

PAWS for THOUGHT



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Hi all, well, here we go again. As some of you will have already seen in the e-Newsletter, some of the cats are in the Viv Eadon Lodge and have settled down quite nicely. Fund raising must still go on though because we need to keep feeding those otherwise unwanted animals until we can re-home them. (Ed).

Welcome to our latest Paws for Thought. Here we are in July and this is supposed to be the June Newsletter. I am sorry, but I cannot keep pace with all the activities of this very busy Rescue Centre. One minute I sit down to get some “thank you” letters done and the next thing, the phone rings with a stray cat who is producing kittens in someone’s bedroom and they need help. I start getting a pen ready for the cat babes, **Nigel** rushes off to get the mum and kits. He thinks one is dead then, to his amazement, discovers that it is still alive and we manage to revive it, but, it is too weak to drink from mum, so **Fuchia** the goat is milked and we hand feed this little one until it has the strength to suckle from mum. Nigel then carries on feeding the cats outside, I help him and, guess what, the admin waits another day!! But, as you can see from the picture, “**it was worth it**”



Monique.

STATISTICS.

Normally in each Newsletter, I produce the statistics of number of animals we were asked to take in and the numbers that we were able to accept. These will be done for the next Newsletter but, at the moment, administration is becoming a nightmare. To eventually make life easier, we have installed a FREE software system (with masses of help from **Jane Offer**, our computer wiz) called ASM (Animal Shelter Manager), which gives us some good reports and, help with animal and people information, and, believe it or not, get rid of some of the paperwork I am drowning in!! But, like all changes, it takes time and creates a big learning curve. So what with everything else that’s going on we are still trying to get to grips with it all.

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Viv Eadon Lodge.

Well, we have got there, well nearly!! As you can see in the pictures, we have cats in and they are loving it. We are still having doors fitted and only half the recovery room is installed, but it should not be long before the rest of recovery and ICU pens are installed, thanks to a donation from **The Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare**. The toilets are now installed and this will save us £200 on hiring Porta Loos for Open Day. (We're really flushed about that). We still have some decorating to do and a big expense of building the pens for the 2 Oldies' rooms. The recession did give us a help as there were a lot more builders and merchants willing to give us a



good deal, so for this reason we continued our work on the facility, but it has eaten into our reserves and we are now running on 6 months reserves. This is financially worrying when you have over 250 mouths to feed!! Also, with Viv Eadon Lodge up and running, we can potentially take in more animals but they still have to be provided with food, litter trays, veterinary treatment and care and all this costs money, lots of it. So, although the building is nearly complete, please do not forget to support us with our ever increasing running costs. Our **Friends of The CRRC** is a great way to do this as, by doing a standing order for each month, it helps us to know what income we have coming in and therefore, how many animals and people that we can help. (Please see the enclosed form).

We have an Official Title.

Back in 2003, we set up our own vet facility on the site, not only to save money but also to create less stress for the animals by cutting out the need for car journeys, etc. We keep vet details of all the animals' treatments and this is very important as we are now officially registered as a Veterinary Practice with **The Veterinary Medicine Directorate** and **The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons**. This means that we are listed as a private Vet Practise providing services only to this Charity.

Vouchers. One of the items that we sometimes feature as a prize in our Raffles are Store Vouchers. If anyone has any that they don't want, could they please donate them to The CRRC. Any type of gift voucher from stores like Tescos, M & S, Argos. You name it, we need it and we will be eternally grateful.

Money, Money, Money.

Emma and **I** are writing to as many Trusts as we can to try to get money so that we can carry on our vital work at The Centre. Some of them have application forms 20 of pages plus. (I always give those to Emma!!). It all takes a very long time and often we get nothing but we still do it because we know how important it is to keep funds coming in so that we can help those poor creatures. If you hear of any trusts or organisations that will help animal welfare, please let either or both of us know. Although we have books and the internet, there are always a few who give to the likes of us, sometimes it could even be the firm you work for, their contributions really do make a difference. I must give special thanks to **Ray Goldring** who always understands those technical accounts type questions often found in these forms.

Monique.

More than a Green Logo.

This Charity must be the greenest one around, and that's not just our logo. We recycle animals, taking the unwanted and getting caring people to adopt them. Most of our funds come from our Charity shops, where we sell only donated goods, which would otherwise go to the amenity tip. Even Viv Eadon Lodge or should we say the resident cats, have gone green. Nigel, with the help of **Colin Rose**, of **Rose Electrics**, and **Alex Deacon** of **Alex Deacon Plumbing**, have done an awful lot of work to save us money. They have done the work for installing a GSHP, (ground source heat pump), which will eventually heat Viv Eadon Lodge, using heat from the ground and will only use enough electricity to circulate the water. It should cover its cost within 6 years.

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Fun Dog Show and Garden Party – Sunday 27th June, 2010.

What a success, lots of happy and proud doggies showing off their rosettes, with their equally proud owners all enjoying the sunshine. Although we had fewer people than last year, each class was very popular and our judges, **Nickie** and **Karen**, had a tough job deciding who should sport the appropriate rosette. My thanks go to everyone, canine and otherwise, who entered, attended and helped before, during and afterwards.

Refreshments, £118-36; Registration, £159-00; Pet Products, £68-50; Books, £66-70; Info. Table-£2-50 goods sold and £48-50 Raffle Tickets; Entrance, £375-50 – 143 people; New Goods, £41-90; Tombola, £78-00; Jewellery, £53-66; Donation Buckets, £38-25. Total - £1050 – 87.

Dog Show Results (dogs first, well it was their show) :-

Best Adult Handler : 1st **Zeta** with **Linda Juer**; 2nd **King George** with **Diana Connolly**; 3rd **Blossom** with **Frances Allotey**; 4th **Molly** with **Julia Pilchq**;

5th **Lola** with **Bernice Meades**; and 6th **Cherry** with **Heidi Allotey**.

Best Veteran : 1st **Hamish**, 13yrs. with **Julia**; 2nd **Kayla**, 8yrs. with **Jill Monro**; 3rd **Tasha**, 11 yrs. with **Emma Rose**; 4th **Lily**, 8 yrs. with **Aline Hayward**; 5th **King George**, 8yrs. with **Diana Conolly**; 6th **Zeta**, 8yrs. with **Linda Juer**.

Most Handsome Dog : 1st **Jack** with **Rosalind Matthews**; 2nd **George**, with **Sue Monro**; 3rd **Bubba**, with **Dan Hardy**; 4th **Bolt** with **Rob Hammond**; 5th **Tarka** with **Reg Raine**; 6th **Hamish** with **Julia Connor**.

Prettiest Bitch : 1st **Lola** with **Bernice Meades**; 2nd **Daisy** with **Penny Lloyd**; 3rd **Holly** with **Alice Rose**; 4th **Maisie** with **Jim Rowlands**; 5th **Tess** with **Alison Norgett**; 6th **Tess** with **Mandy Williams**.

Best Child Handler (14yrs. and under): 1st **Zinnia** with **Ziona Juer**; 2nd **Moo** with **Georgia Newland**; 3rd **Lucy** with **Hannah Powell**; 4th **Eliza** with **Aline Hayward**; 5th **Blossom** with **Frances Allotey**; 6th **Tess** with **Kayleigh Adamson**.

Best Rescue : 1st **Harley** with **Deb Fox**; 2nd **Tess** with **Alison Norgett**; 3rd **Louis** with **Ros Munday**; 4th **Lucy** with **Hannah Powell**; 5th **George** with **Sue Monro**; 6th **Beau** with **Janet Boothby**.

Happiest Dog (bring toys & treats to the ring) : 1st **King George** with **Diana Conolly**; 2nd **Brodi** with **Tim Longland**; 3rd **Freddie** with **John Terry**; 4th **Mally** with **Erin Vrint**; 5th **Zinnia** with **Ziona Juer**; 6th **Tinker** with **Jessie Hall**.

Appealing Eyes : 1st **Beau** with **Janet Boothby**; 2nd **Tommy** with **Aline Hayward**; 3rd **Moo** with **Ray Newland**; 4th **Rocky** with **Rosemary Alexander**; 5th **Bolt** with **Rob Hammond**; 6th **Zeta** with **Linda Juer**.

Dog the Judge would most like to take home : 1st **Lola** with **Bernice Meades**; 2nd **Rik** with **Simon Norris**; 3rd **Tasha** with **Emma Rose**; 4th **Buster** with **Penny Lloyd**; 5th **Holly** with **Alice Rose**; 6th **Tess** with **Mandy Williams**.

Dog that hasn't won a Rosette in any other Class : 1st **Molly** with **Laura Watkin**; 2nd **Kiwi** with **Stephanie Barnett**; 3rd **Herbie** with **Tim Adamson**.



These are just two of our very happy contestants at the show.

On the day of the Dog Show, **Julia Pilichq** offered to take photos of the event and kindly sent them to me. For more on Julia please look at her website, www.jhp-media.co.uk

Julia also offers a service to draw your horse or animal. You can either pick a photo



she has taken or you can send her one of your own that you love. It will take 2 – 4 days to draw. She can do a pencil sketch, painting, pen sketch, water colour, pastels, etc. Any media that you want. They will cost £10 each.

Vouchers.

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Summer Fete & Open Day – SUNDAY, 8TH AUGUST, 2010.

HELP make this our best ever Open Day.

HELP make more money so we can carry on HELPing the animals who need our HELP so desperately.

HELP by donating some bottles for the very popular Bottle Stall.

HELP by asking if anyone can help by giving a store voucher for our Raffle.

HELP by telling **Emma** or **Monique** if you would love to run a stall for us.

HELP by organizing the stall yourself (we have lots of goodies at The Centre).

HELP by helping to set up (starts about 4 days before the event).

HELP by saying you will help at the end of the day to clear up.

HELP by telling as many friends and neighbours as possible to come along.

HELP by making sure those you introduce spend lots of money !!

HELP US TO HELP THOSE ANIMALS THAT NEED OUR HELP SO BADLY.

The official opening of our new building “VIV EADON LODGE” will take place during the Open Day.

Join us in a fun day for all the family with lots of stalls & goods, all at bargain prices. Also come and see the animals in our lovely 4½ acre site in rural Sidlesham. Entry is £1 or some Cat or Rabbit food. Food and refreshments will be available during the event. Also visit our on-line Auction at www.crrc.co.uk nearer the time. We will be open from 11 am to 4 pm. Be there or miss out on the chance to help those animals who can't help themselves.

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Can anyone sponsor or support our Open Day?

The items that we are in need of are for the Cafe, i.e. £25 for 1,000 polystyrene cups, £30 for 1,000 chip cones, £36 for 6 bags of chips, £25 for chip oil, £15 for 500 paper plates, £40 for soft drinks, £10 for 25 pints of milk, £10 for crisps, £13 for tea/coffee, £200 for Hospital Radio to attend, also tomato ketchup, salt, vinegar, paper napkins. If anyone can help towards these expenses in any way, please send Emma an e-mail to admin@crrc.co.uk

Fundraising Activities.

Easter Fayre – Despite the horrible wet weather and the last minute change of venue, our Easter Fayre raised **£1,170.05**. “Thank You” everyone for supporting us and to those that helped man the stalls on the day. We would also like to say a big “THANK YOU” TO **Sidlesham Football Club** for the kind use of their facilities and **Sidlesham Good Companions Club** for the loan of their mini-bus.

We also held an Easter Raffle at our Wittering Shop and raised **£128.00**. (Thanks **Chris, Lesley and Sara**).

Sponsored Dog Walk – A lower turnout this year but we still managed to raise **approximately £700**, (still waiting for some forms back so final figures will be posted in the October Newsletter).

Hayling Island Spring Fayre – Our first ever Spring Fayre in Hayling. “Thank You” to **Val Beck** for collecting the key, paying for the hall, etc. We raised **£407.86**.

Bognor Street Collection - £121.90, a big “thank you” to **Diana Conolly** and **Michael Roberts**.

MOS Street Collection - £80.74 with “many thanks” to **Jose Monk**, **Paul Sangster** and **Diana Conolly**.

Selsey Fayre - £17.40, “thank you” to **Janet Harris**.

St.Mary’s Church Fayre, Fratton - £131.67, “thank You” **Angela Rose**.

Companion Dog Show at Mount Noddy - £161.50 “thank you” **Denise Wingate**.

Chichester Street Collection - £220.06 – “thank you” **Diana Conolly**, **Carole Martin** and **Barbara Symons**.

Pets at Home, Bognor - £72.56 – “thank you” **Diana Conolly** and **Jean**.

Stanstead Garden Show £1665.92 – “thank you **Val Beck**, **Annette White**,**Elizabeth Medler**,**Barbara & John Symons**, **Janet Laws**, **Carole Martin** and **Julia Connor**, what a great team !!

Special thanks go to **Nuala Atkey** for supporting our Charity for the year through her **SPNRC Ladies Section Golf Club**, they raised **£417.09**. **Lee Hobson Funeral Service, Selsey - £41.34** and **£60.00** from **Emma Walsh** of **Hampshire Constabulary**.

We would also like to thank the following Trusts for their kind support towards various projects around The Centre:-

Edna Smylie Memorial Fund, £1750 to purchase 5 new fibre glass rabbit hutches and run; **Sylvia Aitken Charitable Trust, £500** towards the cost of the toilets for Viv Eadon Lodge; **Walker 597 Animal Trust, £200** towards our neuter scheme. (This costs The Centre around £3,000 per year). **The Doris E Clarke Charitable Trust £800** towards our neuter scheme; **The Michael and Shirley Hunt Charitable Trust, £500** towards new Fundraising tables; **Catholic Concern for Animals, £1,250** towards the Viv Eadon Project.

Our thanks also go to the following for their contributions:-

Mrs Fish – Legacy of **£26,673.58** and **Ceris Wyn Watham** – Legacy of **£9,447.23**; **J.M.Heygate - £5,000**, in Memory of **Muriel Shields; £165** in memory of **Don Quartermaine**; **S.M.O’Riordan - £200**; **M.Jones - £250**; **Pat Levett -£250**; **Mr. Boxall - £500**; and **Mr.Jones - £500**.

More and more people are sending donations to Charities in memory of a loved one, often instead of flowers. We were the lucky recipient of one such donation from friends and family of **Margaret Martin -£100**.

“Thank you” also to **Janet Harris** for being our Selsey “scrounger” and vegetable collector **Sandy Lewis** for adding ‘the puss cats needing a home’ to the **Selsey Life magazine**.

I have enclosed 2 books of Raffle tickets. If you can sell them, please do and help us to continue our work for the animals , who need us so much.

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Fund Raising.

We are slowly but surely getting more people who are willing to raise funds for us. This is great as it means that we can concentrate on the running of The Centre, directly helping the animals, sorting out feral colonies, advising people, etc., etc. More animals here means more feeding, cleaning, veterinary care and, all this takes time (and money) so if you would like to run an event for us, please give us a shout. People like **Anne Barber** have been doing this for a long time now and has just raised **£100** for us. **Jan Tunnell** has also been helping with various events and is trying to raise enough money for one of the pens in Viv Eadon Lodge.

Gone to Heaven Animals.

It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of one of our out and abouters. **Kit** was always a poorly looking cat but he loved a hug and a stroke. He will be sadly missed and his place on the Sponsor list will be taken by **Alfie**, a handsome black cat who is usually cuddled up with **Molly**, our rotund torty, also **Bunny Girl**, one of the goats. Although we didn't have her long, she had a very special place in the hearts of everyone who met her. We got her from **Sussex Horse Rescue** and , if you would like to support a horse rescue, I can recommend them.

Monique.

Feral Work – 15 years on.

I have received a lovely but sad letter from **Marilyn of Articulate Studio**, Emsworth and a very kind donation of **£100**.

“Thank you for taking the time to chat with me on the phone on Wednesday, about **Kitten**. Sadly, when I arrived at the studio early yesterday morning, she was again unwell and not happy. I felt that it was time for her to be put to sleep. It was a bit of a challenge to gather her up (still feisty, despite being elderly and poorly) but the team at **Victoria House** in Emsworth were understanding and, after Kitten was sedated, she and I had a quiet 10 minutes together. Her end was peaceful and dignified. Needless to say, the studio seems very empty without a little black cat demanding breakfast, (lunch and

tea !) and after over 15 years of looking after her and her mother, I really miss them.

Please find enclosed a donation to The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre, in memory of my Kitten and her mum, **Fatty**”,

I was involved in this colony over 15 years ago and it was lovely to hear from Marilyn and how she had cared for those little ferals for all those years, “thanks Marilyn”

Lovely Letters, Lovely People and Clever Cats.

I love to receive letters from people who have adopted animals from us and this one is from **Alvina** and **Ian Richards**.

One year ago we came to The Centre and we adopted **Lydia** she’s a torti feline. Just to let you know she is enjoying her new life, we’ve managed to get her excess weight down, she is now three years of age and **Andrew** at the vets in Stirling Road is very happy with the way things have progressed, we are very happy too.

We now call her **Lils** and she lives with 2 dogs and another kitten. Lils rules here. It has taken a long time for her to get used to us but after a year she will come and sit on my lap, come for a cuddle and a stroke when she sees us come home from shopping in the car. We can honestly say “thanks” for giving her the chance of the new life she deserved. The picture is of **Lydia Richards**, hence Lils.



Take me to your Leader.

I know that all our animals are of above average intelligence but some even exceed all expectations. Here is a letter from one of them:-

Hi, I’m **Chippy**, (previously called Kitty), I left you all on 27/09/09. Thought I’d report on how things are going. Well, I can say I’m licking my new owners into shape. I have my own rules, of course, like any self respecting cat.

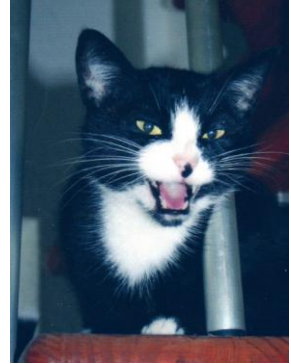
1. Mum mustn’t talk to Dad, otherwise I have to get in between them.
2. Talking on the phone is discouraged.
3. I must have a small amount of chicken, morning and night.
4. My night-time bed must be heated.

5. I can sleep where I chose during the day and object to being disturbed, unless I decide to get up.

Any complaints? Well they're uttering about a cat-flap, but who needs one when my butler leaves the back door ajar whenever I want!! Also, the door bell, it should be banned because it makes such a horrible sound to my sensitive ears.

Any adventures you ask ? I've now learned to walk on grass. Horrible stuff that made me shake my legs when I first tried it. Definitely not as pleasant as carpet under-paws, still it's nice to spend some time outside when Mum and Dad are gardening. Spoilt, I hear you say, no way, but, they're learning. Anyway, I thought that I'd give my feline friends some tips as it is important to start training straight away. I recommend pretending to be nice and quiet, only when you are in your new home should you start being vociferous. I enclose a photo of me, laying down the law to my owners. At the end of the day, I think I'll stick around for a while, after all, why waste all that training?

Love Chippy. (Black & White cat.



They do it my way !!

Don Quartermaine.

I am sad to tell you that one of our great volunteers, Don Quartermaine, died earlier this year.

Don spent many hours, in every type of weather, manning our entrance gate at our fund raising events. We have so many happy memories of him and his wife, **Gretta**, still comes to see us. R.I.P. Don.

A Hole in One, for us !

Our thanks go to **Nuala Atkey** and **her colleagues** of the **Southwick Park Gold Club** who raised a magnificent **£417.09** for us. I'm not sure if there were any holes in one, but we have definitely scored.

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“Thank You” Hampshire Constabulary.

We were very pleased to receive £60 from staff at the **Criminal Justice Unit**, collected from a series of “dress down” days. “Thanks for thinking of us”.

Good Timing.

Diana Conolly, an ardent supporter and volunteer for The Centre, raised £35 from a sale of clocks. The money is to go towards the Viv Eadon Lodge. “Thanks Diana”.

Enterprising Kids.

This picture shows 5 children who showed immense enterprise when they wanted to raise some funds for The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre. They did car washing, doorstep pampering and made some perfume and donated £15.60, which was fantastic.



To **Billie, Martha, Charlize, William and Toby** we say “THANK YOU VERY MUCH”.

Internet – Love it or Hate it.

I love the internet most of the time, it makes life so much easier to compare prices, look at what is available, look at websites, etc., etc., but I do wish that animals were not sold/advertised on there. We all have something in our wardrobe or cupboards that you have never used or worn, bought on a whim, but the internet makes it so much easier to get rid of them. We are getting more and more unwanted animals that have been got via the internet. The sites are very misleading, mentioning Rescue Centres and leading you onto breeders who are selling their offspring to anyone who will pay the money, and they do. Then, when the purchaser has a problem, who do they contact, the Rescue Centres of course. There are also lots of scams and one was in The News recently, a woman saw a puppy on a website, made an offer and was told the puppy would be delivered by courier the next day, but then was asked to pay more money. I am disgusted at not only the person supposedly selling the puppy, but the person buying it,” it is a live animal, not a dress from a catalogue”. Why on earth did that person consider buying an animal like that was acceptable? Why did she not contact a Rescue Centre, more and more people are getting puppies these days, and these Rescues are full of lovely,

child friendly animals. If they wanted a particular breed, contact that breed Rescue. Animals breathe, have feelings and should not be treated like a parcel.

Monique.

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Selsey Shop.

We have now opened another Charity shop at 9, New Parade, Selsey, just round the corner from the Riviera Café. This is being run by **Lesley Swift** and **Dave Bailey**, but we are looking for some volunteers so, please give me a ring or e-mail me with your offer of help. Ideally, a morning or afternoon would be great. The shop is open every day, except Wednesday, from 10.00 to 4.00pm, so come along and pick up a bargain.

Our Wittering shop is still doing brilliantly, the shop has exceeded all our expectations and last year took nearly **£72,000** which is a record. We are fortunate in getting lots of lovely donations but we do need help sorting and tidying up in the shop. Give me a buzz or an e-mail if you can help.

Monique.

My –ce apologies.

In with the last Newsletter, I put in a knitting pattern for the catnip mice that we sell, and make lots of money for the animals, and the cats just love them. We have had lots of people knitting and stuffing mice and, in fact, on Hayling Island, it has become quite a cottage industry !! Many thanks go to **Audrey Tibbles** from **Harrow** who has sent us masses of bodies (knitted mice, that is), and these have all been stuffed and most have been sold. Somehow I (not being a knitter), managed to get some errors but, you clever knitters, you worked it out and still sent them to me, which was great. We need more for Open Day (**Sunday, August, 8th**) so we have included the pattern again, with errors corrected.

Taking on a Tough Challenge, and Winning.

Izzy was a kitten found in the road. The finder kept her for about 3 days but could not get her to take any food, she was only 3 weeks old. When she arrived here it was heart breaking to see this more dead than alive scrap. We hand fed her but could tell there was brain damage. She would keep going round in circles and we thought, is this fair, but we wanted to give her a chance and carried on with every medication our vet could come up with and, as she got older, she was still having a lot of problems. Then along came a lovely lady called **Amanda** and it was love at first sight.

This is a letter from **Amanda Lewis-Smith** and she tells you the story of Izzey.

We first met Izzey when she was 3 weeks old when Mum (who is a volunteer at the CRRC) bought her home for the weekend for a bit of TLC. Although she was brain damaged, we fell in love with her and decided to foster her ourselves and then adopt her when she was 9 weeks old. The following weekend we bought her home to join our two 6 year old female cats **Morgan & Chloe**. Chloe accepted her quite quickly but Morgan was a nightmare. She just kept spitting and growling at her and was generally unhappy.

For the first 2 weeks I hand fed her and carried her around in a blanket, like a baby, she just loved to be cuddled. Week 3 and the effects of her brain damage started to show. She became very aggressive towards us (fortunately not my cats). She would bite, scratch and spit whenever she was touched. Her eyesight seemed to have deteriorated and she would just not use her litter tray, no matter how much I tried to teach her.

The CRRC decided it would be best if she went back to The Centre where they could observe her behaviour and could be seen by their vet so, it was with much sadness we returned her to them, with the intention of having her back again when she had been assessed. Izzey was assessed and was given some strong medication which meant that I could not have her back straight away, as we had intended. Shortly after her return, I went and visited her at the CRRC to see how she was doing. To my delight she had been given a male kitten for company, who she seemed to adore, and he seemed to have a calming influence on her.

I realised then that if I was to take Izzey back home, I would have to take him too because he was so good for her. There my dilemma began, I would have 4 cats, one of which I knew would be most upset at me bringing 2 kittens home and, did I really have the time Izzey would need, with all her problems? I visited Izzey and **Alfie** (as I called him) every week for 2 months before I finally realised that nobody was going to adopt a 'scratchy, brain damaged kitten who wouldn't use a litter tray. It was me or a very restricted life for Izzey!!!

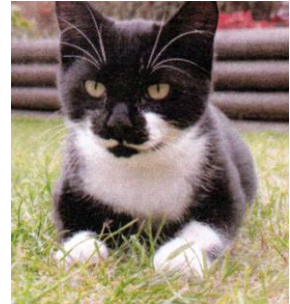
So, I adopted them both and back they came to join my 'clan'. Within 2 weeks of bringing Izzey home she was a different kitten. She no longer growled and spat, her eyesight seemed to have miraculously improved and she had turned into the 'sweetest' little cat. She loves to play with balls and charge around the garden with Alfie. She always does her 'toilet' in the garden and even loves to be stroked. Although, 9 weeks on, Morgan is still not happy about them being here I know, in time, she will come round to accepting them.

To see the change in Izzey, now she has been given a loving home and her freedom, just makes us smile. She is truly a wonderful little cat and the change in her has truly amazed me. It is so rewarding to know that we did the right thing by her.

“Thank you” Amanda for the news on Izzey, you truly are an animal lover, to go that far for a small, helpless animal. If only there were more people like you around there wouldn't be so much animal suffering all around us.



Izzey and Alfie enjoying a leisurely moment at their new home.



Vouchers.

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Fund Raisers/Donations.

Another of our wonder knitters is **Carole Martin** who donated **£100** from her sales of cream egg chicks. Carole is also a great plant person and her plants have brought in lots of funds as well.

We have also received **£80.35** from **Q Hair & Beauty** of 37, North Street, Chichester. “Thanks to everyone who contributed”.

Food Donations.

With more animals than ever to look after we are getting through mountains of food and we are very grateful to all the vets and pet shops which kindly display food collection bins. I would also like to thank **Friends of the Animals**, a registered Charity, which also supplies us with food. If any of you have contacts who could supply some cat food to us, please let me know.

Monique.

Linda Savage, a long time supporter of The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre, came up with an idea for next year, probably to be run early May, and that is a plant sale. She will need all you gardeners to get those seeds planted and get the resulting plants to us for the event. Linda will run it and we hope to hire a hall. More information in the next Newsletter.

Saving and Donating money.

That is what **Janet Harris** does. She collects the left over vegetables from the Selsey shops and brings it to The Centre. This has saved us a fortune for feeding the rabbits and guinea pigs. Not only that, Janet also sells plants and has been contributing to our funds, “thanks Janet”.

Monique.

Cats are wonderful and this letter proves it.

At Christmas time, I received a lovely letter from **Shirley and Keith Lawrence** and this is what they wrote:-

Thank you for letting us have two wonderful cats. They are very happy and content and are very much house cats. One sits with my husband all day and follows him around the house, even getting a lift on his stair lift. They are a great comfort to him as he is in a lot of pain.

Do you fancy an Evening at the Casino at Gunwharf Quays ?

The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre has teamed up with **The Grosvenor Casino** in **Gunwharf Quays** to have an evening of food and fun on **Thursday, 7th October, 2010**. Tickets are just £20 and include a Drinks Reception, 3 Course Meal, live Entertainment from the fabulous “**The Mature Students**”, Raffle plus lots more. This will be our first ever Casino night so please come along and show your support. For ticket purchases, Telephone **Emma on 07776 204320** – hurry as spaces are limited.

Bottles, Bottles, Bottles.

Do you have any spare bottles, full ones that is, that you can donate to The Centre, for our very popular and successful Bottle Stall? They can be full of anything to eat, drink, or rub on, provided they are in date if necessary.

CATNIP MOUSE KNITTING PATTERN.

Use Double Knit or similar yarn, anything thinner will be torn apart too easily, much thicker will be too stiff. Two different colours, one for the main body and contrast for nose and ears. Nice bright colours please – the cats don't care but the customers do ! Size 2.75mm/10 needles (use 3mm/11 needles if end result is too small). Standard abbreviations have been used.

TENSION: Ideal length approx. 5"/12.5cm, width approx. 5"/12.5cm at widest point. Stitches should be fairly tightly worked. Work in stocking stitch throughout.

BODY: Cast on 9 sts. for tail end of body.

Row 1: Increase in every stitch knitwise. (18)

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: (k1, incr. in next stitch) to end. (27)

Work 3 rows.

Row 7: (k2, incr. in next stitch) to end. (36)

Work 11 rows.

Row 19: (k2, k2tog.) to end. (27)

Work 9 rows.

Row 29: (k1, k2tog.) to end. (18)

Work 7 rows.

Row 37: (k2tog.) to end. (9)

Work 3 rows.

Leave approx. 12" of main colour for sewing

Last row – using contrast colour for nose – knit.

Draw yarn through loosely, leaving approx. 12-15 inches for eye embroidery.

EARS: (make 2 in either main or contrast colour)

Cast on 18 stitches, work 2 rows.

Last row: (k2tog.) to end (9).

Draw yarn through loosely, leaving approx. 5-6 inches for sewing.

When complete, please send to:
The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre,
Holborow Lodge,
Chalder Lane,
Sidlesham,
Chichester.
PO20 7RJ

CARLA.

As I write this, tears well up in my eyes. Our darling, very ancient pony, had to be put to sleep by the vet on July 10th after collapsing. We had been in contact with our horse vet for some weeks as we knew that **Carla** was getting very old and, had not had the best of care before she came to live here with us. For a while, she seemed to perk up but then she stopped eating. That evening she seemed a little unsettled and then brightened up as she followed **Nigel** to her paddock, having spent her normal day on the lawn. 20 minutes later she had collapsed and we knew the decision was made.

“It was a pleasure to know you Carla, you join a very select company in Heaven.

Monique

I think I can safely say that I speak for everyone who has ever come to an event at The Centre when I say how sorry we are at your loss. I have never been involved with the care or ownership of a horse but have always thought what majestic creatures they are and how Regal they appear to be when they have won something. They seem to instinctively know what they have just done. No words can take away the pain of losing something that special but our thoughts are all with you at this time.

Brian (Editor)

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‘Bye for now, see you again in the October issue but, in the mean time, you have been to any of our fund raising events during the year, “THANK YOU”, your contributions are extremely welcomed by the animals.

CATS and RABBIT ENCLOSURES FOR SPONSORSHIP.

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

Also MALLOW ORCHARD AND CHICORY GARDEN, OUR RABBIT ENCLOSURES.

The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre Sponsorship Scheme.

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

I enclose:-

First Year's Sponsorship Fee:- £ 10-00

Donation:- £

Total:- £

*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 since 6th April, 2005, until further notice. *(Please delete if not applicable).

Name :- Telephone No.

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