



Do people still want to buy music from a shop?

Music store HMV have called in administrators, which means it's very likely that all of the 125 stores across the UK will close, unless someone, or another company decides to buy the chain.

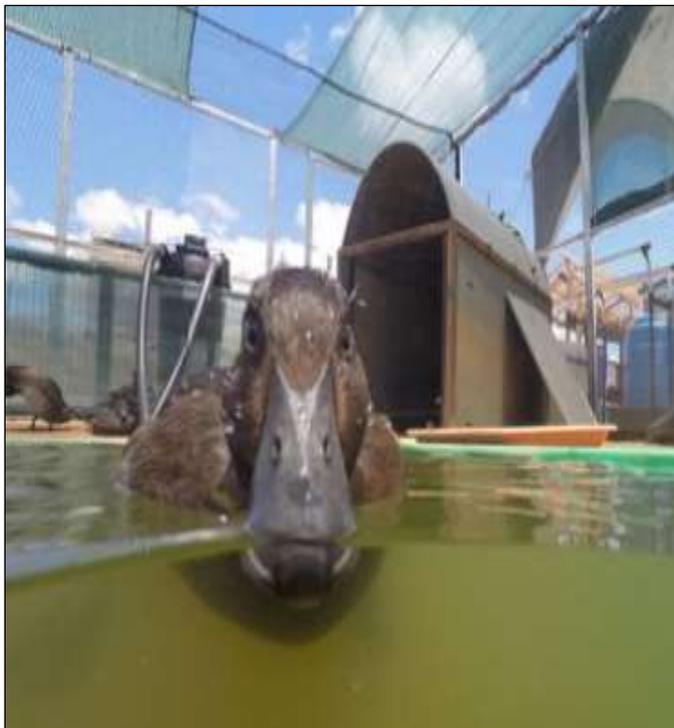
How we buy and listen to music and films is changing. For lots of us, watching a film now means turning to online shops to browse, rather than selecting a DVD from a shop, and listening to music means streaming it from Spotify or iTunes instead of shopping for CDs.

Do you still use shops for music and films? Let us know!



Pictured: A closing HMV store.

World's rarest bird gets new home



Pictured: The Madagascar pochard

A breed of duck called the Madagascar pochard, which is thought to be the rarest in the world, has been given a new home! A special team of researchers released 21 of the birds in a lake in the north of Madagascar.

Up until as recently as 10 years ago, it was thought the very rare bird had become extinct. When it wasn't seen for 15 years, the Madagascar pochard was believed to have gone completely.

A very small group of only 25 of the birds was then found in 2006. These were the last 25 Madagascar pochards in the world. It was thought that the lake was too deep and cold for the birds to thrive there. Hopefully 2019 will see a rise in the numbers of Madagascar pochards!



Shoes with chewing gum soles!



Pictured: A picture of the recently designed shoe.

Chewing gum is the second most common item littering the streets of the UK. More than £14 billion is spent on chewing gum around the world each year, but a lot of that gum will end up stuck to the ground.

In the UK, councils spend around £50 million each year cleaning up the mess.

Shoe designer, Anna Bullus, learned that very little of the chewing gum litter was being recycled, so she decided to create a pair of shoes with soles made completely out of old chewing gum!

Do you think this is a good idea? Would you buy the shoes? Let us know!

Helping homeless pets



Pictured: Johnathan and his dog Shadow, who have been helped by Street Vets.

If your pet is ill, you will take it to the vet. For many homeless people, this isn't always possible. They may not be able to register, as they have no home address and they may not be able to pay the bills.

A new charity called Street Vets offers free services to the pets of the homeless. The charity visits different parts of cities where many homeless people live, for a couple of hours every week, taking with them a bag containing the basics - thermometers, antibiotics, nail clippers, microchips, flea and worming treatments. Sarah, a freelance vet based in Staffordshire, who volunteers her time for the charity said, "I think it is something all vets want to be able to do. The cost of veterinary medicine is so expensive, and it allows us to provide assistance to these animals which are so important to their owners."

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