



Charity number 1153666

We help stray and feral cats / kittens in the Fakenham area by obtaining Veterinary treatment where needed including neutering, before returning/finding them, suitable homes or placements.

C.A.T.S. NEWSLETTER

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CATS' CORNER UPDATE

In November, we jokingly said to one of the vets that it would be nice to have a break before the next kitten season started and he said 'it starts in January'. He must have been psychic as we got five kittens on New Year's Day.



Mia & Billy (now Edith & Pippin) were homed together and clearly still love each other as you can see from the picture their new owner shared with us recently.

As we still felt a bit Christmasy they were called The Love Actually kittens; Karl, Billy, Mia, Juliet and Jamie.



Two weeks after the first lot of kittens we received a second lot! The Stranger Things kittens (named after the popular TV series) were called Dustin, Lucas, Will, Robyn and Elle.



Little black fluffy Elle was rehomed with a family that homed one of the gorgeous herb gardens kittens from last summer.



Peter (Parsley) is basking in the spring sunlight with Elle

It is so wonderful seeing the kittens that we've helped settling so well into their new homes.

UPDATE FROM THE PENS

We've had three additional cats in the pens over winter that have been cosy in the pods with the help of Doreen and her constant rotation of microwave heated pads. Joy was a little kitten that turned up out of the blue at one of our colony sites. We just can't think where she came from but obviously being feral, she was a little on the shy side. It took a while to find her a home but there's always a home out there for every cat; we just have to be patient and keep promoting and networking until we find it.

We haven't quite found that new home for our other two remaining pen cats.

Olive & Feta have now been back with us now since November and we really hoped we would have been able to find a new home for them by now. Both were returned to us by their owner who had adopted them from us in 2022. They aren't related although they have similar colouring.

They both seem to really like the fact that the spring has come and are coming out of the bed pod into the main pen area a lot more. Both are a little timid and will need new owners that are patient. They are only 4 years and are fully up to date with their vaccinations, worming and flea treatments. If you think you might be interested in giving one, or both of them, a home please do get in touch.



Olive



Feta

EVENTS

Since our last newsletter we have had three successful events. The first being our Christmas Fair which, as usual, was really well attended and raised £1,820.05. We've already got our date booked for 2026 so we have a summer of crafting, jam making, tombola prizes obtaining to do!

We also had a tree again at the Fakenham Christmas Trees festival which is such a tradition for us and the whole of Fakenham. We hope this event continues for many years to come. This year we raised £544.13.



The Christmas table at our Christmas Fair

We also had a tombola table in Fakenham Tesco's foyer. We hoped to raise £100 but everyone was clearly in the festive mood as we actually raised £233.60.



Unfortunately, it's not always so positive on the fundraising front. After having a huge table at a table top sale in November we came away with £37.24. A lot of unpacking and packing away of things happened that day. We actually left with more than we took though, as some stallholders gave us some of their unsold items, so it wasn't all bad.

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF C.A.T.S

The C.A.T.S charity was started 13 years ago by Doreen after she'd realised that there was insufficient support for feral cats from the mainstream cat charities. She never intended to become a charity, but without its charity status it became obvious that fundraising was going to be challenging. She managed to persuade enough people to join her to create the necessary board of trustees that all charities need.

The charity is now at a stage where it needs fresh input and ideas to ensure its lasting impact and future.

The board of trustees meet four times a year and as you've probably noticed we didn't have a spring fair last year and we don't have a fabric sale planned this year either. The current trustees are tired, have other commitments and are getting that little bit older.

Do you think you could help shape the future of the charity for the next 10 years?

If you are interested in joining us and helping more cats in need, please call Doreen on 01328 878517 for a chat or email us on info@catchandtreatstrays.com so we can tell you a bit more about what the role entails.

THANK YOU

There are some wonderful and caring people in this world even if the news would suggest otherwise.

So many people are looking out for feral and stray cats that they spot in their area. These cats don't want a domestic life but still appreciate the food and shelter that we can offer. We've had many people who have been diligently trapping and neutering cats, and whole colonies, with the help of our traps. Trapping takes a lot of time and persistence so these really are unsung heroes.

One such person got in touch at the end of January as she had noticed two tabby cats in her mum's garden. When she told us where she was, we realised it was the same area where Doreen had trapped many kittens two years ago. She always knew there were others but could never get the last few.



These 'two' turned out to be two girls and a boy (all looking very similar just to confuse matters).

One of the girls still visits the garden but the other two haven't even returned.

Chase, George & Pepper looking surprisingly chilled in their traps



DATES TO NOTE IN 2026

Hempton Memorial Hall - Craft Destash 11th April 9am-12pm

Great Ryburgh Family Fun Day 28th June 11am-4pm

Fakenham Academy Summer Fair 4th July, 11am – 2pm

Hempton Memorial Hall Table Top Sale 19th October 9-12pm

C.A.T.S. Xmas Fayre: Hempton Memorial Hall 14th November
10am – 2pm

Fakenham Christmas Tree Festival: 27th November to 4th
December



SOCIAL MEDIA

Catch And Treat Strays has pages on **Facebook**, **Instagram** and **NextDoor**. These give all the latest information regarding what the charity is up to. You can also message us via these platforms.



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