In 2018, the Venton Centre rehomed 252 animals:

100 Dogs
123 Cats
7 Rabbits
22 Miscellaneous

This was a 24% decrease on 2017's rehomed figure of 335. The reduction is due to the number and length of stay of RSPCA Inspectorate investigation case animals that the Centre has accommodated, thus preventing intake from other owners.

The income generated in 2018 from our 3 charity shops enabled the Branch to continue to fund other designated funds for animal welfare purposes throughout Cornwall and to maintain the Venton Animal Rehoming Centre in St Columb. The main fundraising events were the Summer Fete and Fun Dog Show in June, and our Christmas Fayre that together generated a surplus of £4,876.

Throughout the year, the Branch continued to run the subsidised countywide cat spay programme acting in partnership with 32 veterinary practices: 450 female cats were spayed in 2018 at a cost of just £10 to their owners. The campaign, which began in May 2014, had funded spaying of 2,563 cats at a cost to the Branch of £102,520 by the end of 2018.

We also supported the "Bull Breeds" neutering programme which is run in association with Devon & Cornwall Police. In 2018 6 dogs were neutered at a cost of £927 to the Branch.

Free of charge cat microchipping at participating veterinary surgeries for owners in Cornwall who receive means-tested benefits was also maintained. The Branch continue to provide subsidised veterinary treatment for animals that are sick or injured and owned by local people on low income. This is achieved through a voucher scheme. During 2018, the Branch issued 102 welfare vouchers at a total value of £3,695. This work benefits those receiving means tested benefits by giving them financial help to obtain care for companion animals in need of veterinary treatment.

Later in 2019, we are planning to update our Kennel block, which will have a short-term impact on the number of dogs we can accommodate whilst the building work is completed, so may reduce our overall rehoming capacity this year.