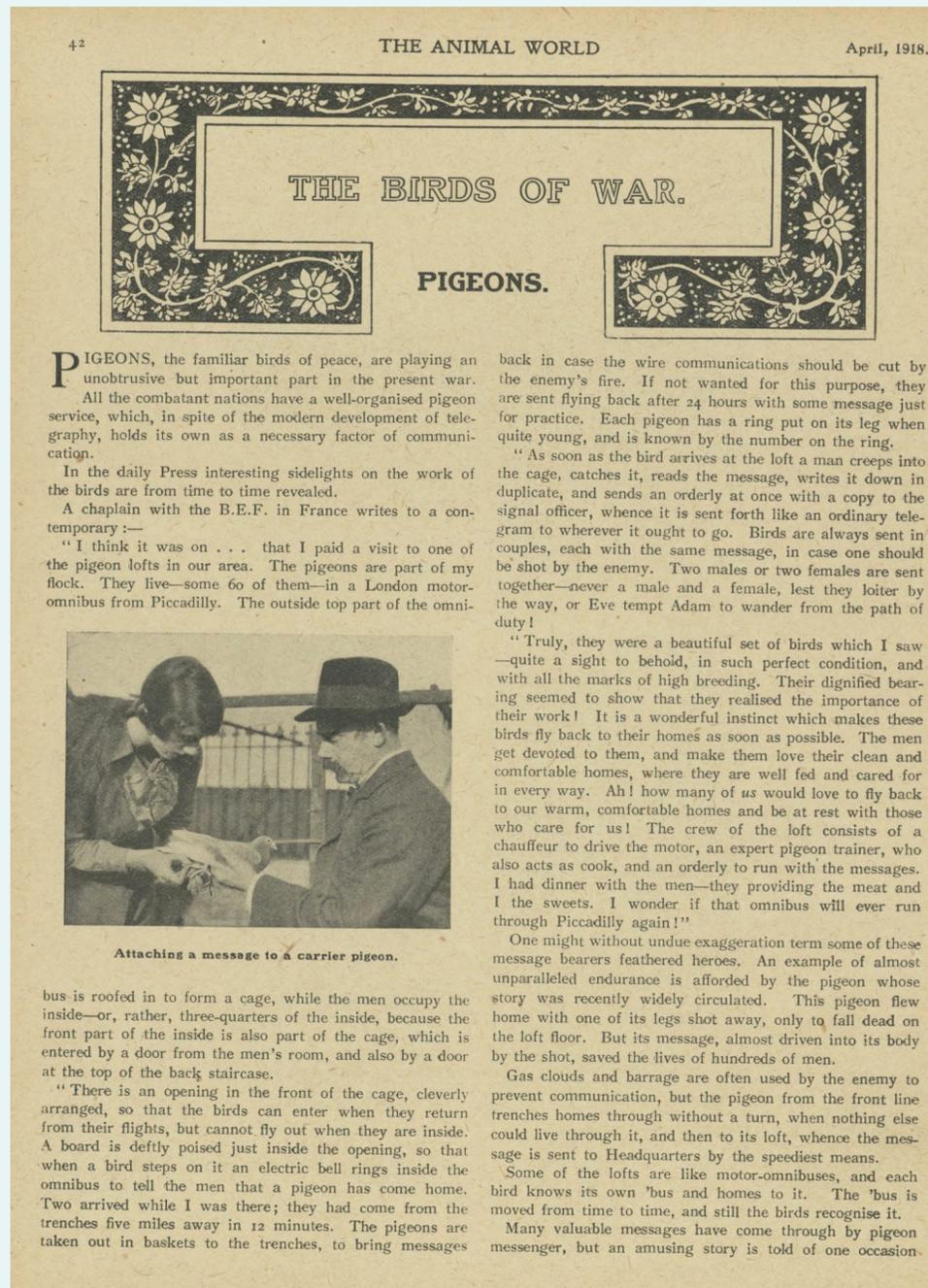
WHAT WILL YOU GIVE?

Contributions (crossed Couatts & Co.) should be forwarded to the Hon. Sec., Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 105 Jermyn Street London, S.W.

THE R.S.P.C.A. FUND for SICK & WOUNDED HORSES

Two separate leaflets from the RSPCA (1915-1917).

Both are campaigning to fundraise for British Army Horses that are sick and wounded.



A page from The Animal World (1918).

The article shines a light on pigeons, named here as 'The Birds of War', and the work they've done during WWI. WWI would end five months after this article.



A girl on a horse-and-cart with a placard which reads, 'Please help my poor friends the sick & wounded horses at the front'.

This photo was taken during WWI. It is likely that she is campaigning to fundraise for the sick and wounded horses in the British Army for the RSPCA.



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A horse being taken into an RSPCA van most likely after being treated by the RSPCA from the fund for Sick and Wounded Horses (1914-1918).



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A picture of an RSPCA officer and assistant tending to animals following an air raid in England during WWII (1941).



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OPENING OF THE WAR ANIMALS DISPENSARY.

GOOD WISHES FROM THE PRINCE OF WALES.

"I am glad to hear of the Memorial Dispensary for Animals which is being opened to-day at Kilburn by the Society of which I am President, and I send my best wishes for the success of its work.—Edward P."

This message from the President of the R.S.P.C.A., H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, addressed to Sir Robert Gower, Chairman of the Society, was received with acclamation at the formal opening of the Dispensary on Thursday, 10th November.

The Dispensary serves a double purpose. It is a memorial to all the animals and birds whose lives were sacrificed in the Great War, and it is also a home of healing, where the sufferings of sick animals can be alleviated.

Possibly few people to-day realize the great debt of gratitude owing to those animals who took part in the war. It has been estimated that—roughly—1,361,000 animals were purchased during the war; at one time the strength of animals on all fronts totalled over a million.

And maybe some people are forgetting what the R.S.P.C.A. did on behalf of the animals who suffered from sickness and wounds.

Soon after the outbreak of the war the R.S.P.C.A. opened a fund for the purchase of hospitals and hospital requisites for the animals. The Duke of Portland kindly acted as Chairman of the Fund, which was the only one approved by the Army Council. The Fund was an Auxiliary of the Army Veterinary Corps.

Thanks to the generosity of the animal-loving public the Fund was soon able to supply a hospital for a thousand horses, horse-drawn ambulances, motor ambulances, motor lorries, medical stores, horse shelters, chaff cutters and corn crushers, rugs, bandages, head collars, halters, hoods, poultice boots, etc., etc. Those who worked for the Fund were encouraged by a letter of appreciation from Sir John French (afterwards Lord French) to make further efforts which, unhappily, were sadly needed, for in the early part of 1915 it was computed that 5,000 horses were being put out of action every day. Two more hospitals were called for and provided. The urgent need of those hospitals is shown by the number of animals treated in them. By the end of January, 1916, 150,000 animals had passed through the hospitals; of these 105,000 were returned to remounts as cured. During 1916 another large hospital was erected, and by the end of the first six months of 1918 the R.S.P.C.A. Sick and Wounded Horses Fund had collected £200,000 and had spent the money in providing necessaries for horses of the British Army. Hospital accommodation had been provided for 13,000 horses. Each hospital was complete with operating theatres, forage barns, dressing sheds, forges, etc., and also messrooms, sleeping huts, bath rooms, recreation huts, etc., for officers and men.

The value of this work to the country is shown by the fact that eighty per cent of the animals that passed through the hospitals were discharged as cured.

At the conclusion of hostilities, by which time the Fund had collected over £250,000, Sir Douglas Haig (afterwards Lord Haig) sent the following letter of appreciation to the Duke of Portland, Chairman of the Fund:—

General Headquarters,
28th January, 1919.

Sir,—I desire to express through you and your Committee my sense of gratitude to all those who, in their sympathy for the welfare and comfort of the sick and wounded animals, have contributed to the special fund which was organized under the auspices of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and approved of by the Army Council as an auxiliary aid to the Army Veterinary Service.

As you are aware, animals have been exposed to very severe trials and hardships, and have suffered heavily, not only as battle casualties, but through the exhaustion and loss of health consequent on the severe stress of work. Their lot has, however, been greatly lightened, and their comfort in sickness materially added to, by the assistance which the Fund has been able to give. This fact will, I know, be gratifying to donors to the Fund.

I attach a list of the chief objects on which the money subscribed has been devoted. I would specially like to express my thanks for the provision of motor horse-ambulances, which have saved so many animals and proved indispensable adjuncts to Veterinary Service, also of the veterinary hospitals complete with every known convenience for up-to-date surgical and medical treatment.

May I offer you my congratulations and express my appreciation on the work which has been achieved by your Committee and helpers.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
(Signed) D. HAIG,
Field-Marshal.

In an interesting pamphlet entitled "Our Servant the Horse," Major-General Sir John Moore, K.C.M.G., C.B., F.R.C.V.S., late Director of Veterinary Services, British Expeditionary Force, France, who made a most interesting speech at the opening of the Dispensary, pays a kind tribute to the work of the R.S.P.C.A. Fund for Sick and Wounded Horses.

"One cannot but admire, and be profoundly grateful for the fine spirit, the kind and sympathetic thought for animals in war by the good British people at home, who by their unflinching and more than generous response to



Photo] Lady Warwick opening the Dispensary. On the right are Sir Robert Gower, M.P., Chairman of the R.S.P.C.A., Captain Fairholme, Chief Secretary, and Major-General Sir John Moore, K.C.M.G., C.B., F.R.C.V.S. [Sport & General

An article from The Animal World about the War Animals Dispensary.

It serves as a memorial for all the animals whose lives were lost during WWI and also acts as place of healing – where animals can receive the care they need when they are sick or injured (1932).



On the left is a picture of a medal, which will have been given to award members of the Band of Mercy for good work.

Each member made the pledge, 'We agree to be kind to animals, and to do all in our power to protect them from cruelty and promote their humane treatment'.

The Bands of Mercy were locally led youth organisations, which the RSPCA were responsible for, to promote kindness to animals among young people (est. 1882-1900).



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Rescuing animals from environmental disasters



R: THE FRIEND

EAST COAST Floods
The R.S.P.C.A. Rescued, Fed and Watered **11,432** Animals and Birds

EVERY AVAILABLE R.S.P.C.A. OFFICIAL IN THE FLOODED AREA WENT INTO IMMEDIATE ACTION FOR ANIMAL LIFE ON SUNDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1953. When news of the catastrophe first reached the outside world ONE-FIFTH OF ITS INSPECTORS AND CLINICS STAFF WERE DRAFTED INTO THE AREA—AS WELL AS ENLISTING LOCAL MEN. All these, and scores of home workers day and night without rest. NO EXPENSE WAS SPARED. Animal ambulances were sent to the area, and borrowed vehicles from the Army and Navy were used. borrowed boats and amphibious vehicles from the Army and Navy and milk churns (for transporting fresh water) were borrowed from the Army. Of the **11,432** animals and birds rescued by these prompt rescuers, **1,090** WERE CATTLE, many of whom had to be MILKED OUT TO BRING ABOUT IMMEDIATE RELIEF OF SUFFERING.

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Two images of the devastating urban flooding that happened on Boxing Day 2015, in York. Many wild and domestic animals will have been affected in addition to York's residents.



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R : THE FRIEND



Rescuers and a helper take food and water to farm animals.

ED FOR RESCUED PLACE

se in kennels, on farms
ated at R.S.P.C.A. cost,
or farm stock, hundreds

? Please give generously
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FUNDS FOR THESE
PUT AT EASE THE
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DO MUCH DISTRESS.

HE DAILY MIRROR". They were
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l, 179 Tottenham Court Road, W.1

EAST COAST Floods The R.S.P.C.A. Rescued, Fed and Watered **11,432** Animals and Birds



Military boats for a military operation. Two R.S.P.C.A. Inspectors, in the front line of the battle for saving animal life, lift sheep on to an Army DUKW at Foulness.

EVERY AVAILABLE R.S.P.C.A. OFFICIAL IN THE FLOODED AREAS WENT INTO IMMEDIATE ACTION FOR ANIMAL LIFE-SAVING ON SUNDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1953.

When news of the catastrophe first reached the outside world on Sunday morning, the R.S.P.C.A. London Headquarters drafted into the stricken area ONE-FIFTH OF ITS INSPECTORS AND CLINICS STAFF—OVER 51 MEN—as well as enlisting local men. All these, and scores of honorary officials worked day and night without rest.

NO EXPENSE WAS SPARED. Animal ambulances were sent, along with borrowed boats and amphibious vehicles from the Army and Navy. Lorries and milk churns (for transporting fresh water) were borrowed from all sources. Of the **11,432** animals and birds rescued by these prompt measures, **1,354 WERE CATTLE**, many of whom had to be MILKED OUT FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF OF SUFFERING.

SLIME AND MUD left by the deluge made rescue work difficult. R.S.P.C.A. Inspectors cling to a memorial stone as they founder knee-deep in mud.



FOOD FOR EXHAUSTED cattle marooned on Foulness Island is brought by R.S.P.C.A. Inspectors.



Other rescues included :—

- 1,090 sheep
- 271 horses
- 799 pigs
- 233 tame rabbits
- 529 dogs
- 372 cats

Issued by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 105 Jermyn Street, London, S.W.1.
Telephone: WHI 7177



A fundraising leaflet spreading awareness of the work the RSPCA did to rescue, feed and water thousands of animals and birds affected by the East Coast Floods (1953).



Conclusions:

I hope never agin^A to see such devastation. I am leaving out the human angle and speaking only about the animals. Words cannot describe what we saw and did. I am quite unashamedly crying whilst writing this report, and suppose it is only the reaction to all I have seen and done in these three terrible days, but just let me say that I am very proud to have been on such a job, and to have been associated with such a grand lot of chaps - Army, Navy, Farmers and especially your Inspectors. They are the finest lot of chaps I would ever wish to work with. Nobody wanted, or got any order, but did what was to be done, and well

I have never met any of these men before but feel that each one of us would do the same again. But it is my earnest wish that such a catastrophe shall never happen again.

A report from an RSPCA Officer recounting their experience of helping to save animals affected by the East Coast Floods (1953).



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Pictures of two seabirds affected by the harsh effects of an oil spill in their habitat. This will have been similar to what happened to birds and sealife in the Torrey Canyon 1967 oil spill.



An image of a wildfire blazing through woodland.

Wildfires can happen due to many factors, including strong heat from the sun with low humidity (this can create embers and ignite fires), throwing away lit cigarettes, damaged electrical wires, unattended campfires and more.

Countless animals lose their lives or become badly injured and sick because of wildfires.