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Welcome to 2010, such as it has been so far. The good thing is, it can only get better !!!(He said, more in hope than anger).

Monique's Moan.

The other day I passed First Responders and noticed that their motto was “Helping save Lives” and I thought about The CRRC’s motto which is, “Giving the Living a chance at Life”. Very similar, except it is the animals we are giving a chance of living life to the full and First Responders are helping the people. I then thought, there are limited First Responders, so how would they feel when trying to “help save a life” when someone has a minor fall off their bike, but because they were not wearing a helmet, the injury was much more serious. That First Responder could have been helping a responsible person who, although wearing a helmet, the accident was serious. This leads me to us, we want to help all the animals we can but cannot, why? Simply because people won’t prevent kittens being born, this is so irresponsible when others are dying or worse, living in terrible, squalid conditions, because we cannot take them in. If you love animals, do not breed from them, if you hate animals, don’t have any.

Monique.

Christmas Fayre at CRRC on Sunday 25th October 2009.

The Christmas Fayre raised a magnificent £4,141.93, due to it being held in the new cat building, Viv Eadon Lodge, enabling us to display a lot more goods for selling.

Unfortunately we had a theft on the Auction stall and someone stole the man’s 9ct gold, Onyx ring. This made me feel so upset and disgusted that someone would stoop so low as to steal from a Charity. We are madly trying to raise funds for the new cat building, which is extremely hard enough at the best of times, but these sort of people don’t care about that, they just want their own financial gain. The ring was only valued at £25 BUT it is £25 less for the animals!

Anyway, focusing on the kinder people, “Thank You so much” to all our volunteers who made this day a huge success, we can’t do it without you and, it restores my faith in human kindness.

Details of takings by Stall.

Auction - **£64.00.** Info. Table - **£186.68.** Books/Videos - **£226.80.**
Bottle Stall - **£357.40.** Sooty - **£61.90.** Cake Raffle - **£47.00.**
Clothes - **£632.95.** Christmas Decs. - **£470.03.** Cosmetics - **£119.58.**
Café - **£451.48.** Gate - **£421.00.** Cat Stall - **£58.50.** Jewellery - **£161.40.**

Lucky Dip - £31.50. New Goods - £201.70. Pet Products - £163.50.
Sandy Table - £34.00. Eileen Table - £30.50. Raffle - £87.00.
Games & Puzzles - £110.00. Toys - £67.65. Home Produce – £97.70.
Gifts - £116.00. Donation Buckets - £100.50. Donations on Day - £133.00.
Total taken on day £4431.77. Less expenses - £289.84. (£110.00 Mini-Bus
hire; £108.83 Adverts - £38.44 Food; £32.57 Fuel for Mini-Buses).
Grand total raised after expenses - £4,141.93.

Raffle winners:-

Cat Lovers Hamper – **Chris King**; Slow Cooker & Recipe Book – **Mrs. Holloway**; Glenfiddich Pure Malt Whisky – **Mrs. Lyndsey**; Soft Toy Pig – **Angela Rose**; Next Fragrance Set – **Julie Akehurst**; F1 Racing Set – **Sheila Rear** (donated back); Fluffy Soft Rabbit – **Nicky O’dell**; Fox’s Favourite Biscuits – **Sue Brooker**; Mulled Wine Set – **Jane Holforth**; Grapefruit & Ginger Candle – **Mrs. Holloway**.

This note arrived just after our Christmas Fayre at The Centre and, it was very much appreciated, although we will not be able to have it in the building again, it does give us some encouragement and some ideas for the future:-

From **Margaret Jupp**,

“Just a note to say how impressed we were at the layout of the stalls in the new building on Sunday. Everything looked so well organized and presented. All the clothes were sorted into sizes and priced which makes it so much easier for customers. Congratulations to all the volunteers who must have worked so hard to get it all ready.

Hope it will not be long before problems are sorted out in the building and you are able to get it up and running”.

Thanks Margaret Monique ... and of course “THANKS” to all the volunteers who worked so hard.

Legacies make a Difference.

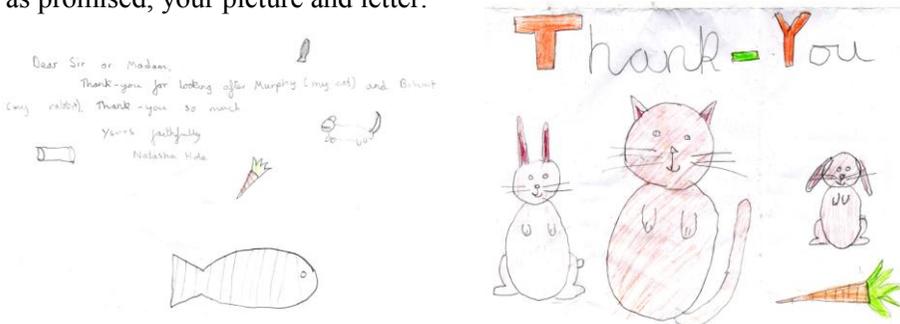
We have recently received 2 legacies, one from **Mrs.Fish**, (£31,000) and another from Mrs.Waltham (£9,447.23p). We try to set aside these unexpected windfalls so we can improve on the work we do but, this is not always possible, as our running costs are increasing. Don’t forget, “where there is a will, there is a way to help more animals”.

Volunteers Needed.

Can you all check your diaries and see if any of your spare time coincides with the dates of any of our fund raising events. Your help will be appreciated.

My Promise to Natasha.

Some while ago, we received a letter and drawing from **Natasha Hole** and we have not been able to put it in due to lack of space so, here you are Natasha as promised, your picture and letter.



The letter reads:-

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for looking after Murphy (my cat) and Biscuit (my rabbit).

Thank you so much.

Yours faithfully

Natasha Hole.

Mr. Stanley.

It is with a very heavy heart I tell you about the loss of our wonderful tabby cat who was on our sponsor list, and very popular as well. I told you about the problems he had with his eyes in the last Paws for Thought but, despite everything we and our vet tried to do, the situation became worse, not only were his eyes affected but his balance, everything, and no medication was helping at all, and he was far too old for surgery, so we had to make the decision we all dread, as we call it at The CRRC, “go to Heaven”. God Bless Mr. Stanley, sleep tight in that basket in the sky.

The replacement on our sponsor list is **The Colonel**. A pale, ginger gentleman from the feral colony and was, like most un-neutered toms, very battered. Because of his numerous old injuries, we decided not to return him to site and released him at The Centre. He has doubled his weight, all his wounds have healed and he loves to live in the greenhouse, provided he is not sunning himself on the driveway.

Monique.

Making an Effort.

This is **Gregory**, and he did not have the best start in life. Born in a feral colony where, although they were fed, the owner did not get them neutered, they were not taken to a vet and consequently, when his leg was broken, nothing was done and he just dragged it along behind him. When we came along and trapped the cats, we



neutered them and returned them, but it was decided that Gregory was staying at The Centre. He had to have the leg removed as it was long past fixing. After many weeks in a pen he was eating well and, as he was still very feral, we decided to let him out. Usually we do not see the “released” cats for a few days and, when they realise there is lots of food, they move into one of our 4 areas where we feed. But, no sign of Gregory, days turned into weeks and my heart began to sink, I kept thinking “he is disabled, we shouldn’t have let him out, but what is life in a pen? He won’t be able to hunt, he will be starving to death in some field”, I felt retched.

Then the phone call came, it was **Emma** from **Brent Lodge**, the bird hospital, “we have got a cat here and he has only got 3 legs”, I felt I had won the pools. Emma brought him up, surprisingly being able to pick him up. He was weak but they had fed him. After a few days he was as bright as a button and, although still timid, he now purrs, loves to be stroked and his little eyes say “thank you” every time he looks at you.

He must have crossed that busy main road and walked about 2 miles to get to Brent Lodge but I suppose he must have thought “with my disability, it is going to be difficult to catch things, so perhaps my best chance is to find a place that has disabled birds!” We are pleased to report that he did not get any of their patients and is now looking for a very special home.

Happy Heather.



I thought you might like to see these photos of **Heather**. We adopted her last January at 6



months of age because she seemed to have fallen for my daughter, who is an

only child and was feeling very lonely. Heather became her little shadow, following her everywhere, which was so touching to see. The feeling is mutual and here she is at 18 months.

We received these lovely photos and, I don't think there could be a more contented cat.

Monique.

FUND RAISING FOR CRRC.

Manor Farm Nurseries in **Runcton** found a cat and we named him **Hogmanay**. The staff could see how many animals we had here and decided to do a 'whip round' among themselves, for a donation towards Hogmanay's vet treatment as he needed neutering, a dental job and vaccination. They raised an incredible **£114**. "Thank you so much" and ,guess what, Hogmanay has already been re-homed. (Don't tell their boss, he'll think he's paying them too much).

£165 Raised by Chris and Lesley.

Two volunteers who have helped tremendously with the work in the Charity shop in East Wittering, are two local residents, **Chris** and **Lesley**. Chris is an antiques expert and has not only helped price our goods in the shop but, he has sold a lot and made literally hundreds of pounds for the Charity. Lesley is also very experienced and helps with pricing and is constantly tidying up. She has been fantastic in helping the other volunteers put stuff outside, as this makes **an enormous difference** to the takings and, she also helps to take it all back in. As if this wasn't enough, at Christmas they ran a raffle at the shop, provided all the prizes and gave the Charity £165. "Thank you so much" and all of our shop volunteers, your hard work is really paying off. In the last financial year our shop took **£61,582**, which is quite amazing. As we nearly entirely depend on volunteers, there are very few expenses and this is amazing.

This Young Girl is a Guiding Light.

Mrs. Wilderspin recently wrote to The Centre about her daughter **Kate**, who had organized a sponsored event at the Guides and raised a superb **£11.50** for the work of The Centre. "Thank you, Kate".

Bognor Regis Spiritualist Church.

Was it Devine intervention that members gave us a mass of animal food or was it just some very kind people, whatever, "thank you so much for your continued support".

Wonderful Anne and Julia.

Anne Barber is still continuing her superb fund raising activities and raised another **£50** at the **Felpham Table Top** event.

Julia Connor is planning for more stalls at the **Petersfield Market** on **Saturdays**, and they have been going very well.

“Thank you, both”.

STATISTICS.

Month	Cats asked to take.	Cats taken.	Kittens asked to take.	Kittens taken.	Rabbits asked to take.	Rabbits taken.	Guinea Pigs asked to take.	Guinea Pigs taken.
Oct. 09	58	18	18	13	32	14	0	0
Nov.09	69	13	32	16	32	15	3	5
Dec.09	57	21	16	18	25	2	0	0
Jan.2010 (2009)	83 (36)	43 (32)	10 (7)	3 (4)	39 (16)	11 (2)	2 (16)	2 (6)

In 2009, we were asked to take in **1294** animals but we were only able to take in **683**, (308 cats, 214 kittens, 128 rabbits and 33 guinea pigs). During the same time we re-homed 638 animals (275 cats, 211 kittens, 113 rabbits and 39 guinea pigs).

We are hoping that with Viv Eadon Lodge up and running, we will be able to help even more.

Emma and **I** have been writing to lots of Trusts to get grants for The Centre. If you hear of any that will help animal welfare, please let either or both of us know. Their contributions are really making a difference.

A Bit of Light Reading.

After absorbing all those statistics, here is something to return your mind to reality.

A man and his dog were walking along a road. The man was enjoying the scenery when it suddenly occurred to him that he was dead. He remembered dying and that the dog, walking beside him, had been dead for years. He began to wonder where the road was leading them.

After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road. It looked like fine marble... At the top of a long hill, it was broken by a tall arch that glowed in the sunlight. When he was standing before it he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like Mother of Pearl and, the street that led to the gate looked like pure gold. He and the dog walked toward the

gate and, as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side. When he was close enough he called out, “excuse me, where are we?”

“This is Heaven, sir” the man answered ... “Wow! Would you happen to have some water” the man asked.

“Of course, sir, come right in and I’ll have some ice water brought right up”. The man gestured and the gate began to open. “Can my friend”, gesturing towards his dog, “come in too?” asked the traveller. “I’m sorry sir, but we don’t take pets” the man replied.

The traveller thought for a moment and then turned back toward the road and continued the way he had been going with his dog.

After another long walk and, at the top of another long hill, he came to a dirt road leading through a farm gate that looked as if it had never been closed. There was no fence. As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book. “Excuse me” he called to the man, “do you have any water”? “Yeah, sure, there’s a pump over there, come on in”. “How about my friend here” the traveller said, again gesturing towards his dog. “There should be a bowl next to the pump”, said the man.

They passed through the gateway and, sure enough, there was an old fashioned pump with a bowl beside it. The traveller filled the bowl and took a long drink himself then he gave some to his dog. When they were full, he and the dog walked back toward the man by the tree. “What do you call this place” the traveller asked.

“This is Heaven” the man answered. “Well that’s confusing” said the traveller, “the man down the road said that his place was Heaven too,” “Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates, nope, that’s Hell”. “Doesn’t it make you mad for them to use your name like that”? “No, we’re just happy that they screen out the folks who would leave their best friends behind”.

This brings me to ensuring that you have made provision for your pets in your will. It is also a good idea to leave a note by your bed to state that you have animals, (with a picture if possible), and inform your family and friends what arrangements you have made for your pets. This is useful not only should you die but if you are suddenly taken to Hospital. We recently received a call from a nurse who had a patient who was very concerned that her cat was locked in the house for 2 days. Fortunately we were able to sort it out and her cat came to stay here in the boarding cattery. (She was fully vaccinated).

Monique.

“Thank You, Thank You, Thank You”.

We had our usual food collections at vets and pet shops during the year and were amazed at the amounts we received. “Thank You” so much to everyone who had a box for us and for all your wonderful customers for their super donations. The totals were :- **6,420** items of food and **£677.58** in our donation tins. Again, “THANK YOU ALL”.

Fire Brigade called to rescue CRRC cat, the Ambulance called out to rescue the Fire-fighter!

When you receive a call from a distressed owner, and you feel there is little you can contribute to make the situation any better, you feel terrible. **Liz Bulpitt** rang to say her cat, from us, was stuck up a tree and had been for 48 hours plus. The RSPCA were called and had contacted the Fire Brigade but, despite their best attempts, were unsuccessful. This little cat was determined to stay up there. I contacted **Julia**, one of our home visitors, who had recently done the post home visit for this cat, and she knew just how much Liz cared. The next day, after a bit of confusion, the Fire Brigade arrived again but, sadly, in one of their brave attempts to get this puss cat down, one of the fire-fighters was injured (not by the cat I might add), and so the Ambulance had to take him off to Hospital, but the rest of the crew carried on. After some persuasion, the cat came down but, it then promptly disappeared! Julia kept in touch with Liz and eventually rang me to tell me that said puss cat had returned home, apparently no worse for his adventure.

I dropped a “Thank You” to the Fire and Rescue Service and received a lovely letter thanking me and saying the injured fire-fighter was making a good recovery at home after surgery. They were also pleased that the cat came back and was safe and well.

Monique.

More Fund-Raising events from 2009.

West Meads Res	Village Green	Sat.27 th June	£57.10
CRRC Fun Dog Show	CRRC	Sun. 28 th June	£1,407.00
Q E Country Park Show	Horndean	Sat. 11 th -Sun. 12 th Jun.	£385.00
Classic Car Show	Horndean	Sat. 18 th Sun. 19 th Jun.	£86.00
Havant Shop	Havant	Sat. 18 th Sat. 25 th July	£400.38
Drayton Method. Church	Drayton	Sat. 18 th July	£80.30
Worthing Festival	Worthing Seafont	Sun 26 th July	£287.00
Aqua Paws Show	Bransbury Park	Sun 26 th July	£74.00
Store Collection	Morrisons Horndean	Sat 1 st Aug	£294.56
Hotham Park	Bognor	Sat 8 th Aug	£117.00

CRRC Summer Fete	CRRC	Sun 9 th Aug	£9,521.94
Pagham On Parade	Pagham	Sun 9 th Aug	£50.05
Emsworth Show	Emsworth	Mon 32 st Aug	£392.35
Bumper Comm. Day	Aldwick	Sat 22 nd Aug	£88.65
The Ark - Tailwagers	Southsea Common	Mon 31 st Aug	£188.00
Street Collection	Chichester	Sat 12 th Sept	£419.50
Portsmouth FC	Bucket Collection	Sat 26 th Sept	£165.01
Selsey Fireworks	Selsey	Sat 17 th Oct	£30.00
CRRC Christmas Fete	CRRC	Sun 25 th Oct	See details
CRRC Christmas Fete	Drayton	Sat 14 th Nov	£850.11
Christmas Market	Chichester	Sun 29 th Nov	£166.50
Christmas Fayre	Petersfield	Sat 5 th Dec	£370.17
Christmas Fayre	Hayling Island	Sat 12 th Dec	£448.73

“Thank You” to all our volunteers who helped us with these events, we couldn’t have done it without you all!!!!

Money, Money, Money.

Trust donations in November/December 2009.

Stella Symons Charitable Trust **£250**; **The Mildred Duveen** Charitable Trust **£500**; **Jean Sainsbury** **£10,000** for **Viv Eadon Lodge**; **Catholic Concern for Animals** **£500** for **Viv Eadon Lodge** (back in March 2009).

Jenny Pearce.

Jenny has raised **£255** towards Viv Eadon Lodge, in memory of her parents. Jenny has also written a book, called **Felton’s Felony**, under her pen name of **Antonia Hilder**. It is 6 short stories, centred on events in Portsmouth’s history, featuring:-

- An Admiral murdered by an angry soldier.
- An Admiral rowed to Victory.
- A philanthropic lame cobbler who loved animals.
- A cat which cheered a sick princess.
- The cats and mice of Portsmouth Cathedral.
- A Governor of Portsmouth who threatened to blow up the Square Tower.

Priced at **£5.95 + £1** postage, they are available from Portsmouth City Museum, info@caddypublishing.co.uk and Portsmouth Anglican Cathedral.

Melanie Guy.

Melanie ran the Great South Run for us and raised a magnificent **£300** for The Centre. In her letter, after the run, she said, “My run went really well (surprisingly), but my legs are very stiff now, though”.

“Thanks Melanie, the animals followed you every step of the way”.

Walking for the animals.

Natalie Ware has raised **£130** for the work of The Centre by walking 5 long miles at Queen Elizabeth Country Park, Horndean, last September.

“Thank you so much, from all of the animals”.

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The Talk of the Town.

Who is the talk of Wittering? Who is discussed on coach trips? Who has his own personal sitter who keeps a diary of his every event while his mum is away? Well, it's **Caellum**, now **Jake**. Remember the story of the black and white cat who had horrendous injuries after a road accident? Although he lost an eye and a leg, he was so grateful throughout his ordeal and, he now has a new mum, numerous visitors to see him and has given out photos of himself and these have ended up being the subject of conversation on a local coach trip.

Happy cats are Homed Cats.

We always love receiving information about our adopted cats in their new homes and. It is especially nice when the cat takes the trouble to write. The following is from **Skyla** adopted by **Michael** and **Penelope Payne**.

This is a photo of me in the window, overlooking the holly tree, which was a prickly climb! I am enjoying my new home greatly. I have an elder and a tall Christmas tree to climb and a summer house and a garden shed to explore. I sit on the shed roof and survey all around me. I do not choose to stray or stay out too long and love my cosy home. I have mad moments interspersed with sleep and, yes, a few little Felix treats. My owners say I am all 'peace and love' and so I was able to keep my name Skyla 'Sky' for they say I suit the 'hippy name!' I am not too sure about the white stuff you call snow, it is a bit cold on my paws.

Prrrrrr.....rrrs: Sky.



Summer is Coming – Honest!!

This delightful picture of **Snowy**, sent in by her adoptive mum **Mrs. Bates**, was a timely reminder for everyone who has cats with white on their ears, to get out the sun block as soon as the sun appears. Skin cancer is so common in cats, please make sure , when you are protecting yourself, you are protecting your pet as well.



Time after Time.

We often have a situation where someone finds a cat and it is heavily pregnant, or has had kittens, and they want our help but are prepared to have the cat back. What we normally do here is take the cat, with kittens, (or she has them here), and once the kittens are old enough, mum is spayed and returned to the original finder. We then have the kittens vaccinated, etc., and they join the list for re-homing. If we leave stray cats with kittens they become feral and they are then very difficult to find homes for. Our way works very well, and this is a letter from one such “finder”, **Mrs. Gristwood**.

I thought you might like to see these pictures of **Pickles**. She has settled back very successfully and regained her “kitten hood”, playing constantly with her toys. Very affectionate and not wanting to wander far. I have been encouraging her into the garden over the past week.



My 12 year old **Sid** has accepted her and they maintain a tolerant indifference to one another.



Best wishes to you all and again, thanks for your care of Pickles and the kittens.

“Thank You” Mrs. J. O’farrell.

Unfortunately, I do not have any details of this very kind lady who donated **£200** towards Viv Eadon Lodge, towards equipment for 2 cat pens and veterinary care, but thank you so much. Hopefully you will see this, or someone will draw your attention to it, and you will get in touch and, in a few months, will be able to see where your very kind donation has been spent.

Another few hours and they would have died.

A knock at the door and, a man standing there with a pile of fur. This man had been to The Centre about an hour before with 2 rabbits he did not want. We agreed to take them and, as they were male and female, put them into different accommodation. This man had, (fortunately for them), decided to clean out the hutch when he got home and found a pile of fur with babies in it. We took them straight to the female rabbit and thought that the chances of her taking them were very remote. Rabbits are not very good mothers if the nest has been disturbed. The milk of a mother rabbit is very rich and they are not easy to hand feed from an early age. Often they give the impression that they are thriving and suddenly, they’re gone. We kept a close eye on them I am pleased to say that 4 survived and are now looking for responsible homes.

Cat Food with Love.

We had a card, all beautifully decorated by **Joely** and her **family**. They had put some lovely photos of their cat **Ronnie** and a picture made up of coins which they had collected and then kindly bought lots of cat food and sent me this lovely note.



To that Cat and Rabbit Rescue Centre, We have saved up lots of 1p and 2p coins to go towards the cats and rabbits, I also made a picture, using the coins, saying “cats” at the top of it. A few years ago we had a brown tabby from you, called **Ronnie**. He is lovely, however also evil cat and he has brought in many animals. However, I still love him and he needs a friend. Thanks for letting us have him. He is on the picture. Thanks for getting us a new cat as well. Lots of purrs and paws.
From **Joely** and my family.

Every Christmas the **Dickerson** family also donate some lovely, Christmas wrapped cat food, and the puss cats just love it.

Keeping us up to Date.

We love receiving letters/pictures about CRRC animals and this is just one such letter. The two cats pictured were brother and sister that we collected from you in December 1992,(hence their names with a Christmassy theme). **Clause** died in 2005, one month short of his 13th Birthday. **Holly**



soldiered on until the very day we were due to leave her with you whilst we went on holiday for a week (Friday 21st August). We realized at that point that the renal failure she had struggled with for 18 months, was no longer responding to treatment. She was one month short of her 17th Birthday.



Both cats were a complete delight throughout their lives and are very much missed. One day we might be back to rescue another kitten looking for a home but, in the meantime, please accept the enclosed cheque in memory of our two furry friends.

Sue, Mike and Joseph Marchant.

Christmas Day Helpers.

Last year we had put a plea on our website and were amazed to have lotsof helpers, some came and brought siblings, husbands and, I apologise to the ones I have missed out but, our thanks go to **Charlotte Poland** and **Sister, Emily Burdfield, Kerry Baker, Tamsyn Holmes, Katie Britton** and **Friend and Mr. And Mrs. XXX**, (sorry, Christmas is so far away now and I have forgotten many of the names). The Christmas cleaning was done in record time. **Fingers crossed, see you all later in the year!!!**

Monique.

£££ From 31st March, you can donate to CRRC by Debit Card £££.

Being a very cost conscious charity, we have decided we need to accept debit card payments as more and more people do not have cash or cheques and it is easier for them to pay like this. This will cost us but, we are hoping it will be more convenient and lead to more donations. This should be available by the beginning of April, check our website.

Can You Help????

We have been invited to attend St. Mary's Community May Fayre in FRATTON, Portsmouth, on Monday 3rd May. **Emma** and **I** have done this event before and have raised about £200. It is only one gazebo and we can supply that and the goods, already priced, we just need at least two people to set up and man (or woman) the stall. It starts at 10 am until 4 pm. **PLEASE CAN YOU HELP ? CONTACT EITHER MONIQUE OR EMMA ON info@crcc.co.uk OR GIVE THE CENTRE A RING ON 01243 641409. THIS MONEYWILL HELP US TO HELP MORE ANIMALS.**

Volunteers.

Yes, I am begging again, but particularly, we need a set of volunteers who would like to man the phone and do some of the administration. We are in the process of automating some of the horrendous amount of paper work we have to do, so we need some PC familiar people, with good communication skills and have 1 day a week to spare. **Jane Offer** is setting up the new process and we plan to go live in April but, we need the training done as soon as possible, if not sooner.

We should all work Together.

Another attempt to lessen the number of unwanted animals is offering cheaper neutering. We have been doing this for over 11 years now and some of the other charities do as well, or so they state on their websites, but, when I needed help, 3 such places were not in the slightest bit helpful, although I

know they had the money to. I had received a call from a lovely gentleman who had found a stray and was prepared to take her but, he needed to get her spayed. We duly sent off a voucher but, the cat had also broken her tail and there were other complications which was to push the bill to over £200. We were quite happy to meet some of the extra cost and thought that these other charities might help this genuine case but no, one said they didn't have any money (I checked their accounts and it showed they had more than us), another said they didn't have any vouchers and the other didn't even bother to contact me back. Look, we could be so much stronger if we helped each other and, as the extremely helpful Haworth Cat Rescue put it, "we think it would be mutually beneficial to exchange information, we're all players in this game and, of course, some of us, much smaller than others, have different outlooks and methods to the 'big guys' "

"Come on you people, stop hoarding your money and spend it on THE ANIMALS".

Monique.

Viv Eadon Lodge - Status – become a Friend.

This Charity has always, and always will, believe that we should use the money we are kindly given, whether it be by donation or fund raising, should be spent on what it was meant for. We collect in the name of the animals and we spend in the name of the animals.

As the pictures show. We are getting very close to getting the animal pens finished in the new building, now called **Viv Eadon Lodge**.

We hope to have animals in there by May 2010, BUT, we need more finances to help finish off the rooms. More importantly, we need more money to be able to feed and care for these animals. Last year we took in 683 animals and, with our new accommodation, we will be able to take in more, but the vet,



feed, care and staff costs are also going to increase. One way that you can help is by becoming a Friend of CRRC and trying to recruit your close associates to

belong. Just complete the Friends application form, enclosed with this copy of the Newsletter, or ask The Centre for extra ones (you could even photocopy it, if you have the facility), and send it to **Cathy Jupp**. She will then take the necessary action to set everything up. By becoming a Friend, it will help us know how much money is coming in on a regular basis, thus enabling us to budget for the animals we can afford to help.

The photos show the pen structure, all waiting to be fibre glassed. You can see the rows of pens on the left hand side and the ones in the middle. They also show how the pens are ranged from one end of the building to the other, ensuring there is an even air flow.

Easyfundraising – How you can save money and help US in 2010.

2009 was the gloomy year of the Credit Crunch which means that in 2010 everyone is keen to get the most out of their money. The good news is, easyfundraising – the fund raising shopping site where **The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre** raises funds for free when you shop with over 2000 retailers such as **Next, Argos** and **Amazon**. They all have some fantastic offers to help you set up a savings account, switch to a lower interest rate credit card, change your utility company, switch broadband supplier, swap your mobile phone network or change your insurance supplier, all of which could save you pounds.

Just visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk/crrc now to find the best deals for you and, don't forget, every purchase you make via easyfundraising, raises much needed cash for us. So far, we have raised **£228.72**, so keep up the good work!

Brain Damaged Kitten.

We received a call from a lady who had found a kitten three days before, but it would not eat and it kept going round in circles. We immediately went out to get it and, what an appalling, pathetic sight it was. The vet was contacted and medication given and, slowly, it stopped going round and round in circles. The vet is sure she is brain damaged and although she has made tremendous progress, especially since we put another kitten in with her, but she will not house train and, we are at a loss as to how we are going to be able to re-home her especially as we would like her to go with her new companion. Another problem that she has is that she is not happy being picked up and will scratch and bite although she will play and be stroked. She will need an understanding home with someone there all day. They will be neutered here when they are old enough. Please give me a ring if you think you can help.

Lucky Luca.

Dear Monique,

I thought you might like to see 2 photos of **Octavia**, who we renamed **Luca** and, whom we adopted from you. We love her to bits and she has become an adored member of our family. She has been with us nearly a year now. Thank you for letting us adopt her.

We think Luca is a gift... she is not purrfect (does scratch the furniture occasionally and lets you know when she doesn't want to be



stroked!!!) but a cat is for life ... and we accept her for what she is...which is very beautiful with a perfect round face, affectionate and a lovely lap warmer! She is not a hunter which is great. I wonder if she ever did go outside with her former owners as it took a long time to encourage her into the garden. Now that

she is used to the garden, but rarely goes over the boundaries... I think she is here to stay and that is the way we want it.

Thanks again,

Jo.

I Get so Annoyed.

All these unwanted animals are so unnecessary, if they had got their pet from a proper rescue (there are some dodgy ones about, always make sure you complete the paperwork and that it states they will take the animal back, anytime, if you cannot keep it), then you just need to contact the rescue and they will take it back. We have recently taken cats back that we re-homed 12 and 15 years ago. You need to give the rescue as much notice as possible. When we ask why they didn't go to a rescue we get usually either of these two replies, "I didn't think I would ever be in this situation and have to get my pet re-homed". I always reply "yes, but getting an animal from a rescue means you are saving a life, getting one elsewhere means that you are encouraging people to continue to breed, where we are already saturated with animals, looking for homes". The other reply is "it is such a palaver to get one from a rescue, I had had animals all my life and they still wanted to do a home visit". My reply to that is, "we do home visits to ensure that you live where you say you do, it helps us to see how busy the road might be and, gives us a better idea of the kind of animal that would be suitable for your lifestyle".

I also state that, although I have been involved with horses for over 40 years, having run a riding school, have British Horse Society examinations, I am quite happy for people to give me a home visit when I have adopted ponies from other rescue centres, so what have people to hide?

This Rescue is proud of its re-homing policy, ensuring a pre home visit is done and, after an animal has been adopted, we leave some weeks before we contact them, by telephone, and organize a post home visit some months later to ensure everything is OK. This post home visit is brilliant as it enables us to see the animals where they should be, “in a responsible home”

Monique.

Dumped in a Black Sack, in a Skip.

A good samaritan heard a noise from a skip and, upon investigating, found, tied up in a sack, these two kittens. He brought them straight down to us and, surprisingly, they were in good condition. How on earth a so called human being can do that to defenceless animals and still live with their conscience I do not know. Again it's been in the papers about the children who mistreated two similar aged children, had been mistreating animals.

If mistreatment of animals was taken more seriously, perhaps it would put a stop to this sort of horror.



Easter Fayre.

Come and join us in some Easter Bunny Activities including hunt the Easter Egg. Visit our rabbits and guinea pigs currently in our care.

Enjoy the fun set in four and a half acres of beautiful countryside.

Lots of stalls and games to play. Refreshments also available. £1 entry for Adults/Children.

Fayre opening times 11am to 2 pm.

Come appropriately dressed, it may be muddy.



‘Bye for now, see you again in the June issue but, in the mean time, please attend as many of our fund raising events as you can and bring friends and relatives along too. Ed.

CATS and RABBIT ENCLOSURES FOR SPONSORSHIP.

Beverley	SHY TORTOISESHELL & WHITE FEMALE.
Diamond	CANTANKEROUS BLACK FEMALE – DOESN'T LIKE OTHER CATS.
Domino	A HANDSOME WHITE CAT WITH BIG BLACK DOTS.
Giggles	PRETTY TABBY & WHITE FEMALE WITH A NOT-SO-PRETTY TEMPER.
Kit	CURLY COATED GENTLEMAN.
Mica	PRETTY BLACK & WHITE FEMALE, LEFT TAILLESS AFTER NERVE DAMAGE.
Mitzi	FACE OF A CUDDLY PANDA, TEMPERAMENT OF A GRIZZLY BEAR.
Molly	A ROTUND TORTY FEMALE WHO LOVES HER TUMMY BEING RUBBED.
Rhett	BLACK GENTLEMAN WITH ONE EAR UP AND THE OTHER AT AN ANGLE.
The Colonel	ONCE A BATTERED TOM CAT, NOW A MAGNIFICENT GINGER GENTLEMAN.

Also MALLOW ORCHARD AND CHICORY GARDEN, OUR RABBIT ENCLOSURES.

The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre Sponsorship Scheme.

I would like to sponsor(name of Cat/Rabbit Enclosure)

I enclose:-

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