

Stray Over



Sleep out at Battersea's iconic centre to raise funds for abandoned dogs and cats



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What is Stray Over?

Challenge your team to spend a night under the stars in aid of Battersea's abandoned dogs and cats

Stray Over is a brand new fundraising event for corporate teams to support the work of Battersea Dogs & Cats Home by experiencing a night outside, as a stray. The event is open to all business sectors and will challenge teams to give up their warm beds and home comforts to spend a night sleeping outside at Battersea's iconic site.

At the event, you will experience a unique evening behind the scenes at Battersea's famous shelter and get to meet and hear stories from some of our amazing animals before bedding down for the night.

Event details:

When: Friday 27 April 2018

Where: Battersea Dogs & Cats Home
4 Battersea Park Road
London, SW8 4AA

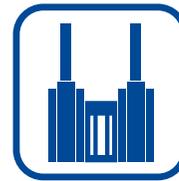


Why should you Stray Over?

Between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016, across the UK there were approximately 81,050 stray dogs handled by local councils.*

These animals have nowhere to turn; unlike us, they cannot ask for help and are left to an uncertain future subject to starvation, injury or death, alone and unloved.

In 2017, 27% of dogs and cats arriving at Battersea's centres were strays, equating to over 2000 animals. Unfortunately, we regularly take in animals that have been badly neglected or suffered horrible cruelty but Battersea's open intake policy means that we will never turn away a dog or cat in need, whatever their age, breed or medical condition. Our three centres are open 365 days a year to care for abandoned dogs and cats.



For those animals who are fortunate enough to arrive at Battersea there is hope that through the expertise and dedication of our staff and veterinary team, they can be nursed back to health and new loving homes found for them, however long it takes.

By taking part in Stray Over, not only will you help raise much-needed funds so we can continue our vital work, but you'll be a voice for our animals, when no one else will.

*from annual Stray Dogs Survey 2016 carried out by Dog's Trust





Enid's story

Bulldog puppy Enid was brought in as a stray in January 2017 with a horrific skin infection, deformed hips, a serious heart condition and widescale dental problems. She was so unwell, her future was uncertain, but after being fostered by Battersea's Head of Canine Behaviour, Ali Taylor, Enid has now become a permanent member of the Taylor family.



Sprout and Parsnip's story

Two stray dogs, a Cocker Spaniel, Parsnip and Lurcher, Sprout, were brought in by a local dog warden after they were found wandering the streets in a pitiful state. Both dogs came to us malnourished and their skin was covered in painful sores. Parsnip also bore signs of having been bred from several times.

Luckily the pair were found in time to save them and after weeks of treatment and some well-deserved love and care from our dedicated staff, both Parsnip and Sprout are now enjoying their new lives in their forever homes.



Penelope's story

Penelope was the first Persian of the year to arrive at London in 2016. She came in as a stray with no microchip and her fur was matted and dirty - so matted she had to be completely shaved in the clinic. Her teeth were also in poor condition and she had to undergo a large amount of dental treatment. However, Penelope won hearts quickly and found her forever home after she'd recovered from her special haircut!



Freddy's story

Four-year-old Staffordshire Bull Terrier/ Greyhound cross Freddy's woebegone expression earned him the title of Battersea's saddest dog. Freddy was wandering the streets as a stray when he was hit by a car. His hip was dislocated in the accident and he needed urgent surgery. He was brought into Battersea where he was treated and then spent 52 days with us until he was finally rehomed to a loving new family.



What does taking a Stray Over team involve?

Your team can consist of up to five members including your Team Leader. The team can be solely from your company or can be a combination of business individuals who wish to join together.

As a team, you will be required to take on the challenge to raise £2,500 to take part in the event. You can choose how you would like to fundraise for the event. You have the option to:

- Be sponsored by your company
- Fundraise for part of the total and receive company match funding
- Fundraise the total amount

Battersea receives no government funding and money raised through this event will help us to continue to provide care for the thousands of lost, abandoned and unwanted animals that arrive at our gates every year.

Following registration, your team will receive a Stray Over welcome pack with event information, tools and tips

for fundraising and details of your dedicated contact to support you in the run up. You will also have the option to:

- Include your organisation's logo within the Battersea website
- Use the Stray Over participants logo to promote your support
- Benefit from engagement via the BDCH LinkedIn profile

The team sleep out area on the night will be situated at the rear of our London site.

We will provide each team with the following for the event:

- Ground sheet and cardboard to sleep on
- Stray Over hoodie and hat
- Waterproof kit (poncho/umbrella)
- Hot meal and drinks on the night
- Breakfast in the morning
- Team photo, certificate and medal

You will need to provide your own sleeping bags and warm clothing.



Get signed up



Stray Over will be an experience like no other. Participants will be given behind the scenes access at Battersea, visiting areas of the site not open to the public.

As well as meeting some of our amazing animals, the evening will consist of fun team challenges, entertainment, a twilight tour of the Home and the chance to learn more about our charity and to experience the journey of a stray animal.

How do I register our team?

You can register your team by contacting the Special Events Team on 0203 887 8366, email via strayover@battersea.org.uk or by visiting battersea.org.uk/StrayOver

Contact us

To view the Stray Over Rules please visit battersea.org.uk/StrayOver

For more information, or if you have any questions regarding the event, please email strayover@battersea.org.uk and a member of the team will be in touch

