

Battersea Dogs & Cats Home An issue to



The stamps feature some of the many animals re-homed and rescued by Battersea Dogs & Cats Home. From top left: Pixie, Button, Herbie, Mr Tumnus, Tafka, Boris, Casey, Tigger, Leonard and Tia.

TEN 1ST CLASS STAMPS featuring dogs and cats that have been rescued and cared for by the world-famous Battersea Dogs & Cats Home go on sale at Post Office branches and philatelic outlets and Royal Mail Tallents House on 11 March to mark the Home's 150th anniversary. Battersea Dogs & Cats Home is a charity that aims never to turn away a dog or cat in need of help. It was founded in 1860 as 'The Temporary Home for Lost and Starving Dogs' in Holloway, and moved to its present site in Battersea in 1871. Cats have been taken in since 1883. The stamps, 35mm square, were designed by CDT Design Ltd and litho printed by Cartor.

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celebrate 150 years of rescue and re-homing



Battersea Dogs & Cats Home prices	
Set of stamps	£ 3.90
Presentation pack	£ 4.40
FDC envelope	£ 0.30
Serviced FDC: stamps (UK customers)	£ 5.06
Serviced FDC: stamps (overseas customers)	£ 4.31
Stamp cards set (10 cards)	£ 4.00
Medal cover	£14.95



"...an extraordinary monument of the remarkable affection with which English people regard the race of dogs..."

CHARLES DICKENS — TWO DOG SHOWS, 3 AUGUST, 1853

The story of Battersea Dogs & Cats Home

In 1800, Mrs Mary Tealby opened 'The Temporary Home for Lost and Starving Dogs' in a stable yard in Holloway because she was so concerned by the number of animals roaming the streets of London. Mrs Tealby died in 1865, aged 64, and sadly little more is known about her.

In 1871, the Home moved to its present site in Battersea, and was renamed 'The Dogs' Home Battersea', although the Home began taking in cats in 1888. In 1885, Her Majesty Queen Victoria became patron of the Home, and it has remained under royal patronage ever since.

Battersea Dogs & Cats Home is a charity that aims never to turn away a dog or cat in need of help. The Home's owners, when the original owners cared for until new homes can be found educates the public about responsible

Every year the Home cares for over 11 to the site in south-west London, the based at Old Windsor, Berkshire and

In July 2005, the name of the charity Home in recognition of the work the 1 thousands of cats.

1. Mrs Mary Tealby's signature. 2. Archive photograph Charles Dickens wrote an article in his journal, *All The Year's* the dogs were housed at the Barkbridge site, in present



Behind the scenes at

Battersea Dogs & Cats Home accepts at night, 365 days a year. Dogs and cats are unable, or unwilling, to care for them a given a thorough health check by a vet

Throughout their stay at the Home, all by Battersea's Animal Welfare. Veterinarians all their needs are met. Prior to rehoming behavioural and temperament assesses as possible about the animal's character of home that would suit them best.

Battersea rehomes dogs and cats to homes across the whole of the United Kingdom. All prospective owners are interviewed and this information is used to match them with the dog or cat which suits their home and lifestyle.

Although the majority of Battersea's dogs are rehomed to domestic homes, it is sometimes felt that a particular dog would benefit from the added stimulation of a working home. A number of Battersea dogs have thrived in a wide range of practical roles including as assistance dogs, sniffer dogs and as working sheepdogs.

Battersea Dogs & Cats Home 150th Anniversary

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5. A view of Battersea Dogs & Cats Home's London site. 6. A dog is scanned for a microchip - it is microchipping that makes many of Battersea's success stories possible. 7. Battersea's Behaviour Advice Line is a service for people whose dogs or cats are having behavioural problems. 8. One of the Home's vet nurses examines a new arrival.