



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

Spring 2024, No.12

### CATS' CORNER UPDATE

Last year was difficult for all the animal rescue charities. There was a flood of abandoned and unwanted cats plus an alarming boom in kitten numbers. Hopefully 2024 will be better.



Brothers Aleksí (ginger) and Kimi (tabby)

We have received charming photographs of kittens that have been rehomed successfully. For example, feral mummy Tania was trapped along with four little male kittens: two ginger and two tabbies. They were adopted in pairs. The picture of **Aleksi** and **Kimi**, taken only 2 weeks after adoption, (front cover) shows that they have become fascinated by nature on the television and can't wait until they will be allowed to venture outside for the first time. The young couple who adopted them said that 'they are so affectionate and playful, love to bend the rules and would happily eat for 24 hours a day if we let them.'



Tania



Kylie (Black &white) & Edna (tortie)

We still need homes for their mum **Tania** and two other feral cats named **Kylie** and **Edna** (aka **Stripe**). These mums, who were also rescued with their kittens some time ago, have become inseparable. All three cats are still quite young (about 2-3 years old). They have been spayed, vaccinated and chipped.

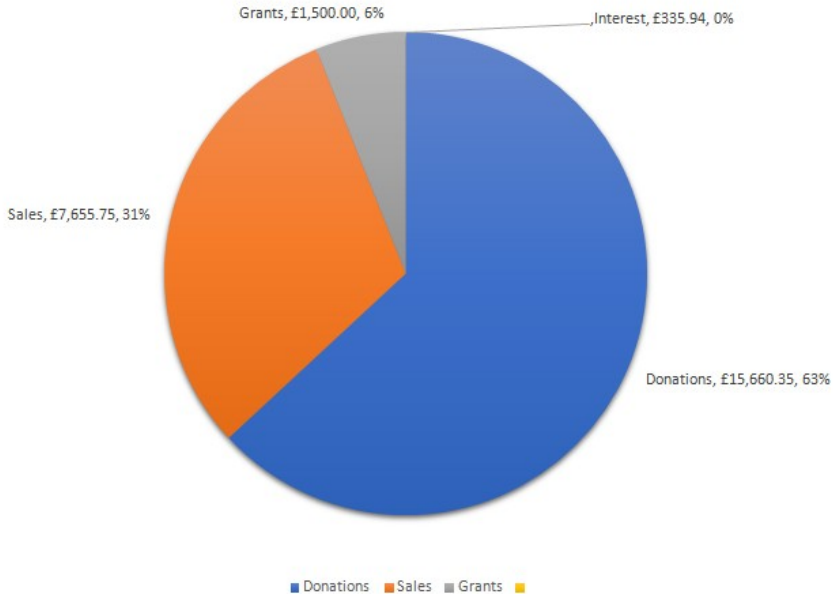
The girls have lost some of their feral nature, particularly Tania. But they need a very special person to adopt them—they are unlikely to become fully domesticated, but who knows? With patience and time they might become lap cats. Kylie and Edna would be best adopted together, but they would make super barn cats and would be very grateful to remain friends.

**Please get in touch with Doreen on 01328 878517 if you can help—they deserve their freedom.**

## A BIG THANK YOU

We were thrilled to discover that 63% of our income, in our last financial year, came from public donations. How kind is that? We are humbled by your generosity.

### C.A.T.S 2022/2023 Income



Once again there are so many people to thank. [The Douglas and Joanne Chapman Animal Trust](#) added a further £500 to their £1,500 donation last year in support of our good work. The [public](#) and our [volunteers](#) continue in their generosity by fundraising for us: donating items that we can sell, providing cat food and cat litter or running their own stalls at events.



Thank you for your kind support

## HAVING FUN & FUNDRAISING

This year, as well as the usual fundraising events we expanded into making jams, marmalades, pickles and chutneys to sell on stalls. We made around 300 jarsful and the contents were all seriously delicious.



## FAKENHAM PARISH CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Our last tree was based on 'The Owl and the Pussycat' and we raised a wonderful £457. Children had fun identifying all the characters and objects mentioned in the poem.



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Please use **Easy fundraising** that has over 7,000 big-name retailers who donate when you shop, **with no cost to you**. So far £830 has been raised since C.A.T.S. joined the scheme.

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

## DATES TO NOTE IN 2024 Please support.

The **Hempton Memorial Hall, NR21 7LG** committee organise regular table top & car boot sales that we support with various stalls of goodies & plants.

Bank Hol. Mondays 8am-noon: 1 April, 6 May, 27 May, and 26 Aug.

- ❖ **C.A.T.S. Spring Fayre:** at Hempton Memorial Hall: plants, jams & bric-a-brac. Sat 11 May, 10am-1.30pm.

- ❖ **C.A.T.S. Plant sales weekend** at Home Farm, 91 The Street, Hindringham. Sat/Sun 15/16 June 10am - 5pm (part of National Gardens Open Days event)

- ❖ **C.A.T.S. Fabric sale:** Hempton Memorial Hall on Sat 5 October, 10am-1.30pm.

- ❖ **C.A.T.S. Xmas Fayre:** Hempton Memorial Hall on Sat 9 November, 10am-2pm.

❖ **Fakenham Parish Church Christmas Tree Festival** runs from 28 November to 5 December. Theme: Beatrix Potter's *The Tale of Tom Kitten*



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**SPRING SALE**

Hempton Memorial Hall, NR21 7LG

Saturday 11th May 2024, 10am 'til 1.30pm

Tombola, Raffle, Books

Jigsaws, Bric-a-Brac, Crafts

Plants (outside stall)

Pickles, Jams, Preserves

Glass & China

Kiddies' Books, Toys & Games

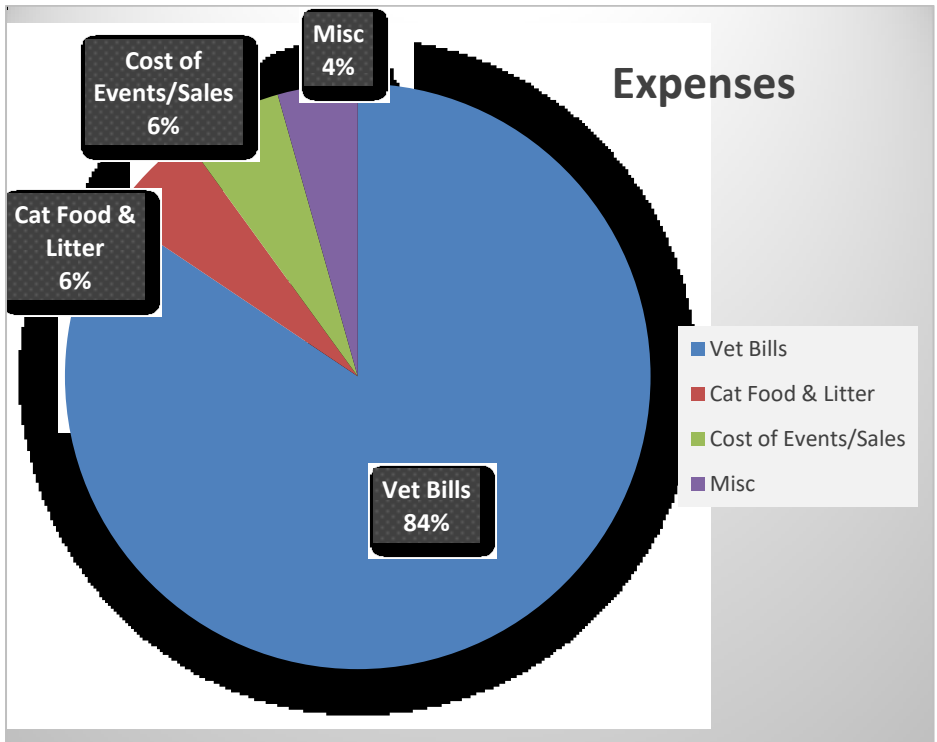
Cakes to take away

Light Lunches: Tea - Coffee - Cakes - Rolls



## AN APPEAL

**Catch And Treat Strays** is a very small registered charity that was set up to help feral and homeless cats in the Fakenham area. As much as we would love to help every cat in distress or that is homeless, we can't. And most of all we cannot help cat owners who cannot afford veterinary bills. We do not have the facilities or the resources to do so. We are not the RSPCA or Cats Protection who have staff and major incomes to play with. Every penny we raise is hard-earned and doesn't go far. When a volunteer has given up another day of their life to run a stall and the proceeds don't even cover the costs of one trip to the vet for a cat, we still carry on. Please can we appeal to people to try to do their own fundraising to pay for cat bills.



Breakdown of expenses for CATS' 2022-2023 financial year

**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CAT IS NEUTERED  
CATS MUST BE MICRO-CHIPPED BY 10 JUNE 2024.**

**D**o your cat a favour and get it neutered. Please don't add to the growing problem of unwanted kittens and cats. There are not enough homes for them all. If you are looking for a furry friend to join your family, please do not buy a cat or kitten from a cat breeder—please visit the rescue centres where you will find the perfect companion. Kittens are always best re-homed in pairs.



Reminder: It will be a legal requirement to micro-chip your cat by 10 June 2024. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £500.



**WANTED**

**Foster Homes.** We occasionally have cats and 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** to help with fundraising or who are willing to go out trapping. From time to time we are desperate for odd job people to help look after the cat pens: repairs, cleaning and painting.

**Donations** of unwanted goods or presents are always needed that we can sell at our fundraising events. Jam jars and flower pots can be re-used. Any donations of plants, fruits and vegetables are most welcome as well as your own homemade produce and crafts. Donations of cat food or cat litter from Morrisons and GJL in Fakenham can be left in their dedicated baskets.

## CATS LOST OR FOUND

If you have lost or found a cat in the Fakenham area, we can put up a notice on our Facebook page. Please provide as many details as possible and a picture, if possible.

## CONTACTS

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