

# Howard calls it a day

**Howard Bridges, CEO at Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home, has announced he will retire at the end of this year.**

He has been Chief Executive Officer at Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home for five years, and leaves an impressive legacy. He has during his tenure increased fundraising, improved the life and welfare of the animals in the care of the home and has ensured that thousands of animals are rehomed.

Howard joined Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home in 2015, following his previous success as Deputy Chief Executive Officer at Battersea Dogs & Cats Home in London. He expanded the senior management and fundraising teams, increasing revenue and positioning the Home as a leading animal charity in Scotland all in terms of the five year strategy which he set out.

There have been improvements to the kennel and cattery areas, additional outdoor paddock runs and further enrichment work for the dogs and cats with the introduction of a sound system installed throughout the kennels.

The introduction and roll out of a brand-new Board of Trustees advancing the organisations standing within Edinburgh and the Lothians, this included the roll out of a new governance framework to help take the Home forward in a more robust fashion.



Howard Bridges, Chief Executive Officer at Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home said: "I will miss Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home and all the dedicated staff who work tirelessly to rescue, reunite and rehome the many animals that pass through our doors. It has been incredibly rewarding being a part of so many success stories, in particular being a part of finding new homes for so many animals.

"I'm particularly proud of the wonderful team here at the Home and the impact we have been able to have on the community we

serve. And once again want to thank the team for all their hard work.”

Chair of Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home, Doreen Graham said:“Howard’s professionalism and energy created a new dynamic at the Home and he will leave us with ambitious plans for a bright future for the passionate team who play their part in caring for the dogs and cats that come into our care.

“As Chief Executive Howard raised public awareness of the Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home and continued to develop the Home’s advocacy work which included supporting public campaigns to end puppy farming and the use of shock collars, providing an expert voice in the media about the need to introduce Lucy’s Law in Scotland, and sharing our expert insights into Scottish Government consultations.”

“I have really enjoyed working with Howard and on behalf of the trustees, I would like to thank him for all he has done and wish him well for the future.”

Howard will continue as CEO until the end of the year.