

A Great Night for the Animals

There was a great turn out of animal lovers and music lovers in Baggott's of Clara on Saturday night when the popular venue hosted a session of 'music and food' in aid of the Offaly SPCA.

The event was dreamed up and organised by the mother and daughter team of Audrey Bracken and Celine Taylor and it raised a very impressive €2,070 to help cover cost of animal welfare activities all over the county.

Excellent music was provided by and the really super refreshments laid on by the host premises likewise contributed much to the enjoyment of what turned out to be a great social occasion. The OSPCA's Dog Manager, Deirdre Pender gave a very informative talk about the work of the Society and Ross Hathaway screened a power-point presentation which introduced just a few of the animals which have been rescued / cared for / fostered and re-homed in the past couple of years.

There was a brief talk also from Audrey Bracken who thanked all present for their support and made special mention of the donors who contributed the many very valuable spot prizes awarded during the night. These included: Eden Digital, Edenderry (19" Flat Screen TV); Patrick (Free to Air System Sky box value €300; Ballycumber Exports (donation); Kevin Bracken Skip Hire (donation); David Bracken (donation); Bracken Bros. (Meat Hamper); Clara Motors (fuel voucher); Hair Zone (vouchers); Jenny's Beauty Salon (voucher); Petmania (voucher

For their part, the OSPCA were particularly appreciative of the initiative and hard work of the organisers and sponsors because their own commitments to animal welfare leave them with too little time for fund-raising efforts. The Clara venture demonstrated once again the great amount of good will that exists in the general public. No doubt many of those attending were prompted by realisation of the importance of four-legged friends in the lives of themselves and their families.