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I cannot believe it, but we are already halfway through the year, and Viv Eadon Lodge, our new animal pen and facilities building has been in use for over a year. What a godsend it was during all the snow, to see the animals all snuggled up in the warm, and of course it is so much nicer for the staff and volunteers. BUT now we must concentrate on the bunnies (not forgetting the guinea pigs).

We have lined up a local builder to start on the new rabbit accommodation in “Sharon’s Garden”, but there is still a lot more to do, but organizing this and fitting it in with everything else can be a problem, but hopefully by the Open Day you will see how we are progressing, but we will still need more funds for this project and the moveable rabbit pens. We are having a prototype made at the moment, and if happy then will get some more done, and are aiming for 30.

Dog show results.

A very successful dog show, we had lots of lovely dogs, although the cats did not think so, and decided to take a day long siesta!

Class 1: BEST ADULT HANDLER

1 st	Adam Dalton	<i>with</i>	Kiwi
2 nd	Melanie Claxton		Basil
3 rd	Stephanie Barnet		Brodi
4 th	Jean Longley		Mario
5 th	Diana Conolly		George
6 th	Melody Smith		Basil

Class 2: BEST VETERAN (7 YEARS OLD & OVER)

1 st	Caroline Stanhope	<i>with</i>	Alfie
2 nd	Don Healy		Sam
3 rd	Sophie Claxton		Basil
4 th	Dylan Le-Lerre		Abby
5 th	Diana Conolly		George

Class 3: MOST HANDSOME DOG

1 st	Amanda Richardson	<i>with</i>	Charlie
2 nd	Amy Smith		Barnaby
3 rd	John Geater		Alfie
4 th	Catherine Mater		Buster
5 th	Melody Smith		Basil
6 th	Sheila Torrens		Barny

Class 4: PRETTIEST BITCH

1 st	Julie Hide	<i>with</i>	Willow
2 nd	Kirsty Foster		Pepper
3 rd	Coral Gigg		Maisie-May
4 th	Matt Grinter		Nessa
5 th	Ray Newland		Moo
6 th	Val Wickenden		Meg

Class 5: BEST CHILD HANDLER (14 YEARS & UNDER)

1 st	Amee Smith	<i>with</i>	Basil
2 nd	Lucy Bevis		Boo
3 rd	Coral Gigg		Maisie-May
4 th	Rusty Hanlon		Leki
5 th	Robin Alner		Kiwi
6 th	Ella Cato		Lola

Class 6: BEST RESCUE

1 st	Diana Conolly	<i>with</i>	George
2 nd	Val Wickenden		Meg
3 rd	Penny Vrint		Malley
4 th	Catherine Mater		Buster
5 th	Amanda Richardson		Charlie
6 th	Kirsty Foster		Pepper
6 th	Jessica Claxton		Basil

Class 7: HAPPIEST DOG (Bring Toys and Treats to the Ring)

1 st	Charlotte Mayley	<i>with</i>	Bailey
2 nd	Robin Alner		Kiwi
3 rd	June Bevis		Boo
4 th	Ray Newland		Moo
5 th	Diana Conolly		George
6 th	Tim Longland		Brodi

Class 8: APPEALING EYES

1 st	Julie Hide	<i>with</i>	Willow
2 nd	Jenny Hill		Zula
3 rd	Olivia Hanlon		Leki
4 th	Sheila Torrens		Barny
5 th	Charlotte Harris		Poppy
6 th	John Geater		Alfie

Class 9: DOG THE JUDGE WOULD MOST LIKE TO TAKE HOME

1 st	Melody Smith	<i>with</i>	Basil
2 nd	Jenny Ridley		Lola
3 rd	Catherine Mater		Buster
4 th	Sophie Claxton		Basil
5 th	Kirsty Foster		Pepper
6 th	Eden Day		Nessa

Thank you for to everyone who helped on and before the day, all the dogs and their owners, see you next year?

A very special thanks to **Nickie** and **Karen** our wonderful Judge and Steward who as ever did a wonderful job. Don't forget to visit Nickie's shop **Pet Pantry** in Selsey.

Havant Shop

We were very fortunate to be given a shop in Havant for 2 months rent free, so we decided to do only books, and over that period we took £2373.63 (before expenses, which should only about £300), which was extremely good for only selling books. We had further offers of help, but decided not to continue, but would consider it at another time.

My special thanks go to the following people who helped us in the shop:- **Shirley Rampton, Kate Hack, Julia Connor, Vicki Mockford, Val Beck, Barbara Symons, Samantha Sewell, Rachel Mundy, Angela Edgington, Pat Levett, Nicole Burnett & Sheila Burnett.** Thank you so much.

Co-op East Wittering

This store is one of the most supportive I have ever known, they give us vouchers, have a collection box, and let us have store collections at the store. It is not like a massive out of town store, but **Ava Kirby**, a more recent volunteer, (although I have known her for years) offered to organize and run store collections at the Co-op, and they have been incredibly successful, much better than our previous ones, and have raised £275.23 in just 2 collections.

Auction – look out for our lovely items on our website www.crrc.co.uk – and make a bid on them, will be updated regularly.

As you can see from the stats, the unwanted animal situation is getting worse, and it is us who are trying to sort it all out. Please spread the word, **“Getting a pet from anywhere else, just adds to the number of unwanted animals”.**

2011/ 2010 In brackets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
JAN	98(83)	51(43)	10(10)	3 (4)	44(39)	11 (2)	3 (2)	2 (6)
FEB	72(74)	20(28)	6 (14)	11 (0)	37(30)	2(2)	7 (6)	6 (8)
MAR	67(75)	32(34)	16 (0)	4 (18)	11(18)	3 (6)	75(19)	2 (4)
APR	77(50)	36(25)	8 (9)	4 (1)	28(16)	4 (2)	0 (0)	7 (3)
MAY	81(50)	30(29)	23 (9)	27(26)	34(16)	3 (13)	1 (1)	1 (5)
JUN	56(80)	24(23)	16(20)	35(19)	17(35)	9 (13)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Total	451 (412)	194 (171)	79 (62)	84 (68)	171 (154)	32 (38)	86 (28)	18 (26)

The above figures are for 2011 with 2010 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 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.

As you can see, in 2011 we have been asked to take in **786** animals compared with **656** in 2010 and actually took in **327** compared with **303** in 2010.

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.

Stansted.

This wonderful Garden Show did us a proud again this year, we had 2 very successful days, but unfortunately the Sunday we called it quits due to the rain, and the rain, and the rain. Thanks to all our lovely helpers who helped not only on the days, but setting up and clearing away as well.

Sweeping back the waves.

This is what it feels like sometimes, trying to raise money, trying to get people to contact the rescue when they want a pet, trying to explain to people we cannot take every animal we are asked to, trying to explain to people the

total necessity of getting their pet neutered. On top of this we are also caring for the animals, doing the admin, and recently trying to clear the Centre of some rubbish, in particular a 20ft x 30ft mobile home which for many years housed our goods for selling, but it was well past its best and leaking like a sieve, and we need that area for our ponies and goats stabling (waiting on planning permission), and for the oldies pens which will attach to Viv Eadon Lodge. So we are demolishing it, and what a job. Maintenance of a place the size of The Centre is a task in itself, so any willing gardeners, fence painters, etc., would be very much appreciated, just give me a ring. Monique

While clearing out the mobile home, I came across a poster from years ago, with the following poem on it, and it still bears such relevance.

A Tip from a Tabby.

Pussy cat, pussy cat, where have you strayed?
I've been to the shelter to get myself spayed.
Pussy cat, pussy cat, please tell me why?
The cat sat down sadly and said with a sigh.
You may not have noticed but all through the land,
The cat population is quite out of hand.
The numbers excessive and so that's why
People leave kittens by roadsides to die.
There is just one solution to this situation
We must limit the number of cats in the nation
So I making this suggestion to all female pets,
Make spaying appointments with your local vet.

As you can see from our stats this is just not happening, and we are getting more and more dumped.

The only recession this country has been through is a recession in common sense!! *Monique*

Donations instead of flowers .

We have been very fortunate in receiving donations instead of flowers at funerals, and this has helped us tremendously and we thank everyone who has thought of CRRC at this sad time.

The family of Richard Jeffery

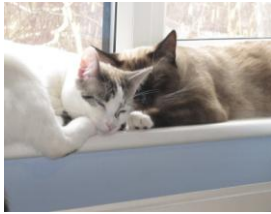
Janet Harris.

It is with much sadness we tell of the death of **Janet Harris**, a fantastic supporter, and featured in our Newsletters as our Selsey Scrounger. We knew

Janet was a “person of her word”, if she said she would do it, she certainly did, and usually much better than we expected.

From Claire Stares.

I wanted to give you an update on **Sula** and **Ylva** - they are just the most gorgeous cats. They get on so well with our 2 older cats and all 4 love to wash each other and play together. It is hard to believe that they were once timid feral kittens as they have grown in confidence and are so friendly, playful and affectionate. Sula in particular is a real lap cat now!



Claire and her Mum were interested in learning more about feral colonies, and as luck would have it, there was a colony near to where they lived, and after a some training, they managed to do all the trapping, and guess what they decided to adopt 2 of the kittens. They were quite nervous, but they came up and visited them on numerous occasions, and won them

round, and as you see they are very happy cats.

Raffle Tickets.

I have enclosed £5 worth of raffle tickets in this Newsletter, I hope you are able to sell them or buy them yourself, and send the money to us as soon as possible. We have £200 worth of shopping vouchers, and lots of other prizes, so if you can help please do. Some people prefer not to have tickets, no problem, we won't send them to you, just let me know, ideally by email, or give me a ring one evening. We did have a note from someone who prefers not to have the raffle tickets, but sorry I could not read the writing.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SELL MORE RAFFLE TICKETS FOR US,
PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL. Monique .

Cookie the cat

We have had the pleasure of **Cookie's** company now for about 2 months, she settled in with us immediately and is now a real member of the family.

She is such fun and loves to play like a little kitten, although she is now about 15 months old.



When we came to the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre we were told that Cookie was unpredictable and had a tendency to be a bit spiteful, biting and scratching, we were also told that she didn't like being picked up, this was certainly the way she presented when we went in her pen with her.

Cookie now loves to have a fuss made she is very affectionate and follows us around the house, where ever two members of the family are there is Cookie sitting between them begging for attention.

Cookie is still a spirited cat and a real character, she likes to wrap herself around your legs and gently nip your ankles to get your attention, especially at meal times. Cookie has made friends with our three 2 year old Herman's tortoises and loves to curl up and sleep with them under their mercury heat/sunshine lamp the tortoises have no fear of her at all and she isn't bothered by them.

Again many thanks for Cookie we love her, many thanks to you and your staff team who were so helpful on the day of our visit and for Julie who did our home visit and follow up.

Best Wishes

Tom Harding and family.

Doris the beautiful torty cat

I am writing to give you an update on **Doris** - (now called **Sasha**) - who we adopted from you on 18th September last year. She is making good progress but is still very nervous of strangers and does not like noises of any kind. A cough or a sneeze sends her flying. She is very affectionate and loves a good groom and to cuddle up in bed with us at night. She is very lazy and spends all day on our bed. She does venture out for 5 minutes or so in the evening but is definitely not an outdoor lover. Perhaps she'll change when it gets warmer. When she does manage to move herself off the bed she loves to play - with a piece of string. We love her to bits and she has been in charge of us from day 1. Just how it should be!!



Jingle is having a lovely time

In February we received a lovely letter from **Charlie**, who was adopted by **J. E Parker**.

Hello Everyone,

I just wanted to write and say thank you to you all for looking after me when I needed help and taking the time and trouble to find a lovely new home. I did so enjoy my first Christmas here, I got lots of presents, and I especially liked climbing the Christmas tree when I got the chance (which was slightly naughty of me). I have even had my first official birthday – on January 6th – more presents!

With lots of thanks from **Charlie** (though you may remember me as **Jingle**).

We have lots of Work Experience students here, from all sorts of colleges, schools, universities, and often we receive lovely letters from them, this is one from a Mother of one of the Work Experience students:-

Dear Nigel and Monique,

Please could you thank all your staff for all the kindness and support they showed **Darren** throughout his work experience last week, he loved every minute of it, your staff were wonderful and supportive in every way. Darren also loved spending time with your Rhett, he is a lovely cat and we will enjoy continuing to sponsor him. Your staff are lovely people - please pass on our sincere thanks to them all. It's been a great experience for Darren.

Thank You, Take Care,

With Love, **Tracey (Whetton)** xxx.

Halina is now fully settled. She goes in and out of her cat flap...no accidents so far!

Luckily for us she is a very homely cat and only goes out for a short while, preferring to cuddle up on the sofa, various window sills, or a cushion in the kitchen from where she has a good vantage point over my husband cooking! Ever hopeful. As my daughter and I don't eat meat, Halina does well out of the scraps, and loves his chicken especially!



She is lovely company. I have been in bed most of today with a bug and she sat on the bed with me all day. So nice to have such a snuggly loving pussy cat!

We are trying to train her in the importance of not mauling the guinea pigs when we have them out for a snuggle. It's hard, and her little eyes sparkle, but hopefully she will get the message eventually!

Thanks so much for all the hard work you must have all put in for her to be such a well adjusted pussy cat,...it has paid off!

Erika Harris-Rae

Happy bonded bunnies.

To all who looked after **Parkin**,
Thanks for taking such good care of him while he was with you. Here is a photo of him in his new home. He has settled in very well with his new friend Charlie. He is having a wonderful time and he makes us all laugh every day! **Jo Bull**.



An update on Sky.

Dear friends at CRRC,

First of all, a big thank you to Monique for sending me a replacement ID tag; I will try very hard not to lose this one. Mind you it is very difficult when stalking birds in a thick hedge not to get the collar snagged on a branch which is how I lost the original one.

It is now just over a year since I left Sidlesham for my new home at Hayling Island. I live in a very nice house – warm and cosy in winter and cool in summer. The garden is a cat's paradise with plenty of nooks and crannies to hide in whilst waiting to pounce on an unsuspecting bird. There is even a summer house and I sometimes sneak in there for a snooze. Most of the surrounding gardens are bounded by six-foot high wooden fences and they make a super highway – almost an M25 for cats! This makes for easy travelling and a good vantage point for spotting the enemy.

My favourite hobby, apart from sleeping, is my collection of mices; I now have ten of them in various colours. Their names are Orange, Clementine, Raspberry, Strawberry, Blueberry, Greymouse 1, Greymouse 2, Bluebottle, Miss Lemon and Lilly the Pink! My carers say that I am not very kind to them (the mices) because I am always giving them a good beating! Well, what else is a cat to do with a cheeky mouse?

I have made lots of friends – this is very much a 'cat' area – there is Mulder, a smokey grey tom who lives next door. He likes to sneak in through my cat-flap and pinch my food; he's done it twice today! Then there are Eric and Ernie a pair of ginger tabby toms from across the road - they do not do very much and are decidedly boring. At the end of the lane is Misty another female 'tortie' who whinges a lot and is very demanding. And then there is Jasper, a very young black & white tom who is about a year old now. He follows me all over the place and just sits and stares at me. I think he is in love with me! Next door to Misty is a strange looking cat; a 'Siamese', very devious and referred to as the 'slinky' by the rest of us.

Over the past year I have slowly managed to bring my carers round to my way of thinking. Apparently, when they collected me from the CRRC some kind person told them that I needed my own space and my own room to sleep in. As a result, I was allocated the kitchen and had to sleep there every night. It wasn't too bad to start with; I had a cosy bed above the central heating boiler which was very warm. However, last May my boiler disappeared and was replaced by one of those new-fangled modern wall mounted things. No more warm bed! So one night, I dug my heels in (or should that be claws) and refused to go to bed. After a while my carers gave up and went off to their own bed leaving me to sort myself out. And guess where they found me in the morning? Yes, you've got it – I was curled-up at the foot of their bed. Oh, that

lovely duvet, so wonderfully warm and cosy on these cold winter nights! I have been sleeping there ever since although I sometimes start in another room and then join my carers at about 3 am. I am very careful not to wake them up.

I didn't go much on the white stuff that descended on us a few weeks ago. It came right up to my armpits and was most uncomfortable as well as being jolly cold. It also made finding a suitable spot to 'do the business' extremely difficult if not impossible. My carers gave me my old litter tray but I said 'No way; not at my age'. Litter trays are for kittens, not mature sophisticated ladies.

Altogether, life at Hayling is very comfortable, the food is good and if I behave myself I get a treat of some kind. I am growing steadily and now weigh 4.3 kilograms and my Vet says that makes me a medium-sized cat. My carers amuse me with games; actually, I think that they get more fun than I do, and this helps to keep me fit and well exercised.

It is time for a sleep now so I will say good-bye and send you my very best wishes for a happy and blessed Christmas.

Luv,

Sky (aka **Skyla**)

A note from Sky's carers.

Sky is an absolute joy and gives us hours of enjoyment. She is very affectionate but is not yet a 'lap cat'. She is also very playful and at times mischievous, especially when she wants our attention. However, we think that she has delusions of grandeur because she is telling all the other cats in the area that she is an aristocrat (or aristocat as she puts it) and that her full name is 'Her Serene Highness the Princess Skyla of Sidlesham'!

On behalf of Sky we enclose a contribution to your funds.

With best wishes

Michael & Pennie Payne.

Luca & Wotsit.

Dear Monique, We are enjoying our lovely pets that we got from you – **Luca** (was **Octavia**) the cat and **Wotsit** the rabbit.

As you can see from the photos below they are all very happy. Wotsit is a joy and continues to get on very well indeed with Sappho (the little Dutch), in fact there have been no cross words since we first introduced them to each other at your centre last December! We made the adaptations to our 10 x 8 shed so the rabbit shed has a mesh door as the weather gets warmer. It is so nice to see them relaxing in the sun rays in the morning.



They look very happy lying side by side like that. They are getting lots of good food, big handfuls of grass and dandelions whenever it is not raining and hay, etc..... Sappho who you said was a bit on the chubby side is now a great weight which is down to all the space she now enjoys with us... and the fact that she has a new boyfriend to chase!!

We have just had all 3 pets vaccinated against (VHD, myxi for the rabbits and cat flu for the cat) flu..... Luca is going back to the vets for a dental clean and check and it looks like she needs a few extractions. We like the nice vet at Pets at Home in Chichester. He is Australian and very warm and kind to our pets.

Best wishes to you all

Jo.



Thanks everyone.

Back last year I was contacted by **Mrs Speller** re a stray cat, and she and her friends, **Mrs Leigh, D & S West, B West** very kindly sent us £350 towards the work of the Centre, I cannot thank them enough.

Thank you to Portsmouth Water .

We received a fantastic donation of £200 and this was the letter with it.
Dear Sir/Madam,

To celebrate the Gold Medal recently awarded to us by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) as part of their prestigious Occupational Health and Safety Awards, the Company agreed to donate £600 to local charities. Employees were asked to nominate three local charities, and those with the most nominations would each receive a donation from the Company of £200.

Please find enclosed a cheque for £200.

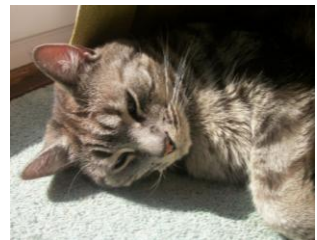
Yours Sincerely,

Ian Limb. (Human Resources Manager, Portsmouth Water Ltd.)

Cheesy Update.

As it's coming up to the third anniversary of us getting **Cheesy** (he was **Chewy** when with you) I thought I'd drop you a line with a little update.

Cheesy is very well and happy. He was poorly last summer with a blocked bladder but thankfully made a full recovery. He now has a special diet from the Vet now which will stop the problem re-occurring.



The biggest thing he has had to get used to in recent times has been the arrival of our Daughter Madeleine. She is now 18 months old and she and Cheesy are inseparable. They absolutely adore each other and in this weather are spending much of their time in the garden together. Cheesy has been an absolute star with her right from the start, he even gets quite concerned if she's upset about anything. They are very funny to watch and often look like they're plotting some act of mischief!

All in all we're a very happy family in which Cheesy plays a big part.
Regards,

Vicky Wakelin.

Shelby's beautiful card.

We received a donation of £100 from **Doreen McGoldrick** and a lovely picture of **Shelby** the cat she adopted from us and the card said "Hi, my name is Shelby, I came, I purred, I conquered". It is so apt, thanks Doreen.



Toby2.

Liz and Pete Cross, 2 long serving volunteers sent me a lovely photo of **Toby2**, a handsome black and white cat they got from CRRC on 5th January 2006 and could not imagine life without him.



"I don't believe it !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

On 27th June a woman turned up with a cat, she said was a stray and had been for some months. We get this sort thing a lot, people thinking by bringing the animal to us, we will automatically take, but this is not fair to other people who have rung, and although we often have to make them wait, we do try to help as many as we can, but as you can see by our statistics, it is not an easy task. We decided to take this cat, and we were very glad we did, **Sue Elkington** who has worked with us for years, and has this photographic memory, recognized the cat. Lo and behold (we were not microchipping then), Sue found the paperwork, and the woman who brought the cat in was the woman who adopted it!! Being a rescue centre we would have taken the cat back anyway, and I feel sad we did not get the homing right, but this woman, was quite happy to lie, what sort of impression does that give to her children?

Monique

Patience is a virtue (no, it is a very happy cat).

To Monique and all at the Cat and Rabbit Rescue Centre,

Just to let you all know how the little black cat

Patience is getting on. I got her on Saturday 7th May.

She is a lovely little cat with an affectionate nature. She

is a treasure, so pretty and placid. Will let you know how she is regularly.

From **Jill Chalmers**.



1 of 90 cats in a flat.

This is a picture of **Kitty-Anna**, part of a family of 90 cats all living in a 1 bedroomed flat,

many had eye problems due to flu, some

unneutered, and most were very nervous. We

helped out another rescue (several rescues were involved) and took 11, we have rehomed all except

4 (1 total feral who lives on site), and they have been here for over a year, and

desperately need homes. Kitty-Anna was one of the lucky ones Natasha chose

her and although knew she was nervous, she has really started to come round,

and loves a tummy tickle. If anyone out there is prepared to give them a

chance please give the Centre a call.



Ludo.

Many cat and rabbit lovers like dogs to, so we have included the heart rending story of PRINCE LUDO

In June 2004, we met **Eve Wise** at a Bognor Dog Show raising funds for Happy Breed. Sitting in Eve's car was a beautiful brindle Lurcher, named

Ludo. Our Greyhound King George, fell in love with Ludo straight away and

Eve arranged a home visit for us to adopt Ludo. The home-check was arranged

and, thankfully, all went well. Ludo loved our cats and they got on well with

him as he was so gentle with them. We were a happy family and enjoyed

lovely walks and runs over the fields and visits to friends' homes – in

particular, Ludo became friends with Billy, a little Yorkshire Terrier.

Tragically, on February 7th 2008, we awoke to find that, overnight, dear Ludo

had gone completely blind – he had detached retinas. He was rushed to our

vets and then taken, by a pet ambulance, to another eye vet in Havant who

tried for two days to save his sight but, sadly, without success.

It has been a while now since Ludo lost his sight – it took him about nine

months to become his old self again. Now, thankfully, being blind does not

worry him anymore – he is a very happy dog again. He is ten years old now

and enjoys his walks with us and his Auntie Jean, who looks after him when

we go out – she spoils him of course! He loves to get up to lots of mischief – his main “hobby” is getting into the fridge where, once, he stole a whole cooked chicken amongst other things! We forgave him even though it was everyone’s dinner – ours, the dogs and cats. We now lock it for safety reasons!! We also have to remember to put the bin out as he would take everything out for us!

Eve, and her friend Roy, often visit and Ludo enjoys it every time we meet up. It is good for him – he loves everyone. To look at him, you would not know that he is blind. He is our best friend and always will be – he is our handsome boy. Although it was so tragic that this happened to him, he still enjoys life to the full.

We would like to thank Happy Breed for him – in particular, Eve, and also everything that she does for the rescue and for helping all the other dogs. Ludo would say “thank you” to foster “Mum” Eve, too, for finding him a new home with his “mate” George and his little pal Billy.

We all love you – you are a wonderful lady, Eve.

Diana and Mick Conolly (devoted CRRC supporters).

Siamese twins.

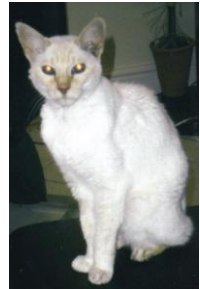
Dear Monique,

This is a photo of **Freddie**, age 16½ years. Thought you might like it. Unfortunately, we lost **Levi** two years ago, but he was fifteen years old, not bad really, is it.

Kind regards,

Helen Phizacklea.

(Freddie & Levi were 2 siamese cats rescued by CRRC and adopted by Helen)



The Predictive Power of Incidences of Animal Violence for Human Tragedy

Animal abusers’ tendency to commit violent acts against their fellow human beings has been well documented. Some of the more recent violence cases provide further support for recognition of the link between violence to animals and violent crimes against humanity:

- Raoul Moat, infamous for gunning down his ex-girlfriend and a police officer among others, according to news reports inflicted animal suffering and death by battering the family dog and a friend’s cat.
- Stephen Barker, convicted for the killing Baby P- by inflicting multiple injuries, tortured guinea pigs and frogs and had a history of severe cruelty to animals.

- Thomas Hamilton, found guilty of the deaths of 16 Dunblane schoolchildren and a teacher, spent his youth intentionally running over rabbits with his car.

PETA UK have urged magistrates and law-enforcement officials to aggressively pursue and prosecute animal abusers, and have ALSO written letters to the editors of newspapers to inform the public about the animal-human cruelty link. Schools have been contacted in areas where cruelty cases have occurred to alert teachers of the importance of humane education, often with free learning resource teaching packs.

REPORT ANIMAL CRUELTY

**Always report known or suspected cases of cruelty to animals to law-enforcement authorities immediately.
Today's animal abuser could be tomorrow's murderer, rapist or serial killer**

Abstracted from PETA's Animal Times article "Breaking the Chain of Violence"

From Arthur and Glen aka Henry

We want you to know that we have really settled in now. When your lady (she – our new servant, can't remember her name!) came to see us, we ran away! Thought we'd be taken away but we're very happy here now – **that** day we changed completely. Now we spend hours trying to catch mice down in the chicken house.

We eat all the food "she" gives us and come in every night, then tear around the house for an hour or so. "She" goes mad as we do scratch the carpets, well we have to keep our claws sharp and prefer carpets and chairs to the scratching post provided. We would prefer to go out earlier in the morning but aren't allowed till our friend **Rhonda** (Rotty x Alsatian known as a Rotation) gets back from her walk at 7.45 a.m.

Arthur: "I'm very happy here now as I get lots of TLC when Henry is out mousing as I'm quite shy and Henry is bossy but I still love him as he is my brother."

Henry: "I'm wonderful and love everyone especially people. I love Rhonda and Shanty (a golden retriever who is here every morning) but I hate **Archie** the Westie, beat him up if I get the chance. Arthur is a bit of woose but I do love him most of the time. I have to wear a collar during the day – with three, yes three bells on it as I like mice and BIRDS. I do talk a lot though

especially to her and him. They love it – so you can see I've got them round my paws well and truly.

Thanks for our temporary home but we're glad we're in this one now. The only problem we have is 3 year old Connor – don't like him at all.

Purrs and lots of dribbles,
Arthur and Henry.

2 Happy Bunnies.

To all at CRRC,

Just to let you all know that at last **Mayonnaise** has settled in. It has taken a while, he would not take our girl **Snowy** for ages – kept scrapping with her but this week he came out of his cage on his own free will and settled down next to her in the garden. Can't keep them away from each other now – they are so happy.

Best Wishes,

Joan Broad.



Dusky and Bubbles.

Hello from **Dusky** and **Bubbles**, who have settled down nicely. They love to play with paper bags of course. I take the handles off. They play catch with mice. They cuddle and lick each other and are good friends.

We love them to pieces and spoil them rotten, but what else can we do they are so lovely. Thank you for letting them come home with us.

Love Jenny and Mario Georgiou.



Update on Gregory now Grig.

Dear All,

I thought you would like to see recent pictures of my **Grig** (ex-**Gregory** the 3-legged tabby). He has really gained a lot of confidence and is able to relax with me and with my sister who often visits us. He is still nervous of loud noises and doesn't much like other visitors, especially men who come in with heavy boots and loud voices. He still won't let me pick him up, but he comes to us readily to be stroked and enjoys being brushed – only on his back and under his chin though – not on his tum. He has several favourite dozing places around the house, and you can see how he now allows himself to go deeply



asleep – absolutely relaxed. He was on my bed when I took that photograph – that is one of his special places. He has learnt how to jump up there and come to wake me up in the mornings, patting – fairly gently – at what he can see of me.



We had an anxious few days at the weekend when he was obviously in trouble with his remaining back leg. We managed – my sister with me on the Sunday – to get an appointment at Alphapet on West Meads, and he was surprisingly good when we got him there – frantic, of course, when putting him in the carry cage. The vet, a nice quiet young man who used to treat my Fred, thought it could be a sprain or an infected puncture wound. He prescribed a pain-reliever and a course of antibiotics which worked well. By the Wednesday he was hopping about again quite happily.

He does go out in the garden and likes to sit in the sunshine, but does not really want to explore or go very far. He prefers to have company out there and you can see that he likes to sit on the pieces of carpet that I use to kneel on when I am working. I have to do as much as I can on my knees these days as the old back as been giving me some trouble. I have neighbours with dogs on each side now, large ones on the left and small yappy ones on the right. Grig used to at first run back to the kitchen when he heard them barking, but seems to realise now that they can't get in the garden and it doesn't bother him too much. I did notice though that when a rowdy party of young persons went by, shouting at each other, on the road behind the garden he was very frightened and came dashing in to hide. I think that he knows he is safe indoors.



He loves his food – I do find it a bit much when he wakes me up because he wants his breakfast at 5 or 6 o'clock in the morning. I have learnt to turn over and pull the bedclothes over my head and when he gets bored he goes further down the bed and curls up behind my knees, until a more reasonable hour. I give him mostly the various fish and meat products – in jelly as you recommended, topped up occasionally with the Wellbeloved dry food. We do have little treats now and again, and share a tin of pilchards, sardines or J. West red salmon - he likes the red better than the pink. Sometimes I poach a piece of white fish for us. It was fortunate that I had a piece ready when he was poorly – a nice fillet of sea-bass from Jordan's in Rose Green. He thought that was lovely and so did I.

It has taken a while for him to settle down. I have had him just over a year and it is really only in recent months that his behaviour has become so

much more relaxed and confident, but I think you can be sure that he is now on the way to forgetting the troubles of his feral past.

Regards and best wishes to you all, **Nan Attewell**.

(Gregory was part of very large feral colony, and he had broken his leg years before, and had dragged it behind him all that time, it still gives me tears in my eyes when I read about the happiness and love he has now. Monique)

Southdown Office Supplies.

Thank you to **Southdown Office Supplies** in Sidlesham for donating window envelopes in March to CRRC. If you would like stationery quotes contact (01243) 641467 or view their website www.southdownoffice.com. We always need envelopes, 2nd class stamps, plain printer paper and coloured so if you can donate some this will be a huge help to the charity. (thanks to **Mike** and **Penny Jones** who donating lots of stamps recently).

Mistral in Chichester.

Kate & Holly from Mistral in Chichester did a fundraiser for us on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th Feb. Their magnificent efforts raised £56.78 by selling raffle tickets to win a prize and taking donations. They also served cupcakes and cocktails (non-alcoholic) and showed off their fantastic new range of clothes. Visit Mistral at 15 South Street, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1HS. Tel: 01243 784558.

Event Name	Location	Date of Event & Time	Raised
Community Support	Waitrose Chichester	March	£342.00
CRRC Spring Fayre	HI, United Reform Ch	Sat 26 th March (10-13.00pm)	£505.60
Spring Fayre	Petersfield	Sat 2 nd April (10am-2.00pm)	£446.70
CRRC Easter Fayre	Sidlesham FC	Sun 10 th April (11am – 14.00)	£933.19
Store Collection	Co-op Wittering	Sat 16 th April (9am – 17.00)	£152.44
Companion Dog Show	Mount Noddy	Sun 17 th April (from 10am)	£174.00

St. Mary's Church	Fratton, Portsmouth	Monday 2nd May (10am-16.00)	£156.00
CRRC Dog Walk	Chichester Canal	Sun 15 th May start 10am	£759.60
Store Collection	Co-op Wittering	Sat 28 th May (9am – 17.00)	£122.79
Race Night	Sidlesham FC	Fri 10 th June (first race 8pm)	£184.10
Garden Show	Stansted Park	Fri 10 th – 12 th June (10am – 17.00)	£1030.96
CRRC Fun Dog Show	CRRC	Sun 19th June (from 10am)	£929.24
Street Collection	Bognor Regis	Sat 25th June (9-17.30)	£144.10

Thank you to **Montezuma's Chocolate Shop** in Chichester for their support towards our raffle at our Easter Fayre which we took £938.00 in 3 hours. Thank you to all of you who came along and supported us.

Maria Temull.

Thank you to **Maria Temull** for raising £250 from entering the Dorney Lake Race-Duathlon 20th March, 5km/20km/5km, the Abingdon Good Friday Triathlon Sprint, 22nd April, 200m swim/11km cycle/3km run and the Winchester Novice Triathlon, May Day 2nd May, 200m swim/10km cycle/2.5km run, and well done for completing them all. This was a massive achievement !



The photo shows Maria after she finished the Tri-sprint!

Travellers Joy.

Thank you also to the **Travellers Joy** pub in Milton for raising £170 at their 'rat pack' night. Thank you **Trish** for organising a very entertaining night and to the singers, who were magnificent. Also Trish organised another fundraiser for us on Sunday 22nd May at the Hilsea Lido Rat-Pack Event and raised £86 – thanks again Trish.

Race Night

Thank you to **Valerie** and **Alex** for organising a very enjoyable race night and thank you to **John Parson & Steve** from Paramount for their time and organisation too. We had lots of fun shouting at the screen willing our horses to win! We were a little low on numbers (only 19 people) but thank you also to everyone who attended especially the 'Pettengale' crowd who were a fabulous bunch!

Community Support – Waitrose Chichester.

Thank you to **Julie Jackson** for contacting us and making us part of their March fundraiser. All our kind supporters who voted for us managed to raise £342.00 for the work of the Centre. Thank you everyone who made an effort to go in and vote for us and thank you to Waitrose for their kind support too.

SPONSORED DOG WALK.

We raised a fantastic £759.60 from our Chichester Canal Sponsored Dog Walk this year. A massive thank you to **Laura Bennett, Paula & Joely Boyd, Diana Connolly, Georgina Grant, Susan Jameson & Sally Woodman, Simon & Julie Norris, Emma Walch & Shelley, Natalie Ware & family** for all coming along on the day and helping to raise much needed funds. We are going to use this money towards the new rabbit pens. Thank you everyone.



Thank you to everyone who helped at the Havant shop, in total we took £2373.63 in the 2 months (during April and May) that we were open and shifted a lot of books! Expenses will be around £300 so that is just over £2,000 profit!

Thank you to the following supporters who donated £50 and above:
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Talks.

Thank you to **St Paul's Ladies Group** for donating £30 for the talk Monique did, telling them all about the work of the Centre. They were a very interested bunch of people, and as usual Monique's parting words were "if you tell 10 people to ensure their pet is neutered, and they each tell 10 people, the unwanted pet problem will be sorted out very quickly". Don't forget if anyone would like a talk about the Centre for their group, just call The Centre or email info@ccrc.co.uk

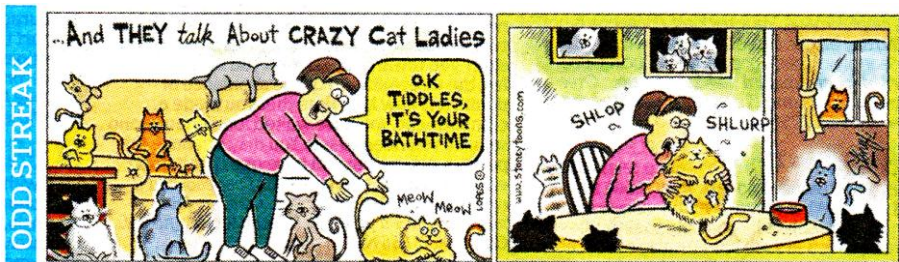
Jan Tunnell, thank you for your regular amounts of money from goods sold and your thrice weekly commitment to sorting out the entire jumble that comes in. If anyone would like to give a couple of hours a week to help Jan, please give the Centre a call 01243 641409.

Jo Hollands has recently given up some time to design magnificent event posters for us. Thank you Jo they are great!

Thank you to my 'dream team' (Val Beck, Janet Laws, Angela Rose, Diana Connolly, Annette White, Denise Wingate & Carole Martin) for all their regular help at events etc. We couldn't do it without you!

Marion Weston celebrated her 70th Birthday by holding a Barn Dance in Cosham on 7th May. Marion kindly asked for donations in lieu of presents towards CRRC and the British Legion and raised a magnificent £147.75. Marion has had all her cats from CRRC and took on some nervous ones who, once in her care, were absolutely purrrrfect! She loves them very much. Thank you Marion, your support is greatly appreciated.

Emma Walch, who works in **Pampurred Pets** in Petersfield held a fundraiser for CRRC in the shop on Sunday 5th June and took 130 items of food and £4.76 in the donation tin. Her and her brother also made some cakes as a thank you to the customers who kindly donated. Thank you Emma (& Bro) what stars you both are!



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Molly	A ROTUND TORTY FEMALE WHO LOVES HER TUMMY BEING RUBBED.
Rhett	BLACK GENTLEMAN WITH ONE EAR UP AND THE OTHER AT AN ANGLE.
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