



We help stray and feral cats and kittens by neutering and obtaining Veterinary treatment where needed, before returning them to, or finding them, suitable homes or placements.

Charity number 1153666

C.A.T.S. NEWSLETTER

Autumn/Winter 2022, No.9

Welcome to our latest newsletter that must start with an enormous vote of thanks to everyone who has helped us achieve our goals in the last year in one way or another. This include those who have donated money, gifts for sale, and cat-related items, or who have run stalls, held collections (including penny pots), and fund-raising events, or sent cat food and, of course, thanks to the many kind volunteers who have donated their time and energy to help the cats and kittens.

Our gratitude extends to The Douglas and Joanne Chapman Animal Trust, who have helped with a grant towards vet fees, and to Grove Veterinary Clinic for their invaluable service.

We have no paid staff and vet bills made up 83% of our expenditure in the last year.

The charity couldn't keep going without your support. THANK YOU.

A special mention and vote of thanks goes to Linda who died on 24 June 2022, aged 65. Many of you will know her as the volunteer at C.A.T.S. who answered your queries via the links on our Facebook page and website. As a retired veterinary nurse her knowledge and help was a huge asset whilst her dedication to animal welfare and to the charity as a trustee was exceptional. We miss her as a caring friend as well.



Her family and friends wanted any donations in her memory to go to C.A.T.S. They raised nearly £300 for which we are most grateful.

Indeed we are very thankful to other families who have chosen C.A.T.S. as the recipient of funds given at memorial services.

CATS & KITTENS TO REHOME

At the time of going to press we have four cats and kittens awaiting their special human family. Could that be you? In all dozens of cats and kittens have been cared for, helped or re-homed in the last year. Please phone Doreen on 01328 878517 if you can adopt a new best friend—hopefully, amongst those listed below.

Tilly and Vicky



These two girls are friendly but a little shy. Although not related (Tilly is about 5 months old; Vicky about 6 months) they are great friends and, ideally, need a home together. Both have been spayed, micro-chipped and vaccinated.

Bronson



Bronson was brought to the Dereham vets as a stray in October. Unable to find his owner, C.A.T.S. have taken him in. He is about a year old and has just been given his first vaccination. He will be neutered and micro-chipped as soon as possible. Bronson is extremely friendly and affectionate but clearly likes the comfort of a house. He is not happy in a cat pen. He will make someone a lovely indoor cat.

Pearl



We try to help cats and kittens that need special attention and a special person to give them a fresh start. Pearl is such a cat. She is feral and was in a dreadful state when found and thought unlikely to survive. She is about 8 years old, and has an incredibly passive nature. With the help of The Grove Veterinary Clinic, Fakenham and Doreen's devotion and tender care, she is getting there but she needs a secure environment and fenced-in garden area where she can be safe. Pearl has an irritable gut condition and is on a special diet with medication at the moment. Please don't let this put you off.

Our grateful thanks extend to those volunteers who have hand-reared kittens for us. Below is a picture of **Loki** being fed by Tony. He went on to adopt the little one.



Work continues helping feral cats on a local industrial site whilst several local colonies are supported with food. We have cat food collection points at **Morrisons** and **GJL** in Fakenham and are very grateful to them for providing the facilities and to the shoppers who use them.

CATS' CORNER UPDATE

There were four very nervous female cats (three blacks and one tabby), only a year old, that had proved difficult to home and who featured in the Spring 2022 newsletter. They needed a family with a great deal of patience and understanding to look after them and it was hoped to keep them in pairs. Within a week of homing one pair in May (who were renamed Holly and Bonnie), another family stepped forward and adopted the remaining two (Aggie and Maud).



Holly



Aggie

It is five months on now and we are pleased to hear that the cats are adjusting to their new life. Each day they get a little braver and seem truly happy.

We love to hear from all the families about the cats and kittens adopted from us. It is heart-warming to hear your tales.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Please support.



Tel: 01328 878517

CHRISTMAS SALE

Hempton Memorial Hall
The Green, Hempton, Fakenham, NR21 7LG

Saturday 12th November 2022

10am 'til 2pm



Tombola, Raffle



Jigsaws, Books,
Christmas Gifts



Light Lunches



Tea - Coffee - Cakes



Tel: 01328 878517

HEMPTON MEMORIAL HALL

Saturday 22nd October 2022

10.00am 'til 2.00pm

FABRIC SALE

High Quality Cottons &
Luxury Fabrics

Blinds & Curtains
(Ex-display/Brand-new/
Re-cycled)

bring your measurements

also

Haberdashery – including Buttons, Threads etc.

plus

Teas, Coffee & Cakes



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Fakenham Parish Church.

1-8 Dec. 2022

10.00am-8.00pm

except Sunday,

12 noon-8.00pm

As usual, C.A.T.S. will be amongst the many charities who decorate a tree. It is a sight to behold. Bring a camera along with your loose change

FUND-RAISING

Support us
every time you
shop online



easyfundraising

You shop, brands donate to us

Please don't forget to help raise funds for us whenever you shop online. **Easy fundraising** has over 6,000 big-name retailers who donate when you shop. So far £270.57 has been raised since C.A.T.S. joined the scheme.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cats1/>

If you shop online at Amazon, please use **Amazon Smile** and choose C.A.T.S. to be the recipient of any donations. This scheme has raised £172.70 for us since it started.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>



Well done and many thanks to everybody who has helped with the **Penny Pots** initiative. In the last year £507.18 has been collected. That's an awful lot of loose change.

Brick Fund savings are building up slowly and go towards our long-term goal to buy some land, a barn and more room to help our feral and homeless cats and kittens. £2,214 has been added in the last year.

Despite awful weather, the **plant stall** held at Home Farm, Hindringham (pictured below) on 4/5 June raised more funds whilst Doreen's plants continued to bring in donations outside her home and at other venues. In total £1,655 was raised in the last year.



A **tractor road-run** event held at Easter brought in £696 in donations. Collections at Morrisons and various stalls at Hempton Memorial Hall throughout the year raised £3,432.35. To add icing to the cake, we are delighted to report that we have received £4,646 from HM Revenue and Customs for our first claim against **Gift Aid** donations. Please use the form opposite to help us get more refunds. It doesn't cost you a penny.



WANTED

Foster Homes. We occasionally have cats/kittens that need a temporary home rather than wait in a pen until they are adopted.

Requirements: a quiet spare room or space where a cat can get used to normal life in the home like the TV, phone and the dreaded vacuum cleaner. Foster homes also free up pens required for urgent new arrivals.

We also need **Volunteers** willing to go out trapping—a challenging but rewarding job. Traps are fairly heavy—it needs someone fit, patient and not afraid of the dark! We also need odd-job helpers from time to time.

CATS LOST OR FOUND

If you have lost or found a cat and would like to advertise it on our Facebook page please contact us with details and pictures.

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FOLLOW ONLINE

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 Twitter: https://twitter.com/cats_norfolk
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If you can spare any donation, please send a cheque made payable to 'Catch And Treat Strays', or donate online on our website through **Total Giving** or just come along to an event and support us. And if you are a tax payer, please Gift Aid your donation by completing the form below. Thank you.



Gift Aid Declaration

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If you are a UK tax payer you can help Catch And Treat Strays by signing the declaration below at no extra cost to you. This will allow C.A.T.S. to claim back from the Inland Revenue the income tax paid for any donations that you make or have made in the last four years and in the future.

Details of donor

Title
 Forename
 Surname
 Address

 Post Code

I want Catch And Treat Strays (C.A.T.S.) to reclaim tax on all donations I have made in the last 4 years and on those in the future until I notify you otherwise.

I understand the charity can reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give. I confirm I have paid or will pay sufficient Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) to allow for the reclaim on my gifts.

I agree that I shall advise Catch And Treat Strays should I cease to be a United Kingdom tax payer.

Signature

Date

Please return form to Catch And Treat Strays,
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