

PAWS for THOUGHT



Newsletter Of The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre Sidlesham.

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Hello and welcome to our 3rd. Paws for Thought of 2012, how quickly the time goes by. Fingers crossed the weather is okay for our **Christmas Fayre on Sunday 21st October (yes October!) from 11.00 – 3pm**. As usual it will be Mini buses hired from **Arun CommunityTransport** (01903 723584), who are by far the cheapest around, and are also a Charity, so we are helping them as they are helping us. The collection point will be from **Sidlesham Football Club** (about a mile from the Anchor Pub at Sidlesham.) Disabled parking only at The Centre (in our posh expanded car park – see later how we achieved this)

Monique

Cater Allen bank – very important.

In the last Newsletter we told you about this bank no longer doing Charity accounts, so we are having to inform everyone about completing another “Friend of CRRC” form so you can continue to donate your hard earned cash to these lovely, well deserving animals (well that is what they tell me!). We still have some outstanding, and Janet Leonard, our wonderful admin volunteer will be in touch with gentle reminders. This has been a mammoth piece of work, not only “Friends”, but also direct debits we pay out, and numerous automated services we have set up over the years, and my very grateful thanks go to Janet Leonard, Nigel Oddy, Emma Nicoll, who have had this headache added to their workload. We have to have everything in place by 21st October 2012, or we (the animals) could lose some vital funds.

Rehoming – why it has to improve.

It does not matter how big The Centre becomes, it will never be big enough for the number of animals wanting to come in, the only way we can help more is by rehoming more, and find out why people do not come to the rescues when they want a pet. There are some people who are not suitable, but the majority are, so why are they going elsewhere? One myth is that rescued animals always have a problem, what utter rubbish, and you will see by the numerous letters I receive from people who have adopted from us, that is definitely NOT the case.

News from the Jewellery Stall.

Once again we have had a fantastic year selling your unwanted jewellery, thank you to all who keep sending it in. This stall raised over **£500** at the Open Day in August. Just two weeks earlier we had a stall at the **Worthing Lions Charity Market**, on Worthing seafront, and raised just over **£400**. If

you add the £120 I got for the scrap jewellery at around the same time – that’s over £1,000 in two weeks. We used some of the scrap funds to purchase a beautiful jewellery display unit from a store that was closing down in Rustington. **Hannah** was the very kind and generous lady who liked what she heard about CRRC and let us have the display unit and a shelving unit at very generous costs. She then went on to give us a glass shop counter and a great deal of stationery and gifts from the store she was closing. Thank you Hannah for supporting us and helping the animals.

We took the counter, display unit and shelf unit to our Bognor Regis charity shop which now has the best jewellery display for any charity shop. I go to the shop to change and stock up on the jewellery and I am told the customers are impressed – so please keep visiting and buying. You can also leave jewellery and empty gift boxes at the shop, the staff will ensure they are put aside for me. We do get some quite quirky and interesting items of jewellery so if you have any specific needs, maybe big bold earrings for a fancy dress party or you have a passion for a particular type of jewellery item, leave a note in the shop for me with a phone number and I will see if I can find something.

Once again, a huge thank you for the wonderful donations that keep us going. To think it started with a few margarine tubs of bracelets and necklaces, some 12 years ago.... Now look at our stall when you visit an Open Day and see how we have grown and the income has grown – 100% pure profit from you, our wonderful supporters.

Valerie and Alex Deacon

2012 Open Day – a new record.

Thank you to everyone who made this happen, and I cannot express how pleased I was with the result, but also the lovely comments from visitors. Susan Jameson, our Patron presented the “Special Person Award” to Jan Tunnell. Jan has worked tirelessly (normally at 90 miles an hour), sorting bric-a-brac, donated new goods, and also for setting up the Bognor Shop at the beginning. She is a marvel, and incredibly tidy. She has also been instrumental in training a lot of our other volunteers, so they can get on with what can only be described as an Everest of donated goodies (not grumbling, keep it coming, it is what keeps this place going).

Here is the breakdown.

Auction	399.00	Raffle	663.97
Pictures	174.50	Buckets & Chutes	171.35

Pet Products	129.73	pre sold raffle tickets	754.00
Gate Front	387.33	donations (various)	1662.96
Gate Back	996.62	Owl Fundraising	20.00
Refreshments	938.50	mike jones	27.00
Rabbit Dice	124.50	instant raffle	380.00
New Goods	373.12		
Info Table	268.55		<u>12890.25</u>
Cosmetics	121.70		
Plants	226.35	Outgoings	
Flossie & Sooty	64.50	raffle tickets	186.00
Toys/Games/Puzzles	308.45	food	200.00
Books	879.60	adverts	76.60
Clothes	1044.20	open day signs	31.40
Chips	553.20	Hospital Radio	200.00
Jewellery	515.50		
Bric a brac	304.02	total expenses	<u>694.00</u>
Bottle stall	639.40		
Home Produce	254.30		
Silver Mine	507.90	Grand total	<u>12196.25</u>

We depend on volunteers and **Pamela Fitzsimons**, this year became our “scrounger”, and managed to get lots of wonderful things donated which helped enormously to make The Open Day the success it was, and our special thanks go to the following.

The Barley Mow Freehouse, Walderton, Nr. Chichester, PO18 9ED.
Tel: 023 9263 1321 www.thebarleymowpub.co.uk

The Spotted Cow, Selsey Road, Hunston, Nr Chichester, PO20 1PD.
Tel: 01243 786718 www.thespottedcowpubhunston.co.uk

The Anchor Inn, Selsey Road, Sidlesham, Nr Chichester, PO20 7QU.
Tel: 01243 641373 www.theanchorinnsidlesham.co.uk

Grace Medi-Spa, Clanfield Farmhouse, South Lane, Clanfield, PO8 0RA.
Tel: 023 9259 9199 www.gracehealthandbeauty.co.uk

The Bosham Inn, Main Road, Bosham, PO18 8PW
Tel: 01243 575027 www.vintageinn.co.uk/theboshaminnchichester

Hillier Garden Centre, Main Road, Bosham, Nr. Chichester, PO18 8FL. Tel: 1243 573 696

Crew, 48 High Street, Emsworth, PO10 7AW. Tel: 01243 375206

Adriana's, 2 Hartland Court, Southbourne, Emsworth, Hants. PO10 8LP. Tel: 01243 375003

Goodrowes, The Hornet, Chichester, PO19 7JQ. Tel: 01243 784411
Co-op in Wittering

Basket of fruit from **Terry Pascale**

Phillip and Philip Hairdressers, 7 Baffins Court, Baffins Lane, Chichester.
Tel: 01243 782738

Hair Design, 17a The Parade, East Wittering, Nr. Chichester, PO20 8BN. Tel: 01243 673192

E2 Hair, 2 East Street, Selsey. Tel: 01243 602228

Blinkers, 11 Crane Street, Chichester, PO19 1LJ. Tel: 01243 527676
[www.regishhairstylists-uk.com](http://www.regish hairstylists-uk.com)

Lisa Edwards, Hairdressing & Skin Care, 68 North Street, Chichester, PO19 1LP
Tel: 01243 789788 www.lisaedwards.co.uk (Salons also in Petersfield & Southampton)

Rush Chichester, 42 East Street, Chichester, PO19 1HX. Tel: 01243 210176
www.rush.co.uk

Manor Nursery, Pagham Road, Runcton, Chichester, PO20 1LJ. Tel: 01243 781734

Bellfield Nurseries, Bell Lane, Birdham, Chichester. PO20 7HY. Tel: 01243 512333 www.bellfieldnursery.co.uk

Tracey Neal from **Truly Coco's Cupcakes**, Tel: 01243 602146.
www.trulycocos.co.uk/index.html
email: Cupcakes@trulycocos.co.uk

Farmhouse Cookery, Bosham, PO18 8NF. www.farmhousecookery.co.uk

Hendy Ford, Terminus Road, Chichester, West Sussex. PO19 8TX. Tel: 01243 523400 www.hendy.co.uk

Creations, 26 Southgate, Chichester, West Sussex. PO19 1ES. Tel: 01243 533052

Email: creationshairsalon@yahoo.co.uk www.creationshairandbeauty.com

Cassons, Restaurant & Bar, Arundel Road, Tangmere, West Sussex. PO18 0DU

Tel: 01243 773294 www.cassonsrestaurant.co.uk

Rolls Royce, Chichester

Buzby and Blue Hairdressing, 46-48 The Hornet, Chichester, West Sussex. PO19 7JG

Tel: 01243 778804 / 531284 Email: info@buzbyandblue.com

www.buzbyandblue.com

Fox and Hounds, Common Road, Funtington, PO18 9LL. Tel: 01243 575246

www.foxandhoundsfuntington.co.uk

Toni & Guy, 26 North Street, Chichester, PO19 1LB. Tel: 01243 787488

www.toniandguy.com

Haircuts – Jo Rogerson, 8a Brazwick Avenue, North Bersted, Tel: 01243 864455

Pebbles Unisex Salon, 95 Aldwick Road, Bognor Regis, West Sussex. PO21 2NY

Tel: 01243 823902 Email: pebbleshair@hotmail.co.uk

Colour Me Beautiful, 37 Durford Road, Petersfield, GU31 4ER. Tel: 01730 261968

E-mail: Tanya.chainey@cmb.co.uk

Chichester Theatre, Oaklands Park, Chichester. PO19 6AP

Tel: 01243 781 312 www.cft.org.uk

Goodwood, Chichester, West Sussex. PO18 0PX. Tel: 01243 755005

www.goodwood.co.uk

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE BUSINESSES AS THEY HAVE SUPPORTED US.

CAN YOU SPONSOR OR SUPPLY ANY OF THE MANY ITEMS WE NEED FOR OUR EVENTS?



Susan Jameson presenting “The Special Person Award” to Jan Tunnell.

One of our very busy stalls.



Support Letters Needed.

One of our long term supporters would like to nominate **Nigel and Monique** for an MBE, but we need 100s of support letters - one for Nigel and one for Monique. If you admire the work that these people do for our furry friends please write into the Centre showing your support. After 26 years of pure devotion - I think they deserve it. They are not ones for praise but I think it would be great for the profile of the Centre. Please send in your support letters as soon as possible please as it a long process and we want to get the ball rolling.

Thank you.

Our New Driveway.

The CRRC has just completed another project, designed to improve the facilities at The Centre, the driveway, and what a huge difference this has already made. It has given us the much needed space to park the staff’s cars and all of our visitors. A massive thank you to the following kind people and Trusts who made this dream a reality:-



Before.

Mike and Penny Jones, The Assheton-Smith Charitable Trust, Anne Durney, Silvia Aitken Charitable Trust and the Big Lottery.





During.

and



After.

Forthcoming Events

CASINO NIGHT – GUNWHARF QUAYS – THURS 11TH OCT 2012

For the third year running The Grosvenor Casinos at Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth, are proud to host a Casino Royale Night in aid of The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre. The Evening starts at 7.30pm, and includes a drink on arrival, 3 course meal and a free bet. A raffle will also be held to raise extra funds. Tickets are **£20** per person and are available by calling **Emma** on **07776 204320** – hurry spaces limited!

CHRISTMAS FAYRE (at The Centre) – Sun 21st Oct 2012 - 11AM - 3PM

Christmas fun for all the family, lots of brand new goods to be had so don't miss out on a great bargain or two. Free Park & Ride from Sidlesham Football Club (follow signs on B2145 to Sidlesham) Disabled parking ONLY at Centre, Entry **£1** for adults/children or donate some cat/rabbit food. Food & refreshments available all day, including lovely home-baked cakes!

CHRISTMAS FAYRE (Drayton) – Sat 17th November (11am – 2pm)

Location: Drayton Methodist Church Hall, 2 Station Road, Drayton, Portsmouth, Hampshire PO6 1PH

Christmas fun for all the family, lots of stalls including fantastic new goods, Christmas decorations, raffle, tombola, refreshments etc. Entry **£1** for adults (which includes a tea or coffee) children under 16 free. Food & refreshments available all day. Fayre opening times 11am – 2pm. Get Christmas all wrapped up!

A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL – Fri 23rd Nov (12-8pm), Sat 24th & Sun 25th Nov (10-5pm)

Location - Stansted Park Garden Centre

Come along and support this wonderful event, we will be selling new Christmas goodies!

CHRISTMAS FAYRE (Hayling Island) – Sat 8th Dec (10am – 12noon)

Location: United Reformed Church, Hollow Lane, Hayling Island. PO11 9EY
Christmas goodies for all the family, lots of stalls including new goods, books, Christmas decorations, cosmetics, jewellery etc. Entrance fee – donations welcome! Food & refreshments available. Fayre opening times 10.00am – 12pm.

Volunteers are needed for the above events – contact Emma on 07776 204320 or email admin@crcc.co.uk if you would like to help – thank you.

List of pleas, Please!

We know that a lot of people would prefer to buy something towards helping with the animals so, here is a list of CRRC pleas:

Catnip for our catnip mouse knitters to make their meeces even more attractive

Bleach (the thin cheap one i.e. 28p from Tesco or Sainsbury)

Washing up liquid (again the cheap brand)

Charity Bags Needed - we get bombarded with charity bags through our door every 5 minutes! If anyone has any unwanted ones we would love to recycle them and use them for our animal waste! Saves us pennies in buying the black sacks and tidies up your doorstep!

Christmas Fayres - Any items towards the cafe – £50.00 for soft drinks , £10.00 for milk, £10.00 for crisps, £20.00 for tea/coffee/sugar, £30 for bread rolls, butter, tomato ketchup, onions, cheese scones, £5 for paper plates, £5 for serviettes.

Any items of food for the 3 Christmas hampers – mulled wine, Christmas cake, nuts, chocolates, pickles, chutneys, jams, etc., anything Christmassy!

We are also in need of full bottles again for our very popular bottle stall (Wine, Beer, Shampoo, anything bottled & in date please). We raised £630 on this stall on Open Day!

If you can help please drop them into the Centre as soon as possible, your support is hugely appreciated and these events are only made possible because of you. Thank you.

Bottles galore, that's what we need and with Christmas Fayres coming we need them with speed, Our bottle stall's empty the table top's bare so, please hear our begging, and send them o'er here.

Raise Funds for Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre When You Shop Online.

easyfundraising is a shopping directory listing some of your favourite online stores, including **Argos, Next, Amazon, Debenhams, John Lewis, Toys R Us, HMV** and over 600 other top name stores. Whenever you shop with any one of them using the links provided on the easyfundraising site, you'll generate a free donation for us of up to **15%** of the purchase price every time! It really is that simple! It's completely **FREE** to register and you won't pay a penny more for your shopping when you use the easyfundraising site. In fact you can even **SAVE MONEY** as many retailers give discounts, special offers and even 'e-vouchers', exclusive to easyfundraising. You can shop for holidays, flights, electronics, mobile phones, computing equipment, food, wine, pet supplies, finance, insurance and much more - and every purchase you make will raise funds for us at absolutely no cost to you!

All you need to do is register for free at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/crrc> and use easyfundraising every time you shop online. With Christmas just round the corner there is no better time to start!!

Happy Tails

Hi

We thought you might like to see how well **Bonnie** is doing after five months with us.

Regards

Ian & Doreen Francis

This delightful picture shows where all cats should be – “in a home”



My Handsome Boy – by Emma Nicoll

In 1996 I answered a plea in the local vets and came over to The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre to rehome one of their hundreds of kittens – where do you begin? I chose the one who didn't come forward as that was easier for me; he needed that extra love and individual time to bring him out of his shell. I named him Gilbert (as the black and white on his chest looked like he had a tuxedo on). I know we should never have a “special” cat BUT I have to say that I do. It's the little things they do that melts your heart. When my Nan died, and Gilbert was a year old, he came over and licked the tears off my face. He would also wrap his paw around my hand and pull my ice cream over to him for a lick! (Sorry Monique, didn't know about lactose intolerance thing back then) it would only be the last little bit but as he finished it his eyes

would shut and head go back, and he would just purr and purr. Over the last year my precious boy has developed kidney disease, which then went on to affect his eyes, and he went blind. After then his eyes got worse and he was in a lot of pain so I made the decision to have his eyes removed. Being 16 I knew that there was a risk of operating on him, but I couldn't let him suffer and had to give him a chance. Well it was the best £500 I have ever spent! He has gone back to being a kitten and even chases the washing line again! He stills "looks" at me when I call him and it is amazing how they adapt. Hopefully he will be with me for another few years yet as I can't imagine life without him.



Gilbert after his eye operation.

Sadly since writing this my little boy has gone to Heaven. We found him, one morning, in the conservatory on his side. A nice way for him to go and I think he knew that I would have struggled to make the decision to let him go, all the while he was happy and eating. RIP lovely, you have left a huge gap in our hearts and we miss you dearly xx

My lovely Spanish Dog by Emma Nicoll.

Two years ago we adopted a rescue dog from Spain, we didn't go to get a dog but we fell in love with an adorable Podenco called **Roda**, as she clung to our legs, in the 6ft pen she had been in for 4 years! It is a very remote part of Spain and as they have 59 dogs they can't walk them all on a daily basis – volunteers are few. When we first got her back we had to walk her gradually as she wasn't used to the exercise. Now she runs like a whippet and as you can see she loves her ball! She has filled our life with love and laughter and she does the most comical things i.e. lifting the food bin lid up and down with her nose as if to say come on give me some dog biscuits! She even raids the recycling bin (already empty and clean) and one day we found a tin of dog food in her bed then a can of Stella in the front room – nothing like a can of lager after your dinner! She is so loving and we are grateful to her for finding us! If anyone is looking for a dog please promote this charity and look at their website for the beautiful dogs looking for that forever home.



Visit www.sos-animals.org.uk

Event Name	Location	Date of Event & Time	Raised
St. Mary's Church	Fratton, Portsmouth	Monday 7th May (10am-16.00)	£100.00
Rainbow/May Fayre	Pagham Village Hall	Sun 20 th May (10.30-1.30)	£491.00
Queens Jubilee Garden Show	Priory Park Stansted Park	Sat 2 nd June (12-17.30) Fri 15 th – 17 th June (10am – 17.00)	£120.00 £807.19
Street Collection	Bognor Regis	Sat 23rd June (9-17.30)	£25.71
Strawberry Fayre	Swanfield Comm Ctre	Sun 24 th June (1.30-4.30)	£185.00
Hants Water Festival	Staunton C'try Park	Sat 14 th & Sun 15 th July 2012 (10 – 17.00)	£98.70
Hayling CRRC Summer Fayre	HI, United Reform Ch	Sat 28th July (10-12.00pm)	£394.56
Worthing Festival	Worthing Seafront	Sun 29 th July	£402.80
Tesco Store Collection	Chichester	Thurs 26 th July (9 – 5)	£195.69
Store Collection	Co-op Wittering	Sat 4 th Aug (9 – 17.00)	£164.01
CRRC Summer Fete	CRRC	Sun 12 th Aug (11am – 16.00)	£12,196
Pagham on Parade	Pagham	Sun 12 th Aug (11 – 4pm)	£114.00
Emsworth Show	Emsworth Rec	Mon 27 th Aug (10.30 – 5.30)	£525.20
Tesco Store Collection	Havant	Thurs 30 th Aug (9 – 5)	£140.03

RSPCA Dog Show	Southsea Common	Mon 27th Aug	£131.34
Hayling CRRC Autumn Fayre	HI, United Reform Ch	Sat 22nd Sept (10-12.00pm)	£515.46

Domino – our handsome sponsor cat

Sadly Domino had to go to Heaven, he had been with us for many years, but due to his failing eyesight and movement he had his own room he shared with 2 beautiful ladies. His coveted sponsor place will be taken by Carousel who came into the Centre in 2007, only young and pregnant we rehomed her kittens but try as we did, Carousel did not enjoy or want human attention so once spayed we set her free on the land here and she now lives happily in our Barn with her friends.

Thank you to all our volunteers who gave up their time to man a stall at one of our previous events. You've helped us raise a huge amount of money for the animals and thank you.

The collection tin from **Grace Medi-spa** raised **£231** in July, in loving memory & tribute of **Stephanie Lillywhite**, a much missed client, who was extremely fond of animals and along with her husband **Chris** provided a safe, warm and loving home to bunnies from the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre.

Sarah Clark, one of our volunteers raised **£165.50** doing a sponsored event, which she organized totally herself, and very kindly gave Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre all the money.

Diana Conolly raised a magnificent **£152** from a sponsored dog walk. She walked about 8 to 10 miles starting at West End Car Park, and along the sea front and through Hotham Park. Accompanying her was her rescued **Lurcher** (from **Dogs Trust**) and **Billy**, the Yorkie from **Yorkie Rescue**. Diana and her husband **Mick**, have continually supported this Charity for longer than I can remember, and also do magnificent work in the Bognor Charity Shop. We are so grateful for these people for raising this money, but doing all the work themselves is outstanding – thank you folks.

Forthcoming Events.

Street Collection	Chichester	Sat 22nd Sept (9 – 5.00 pm)
Grosvenor Casino	Gunwharf Quays	Thurs 11th Oct (7.30 pm)
CRRC Christmas Fete	CRRC	Sun 21st Oct (11 am – 3 pm)

Christmas Fayre Drayton Sat 10th Nov (11 am – 2 pm)

Christmas Fayre H I, United Re- Sat 8th Dec (10.00 am – 12.00 pm)
form Church

As always we need help with the street and store collections and of course the Fayres on and off site. If you can help please get in touch **01243 641409** or email – Thank you.

Another reason to leave a legacy to CRRC.

Changes to inheritance tax laws mean there is now another great reason to leave a gift to Charity in your Will. From April 2012, anyone leaving 10% or more of their taxable estate to charity will qualify for a reduced inheritance tax rate: down from 40% to 36%. Please contact your solicitor for all the details.

Some of your letters and pictures.

We have some lovely pictures of animals adopted from The Centre sent to us, and each and everyone makes us smile and feel “that’s where all the animals should be, in a caring, loving home”. So please tell everyone to contract a rescue if they want a pet, lets make breeders, pet shops, etc., a thing of the past.



Mike and Penny Jones sent these lovely pictures.

These two cats were incredibly nervous when Mike and Penny adopted them and it is lovely to see them so happy and settled.



John Hanmore sent me this lovely letter and picture of **Marvin**.

Dear Monique, I enclose a donation for your Rescue Centre and for which no acknowledgment is necessary. Marvin sends his regards. He is the black and white tom cat that we got from you during March 2011 when he was 12. He’s a very good natured, placid old boy and is very affectionate. I enclose a photo of him relaxing after a strenuous morning in the garden.

It is extra special when the more mature ones get homes.



Sick or thick or just plain animal haters?

I was anonymously sent the following 2 advertisements, which to be honest makes my blood boil.

Female 1 year old cat, she has short hair, very friendly, good cat if you wanted to breed her. Needs a loving home, grown up. Chichester phone number

Female 1 year old cat, short hair, great with kids, very friendly, needs a loving home, great cat if you wanted to breed her, Chichester phone number

“NO MORE TO BE SAID”.



Judith Jones sent me a lovely letter and pictures of an adoptee,

To Cat & Rabbit, I thought that you may like a couple of snaps for your Rogues Gallery. I adopted

Warren, now known as **Charley**. The pho-

tos show him on one of his favourite perches, the freezer in my conservatory. He has settled in a very well, and spends his daylight hours stalking the birds, only one kill so far, thanks goodness! Once again, many thanks.



Boxgrove Primary School –did us proud.

We were very lucky to receive some animal food and cleaning equipment from **Boxgrove Primary School**. 60 children with some money raised on Pet Day and donated some lovely items. One of these items included a diamond encrusted dustpan, which all the staff like to use and the puss cats feel special if it has been used in their pen.

More Cake Sales help CRRC.

Downland Veterinary Group at their new Centre in Denmead raised **£45** from selling cakes, - thanks one and all.

Pets at Home – Support Adoption for Pets.

They organized a National Fundraising Event from 31st March to 15th April around all their stores and raised a magnificent £137,000, their highest ever, and we were delighted to receive **£327.74p**. Thank you so much.

Rehomed after 1 year and 4 months.

We received this lovely letter from **Pip**, who was adopted by the **Hollings family** in August.

Dear Monique & her team,

Just to let you know I am getting on very happily in my new home. I'm still a bit nervous, and I don't like sudden noises, but I am getting used to them! Today I went out into the garden for the first time, and had a sniff round at lots of strange things and chased a few flies! My new people seem happy and pleased with me and I let them stroke me a lot and I purr back to tell them I like it. Thank you for looking after me. All my Love Pip.

“This letter brought tears to my eyes, as Pip had been here so long, and at last was where he should be in his own home, I cannot thank the Hollings family enough for giving him a chance”.

Rehoming Days – every 4th Saturday of the Month (excluding December).

These special Saturdays, where people can come and see the cats and kittens between 12.00 – 2.00pm have been a great success. People are shown the cats and kittens and can reserve and then a home visit is sorted out, and hopefully both cats and people go home together in a few days. The normal process of rehoming where the home visit is done before visiting the Centre still continues, so just give us a ring.

Rehoming Day October 27th – 12 – 2 pm - with a Halloween Theme.

The staff would like to put an emphasis on the rehoming of the most overlooked cats and kittens we have here i.e the black and black & white, so as the next rehoming day is due just before Halloween, they are going dress up appropriately.



Another OAP (Old Age Puss-cat) captures the hearts of the Terracciano family.

To the Staff of CRRC,

Just to let you know that **Stripey** (we renamed her **Molly**) has taken no time at all in making herself at home. She enjoys having endless tickles, being wherever we are and making herself heard – just perfect – a gentle loving puss, a real joy to have. At 18 years old she loves a warm lap any-time of the day and her blanket or soft pillow (between us on our bed!) at night. She enjoys company when our friends and neighbours come to visit – any chance taken for those extra tickles and cuddles! The open spaces afforded by our safe secluded garden has never been so well patrolled and marked – intruders beware – our guard cat has no intention of letting anything



into her new domain! After the loss of **Cally, Moxy (Tickle)** and **Arnie (Tuppence)** all ex CRRC, this wonderful old tabby has lifted our spirits and makes our house a home with a welcoming meow!

Thank you for our wonderful puss!

All Ages help CRRC.

Matthew Pidden raised **£22.75** from a cake sale at **Portsmouth Grammar School** – thank you Matthew and everyone who bought and no doubt enjoyed them

Every year **Pagham on Parade** have their event on the same day as our Open Day, - and we have been very lucky to have **Brenda Spires** and her **husband** run a stall for us and this year raised **£114**, thank you so much.

2 OAPs get their paws under the table.

I received a lovely letter from **Mrs Tate** who adopted **Elsie** (now **Elsa** 13 years) and **Coralin** (now **Corrie** 9 years)



Elsa – this little girl has turned into a right little diva, what Elsa wants Elsa gets, she is amazing. Every 3-4 months she has to go to the vet, because of her cleft lip she tends to catch colds but an injection sorts her out. She loves her food but does not like lumps in it, so if she finds one, she carries it in her mouth whilst shouting and dumps it at our feet then scampers off!! Any visitors we have she thinks that they have come to see her and is all over them like a rash! She doesn't go out a great deal, the odd sun bathe on the patio but always comes in to use her litter tray! She loves my husband and also **Mojo** our 18 year old black and white, they often sleep together on our bed.



Corrie – this little girl is a real poppet, it did take her 2 weeks to master the cat flap, but she loves going hunting, she brings me a mouse on a daily basis! Considering



she was put into your care because she was being bullied by their other cats, you would have thought would have been wary of our other cats, not at all! Corrie really loves kisses and cuddles, so I am writing this she is on our bed fast asleep with two of the other cats, we have 5 in total. Elsa is sitting with me, waiting for her second light lunch! When we no longer



have Mojo, we will be taking on another two of your older cats, at the moment, I really feel that he would not be comfortable with 2 strangers. My friend and I came to the Open Day last Sunday, and I did totally fall for the 12 year old with sight and hearing problems, I will contact you when the time is right. As you can see from the photos, Elsa and Corrie are two happy spoilt cats!

Happiness – is only the size of a grain of rice.

On 20th September I received a call from an older lady who had found a black cat, she had contacted the RSPCA and their advice was “don’t feed it and it will go away”. This does not help the stray cat problem at all, anyway I suggested she take it to the vet and see if it was microchipped, but she had no transport, and no-one that could take her to a vet. Fortunately as she was only in Bognor, one our staff Laura took our scanner and popped in on the way home. Lo and behold she was microchipped, so I got in touch with the microchip people and she had been reported missing. I contacted them, and they were so thrilled, and went straight away to collect her. Laura kindly stayed with the lady, and there was tears all round. A few days later I received this lovely email from the owners, and a very kind donation.

About 10 months ago we took in two kittens, sisters **Maisie & Tilly**, who had had a bad start in life. Before we let them out of the house we had them neutered and microchipped. Just over 6 weeks ago Maisie went missing and so we did the usual with flyers around the neighbourhood to try and find her. Over 4 weeks later, just as we were beginning to give up hope of ever seeing her again, we received a phone call from Laura from the Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre. She had been called to a house some 5 miles away from us to attend to a cat that had been living in an elderly lady's garden for a week or so. Laura scanned the cat and the microchip gave her the information she needed to phone us. Within half an hour we were re-united with Maisie and although she had lost a lot of weight while away she has recovered, happily back at home and hopefully in no mood to repeat the experience! Without the microchip it is highly unlikely we would have seen Maisie again.

Many thanks for your help

Martin & Jan Hamilton

Please get your cat microchipped, we can do it for **£12.50**, it really is worth it, and I think the Hamiltons and the finder agree.

As we have said elsewhere in the Newsletter, we desperately need helpers for our Fund Raising events. If you can help, before, during or after the event, you will be made very, very welcome. Please contact either **Monique or **Emma Nicoll**.**

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