



126th Open Meeting Programme

Tuesday 12th November 2024

09:30 Registration and refreshments

10:00 Welcome and introductions

Presented by Giles Webber, ADCH Chair, and Rebecca Cooper, ADCH Executive Director

10:10 Legislative update

David Bowles, RSPCA and Chair of ADCH Legislative Committee, along with Claire Bass from HSI UK, will provide an update on current legislative developments affecting the sector.

10:30 Welcome from Open Meeting Host

Jenny Eden, Branch Manager at RSPCA Sussex North & Brighton, will discuss the recent kennel rebuild project, future plans for their cattery, and their work with reptiles.

11:00 Networking and refreshments

11:30 Wellbeing of shelter staff and volunteers

Tamsin Durston, Veterinary Nurse and Clinical Animal Behaviourist, will present human behaviour models for managing the emotional demands of animal welfare work. Tamsin is an experienced dog training instructor and author of *Emotional Well-being for Animal Welfare Professionals*.

12:05 Update on reduced priced medicines from the Animal Charity Pharmacy

Dr Sue Paterson FRCVS, Chair of Trustees of The Animal Charity Pharmacy will provide an update on the work of the charity in setting up a low-cost pharmacy for ADCH members to purchase reduced price veterinary medicines.

12:40 Updates from Sponsors

Presentations from Petplan and Mars

13:10 Updates from Members

13:20 Updates from ADCH Committees

13:30 Buffet lunch and further opportunity for networking

Pre-booked tours of RSPCA Sussex North & Brighton Branch take place at 14:00, 14:30 and 15:00. Please ensure that you have booked your slot.