

Newsletter No 8, Spring 2022

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2022.



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.



Cat's Corner.....



Buddy and Pumpkin - Update

This lovely pair have now been adopted and settled into their 'forever' home. They are the best of friends, devoted to each other and enjoying their new life together.

Many, many thanks to their new 'mummy'.

Cats For Rehoming

We have four young adult female cats, approx 12 months old, in need of special homes. They're all short-haired, three black - Beauty, Bella and Bonnie and one tabby - Holly. They have all been neutered, vaccinated and microchipped, as well as being treated for worms and fleas at intervals recommended by our vet. They didn't come from a domestic background so are not cuddly, lap cats, as yet, but are happy to be patted and fussed. They like to follow you around the garden, although will need to be kept indoors for a few weeks until they become familiar with their new home and owner. Ideally, we'd like them to be homed in pairs, as they are very attached to one another. We feel that they would do best in a home without children or other pets as they haven't had experience with dogs or children and will need an owner with the time, patience, love and understanding that they'll need to settle into life as household pets. If you feel that you could be one of the special owners we are looking for, please contact us by messenger (directly from our Facebook page) or by emailing us at catchandtreatstrays@gmail.com.



Winter 2021 - During November/December we raised £1,470.30 from the Hempton Christmas Gift Sale and £478.86 from the Fakenham Christmas Tree Festival.

The Douglas and Joanne Chapman Animal Trust

Once again, we would like to say a big thank you to The Douglas and Joanne Chapman Animal Trust for the grant we received in January, which has continued to help with our ongoing vet bills.

Thanks

The plant stall at Doreen's continues to do well, thank you to everyone who has purchased or gifted us plants to sell.

Special thanks go to our team of vets at The Grove Veterinary Hospital in Fakenham.

Another thank you to Laura for raising money for C.A.T.S. at a recent Car Boot Sale. She was one of two ladies, who last year, took on and hand-reared by bottle-feeding, one of a litter of three very tiny little kittens that were heard crying in a haystack after their mum had died. They have since, all been found loving homes.

This is Jay, the kitten that Laura and her son hand-reared.....



Jay
at 6 weeks

Jay
as he is
today at
1 year old



He is a real character - very naughty, loveable, full of confidence and a huge show-off - as you can see, he has commandeered the bird table as a look-out post, so it can no longer be used for the birds - sorry birds! You would never know that he had had such a challenging start to life.



Also, thanks to Val for her continuing support through her Car Boot Sales.

A big thanks also to Alfred & Thelma who collected £300 by selling kindling at their garden gate.

Thank you everyone for all your donations and fundraising over the past year.

Many thanks to the local companies who have a C.A.T.S. collection points for food donations - they are Morrisons Supermarket, and GJL Animal Feeds, both in Fakenham.

Foster Homes - We occasionally have cats/kittens that are ready to benefit from a home environment rather than waiting in a pen until their forever home is found. Requirements: a quiet spare room or space where a cat can get use to the normal happenings in the home like the tv, phone etc, and of course the dreaded vacuum cleaner. FOSTER HOMES can also free up pens required for urgent new arrivals.

We also need Volunteers, willing to go out trapping, this can be a challenging but rewarding job, traps are fairly heavy so it will need someone fit, patient and perhaps not afraid of the dark!

Also required: events organiser, publicity person, fundraisers, and occasional home checkers.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2022.

17th April (Easter Sunday) CHARITY TRACTOR ROAD-RUN, Weasenham Farm, Fakenham Road, Weasenham St Peter, PE32 2TF. 10.00am. Barbeque, Raffle, and refreshments available.

18th April (Easter Monday) HEMPTON VILLAGE YARD & TABLE-TOP SALE. 8.00am.

8th May SPRING SALE, HEMPTON VILLAGE HALL 10.00am. -2.00pm.

4th/5th June PLANT SALE, HOME FARM, HINDRINGHAM, NR21 0PF. 3 Acres of wonderful gardens.

1st December to 8th December CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL, Fakenham Parish Church. Daily 10am to 8pm, except Sunday, noon until 8pm.

Penny Pots - Please continue to put your small change in your jam jar! If you are coming to any of our events and have a Penny Pot - please bring it along with you. A total of £304.98 was collected in 2021.

The Collections at Morrisons totalled £764.68

Donate to C.A.T.S. at no extra cost to you - Don't forget, easyfundraising can be used when shopping online, from booking holidays to changing energy suppliers, over 4,000 big named retailers and when you shop you'll be raising funds for us every time.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cats1/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=cilpboard&utm_content=cpl

Amazon also have Amazon Smile which operates in the same way, sign up and the charity receives a donation. £48.11 was collected last year.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1153666-0>

Easy Funding Raised £41.14.

GIFT AID. We now have the necessary form for gift aid, so if you are a tax payer the charity will receive additional money every time you donate.

For standing orders or donations direct to the C.A.T.S. bank account, please ask for details.

Over the past 10 years we've been able to care for, re-home, spay/neuter over 500 cats and kittens but, sometimes we find little ones that cannot be helped; unfortunately, last year we had 4 very poorly kittens who came to us infected with the F.I.P. virus, who sadly had to be put to sleep. At the moment, Doreen is looking after a young pregnant, feral female, who we are hoping, will give birth safely to some nice little babies. Please check out our FACEBOOK page for cats and kittens needing homes, and for future fundraising events.



Wanted - The charity needs a volunteer **HANDY PERSON** who is practical and able bodied to maintain cattery pens and various other small jobs as required, would suit someone that is active, possibly retired and really likes cats!

