

Newsletter No 7, autumn/winter 2021

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2021.
Hopefully we will all have been vaccinated and are feeling more confident about being out and about.

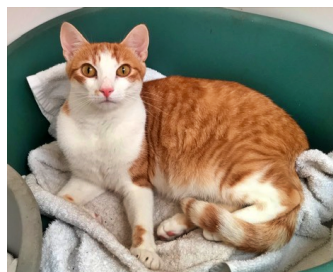


Cat's Corner.....



Buddy and Pumpkin

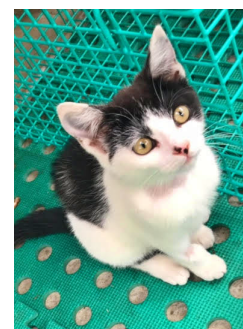
This gorgeous pair are Buddy and Pumpkin. Pumpkin came to us as a very frightened stray back in January. During his time with us, he became very attached to the sweet natured Buddy. We were concerned that due to Buddy's long standing health problem, he wouldn't find a home. However, with the best care from Doreen and the team at The Grove Veterinary Hospital, Fakenham, after many weeks of treatment, Buddy finally overcame major problems with his mouth, teeth and gums. Additionally, he has a heart murmur which is managed by daily medication. Pumpkin and Buddy are the greatest of friends and Buddy has helped Pumpkin to become the happy, playful and relaxed boy that he is today. We wish them and their owner many happy years together.



Mummy May

Feral May, came to C.A.T.S. heavily pregnant and a week later, gave birth to four healthy kittens. Although the kittens welcomed human attention, May unfortunately didn't. So after raising her babies, May was spayed and rehomed at a suitable location where she can roam free while always having access to food and shelter. Sadly we don't have a picture of May - she is very camera shy!

Jenny - Last year we had a lovely but unwell black and white kitten called JENNY and some of you may be aware that she had a heart murmur which the vets were very worried about. Thankfully Jenny-any-Dots has gone to a lovely home where her mum keeps a close eye on her, and she has recently been joined by two more young tabby best friends called Mungojerrie and Rumpleteazer.



Things got off to a slow start this year which was understandable, but we have been able to raise some much needed funds at events held outside and online.

Winter 2020 - The Everything CAT Quiz sheet produced for us by Heather Goward, was sold mainly online and raised £115.00. Thank you Heather.

Fakenham Virtual Christmas tree festival 2020 raised a total of £107.96, a lot less than we would normally expect to achieve, but our thanks go to the church Christmas tree committee for their hard work.

May - In May we had a table at Hempton car boot, raising £140.00 and selling lots of our larger items and therefore freeing up much needed storage space in the shed.

June - Thanks go to John and Rachel Hannyngton and their open garden event where we had a plant stall and raised a wonderful £690.70. The event was well supported being a new garden open to the public, and the plants were well received by visitors. We hope to continue next year when the garden will be open for two days giving more people the chance to see this wonderful garden.

July - A two day collection at Morrisons helped raise £374.68.

We had a table at the Foulsham community garage and garden sale raising £136.20 on what was a very hot summer's day.

August - Laura our veterinary nurse and kitten foster mum raised £90 at a Car Boot sale near Norwich. Thanks also to Laura's son Billy for helping mum.

A plant stall at Fulmodeston's Coffee at the Crossroads helped raise a respectful £109.50.

Friend and supporter Tracey had a stall on our behalf at Party on the Pastures, Blakeney and raised a lovely total of £318.20 on a rather showery day.

The Car Boot sale at Hempton on bank holiday Monday raised £120.00.



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, and the two vet nurses Laura and Jemma (and their sons) who willingly took on abandoned kittens to hand rear.

Special thanks also go to Molly at Feline Care and Lyz at Hallswood Animal Sanctuary for their continued support.

Thanks go to Val Smith who kindly donated money she has raised from various fundraising events and has also sold items for us via the Facebook marketplace.

We continue to support several Feral colonies in and around the Fakenham area, collection points for food donations are in Morrisons supermarket, and GJL Animal Feeds, both in Fakenham.

The Douglas and Joanne Chapman Animal Trust

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 helped to pay our vets bill.

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!

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.

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 2021.

26th September THE FORGOTTEN FABRIC SALE, Whitwell Station, Whitwell Road, Reepham, NR10 4GA. Stalls selling lots of lovely fabric, threads, patterns etc. Free parking, free admission, refreshments available.

23rd October FABRIC SALE, Taverham Village Hall, Sandy Lane, Taverham, NR8 6JR. midday till 4pm.

25th November to 2nd December CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL, Fakenham Parish Church. Daily 10am to 8pm, except Sunday, noon until 8pm.

Penny Pots - The total so far is £2,134.40 well done everyone, please continue to put your small change in your jam jar!

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.

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

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.

Please check out our FACEBOOK page for cats and kittens needing homes, and for future fundraising events.