



Good afternoon Christopher,

I hope you are keeping safe and well.

My name is Karlyn and I am the Development Manager at Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home, a charity which exists to rescue, reunite and rehome lost, stray and abandoned dogs and cats in Edinburgh and the East of Scotland. We have recently expanded our community outreach by delivering our new pet food bank project, Paws Pantry, which has had a great uptake within our local area in recent months. Another new initiative is Paddocks by the Prom, our secured paddock rental service for dog owners to utilise. Despite the pandemic, our fabulous kennel team have continued to look after the dogs and cats who still require our care. Our running costs are in the region of £2 million per year and as we receive no government funding, we rely heavily on fundraising to be able to continue to care for our animals.

My colleague has come across your wonderful advert requesting applications for your generous funding offer of £2,000 plus Gift Aid and I hoped that you might be able to consider Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home for this most kind gesture.

1. Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home is a registered charity in Scotland, registered charity number SC006914. Our registered address is 26 Seafield Road East, Edinburgh, EH15 1EH.
2. Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home exists to rescue, reunite and rehome lost, stray and abandoned dogs and cats in Edinburgh and the East of Scotland. In addition, we provide a pet food bank service; education programmes for schools, groups and businesses and paddock rental, which provides a safe and enclosed space for pet owners to exercise their dogs.
3. A grant of £2,000 plus Gift Aid would allow us to expand two of our dog kennels to accommodate larger breeds of dogs. Since 1962, Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home's rescue centre has been situated at our current location, where we have purpose built kennels and catteries. Given the need at the time, the space on site was utilised to build and host as many kennels as would fit. As with everything, trends change, and now, we are seeing a higher volume of larger dogs come through our doors. Expanding more of our kennels would allow us to ensure that we can take in all dogs, no matter their size, to care for them whilst we either reunite them with their owner or find them a new and loving home.

Each of our 170 rehoming kennels are large enough for an average dog to sleep and move comfortably in, however, some additional space for these larger dogs would be a magnificent and much needed addition to the Home. As part of our Association of Dogs and Cats Homes (ADCH) membership, a need has been identified to increase the number of large kennels that we have for larger dog welfare, and our goal is to have eight expanded kennels. We have expanded six kennels to date. Not only has the expansion increased our ability to care for larger dogs, but our expanded kennels have proven to be a very useful tool in helping dogs (of all sizes) with kennel stress; the increased space provides highly stressed dogs with extra space to move around, which in turn aids relaxation. Dogs that have injured their tails by continually hitting them off kennel walls have been given space to ensure that they do not continue to injure themselves. A further expansion of two more kennels, and completion of our current expansion project, would be an incredible upgrade to our Home and our commitment to never turning any dog or cat away.

Thank-you for taking the time to read my application Christopher and please do let me know if you require any further information. You are doing super work to support the local community.

With very best wishes,

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