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Welcome to 2011, and what a year 2010 has been. The most significant change is we now have fantastic facilities for our cats, as well as a huge Vet room, ICU & Recovery room, etc. The 2 Oldies rooms have been used but, NOT for the cats ! Just before Christmas, one of our goats, **Hyacinth**, a very elderly lady, had a stroke and was in a bad way. She needed veterinary treatment and somewhere warm to lay her bones so the Oldies facility was ideal, with its under-floor heating. We laid a huge bed of shredded paper for her and of course, her companion, **Fuschia**, the other goat, had to come along as well and, guess what, they love it !! We are still trying to persuade them that goats are really outdoor animals but so far, to no avail. Hyacinth is progressing well but has had another stroke so we are keeping our fingers crossed.



Monique.

Viv Eadon Lodge – The Next Stage.

The 2 Oldies rooms were being used for storage and sorting out our donated clothes whilst we fund raise for the rest of the money to build the pens outside, but I am pleased to say that we have been given a huge boost towards this.

Danielle Charbonneau, one of our volunteers, had seen in the local **Observer**, an article where **Chandlers Building Supplies** of **Petworth** donated **£1,000** to a Charity or local organisation and people were invited to put in their plea for the money.



Danielle wrote in and, much to our surprise, we got on the short list. It was then up to the general public to vote for their preferred organisation. There were only a few days to go to closing so we quickly put together an e-newsletter (thanks to **Sarah Walker**, our Web lady), and I put out details in the shop, asking everyone to buy the Observer and vote for us. We also asked the staff and volunteers to do the same. I could not believe it when the Observer rang and told us that we had been the runaway winners. So, thanks to Danielle, everyone who voted, **Emma** who put everything together for the e-newsletter and last, but certainly not least, **Chandlers**.

Table-Top or Car Boot.

Can you run an event for us? If so, please contact The Centre for details.

Plant Sale.

Unfortunately, this will not now go ahead but all of you who have been taking cuttings and potting up, your efforts will not be in vain. At The Open Day we have a plant stall and plants also sell well in our Charity shops. So, bring your plants along to The Centre and we will make great use of them.

Latest Fundraising Project – Rabbit Accommodation.

2011 will be focused on raising money for improved rabbit accommodation and, coincidentally, it is the Year of the Rabbit in the Chinese Calendar, so it is very appropriate. The cats will not be forgotten but the other animals have taken a back seat recently whilst we have been concentrating on the Viv Eadon Lodge. Although some of the facilities have a multi-animal use, the building is primarily for the cats. So, what have we planned?

Our existing 20 wooden arcs/hutches in the enclosure are dilapidated, too small and only have a limited lifespan, so we thought it would be better to go for quality accommodation which will last a lifetime, be easier to clean and be more hygienic. Therefore we have investigated having fibreglass/metal accommodation, purposely built, which will have an indefinite lifespan. A local firm, whom we have used previously, have quoted us £350 each and we need 30 hutch and run combinations, a total cost of £10,500.

As a result of the cats moving from the barn to their new accommodation, we have been able to use the 13 pens on the left hand side for some of the rabbits. This is a spacious area compared to the outside arcs/hutches and are 6ft. X 4ft., concrete floored pens but, with no outside run area. Our aim is to give each barn pen an outside area by making an exit hole through each wall into the area to the left of the barn, called Sharon's Garden, (pictured). The outside concreted areas will be divided with blocks and will have mesh above to make them Fox proof. Each enclosure will have a ladder outside which will lead the Bunnies through the hole and into a hutch on the inside of the barn. These hutches will be fixed to the wall, at waist height, with easy access for cleaning. The inside sections of these pens can then also be used for housing the Guinea Pigs. We are hoping to start this project in June 2011 and our fundraising has already started. We have raised £1,750 so far.



The A.G.M.

Our A.G.M. will be held at The Centre on 16th March, 2011. Details at the back of this Newsletter.

Recycling – Helping the Rabbits – Saving Money.

The cost of hay has escalated due to the strange weather pattern last year and we had to think carefully what this would mean to the amount we use for the rabbits, ponies and goats. I contacted **Diana Brimblecombe Animal Rescue** about rabbit accommodation and the use of hay, and she said that they use hanging baskets (instead of hay racks or having loose hay on the floor) and, after a quick chat with our lovely neighbours, **Peter and Grace Young**, they gave us masses and they are hung up, off the floor, and the rabbits and guinea pigs are loving them. This system results in a lot less wastage, compared to when they were in litter trays. The comical off-shoot is that the guinea pigs use them as hammocks!!

Cat in a Bin Saga.

I don't think many animal lovers in Britain were not horrified about the office worker who callously put a cat in a wheelie bin, for no reason at all, but fortunately was caught on CCTV. Yes, it was stupid and cruel and she got her comeuppance and the cat is non the worse for its ordeal. (How do we know, don't animals suffer from trauma?). BUT, this sort of thing goes on every minute of the day in Britain, (a so called "animal loving Country). Animals are thrown out, neglected, and covertly dumped outside Rescue Centres. This needs to be brought out into the open and when these people are caught should be fined heavily, relevant to the suffering of the animal, plus the enormous costs incurred in fetching these wrong doers to justice.

There was a case recently of a breeder, already banned from breeding, was breeding again and 100 animals were removed from her. These "banned" people need to be on a register and closely monitored (another job for the unemployed) so that these atrocities do not happen. Having put these people on a register, their details should be made available to all animal Rescues so that they do not inadvertently re-home an animal with them. Don't forget, most people who ill treat children usually started with animals.

Monique.

Events.

Don't forget, we are always looking for people to run their own event or be part of a small team of people, to help with an event. We would like to get small groups in the areas we cover so, if you are interested in helping us to help the animals, please get in touch, either via e-mail (info@crrc.co.uk) or phone (01243 641409). The areas are Portsmouth, Cosham, Hayling Island, Bognor areas, Chichester, the Witterings, Waterlooville and Petersfield.

We also need help sorting all the goods that are kindly donated to us so,

"PLEASE GET IN TOUCH".

Wonderful Wendy.

Do you remember, in the last Newsletter, I told you about **Wendy** who was about to organize her first event for us in Pagham, well she did it and raised a fantastic £703. “Thank you so much Wendy” and, when you want to organize another one, just let us know. Our thanks also go out to all the helpers and people who attended.

Arthur.



Wendy & Pete Darby sent me some lovely photos of a cat **Arthur** that they had found. He was brought here because they didn't think that he would get on with their other cat. They missed him so much they came and took him back and sent me a lovely letter and a donation.



Arthur has had his mammary lump removed and is doing well. X-rays showed that he is riddled with arthritis from neck to tail, back leg hinges, hips and there are also changes to his ribs. He is permanently on medication and seems to have gained a new lease of life. The vet thinks he is about 10 but he acts more like a 6 month old kitten now. Good result. I enclose a cheque for £10 which is the proceeds of some xmas cards I sold.

(The pictures show Arthur with his pal **Roland** and his pink catnip ‘handbag’)

Keydell Nurseries & Garden Centre, Horndean.

These lovely people have given us masses of goodies for us to sell at our events and Charity shops, so a big “Thank You” goes out to them. We will have enough goods for even more Christmas events so, if there any Santas out there who would like to organize one for us, let us know, we have plenty of fantastic goods, including a 1.9 meter high white reindeer. (That's 6ft.2¾ins. for those who still speak da English).

Monique.

THANK Yous.

The absolutely fantastic **Anne Barber** still continues to fund raise for us and another £60 went into the “kitty” (literally)!!! I would also like to thank **Lena** (aka **Angel**) **Spears** of Horndean who kindly donated some bottles for our events. As you know, our bottle stall is one of our most popular stalls and we have our fantastic regulars who donate bottles. (Anything, as long as it is IN date). So “thank you everyone”.

Forget those Coxes, Bramleys and even your Granny Smiths, get your apples from the **Burgess family** and help raise money for The CRRC. From the sale of their cooking and eating apples they gave us a superb **£54**. “Thank you so much”.

We also received **£500** from **Sandy Tadd** as she had been given £1,000 from **Animal Friends Insurance Services** (www.animalfriends.org.uk). She very kindly split it between **Brent Lodge**, the Bird & Wildlife Hospital in Sidlesham and us. “Thank you, Sandy”.

Christmas always brings us in more donations and for that we are eternally grateful. Sometimes we do not have the full details of the donors so I cannot send a reply although some do request no acknowledgement. But in spite of that, here goes, “THANK YOU ALL, FROM EVERY LIVING CREATURE AT THE CRRC”.

We received **£8-99** from some workers at **Scottish & Southern Energy** , the contents of their ‘swear box’, thanks guys and gals.

£10 was sent by **Mrs Jackie Collins** and although she says in her letter that this is only a small donation, this will feed a rescue cat for nearly a month, so this is very much appreciated.

Sometimes, people send us money to go towards a specific thing and we were very lucky to receive **£50** from Southampton based “**Cats Charities**”, to go towards our vet bills. This is great as although we have our own vet facility, which enables us to keep the costs down, a lot of our funds go towards this so, if anyone would like to donate to our vet fees, just add a note to your donation.

Remember our request for Charity bags, uncollected or spare, well you sent them in and it has been a fantastic response. **Marion Trim**, who originally gave us the idea, is getting all her neighbours and friends to collect them up. “Thanks”.

In the last Newsletter, we asked for help on Christmas day, cleaning, etc. Well, you did us proud, many of you turned up and if I have missed anyone, I am sorry. **Pamela Fitzsimons, Pam & Guy Jobling, Tracey Noakes, Nicole Burnett, Laura Baverstock, Tracey Stirzaker (and friend), Jackie Nel and Martin, Katie Britton, Debbie Gregory and Emily Burdfield**. “Thank You all”.

CRRC Christmas Raffle Results.

Large Christmas Hamper – Carter; Small Christmas Hamper – Barnes;
Champagne & Glasses – Debbie; Brandy & Hip Flask – Mick;
Teachers Whiskey – Wendy; £20 Grace Medispar Token – phone no. only;
Buzby & Blue hairdressing voucher - Pat Martin; Lily O’Brien’s Chocolates –
Rear; Selsey Diving voucher – Angela; Tin of Celebrations – Kerry;

Debenhams photo frames – Silver; Victoria Biscuits – Angela; Ghost Perfume – Wendy; Toy – Pat Bunn; Toy – King.

For the Open Day, we have Raffle tickets that can be sold before the day and we are looking for people to improve on our ticket sales. Please give me a ring or e-mail me if you think that you could sell some tickets for us, we have some great prizes.

Monique.

Couldn't Agree More.

This was sent to me from the Telegraph, 26th April, 2010, from the **Michael Deacon** notebook. This is the gist of his report:-

“More people are dumping their cats – let’s neuter them”.

Why people persist in having children when they could instead have a cat, I don’t know. A cat learns to walk far sooner, it costs less in school fees and there’s a perfectly legal method of ensuring it doesn’t do anything regrettable with the opposite sex.

Despite this, people are mistreating cats more and more. According to a BBC 2 documentary, “Mad cats and Englishwomen”, more than half of London’s one million cats are abandoned and living on the streets. Animal Rescue Centres around the country say they’re unable to cope with the number of cats dumped by their owners. People are still heartless enough to dump kittens in the street. It’s vital that we get these brutes neutered to stop the breeding. “The people I mean, not the kittens”.

Letters from Adopters.

We always love to hear how our adoptees are getting on in their new homes and here are a few that we have received.

Mr. and Mrs. Kaye Stiff sent in this picture of **Gonzales** with his doggy chum **Jock**, telling us that he has settled down well and that Jock just loves him to bits. (I was always taught that the one above, sees all and it looks as though Gonzales has learnt that too. Ed).



This is a picture of **Rafiki**, sent in by **Janet Harris** (our wonderful lady who gets all sorts of goodies donated to us, by the good people of Selsey). Janet adopted her last year and says, although not possibly full Siamese, definitely it’s somewhere in her history.



There has always been a number of unwanted pedigree cats and, I suspect, percentage wise (i.e. number of pedigrees v's number of moggies), the number unwanted is about the same. I feel this number is increasing as I see more pedigree rescues being set up. One such pedigree was Avanti and when he came to us and we were fortunate to re-home him with **Miss Millidge**. His picture shows just what a wonderful time he is having with her as his 'mum'.



Yes, rescue centres do get pedigrees, usually adults but recently kittens, but of course they must follow the same rule as every feline that comes through our hands, neutering at 6 months, no excuses. *Monique.*

I write this with a very heavy heart. **Colonel**, our fantastic pale ginger boy, has gone to Heaven and it was totally unexpected. Many of you will know the saga when we re-homed him and he escaped. Volunteers and staff spent hours and hours pounding the streets looking for him and, eventually, we caught him. It was then that we decided that he needed to stay at The centre and he was so happy here. Periodically he would be unwell but he was checked over by our vet and various medications seemed to sort out his problems. Each time the time between him being OK and unwell were getting shorter and it was then that the vet discovered a tumour down his throat. He was given much stronger medication but, sadly, it continued to grow and we had no choice, it broke all of our hearts. **Major**, a magnificent long haired pale ginger cat will be promoted to the Sponsors list to fill those large paw prints left by our loss.

We need to Re-home more Animals.

We are planning our first re-homing day. This will mean that people can visit the cats and rabbits and, after the details are taken and a short discussion on what they are looking for, we will show them the animals. They will be able to reserve a particular animal but, of course, no animal will go out until the pre-home visit has been done. The date for this event will be Saturday, 12th March, 2011 from 1-30pm to 3-30pm.

We need to dispel some myths and plan to have some posters with the following on them:-

Rescue animals – what's wrong with us ? Then why go and buy us on the Internet or from the newspaper ? Most of us don't have any problems, we were merely unwanted; Those humans can be cruel – they just discard like rubbish!

There are 200 of us all waiting for that “forever” home; We are all vet checked before we are re-homed and come on, what are you waiting for – we need homes!!

A Very Special Boy.

I received a card from the **Wheelers** telling me of their loss of the cat they adopted from us 16 years ago.

Just to let you know we had to have **Sammy** put to sleep last Friday. Very upsetting for us after so long. We loved him so much. He had a huge tumour and was old and tired. Thank you both for the 16 years we had him. He was just the best cat ever.

Food, Food Glorious Food.

At Christmas we had lots of food donated by the public in our bins in vets, pet shops, etc., and some people just brought it along to The Centre or our Charity Shops. I cannot thank everyone and **Hayley & Ryan Spencer** were just 2 of the people who thought of the animals.

Mr. & Mrs Dickerson of Wittering, very kindly donated masses of sachets for us and the puss cats really enjoyed them. This couple have been doing this every Christmas for years and it really is appreciated.

This should not be allowed to Happen!!

Just before Christmas we found out we had been left 12 rabbits, 7 guinea pigs and 6 cats in someone’s will. We knew absolutely nothing about it and the bequest did not take any account of arrangements for anything towards their care. So, out came some of our old pens and we located them in the greenhouse for the rabbits and guinea pigs. Most of the guinea pigs had hay mite and some of the rabbits had terribly deformed teeth and, as usual, none of them had been neutered. I am amazed that a solicitor can make out someone’s will without first ensuring the recipients have been informed of such a bequest. So, **Nigel** and **I** spent Christmas Eve collecting these animals. Fortunately for us, **Alexandra Bastedo**, our President, had some space and she took the cats after we had them neutered, vaccinated and sorted out their dental problems.

I feel that when a solicitor is drawing up a will they should check that the intended recipient of “live” (humans or animals) has been informed and that they are happy to accept such a bequest. Yes, the solicitor said that I could decline the poor creatures but where would they have ended up? These animals have, so far, cost us £500 in vet bills (would have been £1,300 if we had not had our own vet facility) plus the extra cost of food, litter, etc.

If anyone wants to leave their pets to The CRRC when they can no longer care for them, please ensure that you discuss it with us first, tell your family

and neighbours what you have decided with regard to your pets, so that they know they have a home to go to. We, in return, will give you a letter, confirming the arrangement and this can be given to your solicitor as proof of the arrangement.

Time and time again we have taken animals into The Centre, only to find that money has gone to another animal charity and this obviously drains our resources. If you are thinking of leaving money to an animal charity, please think CRRC. We can assure you that the money will be spent wisely and for the benefit of the animals.

As you see, we had the wrong type of “legacy” before Christmas and, speaking to other charities, they depend largely on legacies, often for up to 60% of their income. Unfortunately, we have not been quite so lucky but it would make an enormous difference to the work that we could do. As I said before, please think of The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre when you or a relative makes a will.

Dumped.

We had 2 cats dumped at Sainsbury’s Chichester store and they kindly delivered them to us!! We also had 2 kittens found on Hayling Island and a guinea pig dumped, in the middle of nowhere, with a huge tumour on her back! We have also helped out a guinea pig rescue by taking 12 from them.

Funds tinged with Sadness.

We sometimes get donations from people who have stated “no flowers” at their funeral. Although this is sad for the bereaved, I feel that they know that their relatives and friends are helping unfortunate animals in their memory. One such was **Mr. Jeffery** of Wittering and his family and friends donated an incredible £470.47 to the work of our Rescue Centre, as Mr. Jeffery loved animals. Thank you all so much.

Can you Help???

Ava, one of our newer volunteers, is going to make marmalade for us to sell at our events but needs some jam jars, with lids, to put it in. If you have any spare, please drop them in to The Centre.

More Letters from Adopters.

Halina is now fully settled. She goes in and out of her cat flap ... no accidents so far! She has adapted very well and is very affectionate to us all. She even sat on my lap for half an hour last night. She is not too impressed by the dry food we are trying to convert her to but, hopefully, hunger will win over in the end! She managed to escape, to our horror, on her 4th day here by

pushing her way through the supposedly locked magnetic cat flap (with no magnet on her) but thankfully she was back about 12 hours later, looking none the worse for her ordeal. She obviously cannot wait to get out into the wide world and sits next to our glass doors looking longingly at the garden. We have now registered her with the vet (St. Peters in Petersfield) and we are so thrilled, even my husband likes her!



Erica Harris-Rae.

Ever since The Centre began, I have named all the rabbits in our care after food, not sure why but it has continued all these years. Strangely enough, most people change the name when they adopt but I don't mind, as long as the animal has a loving home. This is a note that we received from **Joan Broad**, who adopted **Soya**.

Just to let you know that Soya, now **Snowy**, has settled really well. We did not have to separate them at all, they both got on well from the start. The hutch is open most of the day but she has not ventured into the garden yet. I am sure that "**Bubbles**" will encourage her as he is in and out all day. With dryer weather I am sure she will come outside, we want her to do it on her own. What would these animals do without people like you?



Thank you, Joan, for your kind comments, they are much appreciated and it is people like you, who adopt from us, means that we can continue helping the animals.

Monique.

Many years ago, we re-homed a cat to **Barbara Sparshatt** and she has kindly sent us this letter.

Our much loved **Pandora** (Pandie) was put to sleep in October, near her 17th Birthday. She was 3½yrs. old when we adopted her, when she was called **Starlight**. We wanted a cat that was used to dogs. She was so beautiful and so happy with our Spaniels. She loved our seaside home and in the evening she would paddle in the sea pools and call to us when we were swimming. In the garden, she would run up the palm trees and come down backwards! These last years a boyfriend visits, black and white called **Jakey**, he still comes every day and is now curled up with her teddy bear!



Pandie was always purring, even her last day when our son's Boxer said goodbye, twice and at the vets. Love you always Pandie.

Pot of Gold for this little Rainbow.

We took in some cats a few years ago now and one of them, **Rainbow**, a pedigree, had constantly suffered from respiratory problems. She was a darling cat and we found her a wonderful home and, because of her ongoing problems, she went onto our Foster Care Scheme. This means that although she was rehomed, we continued to cover her vet treatment, using our vet. This ensures the animal a home but the fosterer has no worries about veterinary bills. That way it works for the benefit of the animal and the fosterer. I received this lovely letter from her new family.

Dear Everybody!

First I must apologise for this card having dogs on it and not cats, like me, but my granny is writing this for me and she doesn't have a card with cats on. I was adopted, (on the Foster Care Scheme) by **Nigel** and **Helen** as I have health problems. I just wanted you to see how lovely I look now! Even my cataract eyes seem better. I am a house cat and only go out when I have to as I love getting all snug with my Mum & Dad! They even let me sleep with them. In the summer I go out in the garden and sit and watch the guinea pig (who is called (**Biscuit**)). In the Autumn, when the leaves were on the ground, I loved bringing them in through the cat flap. My Mum & Dad got married in September and when they go away my granny comes and looks after me and I purr around her and have lots of cuddles. I hope that other cats have a lovely life like I have and I often think of you all.

With love from **Bow (Rainbow)**.



Veterinary Insurance – Go for It.

All rabbits, cats and kittens, adopted from this Centre, automatically get 4 weeks free vet insurance from **Pet Plan**. Many people choose to continue the cover and I would urge everyone to it. VET BILLS ARE EXPENSIVE. Admittedly, The Centre does get some commission on everyone of our adopters who takes out Pet Plan cover on their pet so it gives us another channel of income for our work. So, do the right thing by your pet, get them insured and don't forget, rabbits get ill as well and their bills are usually more expensive than a cat should they fall ill.

**Don't forget, if you have any spare Jam Jars (with lids), please bring them to
The Centre**

Statistics.

2010/ 2009 In brackets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
JAN	83(36)	43(32)	10 (7)	3 (4)	39(16)	11 (2)	2 (16)	2 (6)
FEB	74(46)	29(28)	14 (0)	11 (0)	30(24)	2 (2)	6 (8)	6 (8)
MAR	75(41)	32(34)	0 (11)	4 (18)	18(24)	3 (6)	19 (2)	2 (4)
APR	50(39)	36(25)	9 (2)	4 (1)	16(41)	4 (2)	0 (2)	7 (3)
MAY	50(40)	30(29)	9 (24)	27(26)	16(15)	3 (13)	1 (6)	1 (5)
JUN	80(70)	23(27)	20(33)	19(18)	25(26)	13 (9)	0 (2)	0 (2)
JUL	83(91)	28(51)	23(38)	35(51)	45(47)	20(42)	2 (1)	0 (0)
AUG	57(83)	30(21)	37(31)	50(33)	14(40)	14 (4)	0 (3)	2 (0)
SEP	57(52)	19 (9)	37(15)	34(16)	14(20)	3 (17)	0 (0)	0 (0)
OCT	76(58)	21(18)	32(18)	32(13)	47(32)	4 (14)	5 (0)	0 (0)
NOV	67(69)	22(13)	26(32)	27(16)	42(32)	1 (15)	11 (3)	1 (5)
DEC	49(57)	19(21)	7 (16)	4 (18)	41(25)	19 (2)	7 (0)	10 (0)
TOTAL	801	332	224	250	357	97	53	31

The above figures are for 2010 with 2009 figures in brackets. The columns are represented as follows:-

1. Cats that we were asked to take in.
2. Cats that we were actually able to take in.
3. Kittens that we were asked to take in.
4. Kittens that we were actually able to take in.
5. Rabbits that we were asked to take in.
6. Rabbits that we were actually able to take in.
7. Guinea Pigs that we were asked to take in.
8. Guinea pigs that we were actually able to take in.

In 2010 we were asked to take in 1435 animals compared with 1294 in 2009 and actually took in 710 compared with 683 in 2009.

Even with our new facilities we are still having to turn animals away and that is not what we are about. Please, please, please help us to raise more money so that we can help those poor creatures who can't help themselves.

Nine Lives Cat Rescue.

Unfortunately, this charity was no longer able to continue their good work and, as a registered charity, any funds or assets have to be given to like minded charities and they chose CRRC as one of the recipients. They gave us the magnificent sum of £6,500. We plan to put this towards the "Oldies" areas and

the bunnies. We are so sorry to see you go but we thank you so very much for thinking of us and our work, especially **Susan Smith**, and everyone involved with **Nine Lives Cat Rescue**. We can assure you that this money will go to the care of our animals now and in the future.

Fundraising Activities – March to August only.

Community Support.	Waitrose, Chichester	March
CRRC Spring Fayre	Hayling Is Utd. Reform Church	Sat 26 th Mar (10am to 1pm)
Easter Fayre	Petersfield	Sat. 2 nd April (10am – 2.00pm)
CRRC Easter Fayre	Sidlesham F.C.	Sun.10 th Apr. 11am - 2pm)
Store Collection	Co-op, E. Wittering.	Sat.16 th Apr. (9am – 5pm.)
Companion Dog Show	Mount Noddy	Sun. 17 th Apr. (From 10am.)
St. Mary’s Church	Fratton, Portsmouth.	Mon. 2 nd . May.(10am – 4pm)
CRRC Dog Walk	See article elsewhere in N/L.	Sun. 15 th May.
Street Collection	Bognor Regis.	Sat. 21 st May. (9am – 5-30pm.)
Store Collection	Co-op, E. Wittering	Sat 28 th May. (9am – 5pm).
Garden Show.	Stansted Park.	Fri.10 th – 12 th Jun. (10am – 5pm).
CRRC Fun Dog Show	CRRC	Sun. 19 th Jun. (from 10am).
CRRC Summer Fayre	Hayling Is. Utd. Reform Church.	Sat. 16 th July (10am – 1pm)
Store Collection.	Co-op, E. Wittering.	Sat. 31 st Jul. (9am – 5pm).
Store Collection.	Morrisons, Hordean.	Sat. 31 st July (9am – 5pm)
Store Collection.	Sainsbury, Farlington.	Sat. 6 th Aug. (9am – 5pm).
Store Collection	Co-op, E. Wittering.	Sat. 6 th Aug. (9am – 5pm).
Hotham Park.	Bognor.	Sat. 13 th Aug. (11am – 5pm).
CRRC Summer Fete	CRRC	Sun. 14 th Aug. (11am – 4pm).

If anyone can help at any of these events or sponsor items for the Café, please contact **Emma** on admin@crcc.co.uk or 07776 204320, and “Thank You” in anticipation.

More from our Adopters.

Our guinea pigs **Max** and **Jake** were 3 years old when Max suddenly died. Jake (grey and white) was still grieving 2 months later so we decided to find him another friend. We contacted CRRC who said would try to help. They paired Jake with a beautiful red guinea pig called **Harry** for a week to



make sure they didn't fight. The result is two happy guinea pigs, who are thriving and inseparable. Thank you all at CRRC. **Esme** and **Mike**.

Bonding 2 male guinea pigs is notoriously difficult and CRRC has just started this bonding service after staff member **Claire** received some helpful tips from **Anna Blake** of **Wheek & Squeak Guinea Pig Rescue**. So far, this has been very successful.

SSE help – Friday 12th and 19th November saw **Laura Callaghan** (our great café volunteer and also my lovely sister), with **Hollie Cole** and **Hollie Pearce**, volunteering, through the SSE Volunteering Program. This is a great scheme where the Company pays for their staff to go and volunteer, at a place of their choice. They all worked so hard trying to get the accounts in order and managed to plough through 3 months work in the two days that they were here. There is still another 9 months to go but they have made a start and thoroughly enjoyed helping out. We always need admin people so if you are thinking about doing something for a couple of hours a week, then please e-mail info@crcc.co.uk or telephone 01243 641409. (How far did you have to bend sis's arm, Emma???)



Thursday 7th October, 2010 saw us hold our first ever Casino night at Gunwarf Quays and what a successful night it was. We raised a magnificent **£540.90**. The food was outstanding and there was plenty of it. All 41 tickets quickly sold and our kind supporter, **Alex Deacon** got a group of guitar club together for the night and played the evening away. They called themselves "**The Mature Students**" and they were all from **Sally Paice's North Mundham Guitar Club**. They had never played to an audience before and we think that they did really well, thanks guys, you made it a great evening. We are planning to have another Casino night in October so those of you who missed it will get the chance to come along.



Christmas Fayre at CRRC – Sun. 24th Oct. Raised **£3,590.47**.
Christmas Fayre at Drayton – Sat. 13th Nov. raised **£833.15**.
Stanstead Park Christmas Festival – Fri. 19th – 21st Nov. raised **£558.92**.
Chichester Christmas Market – Sun. 28th Nov. Raised **£200.67**.

Christmas Fayre, Petersfield – Sat. 4th Dec. Unfortunately cancelled due to snow.

Christmas Fayre, Hayling Island – Sat. 11th Dec. Raised **£443.22**.

Thank you to all you lovely people mentioned below who sponsored our Christmas Fayre, this really helps to keep our costs down – **Annette White**, who was laden down with tins and tins of hot dogs, **£30** from **Carole Martin**, **£20** from **S J Burnett**, **£20** from **Sharon Bittner**, **£50** from **Susan Jameson**, **£50** from **E.Quinlan**, **£30** from **Roger Blake**, **£15** from **Ann Durney**, **£25** from **Lesley** and **David Harris** and **£110** from **Colin** and **Marcia Bostock**.

Thank You for our Website Updates and for Adopting a Golden Oldie.

A big thank you goes out to **Jill Stone** who regularly comes to The Centre and photographs all the animals that are ready for re-homing. Thank you Jill, your help towards this is really appreciated.

This is an e-mail received from Jill and Family:-

As a family, we have always rescued cats from local shelters. Twelve years ago we rescued two adult cats from a small charity. After 4 years we sadly lost **Joey**, the elder of the two, from old age. This left us with **Oscar**, with whom we enjoyed 12 lovely years. However, we lost Oscar in June last year and didn't think we would be able to re-home another cat after the heartache, as a family, we suffered for losing such a precious member of the family. Six weeks had passed and we couldn't bear the house being so quiet since the loss of our dear moggy.

In August, myself and my daughter went to the Cat & Rabbit rescue Centre's Open day to find out about how to go about adoption as we had decided to re-home an older cat in the New Year. After asking the helpful staff about costs and house visits we decided to look around the new cattery building. It didn't take long for us to fall in love with an elderly gentleman by the name of **Jacko**, a 14year old ginger and white cat who was a stray from the Hayling Island area. With his lanky legs and wonky ears we knew from that moment that we wanted to take the little man home.

Within a week Jacko, who is now called **Ernie**, moved to the **Stone** residence. He has now been with us since August 2010 and has defiantly made himself at home. With two beds, a conservatory sofa and a kennel, with interior carpet, he has well and truly landed on his paws. We can't imagine life without our Ern, the laughs he has given us in the past few months we will cherish always. People say we rescued him, however we believe he rescued us.



We will always go back to the cat & Rabbit Rescue centre to re-home a cat as the joys a cat can give you will always make sure you have a smile on your face. Ernie may have wonky ears, lanky legs and will dribble over your toast but we love him and, we know he loves us back.

Our thanks go to **Valerie Deacon** for helping to relieve the strain of our admin. She has very kindly taken over the Sponsorship/Friends database. She has tidied it all up and merged the three lists we had. If you notice any mistakes in your details please let us know by e-mailing Emma on admin@crcc.co.uk

Another almighty thank you goes to **Mike and Penny Jones** for their continued support in buying bleach and any other essential items we get low on. Also they now become 'Friends of CRRC'. Thank you guys, your monthly support goes towards feeding all those hungry little mouths.

Jewellery Recycling – we have included an envelope for you to put any unwanted jewellery in and send to the address printed thereon. The envelope already has our logo and name on it so that they know who to credit with the money but, if you would like an acknowledgement from The Centre for your donation, just put your name and address on a piece of paper and slip it in with the items. It won't cost you anything as it is a FREEPOST address.

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our "Fill a Bowl" appeal in December. It was a terrific response and we had a total of **£1,736.25** donated. A special thank you goes to a very special supporter of CRRC, **Mr. Boxall**, your years of support have been a real boon to this charity – people like you don't come along very often, YOU' RE ONE IN A MILLION – "THANK YOU".

A big thank you also goes to **Jenni Grace** for her support with our "Fill a bowl" appeal. She set up 3 collection bins and donation tins in her **medi-spa salon** in Clanfield and collected **337** items of food plus **£251.25**. Thank you Jenni for all your effort in organising it all and thank you to all of your lovely clients who donated so generously.

If anyone would like to receive our monthly news and events by e-mail, as well as this Newsletter, just send me an e-mail to admin@crcc.co.uk. This is very small and not the same as getting the Newsletter by post but it is good as it keeps people updated on a monthly basis. This came in handy when we wanted people to vote for us in the Chichester Observer Cash Giveaway. We only had one week's notice to let as many people as possible know that they

needed to vote for us. It obviously paid off as we won! We were so pleased as we had some very strong competition.

Emma.

Blackberry and Sponge.

Jackie Thomas kindly e-mailed me about the two bunnies she adopted from CRRC.



Just wanted to give you a quick update and let you know that the bunnies have settled well here and are enjoying their new home. **Blackberry** is getting a bit braver and makes sure he gets his fair share of the food.

Sponge is bigger and greedier.

Judging by the pictures, they certainly like their cuddles.



Joy Rutherford sent us this lovely picture of the cat she adopted from us. The nervous cats are by far the most difficult to re-home (even more so than the oldies), and it is lovely when one is adopted and you meet people who are prepared to give them time. This is **Korky**. He is very lively and lets us stroke him but he won't let us pick him up yet. No doubt he will in his own time but he isn't as nervous now.



He is like a cartoon cat, and his coat is so soft. He is adorable. (I remember Korky the cat from one of the comics my brother and I had when we were children, takes me back a bit. Ed).

Maria Temull, one of our lovely supporters for many years, has decided to do 3 sponsored runs for the animals here at the Centre (yes 3 !!!!). We are so delighted BUT we need as many people as possible to sponsor her in these three challenging events. Maria has had a number of pet bunnies from the Centre and is helping us to raise money towards the new rabbit accommodation. Her events are as follows:-



Dorney Lake Race – Duathlon. 20th March.
5km/20km/5km.

www.f3events.co.uk

Abingdon Good Friday – Triathlon Sprint. 22nd April. 200m Swim/11km cycle/3km Run. www.fullonsport.co.uk

Winchester – Novice Triathlon. May Day, 2nd May. 200m Swim/10km Run/2.5km Run. www.fullonsports.co.uk

You can sponsor her by donating via her virgin giving page at:-

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MARIAHAMMOND-TEMULL>

If you do not have access to the internet and would still like to sponsor her, please send your cheque to CRRC along with a note to say “sponsorship Maria Temull”.

Thank you.

Some more “Thank You’s”.

Thank you to the following Trusts & Councils who supported us during October 2010 to January 2011:-

Miss E.M.Sage Charitable Trust £500; Aldwick Parish Council £100; East Wittering & Bracklesham Parish Council £100; Barry Green Memorial Fund £2,000 and Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust £2,000.

Thank you all very much, the animals are most grateful.

Once again we owe an enormous thanks to all the vets and animal stores who made room for our food collection boxes. During the year we had **6,593** items of food donated. Thank you to **Annette White** who goes round most of the vets collecting all year and **Ali Pope** in **Downland**, Chichester for their “Fill a Bowl” display at Christmas, it was outstanding. Thanks again to all involved.



Waitrose, Chichester Community Matters Scheme.

Please can we have your vote? Pop into the Chichester Branch of Waitrose during March and you will be able to cast your vote for one of three Charities, one of them is US. There is an award of **£1,000** to be shared between the 3 and we are hoping to get as many votes as possible so, please do your best and give us your vote. The more voting tokens placed in our box, the more of that

award we can win! There is no minimum purchase, you could just buy one sachet of cat food but, make sure you pick up your voting token at the checkout, and pop it in our box. You could also send us the sachet of cat food. Thanking you, in anticipation.

Sponsored Dog Walk – Sunday, 15th May, 2011.

This year we have been trying to think of a different venue as the walk from The Centre has been done for many, many years now. There also has been some concern over the cows in the fields which the walk has gone through. We think it will probably be a walk along the Chichester Canal (from Donnington), but it is yet to be finalized, but I do not think it will make too much difference if you would like to come along and, of course, get as many sponsors as you can. Enclosed with this Newsletter is a leaflet about sponsoring using “Virgin Giving”, this a safe way to ensure your money goes to the right charity as, sadly, sponsorships are open to abuse (we were hit by this when someone said they had raised a lot of money on a sponsored dog walk and, despite numerous attempts to contact the person, we never saw a penny!). If you have any queries on this, please contact Emma, she is the whiz on this. Emma can be contacted on 07776204320 or e-mail her admin@crre.co.uk

Whilst on about sponsorship, don’t forget that **Maria** also needs sponsors for her gruelling 3 events effort on behalf of the animals. The more we raise the more we can help those who can’t help themselves.

Trish Reeves is going to organize a charity fund raising event, ‘swing and rat pack’ music night on Sunday, 20th March at the Travellers Joy Public House, in Milton Road, Portsmouth, from 8pm to 11pm. It is a true “local” pub and the event should be well attended but they would welcome anyone who would like to go. There will be 2 singers who will be performing all the classic rat-pack, swing and easy listening songs, suitable for all ages. Be there or be square, and raise lots of money for the animals.

THE PORTSMOUTH NEWS – WE CAN DO IT.

At the award ceremony, held in the Guildhall, last November, our very own Founder, **Monique Turk**, was Runner-up in the “Care of the Environment” category. Having dedicated 25 years of her life to caring for other peoples’ unwanted animals, we would say that the award was well deserved. Congratulations madam, you really do merit such recognition.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CAT AND RABBIT
RESCUE CENTRE WILL BE HELD AT HOLBOROW LODGE,
SIDLESHAM ON WEDNESDAY, 16TH MARCH, 2011, AT 4-00 PM.

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising.
3. Welcome and report from the Chair.
4. Financial Report.
5. Questions from the floor.
6. Election of Auditors.
7. Election of Committee.
8. Any other business.

COMMITTEE. (* indicates Trustee).

Chairman	Monique Turk.
Treasurer	Nigel Oddy*
Secretary	Emma Nicoll.
Fundraising Officer	Emma Nicoll.
IT Consultant	Sarah Walker.
Membership Secretary	Valerie Deacon.
Veterinary Advisor	Mark Elliott.
President	Alexandra Bastedo.
Patron	Susan Jameson.
Trustee	Patricia Parkinson*.
Trustee	Sarah Oddy*.

All members of the committee are prepared to stand for a further year but if you would like to make a nomination for committee, please complete the form overleaf and e-mail to the Secretary, Emma Nicoll, (admin@ccrc.co.uk) or send it to Holborow Lodge, Chalder Lane, Sidlesham, West Sussex, PO 20 7RJ.

**PLEASE COME ALONG, WE REALLY NEED YOUR
SUPPORT AND IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE OF CCRC.**

Nomination for position on Committee.

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Name of nominee (in block capitals)

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Position nominated for

Signature of nominee, indicating willingness to stand for election ...

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CATS and RABBIT ENCLOSURES FOR SPONSORSHIP.

Alfie	HANDSOME BLACK CAT WHO IS USUALLY CUDDLED UP WITH MOLLY.
Beverly	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.
Lenny Long Legs	LONG LEGGED HANDSOME TABBY WHO'S A HIT WITH THE OTHER CATS
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.
Major	A MAGNIFICENT LONG HAURED, PALE GINGER CAT.

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)

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