

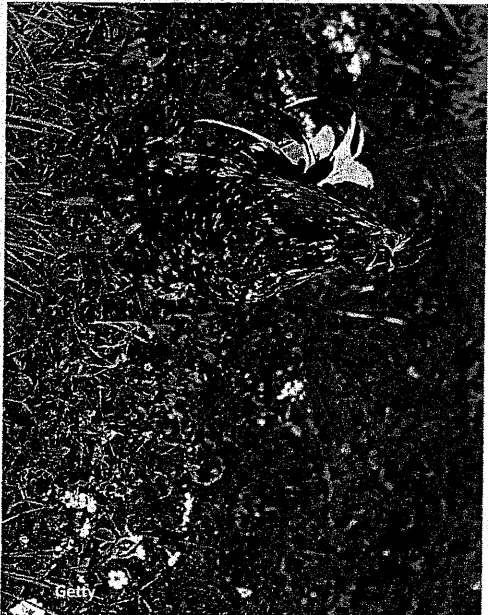
**ANIMAL NEWS**

# RUDE AWAKENINGS

**A man from South Wales has been fined £600 because of his noisy cockerels.**

The cock-a-doodle-dooos from Malcolm Hughes' cockerels were not a welcome start to the day for his neighbours. He lives in a terraced house and the cockerels were waking his neighbours as early as 4:40am.

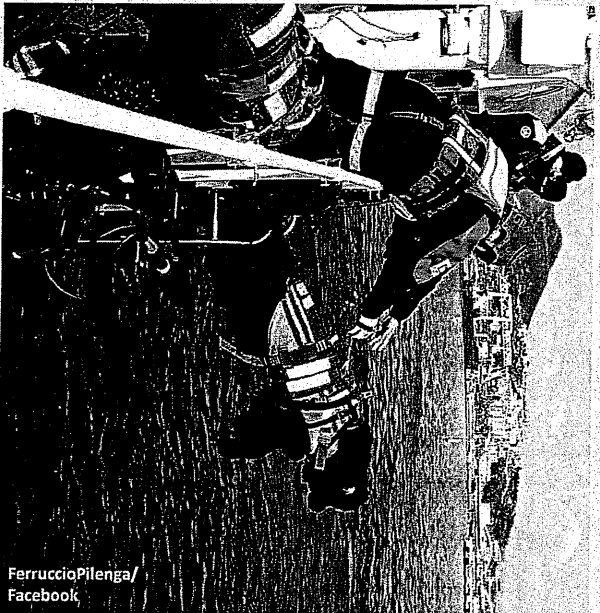
When council officers visited to do a noise survey, they recorded the birds crowing more than 100 times in 35 minutes. Mr Hughes had already been warned after months of complaints about the noisy birds.



# LIFE DOGS

**Dogs that are trained to be lifeguards may soon be appearing around the globe.**

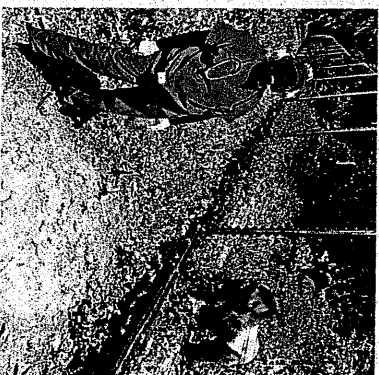
Ferruccio Pilenga is an Italian man who has been training dogs to save lives for many years. Last year, 33 lives in Italy were saved thanks to his hero hounds. Now the training is expanding around the globe and Ferruccio hopes the UK could be next! He says dogs can swim better and for longer than people. The dogs wear life jackets with handles and rescue people at sea.



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# GORILLA GOES HOME

**A gorilla called Freedom has been rescued and released into the wild in Cameroon.**



Freedom had to be taken into captivity after he wandered into a built-up area, which was not a safe place for him to live. The male, adult gorilla was not happy to be caged and the race was on to find him a safe place to live.

Two great ape experts from Twycross Zoo in Britain travelled to Cameroon to work with the charity Ape Action Africa (AAA), which was caring for him.

The team spent months searching for the perfect area of dense forest for him to be released in, away from the threat of poachers. Freedom's release is a great example of the way experts, charities and governments can work together to help an endangered species.

### Questions on: 'Animal News'

1) Match the country to the correct animal.

- CAMEROON
- UK
- ITALY

- Dog
- Gorilla
- Chicken

6) What do you think is the best name for these dogs?

- lifeguards
- life dogs
- dog life guards

### Look at the story 'Rude awakenings'.

- 2) How much has Mr Hughes been fined because of his noisy birds?
- 3) How did the council prove that the cockerels were being noisy?
- 4) Cockerels crowing is a natural noise. Why do you think the court decided it was unacceptable?

### Look at the story 'Life dogs'.

5) Why does Ferruccio say that dogs make great lifeguards?

### Look at the story 'Gorilla goes home'.

- 7) Why did Freedom the gorilla have to be taken into captivity?
- 8) Describe his perfect home (according to the report).

## UK NEWS

### SURREY

#### EEL CRIME

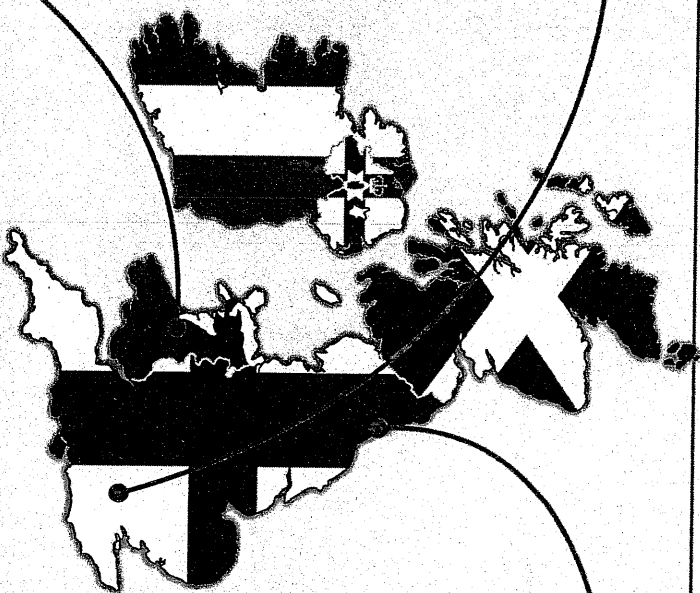
A man who smuggled live eels worth £53 million out of the UK has been sentenced in court. Gilbert Khoo, from Chessington, will have to do 240 hours of unpaid work in the community. Khoo hid the endangered eels under chilled fish and took them from London to Hong Kong. Eels are often illegally smuggled to Asia, where they are a popular food.



### WALES

#### PLASTIC COILS ON BEACH

Miles of plastic piping have been washing up on the coastline of Wales. Two hundred coils of the plastic fell off a ship during Storm Dennis. Pipelife UK, who made the piping, has currently found around 80 coils and are looking for the rest. The company said it has a “commitment to reducing plastic waste”. It added: “When accidents occur such as this, we strive to remedy [sort out] the situation as quickly as possible.”



### TYNE AND WEAR

#### BULLIED BOOK LOVER

A 13-year-old boy who set up an Instagram account to share his love of books was mocked online by bullies. His older sister was enraged. She tweeted her disgust, and asked a few of her friends to send



him a message to cheer him up. Word got out, and Callum ended up being swamped by messages of support from people, bookshops and even some famous authors! Callum's account now has more than 350,000 (350 thousand) followers.

#### GLOSSARY

**Instagram** — An app that lets you share photos and videos easily with your friends and followers.

**Endangered** — At risk of extinction.

**Sort out** — To deal with a problem or to fix it.

### Questions on: 'UK News'

#### Look at the news from Surrey.

1) What crime did Gilbert Khoo commit?

- Smuggling fish out of the country
- Killing endangered snakes
- Smuggling weapons under chilled fish

2) What is his punishment?

3) Do you think this is a **fair** punishment? Explain your reasons.

#### Look at the news from Wales.

4) How did all this plastic piping get into the sea?

5) What word describes something very long and thin that has been arranged into a series of circles?

#### Look at the news from Tyne and Wear.

6) Why did Callum set up an Instagram account?

7) Children were mean to Callum. Find **two** words that tell you how his sister felt about this.

1: .....
2: .....

8) How did this horrible situation turn out OK for Callum in the end?