

# The BHWT 900,000th hen finds her new home

## Lucky little Lottie settles down in Scotland



On a chilly day in bonny Scotland near the end of last year the British Hen

Welfare Trust rehomed its 900,000th hen in a world-first, and is now firmly counting down to its millionth.

Lucky little Lottie, so called because she's effectively won the hen equivalent of the lottery, was rehomed from the charity's new Dollar site in Scotland on Sunday, 20th November.

Lottie has gone to live out her retirement with Monica Craig, who collected her with son Jimmy. Also at home is Monica's husband Jason, a Border Collie called Max and Howie the Shetland sheepdog.

Monica said: "I first heard about BHWT when I told a friend I would love to get some chickens at the end of 2019 and he told me his mum rescued through you. When I saw the rehoming so near to my home in Dollar, I knew I had to help. hilariously we came to adopt three chickens and left with five!"

The charity now looks forward to rehoming its millionth hen saved from slaughter. This lucky little hen will also enjoy the second part of her life as a much-loved family pet.

### RESUMING REHOMING

The BHWT took the decision to pause its rehoming activity in England after a housing order was put in place on 7th November, 2022.

This pause allowed us to review and assess our biosecurity measures, carry out risk assessments in order to keep rehomers, volunteers and hens safe and to consult with farmers and Defra.



Monica, Jimmy and Lottie getting to know each other

After a month of no rehommings the charity was confident that these could resume with our usual high biosecurity measures in place such as regular boot dipping and delivering hens directly to people's vehicles to keep movements at a minimum.

As always, the charity continues to liaise closely

with farmers and would never knowingly rehome any sick or ill birds.

That said, it is important we are able to resume our rehoming activity, not least so that the birds we have promised homes to can begin their retirements with loving families as soon as possible.

### BHWT

The British Hen Welfare Trust (BHWT) was established in 2005 by Jana Howorth MBE and is Britain's first registered charity concerned with rehoming laying hens while improving hen welfare across commercial and domestic sectors. We believe that pet hens matter; everything we do is to improve the welfare of our feathered friends and introduce more people to the joys of hen-keeping.

1. Every year, with support from over 1,200 volunteers at 46 pop-up sites, we rehome over 50,000 hens saved from slaughter. To date we've rehomed over 895,000 hens.

- We educate consumers to help them make informed choices when shopping. For example, about caged eggs hidden in processed foods and the problem of using large eggs, rather than small or mixed weight.
- We work closely with government agencies and veterinary institutions to develop programmes and practices to improve hen welfare in both the commercial and domestic sectors.
- We offer a wealth of information and guidance online and offer a free 'Hen Helpline' service to all hen keepers needing advice on caring for sick chickens.
- We have also developed an educational programme providing resources to schools to help pupils explore the connections between food, farming, and animal welfare.
- We work with academic researchers to facilitate ground-breaking studies into pet hens and provide grants to vets and veterinary students to conduct research into chickens to build evidence-based data about how best to care for pet hens.