

# Good Response to World Animal Week

Plenty of interest, oceans of goodwill, but not so much money in the kitty. That summarises a preliminary report from Offaly SPCA on the outcome of fundraising activities centred on the annual World Animal Week – and it was in line with experiences of other charitable organisations since the current recession took hold.

There were no signs of doom and gloom, however, among the record number of volunteers who manned the OSPCA stands located in business premises in four Offaly towns. On the contrary, there was a general feeling that the whole exercise had been well worthwhile. Indeed, it was rated as positively enjoyable, volunteers being greatly heartened by the interest and support expressed by the general public.

Organisers have extended warm thanks to all the participants and contributors and, of course to the owners / managers of the businesses who facilitated their campaign. These included Tesco, Tullamore; Dunnes Stores, Church Road, Tullamore; the Bridge Centre Tullamore; Flynn's Costcutters, Birr; and the Medical Hall, Edenderry.

Although the official 'Animal Week' is over, fundraising is ongoing in Banagher and Edenderry, and it is planned to organise a few further sales points within the next month or so. It is hoped that by the time the campaign concludes the total sum raised will not be too far short of the 2009 figure of €9,000 gross. Meanwhile, copies of the 2010 calendar are available from the OSPCA Office in Church St., Tullamore.

## **Kittens and Cats**

And all the time, of course, the work of caring for animals goes on. There is no shortage of problems on various fronts but finding new homes for kittens and adult cats is the most urgent need at the moment. Potential adopters are invited to call to the OSPCA office or telephone 086 3785584. Photographs of just a few of the animals available are on display in the office window.