***The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA)***is the oldest animal welfare charity in the UK. It was set up in 1824. It works hard to ‘create a world where humans respect and live in harmony with all other members of the animal kingdom’.

**A few statistics**

• More than 4 million animals are used in scientific experiments each year.

• In 2014 the RSPCA received 1,299, 163 phone calls from people reporting cruelty to an

animal.

• The RSPCA found new homes for 53,263 animals in 2014.

• The UK pet population is about 21 million.

**How the charity helps:**

• Rescuing, giving veterinary care and finding new homes for animals.

• Carrying out research to improve the standards of care for animals.

• Influencing governments so that laws are changed and animals are better protected.