

# PAWS for THOUGHT



## Newsletter Of The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre Sidlesham.

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Welcome to 2012's first Newsletter, and I would like to wish everyone a Very Happy New Year. Let's hope that every responsible person wanting a pet contacts a rescue centre. Enjoy the Newsletter, and don't forget we are always looking for pictures and stories. Also, we URGENTLY need SHREDDED PAPER to bed down our bunnies and guinea pigs. It must be LONG CUT. If you can help us, please drop it into The Centre.

**Monique**

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**Monique's mumbblings** (what she would really like to say to some of the numpties she deals with)

Caller on phone – Desperately need you to take my cat

Monique – okay I will take the details and see what we can do

Monique – where did you get her from?

Caller – Oh I bought her privately

Monique – oh dear, it is a shame you did not get from a rescue centre, because they would have taken her back

Caller – but I didn't think I would have to rehome her

Monique – yes but if you had got her from a rescue centre you would have saved a life, given a space for another pet to go to the rescue centre, and a guarantee if it did not work out you could bring her back. This person breeding them has made money, and this just encourages them to breed more, they are just drug dealers of the animal world, if people did not buy from them, the dealers would stop, and likewise the breeders would too.

Caller – you must help me

Monique – sorry I can give you other numbers and we will help if we can in the near future, but not getting her from a rescue centre was decision you made.

You will see from our stats we CANNOT help everyone, we do the best we can, but I believe any rescue that says they take every animal they are asked to, are either lying or destroying huge numbers (or only take duck billed platypuses!)

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### **Story continued from the last Newsletter**

Remember last October's Newsletter about the cats disappearing in Spain from a camper van? This is the continuation. Don't forget you can look on our website [www.crrc.co.uk](http://www.crrc.co.uk) now for our previous newsletters (from the home page, go to "News and Events", and it is on the right hand side.

**Paula and Vic Davey** have written this lovely poem.

To our dearest **Timmy**

We knew that you were not very well  
And the vet Caroline did her best  
But because you were so very ill  
It was kindest for you to rest

You were the best cat in the world  
A lovely gentle boy  
We laid you to rest in the pillow case that you slept on  
With a little toy

There's an empty place in our house  
But you're resting now  
With our picture and a message  
And your favourite little mouse.

Just to write these words is breaking my heart. Timmy had to have two operations which **Caroline** did, so he was well known at her practice. We stayed with him the whole time whilst she administered the drugs, my wife noticed that she was as upset as we were and had to leave the room when he had finally passed away she came back and put him in the bottom half of his carrying case when we left the room both her assistants had their hankies and were dabbing their eyes. Such is the love he inspired.

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### **CRRC Charity Shop in Bognor**

We have opened another Charity shop in Bognor Regis, at the end of the High Street, (Clarence Road end) opposite the St. Wilfrid's Hospice Furniture shop and diagonally opposite the Post Office. **Jan Tunnell** has been totally instrumental in organising everything to do with the shop, we are hoping we can run this with volunteers only, so if you can spare a morning (0930-1.00pm) or afternoon (1.00-4.00pm) please contact Jan on 01243 262176.

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### **Brutus – on CRRC's Foster Care Scheme**

Just thought I would let you know how **Brutus** is getting on now that we have rehomed him through the CRRC fostering scheme. After a successful homing of **Pixie** a year ago (CRRC 1yr Female cat), we felt we could take on another cat who was a bit older and perhaps one who needed a little more care. We spotted **Brutus** on the CRRC website and thought he was great, so a few phone calls to CRRC and a visit to see him, he

was on his way back home with us and our children, 13 year old Twins, Pixie & **Ted** (7yr male cat)

From the moment we let Brutus out of the carrier he made himself at home and over the last month has really settled in very well with all of us, it's as if he has always been living here. He is a grand old boy who is pretty relaxed about everything including our two other cats which was a relief, so no fighting as yet, just the occasional hiss from **Ted**. Brutus



has been treated by the CRRC vets for a nose problem and the staff at the Centre made sure we were aware of all his problems before we took him home. He has medicine to help with the snotty nose, which has calmed down over the last week or so, but we have been told that he might always have this problem which is why the foster scheme is such a good idea for this sort of cat. The CRRC will deal with any health issues using their vet including vaccinations therefore the pressure is taken off of the foster family. The ongoing vet cost for Brutus are with the CRRC vet, this was clearly explained when we fostered him.

Before we rehomed Brutus we thought long and hard about having a older cat, particularly one who had ongoing health problems, but any such concerns have vanished as Brutus has brought so much joy to our home and is such a lovely affectionate cat the fact that he is an older boy with a snotty nose has kind of been forgotten. When we went to visit him we just fell in love with him and the staff at the CRRC had such a good knowledge of all the cats there we just had to have him as part of our family and we are so glad we did. I think that rehoming any animal has to be given careful thought to be definite that the animal is given what it needs. Quite often people first think of kittens to home, as we have in the past but having had the opportunity to have Brutus at home with us, snotty nose or not, is so very rewarding and they give you so much back, he is like a big snotty cuddly teddy bear and we love him.

Best regards

**Mark & Kate Slater** (Bedhampton)

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### CRRC Foster Care Scheme

This scheme is for animals which have a known problem, and can be fostered, with the usual pre home visit being done beforehand, but CRRC will pay for ongoing treatment using our vet facility. Sometimes it is just for the known problem, but we also do it for everything including vaccinations. This means

some of the animals have a chance of a home, which they might not otherwise, and of course give space to another.

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## 2 Cats on our Foster Care Scheme

**Clancy** and **Clarence** have been here for over 2 years, and desperately need a home, but it has to be the right home, Clancy a very friendly brindle torty of approximately 5 years, has nothing wrong with her, but we have put her on this scheme, as she needs to go with Clarence, a cream and brown part rex (he has a curly coat) who is quite nervous, but is getting better, BUT he has an eye problem, which needs cream on them, I can do it without too much of a problem, but he has improved immensely recently, and am hoping against hope he will not need anymore cream, but time will tell. If you would like to know a bit more about these two, please give me a ring, and we can arrange a meeting with them.  
Monique



## Rehoming day.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February we arranged our second rehoming day, this is where people interested in getting a cat, can come along, and we take the details and show them round, no cat/kitten can be adopted until a pre home visit is done, and I am pleased to say it was very successful, exhausting, as some of the staff had to come in early to do the cleaning in **Viv Eadon Lodge**, and **Nigel** and **I** had to get up earlier to get the feeding done. 24 people or families came and hopefully we have rehomed about 8 cats/kittens as a result, possibly more as the home visits get done, and some people wanted to wait a bit before they made a final decision. My thanks go to the staff who had to get up extra early, and help with the day, and our wonderful volunteers, **Judy Smith**, **Sandy Lewis**, **Theresa Campbell**, **Jan Pniewski**, **Pamela Fitzsimons**, and **Anna Abbott** who helped show people round. We are thinking of doing these regularly, but we will need help in all aspects, cleaning, feeding, showing round, so let us know.

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## One very cool cat!

We had some lovely pictures sent to us with the following message from the Morgan family  
To the nice cat people,  
Happy Christmas and thank you for looking after me.



**Love Kipper** (aka **Sammy**)

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### Local Publisher helping CRRC

I am sure everyone has noticed our Newsletter is on Green Paper, and we all know coloured paper is more expensive than white, but not when it is free! Our thanks go to **John Wiley & Sons**, (publishers) who have donated masses of this paper to us, as they use it for dividing up sections of books, and **Mrs Hawkins**, one of their employees saw us fund raising at Bognor, and wondered if we wanted it. This will save us lots of money, and green is our colour (although we have accepted any!!). Thank you.

Monique

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### Selsey Fireworks

This very large, and well organized event is held every year in Selsey in October, and we have attended quite a few times, and raised money. The event also gives profits to local organizations, and this year we were one of them, and they kindly bought us masses of animal food, which is really appreciated.

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### Talks and visits

As most people know visits to see the animals at CRRC is strictly by appointment (except on special rehoming days or rabbits on a Sunday afternoon), but if you would like to come and see what we are doing or have a group you are involved in, and would like to see, then contact or email me. This is just to see the animals and the work we do, and not for adopting. Recently I have done quite a few talks, and eventually we would like to get some really good equipment for a power point or similar presentation. I recently received an email after a talk and this is what it said.

Dear Monique,

On behalf of **Pagham Church Ladies Club** I am writing to thank you for visiting our Club last Tuesday. Your talk was very interesting and informative and we learned a lot about the work you do at the Centre. I hope you enjoyed visiting us as much as we enjoyed having you. It was such an awful winter night but I hope you felt your visit was worthwhile.

With our very best wishes and thanks again.

**June Baker**

Hon Secretary, Pagham Church Ladies Club

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### In The Lap of Luxury

Just thought I'd send a couple of photos of **Jazz & Ollie** enjoying their new home and lots of cuddles! They have settled in brilliantly and are so af-

fectionate and demanding for cuddles! (both sat on my lap as I type) Jazz is very naughty (she has the black nose) and likes to lead little Ollie astray too!

I'm so glad I finally decided to get my kittens, it's so nice to come home from work knowing they will be there and also that I could help the Charity.

Kind regards,

**Maria Stewart**



### Only highly intelligent animals from CRRC

Dear All at CRRC

**Loopy** (Author!) left and **Bingo**, right

It has been around 15 months now since we chose our new Humans and allowed them to share their house with us, their training has been slow and arduous but they are coming round to our way of thinking now. We moved in here in October 2010, at first they confined us to a couple of rooms only, the conservatory and dining room, we were allowed to look outside but as Bingo had the sniffles we were kept indoors. Eventually the rest of the house was made available, it was amazing how many beds there are in a house if you look hard enough, the airing cupboard was good, they didn't think to look for us in there, the seats in the conservatory were nice, we had 'radiator beds' but, hammocks are for sailors so we ignored them.



We spent many hours sleeping and watching the birds in the gardens, I thought they were turkeys and albatrosses but Bingo (he is quite well read and listens to Radio 4 as well as watches TV, he supports Sunderland???) He says they are the Black Cats, (completely mad) said that they were a mixture of blackbirds (well, yes, I could see they were black, duh), seagulls and pigeons. Occasionally we would amuse the Humans by playing with string and balls etc, they deserved a little pleasure in their life.

One morning when the blinds were pulled back so we could see outside we noticed that the garden was covered in white stuff, there seemed to be some excitement over this, the birds increased in number and we realised that the white stuff was some sort of changeling that turned into water when it came indoors. The white stuff was around for a long time and there was lots of whining from the Humans, we still were not allowed outside, we would have

dissolved in the white stuff if we let it touch us, at least that is what we were told. Eventually, it disappeared and I was allowed outside (although not at night at first, there were 'Bogey Mice' waiting to get me??????), it was very noisy, those birds shout a lot and the floor was cold, the soil was fun to dig in, the Humans don't seem to like it in the house though, can't see the problem myself.

The first day that I had a wander around the other cat dwellings in the road there was a great deal of angst at home so Bingo said, lots of peering out of the window and stuff, now they know how we felt! After another week Bingo was persuaded to venture out too, naturally, he was more apprehensive and a bit geeky about the whole thing, that's Radio 4 for you! I had been told, as a young kitten, that to be a good hunter, you had to blend in to your surroundings, I convinced myself that I was indeed green and flattened myself to the grass, I crept up, on my belly, to a feathered thing (possibly an Ostrich) but as I got near there was a flurry of wings and then the birds sat in the trees and laughed (I didn't see the Ostrich fly but it made it into the tree, makes you think, doesn't it?).

In early summer Bingo disappeared for three whole days, the Humans were beside themselves, mind you, I think the wanted posters they put up were a bit out of order. He came back around 4 in the morning and made a racket in the spare bedroom (or junk room as Bings and I call it, wait till they find what we have left for them in there.....). Bings was a bit worse for wear and we have never got to the bottom of where he went, I did have a chat with the Mogfather who lives a few doors away, he swiped at me a few times but then said he would see what he could do. I think Bingo had got a bit fresh with the sweet little Tortoiseshell niece of his (mind you, most of the cats around here seem to be related to him somewhere down the line) but he is not saying.

We have now got the hang of using the very tiny tradesman entrance in the kitchen door which handily is always open, one day another cat came in, we taught him that he was not welcome but the male Human stopped us from tearing him limb from limb and let him out, we made him drag bits of string around the dining room while the football was on as a punishment.

On the whole, we like our lives here, the food is ok even if it is always ready meals from a can or packet except the fresh chicken we get sometimes and the little biscuits, there are plenty of beds, the best ones are the ones we are not supposed to be on, there is a pond with nice water (much better than the fancy cat fountain in the kitchen) but there are a couple of things that we are not happy about.

First of all, what is wrong with sitting on the kitchen work surface? There is a better view from there, also, why can we not sit on the table during dinner?

They object to the fact that I enjoy eating plastic bags, each to their own, I say, Bingo likes licking furniture, they moan about that too.

They have a third captive that seems to need regular feeding, although it needs guidance and has to be kept on a lead (hah!) It makes a dreadful row especially when it has scoffed something it shouldn't have done, the other day, it ate a bit of string, the noise, like nothing a living animal would make....wailing and shrieking, the Human had to make it lie down and had to pull the string out of its mouth, then it had to have it's stomach emptied. Yuk, Bings and I were trying to sleep off some tasty Tuna through all of this, it caused some disturbed sleep, I can tell you. As soon as we can, we have decided that we will do away with Dyson the Animal as soon as we can free him from the cupboard under the stairs.

Anyway, that's my news for now, thanks for rescuing us  
Love from Loopy and Bingo (AKA Loopy Logan and Bogus)

**Tracey Williams** kindly helped the cats send this, but it is all their own work.

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(**Joyce** and I know what it is like having one of those intelligent cats from The Centre. We adopted **Goldie (Gold)** in October 2006 and she must have been well up in the Maths classes because she can count. We give her a chew stick every evening and it comprises 10 portions, she eats the first 9 and then turns on her paws and leaves us holding the gooey 10<sup>th</sup> piece, no amount of coaxing will convince her that she should eat that last, soggy bit. **Brian**)

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### Christmas at CRRC

Christmas day is like any other day really for us, but we try to let the staff have the day off, and this year we were very lucky to get masses of volunteers, but unfortunately in all the melee of organizing them, and showing some of the newer ones what to do, and where things were, I didn't get all the names, so I do so apologize, BUT a huge thank you. We even had people to help feed in the evening. I Hope you are able to come this Christmas, and I will remember to take the names!

Monique

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### CRRC & Chichester Dog Warden

A few weeks ago, while I was at the Charity Shop in East Wittering, someone came in with a dog that they had found. No collar, so I took him home, and he was microchipped, but to someone who lived in Kent! They only had a land line, and no mobile number with microchip people. So I contacted the local Dog Warden **Viv**, and she kindly let me take him there. Well I have always said I could not do dog rescue, and this brought it home to me. When I was there, a woman brought a dog in, she said she had found, but Viv, con-

fronted her, and she admitted it was her dog, and she could not cope, this poor little collie cross was petrified, Viv took her to the van, and already in the van was a 12 week old puppy, the owners had got rid of it, as they could not cope, they had paid £450 for the puppy a few weeks before! Later that week, I had a call from someone with a 12 week old puppy they had paid some stupid money for, and they did not want it!! They say there is a recession, well what a waste of money, a waste of a life, when the rescues are full of unwanted puppies and dogs. The breeders are laughing all the way to the bank, and the rescues are picking up the bills and the poor animals.

**THINK ABOUT IT, IF PEOPLE DIDN'T BUY FROM THE BREEDERS, THEN THE RESCUED ANIMALS WOULD GET A CHANCE OF A LIFE. THE BREEDERS WOULD CLOSE DOWN, AND THE RESCUES WOULD BE ABLE TO HELP MORE. IT IS JUST SUPPLY AND DEMAND, MUCH THE SAME AS DRUG DEALERS, IF PEOPLE DID NOT BUY FROM THEM, THEY WOULD CLOSE DOWN, AND WHAT A HAPPIER, SAFER WORLD IT WOULD BE.**

I am pleased to say “**Henry**” the dog was reunited with his owner, but had to pay the Council to get him back, hopefully next time they will ensure they include a mobile number with his microchip details, and of course a correctly marked collar, so don't forget to check your details are correct with the microchip company.

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**Matthew Wright** ran the **Grim Original Challenge** in aid of the CRRC. ([www.original.grimchallenge.co.uk](http://www.original.grimchallenge.co.uk)). This was an 8 mile off road 'run' on the Army training grounds in Aldershot. The course involved hills, puddles, big puddles, bigger puddles, crawling under nets, jumping walls and all the lovely stuff the Army do.

Matthew raised a fantastic **£205** (inc. Gift Aid), thank you to everyone who supported him and 'thank you' **Matthew** for going through the tough Army course to raise money for our furry friends. He finished the run 1:44:12, and he wanted to do it in under 1hour 45m, so he cut it pretty fine, and we really appreciate your fantastic efforts.

Thank you so much Matthew.

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### **Sponsored Dog Walk & Dog Show**

This year we have decided not to do our annual sponsored dog walk, or dog show. All the events are very hard work for **Emma** and **I**, and we are getting more volunteers organizing their own events in aid of us, and with the Bognor shop we are hoping they will bring in more money. There is nothing to stop people doing their own sponsored event, so just let us know. Also if

someone would like organize a dog show, I have all the rosettes and happily explain everything, just give me a shout.

Monique.

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### Thank you vets & shops

Our Christmas appeal boxes in vets and pet shops have done us proud, **6,297** items of food were donated, thank you so much, and for the wonderful volunteers who delivered and collected them, and the magnificent **Annette White**, who was the main organizer.

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### Helping out the birds at well

Our Charity shops are great places to get the unusual, and we sometimes get some strange requests, one such one was a local lady asked if we had any cot mattresses, we do get them, but I have a regular customer who buys them for her elderly Dobermann to sleep on and eventually destroy!! Thinking we might have another destructive Dobermann, I asked her, but it was for her parrot! It appears he goes into such a deep sleep, he falls off his perch! I did not want to laugh, but a picture did come into my head, but this poor parrot needed vet treatment as he had hurt his leg. So like Harrods (but much cheaper), I said I could get something, and I had some really thick foam, which she lines the bottom of his cage, and sleepy parrot no longer hurts himself when he falls off his perch.

Monique

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### Knitted Mice

A huge thank you goes to **Mel at Petz Kingdom in Bognor Regis**, she has been selling our cat nip knitted mice and they are so popular, and just a few days over Christmas made over **£52**, and she still has a demand for them, also **Downland Vets in Chichester** sells them as well, and these are going extremely well. So we need stuffers and knitters, so please contact me and I can send you the pattern.

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### PAGHAM PRAM RACE

Every Boxing Day at 11am Pagham Pram Race is staged, this event has been going for around 65 years to help local charities, but the rules state not for the animal charities.

So this year we decided to have a go, not for money but to raise awareness, the event is very well supported, they do have rules, must have a pram base, must drink beer as you



partake at the 3 pubs, and no running, there is a lot of fun.

The race is divided into sections, the racers, fancy dress and others, we wanted to get the message across in a glance, so we dressed as a cat and rabbit, the pram had boards with adverts and telephone numbers of the centre, we also put on the ad cat and rabbit pictures of past and present animals, on the handle we hung carrots, one of the bunches fell off, we never did find them!

We had a lot of fun and a few panics at 7.30am on the day Marianne could not sit in the pram comfortably as she needed a back rest, we searched the house and found a folding stool which did the trick, I was originally going to sit in the pram, because Marianne felt the pensioner might keel over, the problem was I did not fit in the pram, I am 3 stone heavier, so the rabbit sat in the pram instead.

The Course goes from The Mill in Pagham right down to Sea Lane eventually going up Harbour View Road, it is supposed to be over 3 miles, but don't think it can be because we paced it out in 28 minutes.

The day is very well attended and people line the roads, for us the most rewarding part was people cheering on the Cat & Rabbit because they knew of the charity and supported it with great affection, there were many Ahs! We also appealed to the very young children as many of the other entrants were too sophisticated for them to understand.

We had so much fun, we may even do it all over again this year.

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## Jill & Marianne

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### Fund Raising

I often look at other Charity websites and also their financial situation on [www.charitycommission.gov.uk](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk) and sometimes pick up ideas on how they have raised money for their cause. Most rely massively on legacies, often being over 50% of their income, sadly this is not the case with us (of course you could change that) most of our money comes from fund raising, and this is a huge task. Emma with help from **Janet Leonard** has been applying to more and more trusts, but although we are lucky with some, many we are not.

With the new shop in Bognor which so far is doing extremely well, will help, but we are cutting down some of the events here at the Centre, as we have some of our volunteers who are going to run events in different areas, so we increase our PR, and hopefully get more rehoming as well as money in.

**We need help at the following events, so please, if you can spare some time to help, let the relevant person know :-**

Sat 31st March 10.00am – 12.00pm – Spring Fayre –at South Hayling United Reformed Church, Hayling Island, contact **Val Beck 023 92 433221**

Sunday 1st April –10am – 1pm – Easter Event -North Mundham Village Hall, Main Road, Mundham, contact **Wendy Hodgkin 01243 261050**

Sunday 20th May – 10.30am – 1.30pm Rainbow/May Fete, Pagham Village Hall, Pagham Road, Pagham, contact - **Wendy Hodgkin 01243 261050**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June -1.30-4.30 –Strawberry Summer Fayre - Swanfield Community Centre, Swanfield Drive, Chichester –contact **Wendy Hodgkin 01243 261050**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July - 10.00am – 12.00pm Summer Fayre – South Hayling United Reformed Church, Hayling Island, contact – **Val Beck 023 92 433221**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August 11.00 – 4.00pm Summer Fayre & Open Day at The Centre – contact – **Monique 01243 641409**

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### Feline CARE

Many of you will know CRRC own some land and buildings in Norfolk where since 1998 we have run a cat rescue, specializing in ferals and older cats. Although it has always continued to help unwanted and feral cats, it wasn't until **Molly Farrar** took over as Manager that the place really started to improve in every aspect, fund raising, the animals, rehoming etc. The CRRC Trustees decided to sell the site to a newly formed charity called **Feline Care** (Regd Charity no. 1144830), run by Molly and a set of Feline Care Trustees, so the good work can continue and expand. Thank you Molly, your hard work is really appreciated, and we all wish you the very best of luck.

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### Cuddly Dudley, has brought lots of happiness

I received this letter from **Mr & Mrs Thompson**, who had had their pre home visit before our rehoming day.

We visited you on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb and brought home our adorable boy 'Cuddly' **Dudley**, he really is a joy, he's happy all day long, lovable and funny and makes us laugh, very affectionate and loves being nursed and cuddled. We are so happy with him and apparently he is with us. Thank you for all your selfless hard work and care looking after all the cats, special thanks to the lady who showed us round (**Sue** I think).

Yours affectionately **Dudley, David and Ruth Thompson**

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### **30 guinea pigs and increasing!**

Earlier this year we had a call from someone running a small rescue taking in rabbits and guinea pigs, but sadly she had taken in far too many, and was unable to cope. This problem can happen so easily, and although I sympathize if you are not doing it properly you are no better than the person who brought in the unwanted animals (see the story of Crunchy's rescue). As we find guinea pigs quite easy to rehome we agreed to take all the guinea pigs (20). They arrived, and some were obviously pregnant, some were not, but proved to be (we found out later!). Gestation (time they are pregnant) is 9 weeks so we are having to keep the females until we know for definite, and so far have 9 extra! We also took some other guinea pigs but we are rehoming quite well.

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### **Bonding**

For many years the wonderful **Elaine** (of **Thumper's Hotel**) has been helping us with the bonding of rabbits, but now we are doing this ourselves. Claire has been working her socks off getting everything typed up, all the training done. It is without doubt a lot of work, with them needing car rides, walks, checking etc., but I am very pleased to say, we have been very successful. We are also continuing with our male guinea pig bonding, and this too is going well. We have been able to rehome more rabbits as a result. Although last year was the year of the Rabbit, we are still concentrating a lot on rehoming the rabbits, and of course ensuring people never go to pet shops, breeders or privately to get their rabbits.

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### **STATISTICS**

As you can see from the statistics on the next page, 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. If you really care and want a Pet, **THINK RESCUE**”**

In 2011 we were asked to take in **1592** animals and actually took in **765**. Even with our new facilities we are still having to say no to animals 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. The reason for the higher numbers of kittens taken in over those asked was because of the high number of pregnant cats taken in.

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2011	cats asked to take	cats taken	kittens asked to take	kittens taken	rabbits asked to take	rabbits taken	gps asked to take	gps taken
Jan	92	54	10	0	41	8	19	13
Feb	70	25	3	14	37	8	5	1
Mar	63	38	16	5	12	3	75	0
Apr	75	37	8	26	26	11	4	0
May	81	35	21	37	34	4	1	4
Jun	57	24	19	35	17	9	0	0
Jul	71	24	35	52	30	2	0	5
Aug	82	28	41	32	17	8	2	0
Sep	83	42	62	36	38	2	6	2
Oct	68	23	29	32	18	5	2	0
Nov	72	24	27	24	21	6	5	0
Dec	68	21	6	6	15	0	8	0
Total	882	375	277	299	306	66	127	25

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### Crunchy's Animal Rescue

I have no doubt that many people saw this on the news about the disgusting state of the place, and the animals. This was terrible, and it is a registered charity with Charity Commission, but there are no checks, so you just set yourself up as a Charity and that is it. People think that registered charities are checked by an organization, but no, so how many other animal (and human) suffering is happening behind the guise of a registered charity? I know there are a few suspect animal rescue places, that are not registered, but it seems to be there are no checks either way.

I suspect what happened at Crunchy's Animal Rescue is with the best intention to help these thousands of unwanted animals, they did not take into account the fund raising, the work, and in the end it looks like they just neglected the animals. I hope the Trustees take some of the responsibility, and the Charity Commission also think about what needs to be done with the checking. I would like to see all animal rescues checked, registered or otherwise, and I would love this job.

Monique

**Thank you** also goes to **Jenni Grace** for her support with our fill a bowl appeal. Jenni owns a beautiful 16<sup>th</sup> Century Farmhouse in Clanfield, which has been lovingly transformed into a medi-spa beauty salon. Thank you Jenni

for collecting **£200**, and for your continuous support, and thank you to all your lovely clients who donated so generously.

Visit [www.gracehealthandbeauty.co.uk](http://www.gracehealthandbeauty.co.uk) or tel: 023 9259 9199.

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**Thank you** to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre here at the Centre. We raised **£4,764.72** after expenses, a magnificent result for our furry friends!

Thank you to all the following businesses that supported our Xmas raffle with wonderful prizes:

**The Spotted Cow** at Hunston (meal for two),

[www.thespottedcowpubhunston.co.uk](http://www.thespottedcowpubhunston.co.uk)

**The Lamb at Pagham** (Sunday lunch for two),

[www.thelambinnpagham.com](http://www.thelambinnpagham.com)

**The Stags Head**, The Square, **Westbourne** 01243 372393

**Fox & Hounds, Funtington** [www.foxandhoundsfuntington.co.uk](http://www.foxandhoundsfuntington.co.uk)

**Hair Flair**, 12 The Precinct, **Bognor Regis** (cut & blow dry) 01243 864817

Kysmi, Bognor Regis (2 x £20 vouchers) [www.kysmi.com](http://www.kysmi.com)

**Q Hair and Beauty, Chichester** (cutting and styling voucher)

[www.qhairandbeauty.co.uk](http://www.qhairandbeauty.co.uk)

**Creations, Chichester** (aroma facial) [www.creationshairandbeauty.com](http://www.creationshairandbeauty.com)

A massive thank you also goes to **Pamela Fitzsimons** for going round all these businesses with her begging bowl! Thank you Pamela, you're great.

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### **Casino Night at Gunwharf**

Thank you to everyone who came and supported this fantastic event we raised **£621**. Thank you also to the following businesses that supported our raffle/auction:

**Tania Chainey of Colour Me Beautiful, Petersfield** [www.cmb.co.uk](http://www.cmb.co.uk) tel: 07850 340818

**Tiger Tiger, Gunwharf Quays**, [www.tigertiger-ports.co.uk](http://www.tigertiger-ports.co.uk)

**Coach and Horses, Hilsea**, [www.flaminggrillpubs.com](http://www.flaminggrillpubs.com)

**Toby Carvery, Hilsea**, [www.tobycarvery.co.uk](http://www.tobycarvery.co.uk)

**Paula of Time to Be U, Body Massage** [www.time2beu.co.uk](http://www.time2beu.co.uk)

A massive thank you also goes to **Natalie Ware** for going round all these businesses with her begging bowl! Thank you Natalie, you're great too.

**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 **£1,445.35** donated on-line.

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## The Year of The Rabbit 2011

In 2011 the CRRC tried to give a bit more time to the poor neglected rabbit, and I'm pleased to say we had some wonderful people who particularly wanted to help the bunnies, and this is our wonderful bunny lover donators:

**£ 200 Maria Temull**

**£1,750 Edna Smylie Trust**

**£5,000 Pets at Home**

**£ 250 Sandy Clark**

**£ 350 Val Perryment**

**£ 500 Aid for Animals**

**£2,000 Animal Defence Trust**

**£ 760 Sponsored Dog Walk 2011**

**£4,500 Animal Rescue Foundation**

A total of **£15,310** was raised towards the **£17,460** cost, just over £2,000 short but we were over the moon with the magnificent response we got from our generous supporters. Thank you, now the rabbits have some quality accommodation that we are extremely proud of.



Sussex. PO18 0NQ

This wonderful accommodation was made by **Mark Francis** The Blacksmiths Shop, Stane Street, **Halnaker**, Chichester, West



It is rot proof, rabbit proof, and should last forever.

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## Big Bunny – Brock-Lee

Hi Debs, it was great to see you earlier and thank you for coming over to see **Brock...** below is the short story and picture of Brock for the newsletter! Can't wait to see it. **Alastair**

While visiting CRRC we saw Brock and immediately fell in love with him. He is a Giant



French Lop and absolutely beautiful. He is HUGE and full of character. He was originally an outdoors rabbit but adapted very quickly to being indoors - he instantly knew where he was meant to go to the toilet.

He's very mischievous and enjoys nibbling wires... no more cinema surround sound for us! He loves it when we put treats inside his ball which he throws around the room trying to get them out. Our best buy was his tunnel which he runs up and down all day.

He is the perfect companion and is so entertaining to watch.

This email was sent to **Debbie Cooper** our Volunteer Rabbit Homing Officer, and she does all the initial discussions with people interested in rehoming a rabbit, and she has made a huge difference to our rabbit rehoming, thanks Debbie.

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### "HELP THE CAR PARK IS TOO SMALL"

Now that we have grown on the animal rescue facilities side, we have run out of parking spaces. This is a particular problem in the winter time as the lawn can get too boggy for parking. We have had a couple of quotes for tarmac and the total cost is around **£17,500** and this will give us another 15 spaces on top of the 10 we currently have.



**Emma** is currently writing away like mad to Trusts to get some funding towards this project and already one small one has come back and given **£200** (**The Assheton-Smith Charitable Trust**).

If anyone would like to support this slightly different but vital project, please send your donation to CRRC marked "driveway project", thank you.

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**Pets at Home – Bognor Regis** had a "penny" scheme and put us forward to get this money and we have received **£347**. Thank you so much.

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### ADVERTISEMENTS.

We have a new advertiser this issue and they are :-

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Will try to get some artwork done for the June issue.



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Colin Rose

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Do you belong to an Organisation that raises money for a given Charity each year? Could you suggest that The Centre benefits at some stage? If so, the animals would appreciate it tremendously.

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## **CATS and RABBIT ENCLOSURES FOR SPONSORSHIP.**

<b>Alfie</b>	HANDSOME BLACK CAT WHO IS USUALLY CUDDLED UP WITH MOLLY.
<b>Diamond</b>	CANTANKEROUS BLACK FEMALE – DOESN'T LIKE OTHER CATS.
<b>Domino</b>	A HANDSOME WHITE CAT WITH BIG BLACK DOTS.
<b>Giggles</b>	PRETTY TABBY & WHITE FEMALE WITH A NOT-SO-PRETTY TEMPER.
<b>Lenny Long Legs</b>	LONG LEGGED HANDSOME TABBY WHO'S A HIT WITH THE OTHER CATS
<b>Mitzi</b>	FACE OF A CUDDLY PANDA, TEMPERAMENT OF A GRIZZLY BEAR.
<b>Molly</b>	A ROTUND TORTY FEMALE WHO LOVES HER TUMMY BEING RUBBED.
<b>Pebbles</b>	SLEEK BLACK FEMALE WITH WOBBLY BITS.
<b>Rhett</b>	BLACK GENTLEMAN WITH ONE EAR UP AND THE OTHER AT AN ANGLE.
<b>Magnolia</b>	WHITE FERAL WITH LITTLE EARS, DUE TO SKIN CANCER.

### **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:-

First Year's Sponsorship Fee:- ..... £ 15-00

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**\*As a UK taxpayer, I hereby authorise The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre (Registered Charity Number **1010000**) to treat as Gift Aid, and claim tax relief on all donations made by me in the past 4 years, until further notice. \*(Please delete if not applicable).**

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