# East London Charity Vet To Pound The City's Streets To Raise Funds To Help Animals In Need

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**LONDON, 11 March 2026 – Celia Hammond Animal Trust Vet, David Murphy, will be putting his best foot forward on Sunday 26 April 2026 when he takes part in the London Marathon to raise funds to help improve the lives of animals in need.**

"Working on the frontline of animal welfare in East London, I regularly treat abandoned, feral, and stray animals, in addition to providing urgent and routine low-cost veterinary care to pets belonging to low-income owners," said David Murphy, Vet at Celia Hammond Animal Trust's Canning Town branch.

Celia Hammond Animal Trust responds to calls from the public, local authorities, and police, and provides an essential service collecting and treating strays as well as animals from backstreet breeders, multi-cat households, and welfare situations. The charity's work is only made possible thanks to funding and donations from generous animal lovers.

Over the last 40 years, Celia Hammond Animal Trust has…

- neutered over **460,000** cats and dogs, and prevented countless animals from being born into a life of suffering on the streets
- administered more than **half a million** vaccinations
- provided nearly **half a million** low-cost veterinary consultations
- performed over **130,000** veterinary surgeries, many of them life-saving
- rehomed over **73,500** animals

"I started running at parkrun a couple of years ago and soon discovered that I had no talent for running whatsoever, but I really enjoyed it. The London Marathon is going to be a brutal challenge for me as I've never run even close to 26 miles, but I am absolutely committed to completing the distance in order to raise as much money as possible for the Celia Hammond Animal Trust," said Murphy.

To support David Murphy on his marathon challenge, and help Celia Hammond Animal Trust continue its mission of caring for animals in most need through life-saving surgery, vaccination and neutering clinics, low-cost veterinary consultations, and the rehoming of rescued animals, please donate online at https://gofund.me/4332780b9.

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**About Celia Hammond Animal Trust**

Founded in 1986, Celia Hammond Animal Trust is a UK charity which operates across London and the South East helping stray, abandoned, and unwanted animals, and provides essential low-cost veterinary care to pets belonging to low-income owners.

With veterinary clinics and rescue centres located in Canning Town and Lewisham (London), and an animal sanctuary and rehoming centre in Brede (East Sussex), Celia Hammond Animal Trust seeks homes for rescued animals in London, East and West Sussex, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent, and Surrey.

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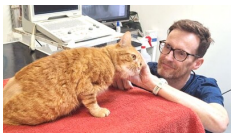
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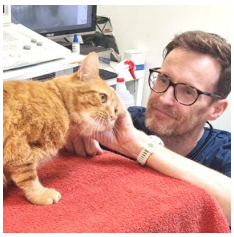
**About David Murphy**

David Murphy has worked as a vet at Celia Hammond Animal Trust for the last two years. His role includes looking after hospital inpatients and dealing with emergencies in a busy charity clinic.

Prior to becoming a vet, David Murphy worked as a computer programmer for more than a decade.

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During that time, he volunteered at several animal rescue centres, where the idea of becoming a vet really took hold. Fast-forward several years and countless exams later, he eventually graduated from the Royal Veterinary College in 2021.

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