

PAWS for THOUGHT



Newsletter Of The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre Sidlesham.

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Welcome to the 3rd Paws for Thought of 2011, I hope you find it interesting, and continue to support us, so we can progress with the vital work of The Centre. We are probably one of biggest centres in the area, but it is extremely hard for local Charities to keep pace with the advertising power of the large National organisations, and we rely on the kindness and generosity of the local supporting public to enable us to help the animals in need. Every year thousands of people die without leaving a will, and if there is no relative to inherit, Her Majesty's Treasury receives the money. So I would always encourage people to make a will and when doing so, please consider us, it would make such a difference.

Monique.

Viv Eadon Lodge – where we are.

Most of you who came to the Open Day would have seen we are completely full up in Viv Eadon Lodge, and still are, (as well as the barn, arrivals etc). It has been one hell of a year, but we can now concentrate on building the gardens from the Oldies rooms. These rooms are now known as **Fred and Janet**'s rooms, as one was paid for our lovely lady **Janet Harris** who died earlier this year, and other paid for by **Mrs Joan Bailey**, in remembrance of her late husband Fred. We have the new stables up, and have removed the old stable and shelter, which is where the gardens are going to be. There is a lot of work to do, and we are still fund raising for the total amount.

This is a lovely picture of a very relaxed **Ziva**, now known as **Tully**, the day after she was adopted by the **Costello** family.

It just shows you how short a time it takes for an adopted cat to settle down. It also dispels the myth that rescues only have problem cats, which is something that is banded about for no good reason, and stops people from contacting the rescue centres. Another myth is that rescues do not have kittens, just look at our stats. So spread the word.



They didn't adopt from us, but for good reason.

I received a letter (via one of our home visitors) from a potential adoptee, and I always think "please adopt from us, we have so many here and waiting to come in", but after reading this letter I was overjoyed they did not! This is a précis of the letter:- I felt I owed you an explanation as to why we didn't adopt a cat from you. Last week my daughter in Athens rang to say,

a cat who had been rescued by an English girl from a Greek man who was trying to drown it by keep throwing it in the sea, and letting it swim back to shore. It had finished its quarantine period, been flown to Paris, driven to Wales, but unfortunately it didn't get on with the adoptees existing cats, so would have to go to a rescue centre in the UK. She had met the cat, and he was quite a character, so last Sunday we drove to Worcester and met up with the people from Wales and adopted him, he now called Jude. He is an absolute treasure, and we know we can make his life happy, sorry we could not take a cat from CRRC, but fate stepped in for Jude the dude, and that has to be good.

Mrs Pattenden

That is more than good, it is wonderful, and I would like to do the same to the Greek man, but of course have bricks tied to his unmentionables!

Hyacinth.

Do you remember, in our February Newsletter, we told you about our elderly goat **Hyacinth**, who had had a stroke and she and **Fuchsia**, our other goat were living in one of the cats rooms. Sadly Hyacinth had more strokes, and despite the best vet care and comfort, we had to make the decision for her to "Go to Heaven". Fuchsia is lonely, but seems to be coping okay, and gets lots of attention.

2011 The Year of the Rabbit.

We said we going to make every effort to improve the rabbit accommodation this year, and although we have not done as much as had hoped, we have now got a prototype made of the moveable rabbit pens, and have ordered 30. We have raised £11,000 so far for these pens, so are nearly there.



The rabbit accommodation in Sharon's Garden has been started, but with everything else going on, we do not think we will have that finished by the end of the year, and we are still trying to raise money for it. So if anyone would like to do some fund raising particularly for the rabbits or donate towards the bunnies, please donate online or send a cheque, and specify you would like it go for the rabbits.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far, we just need that final push so please any penny you can spare would be a huge achievement towards the lovely new accommodation!

Open Day.

It was our best ever, the weather was just right, Alexandra Bastedo (CRRC President) and Susan Jameson (CRRC Patron) both came and gave speeches, and gave out our Special Award to Diana & Mick Conolly. 2 people who have helped in every type of fund raising, they have helped at numerous store and street collections, often Diana, doing them virtually all day. Their wonderful Silver Mine they completely organize themselves for our events and is a magnificent money spinner. Prizes were also presented to the dog walk people who got the most sponsors, and this year

3rd **Susan Jameson** raised a magnificent **£110**

2nd **Paula & Joely Boyd** - **£133.60p** kindly donated back

1st **Diana Conolly** who raised **£230**

Auction	642.00	Sooty	22.00
Pictures	250.10	Toys/Games/Puzzles	326.81
Donation tins	305.33	Books	739.21
Raffle	580.90	Clothes	1168.17
Buckets & chutes	52.71	Chips	460.81
Pet Products	97.50	Jewellery	254.80
Gate Front	567.32	Bric a brac	258.61
Gate Back	760.45	Bottle stall	537.60
Refreshments	873.99	Home Produce	263.30
Rabbit Dice	104.90	Cake Raffle	68.00
New Goods	390.70	Silver Mine	465.00
Info Table	80.10	pre sold raffle tickets	652.50
Cosmetics	112.00	donations (various)	720.00
Plants	231.30	Owl Fundraising	100.00
Tombola	247.25	mike jones stall	38.40
Teddy Bears Picnic	138.40	instant raffle	248.00
Face Painting	86.50	Total	11844.66

Outgoings		Hospital Radio	200.00
raffle tickets	165.6	total expenses	560.73
food	87.36		
adverts	107.77	Grand total	11283.93

I would like to thank everyone involved in the Open Day, those who prepared all the goodies for the stalls, those who donated the goods, everyone who helped set up during the week before, as well as on the day. A special thank you for **Pamela Fitzsimons**, one of our home visitors, who managed to get lots of restaurants etc to donate meals, **John Dyer** and son **Richard** for the loan of the wonderful market stalls, much stronger than the cheap gazebos. There are too many people to mention, but you are very much appreciated, and see you again next year?

Christmas Day helpers needed desperately.
The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre is a big set up now, and we desperately need help with cleaning out up to 200 pens of cats, kittens, rabbits, and guinea pigs. If you have a few hours to spare please email me(info@crcc.co.uk). Ideally which type of animal you would prefer to clean out.
Thank you .

Don't forget we need help for the Christmas Fayres, so get in touch.

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

2011/ 2010 In brackets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
JAN	98(83)	51(43)	10(10)	3 (4)	44(39)	11 (2)	3 (2)	2 (6)
FEB	72(74)	20(28)	6 (14)	11 (0)	37(30)	2(2)	7 (6)	6 (8)
MAR	67(75)	32(34)	16 (0)	4 (18)	11(18)	3 (6)	75(19)	2 (4)
APR	77(50)	36(25)	8 (9)	4 (1)	28(16)	4 (2)	0 (0)	7 (3)
MAY	81(50)	30(29)	23 (9)	27(26)	34(16)	3 (13)	1 (1)	1 (5)
JUN	56(80)	24(23)	16(20)	35(19)	17(35)	9 (13)	0 (0)	0 (0)
JUL	72(83)	24(28)	35(23)	52(35)	31(45)	2 (20)	0 (2)	5 (0)
AUG	75(47)	29(30)	41(37)	32(50)	15(14)	8 (14)	1 (0)	0 (2)
SEPT	74(57)	41(19)	58(37)	36(34)	39(14)	2 (3)	0 (0)	2 (0)

The above figures are for 2011 with 2010 figures in brackets. The columns are represented as follows:-

1. Cats that we were asked to take in.

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

As you can see, in 2011 we have been asked to take in **1228** animals compared with **1025** in 2010 and actually took in **594** compared with **538** in 2010.

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

What the CRRC promotes .

We often promote goods because we get some money when people use them, and it is always nice to hear that the product/service has been good.

Charity Flowers (hotline 08705 300 600 fax 01481 255 590 order online www.charityflowers.co.uk) we have always had lots of goods reports of the flowers and the service, so will continue to recommend them, and don't forget to specify CRRC as the charity you want the commission to go to.

Fantastic runner – Natalie Mandry.

On 15th May **Natalie** ran The Bognor Prom 10k road race, and collected sponsors for the CRRC. She raised a superb **£75**. Thank you Natalie. This event is organized by **Worthing Lions Club** and they contributed **£25**, so if anyone would like to run next year, I am sure they would like to hear from you.

In Memory.

We have been very fortunate in receiving donations from friends and relatives of the following people.

Mr Frederick Roberts £210; Jean Tamplin £70; Olive Saxon £35; Edward Highgate £80; Peter Gallienne £625; June Seaward £118; Muriel Westgate £145 and Gabrielle Cheney £196.

It is so kind of people to think of us, particularly at this sad time, and this really makes a huge difference in a lot of animals' lives.

Andree Coombs – a long time supporter of the Centre, very kindly donated **£125** in memory of her **Mother**.

An update from the Jewellery Stall.

It is two years since I did my last write up and I really want to thank everyone most sincerely for keeping up the huge flow of unwanted jewellery that comes my way. I am always amazed at the amount we get, and the amount we sell. The Jewellery Stall brings in almost £1,000 a year if we include the odd earrings and broken chains I sell as scrap gold/silver, plus the donations from the recycling centre for broken fashion/costume jewellery and watches.

We are constantly complimented on the display and that again is down to those who send their unwanted gift boxes. We always need boxes for necklaces and earrings and often ring boxes can be used for small earrings too. There must be some retailers amongst you who sent in bags of brand new ring and gift boxes and the costume necklaces still on their packaging, wire bracelets with girls' names on etc. There are those who made the little felt brooches, the beaded wire necklaces and such, to be sold to help raise funds – to everyone who donates – a big thank you for your wonderful generosity and please keep it coming.

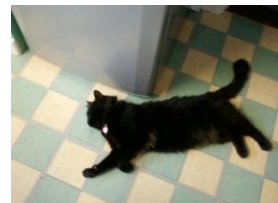
As I have said before, it often arrives in a tangled heap in a carrier bag or shoe box and sometimes I find some amazing treasures in amongst the knotted chains and loose earrings. A very old worn engagement ring can fetch £35 scrap value and a selection of broken chains and odd earrings recently made £40 as scrap. I currently have a beautiful ruby and diamond ring which my jeweller immediately offered £80 as scrap but as always I try to sell items on the stall first. A collection of costume and silver cat earrings sold very quickly in the summer and our huge selection of beads always sell well. Sometimes people ask for specific items for a fancy dress or a retro party and we can usually find them something suitable.

So keep it coming and if you cannot get to the Centre to donate, but are relatively local, let me know and I am sure we could pick it up.

Valerie Deacon

Ziggy – a well settled feline.

Thought you would like to know how **Ziggy** is getting on, as you can see from the attached photos taken on his second day, he seems to have relaxed! He has been very "sticky" for a while - everywhere that one of us went - there he was. Seems more settled now although desperate to go out. My husband has been carrying him around the garden and this morning received a rather nasty bite when he wouldn't let Ziggy get down. Will send more news and pictures once we have let him out and hope he will



return. I'm sure he will as he appears very loving despite the biting!
Regards from,

Sue Robinson of Bracklesham.

Note from Monique – we have quite a lot of people who like the thought of taking their pet on a lead during the first couple of weeks, when they need to be kept in, this is NOT recommended, cats are often frightened by leads, and the first 2 weeks, are as much for the cat to get used to everyone living there, and the various rooms.

Robert – a magnificent tabby

Hello,

Just to let you know we adopted **Robert** from you two weeks ago, he is settling in beautifully, and has shown our other cats who is boss, but they all get on now!
Thank you for letting us adopt Robert he is very special and loves his cuddles.

Helen Swindley.



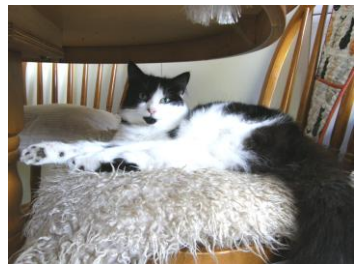
If only all the animals had loving, caring homes of their own.



Hello Monique,

Just a quick email to keep you up to date. **Norris** and **Nolan**, whom I immediately renamed as **Sebastian** and **Milo** are doing really well. Seb is the black and Milo the black and white. Hope you like the

photos attached. At first they were a bit daunted by it all and spent the first week sleeping behind the sofa. Seb is quite bold though and they follow each other everywhere including snuggling up together under my bed. Just doing what cats do. They love to charge up and down the stairs in the middle of the night, exploring, climbing trees, chasing flies and watching birds and generally lounging around and chilling out doing nothing. Very happy and settled in now I would say.



They are very sweet natured cats. Many thanks again. Hope all is well with you and hope to see you soon.

Monique Modena x

Legacies.

We have been fortunate in receiving some legacies, and have tried to use this unplanned money on particular projects, like Viv Eadon Lodge. It is important not to depend on them, and we have never been in position where we have, as some charities do, but as we get bigger our expenses are more, and we have to ensure we have enough money to do the work, so please think of The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre in your will, it does make such a difference. This will-writing service was brought to my attention, so it might be worth taking a look.

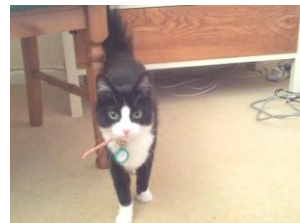
Free will-writing service to charities

A new website that produces bespoke legal documents will offer charities a free will-writing service for their supporters. Legal365.com, owned and operated by the legal firm Last Cawthra Feather LLP, will give charities a code that can be used by their supporters to obtain the service for free on the site.

For further information, please see www.legal365.com/.

Polly – so happy in her home.

Hi, I thought you may like to know how well **Polly** is settling in with us. I adopted her on 7 August, and as she stepped out of the cat carrier in her new home she was purring. She has been incredibly relaxed in her new environment, and is very affectionate with both myself and my husband. She and our other cat **Cleo** have yet to fall in love with each other, but it has been amazingly stress-free introducing them to each other. The worst we have had has been a bit of half-hearted hissing, but they are already 'kissing' when they meet in the house, however tentatively that may be. Polly has just learnt how to use the interior cat-flap so there is no stopping her now!! Next step is getting her used to the garden in a week or so 😊. Thank you all for the great work that you do.



Kind regards, **Jo Thurgur**

Where do you get the animals from?

This is a common question I am asked, and I usually answer, most are people's unwanted pets and strays. We also get a quite a few phone calls from vets, who have taken in animals when their owner wants them put to sleep, or if they have been found. Needless to say we cannot help every single one, but this little rabbit **Rosemary**,



as we have called her was put in a bin on Thorney Island. Sadly we get a few unwanted pets from this Army base, people get them, and then they are posted abroad, and of course are not prepared to take them, or cannot. Unfortunately Rosemary, who looks sweet and innocent, can be a biter, quite a common problem with rabbits, and for that reason I always say to people with children to get an adult rabbit which you know is friendly, and don't forget the novelty of cleaning out the rabbit, is only likely to last a short time. Once Rosemary is spayed she will be looking for a home (without children, needless to say), with another rabbit, most probably a neutered male. So if you know anyone who would like the challenge of Rosemary, ask them to get in touch.

Cat Crisis in the National Papers.

A précis of a couple of the articles :-

We've lost that lovin' feline

The moggies from all over Britain were callously dumped by their owners. They joined a shocking **10,610** cats left to fend for themselves last year, according to the RSPCA. That is a **28%** increase on 2009.

In one of the most upsetting incidents, 12 cats were dumped from a car in South Wales. This month five were abandoned in a box in a south London park.

The surge in numbers prompted Battersea Dogs & Cats Home in south London to open a £5 million cattery. They took in **2,742** cats last year, **48%** of which had been abandoned. The rest were feral or strays.

Now the cattery is full. July is "kitten season", when they get an influx of litters and mums.

Battersea worker Ros Davies, who has re-homed thousands of cats in the past 8 years, said "Owners go on holiday and abandon their pets – it's the same every summer. We have so many wonderful cats that desperately need homes."

Celia Hammond , Animal Trust (CHAT). This cat and dog rescue centre, opened by the former Vogue model in 1986, receives 30 or more calls a day reporting abuse or asking for help, but for the first time Celia tells me she is unable to cope with the demand.

Sadly this situation is replicated all over the country, with animal shelters straining at the seams as they attempt to care for an estimated 7 to 10 million abandoned cats.

Shockingly, black cats and black and white cats – which are apparently “unfashionable” colours – are the most likely to be destroyed.

The increasing numbers has been blamed on the recession, cut-backs and even global warming – which means cats are having kittens all the year round, instead of just in summer – but it also speaks of a change in our attitudes to animals.

While we see ourselves as a nation of animal lovers, these abused and abandoned cats tell a different story.

Remember the outrage over the woman who put a cat in a wheelie bin? Well, in that one patch of east London that sort of cruelty happens five to ten times a day. In the past few days, cats have been found left in knotted bin bags by a fly-over, car park bins and in sealed cardboard boxes left out with the rubbish at the side of the road.

Celia at CHAT says 'this is the worst it has ever been. We are no longer coping. The problem is not just about lack of donations and poverty. It's cultural. We offer free neutering, but people think this wrong and against nature.' (but assume they think destroying healthy animals is perfectly acceptable – **Monique**)

A cat can produce up to 18 kittens a year. It's been estimated a single female can have 50 million descendants in an average 10 year lifetime.

Pet food companies, which make millions from our so-called love of animals, have cut back on free donations. Home repossessions have meant the number of cats made homeless has mushroomed, while the number of families willing to take in abandoned cats has plummeted. There is no safety net for animals affected by Government cuts.

Feral cats are often seen as vermin by local authorities. Many are shot or poisoned on building sites and in factories by developers who do not want to take the time to ensure they are removed.

This is not just an urban problem. Excuses for dumping cats range from, 'We're going to Spain on holiday' to 'They keep having kittens' or 'They're ruining my lawn'. One woman called to ask if it was OK to 'poison my cat'.

But it is the smaller charities that are under the most pressure. Vet bills are crippling for families on low incomes, as well as for rescue centres, and attract 20% VAT. Surely there must be calls for VAT to be scrapped on vet bills and pet food if you have taken on a rescue cat (only working collies qualify for zero rated food).

The RSPCA wants local authorities to review their 'no pets' policies when placing families in rented accommodation. There should also be a levy on food manufacturers to support neutering schemes.

Many older animals are in a shelter only because their owners – often lonely and elderly for whom their cats provided untold comfort – have died. No one seems to want an old moggy.

Sponsor Cat Beverley.

Sadly **Beverley**, the last of our 3 “Beverley Sisters” has died. She was very elderly and on borrowed time, and having been caught as a feral many years ago, when she was on 7 months old. She was always a little wary of people she did not know, but loved by all who got to know her.

Pebbles, will now become a sponsor cat, she is a beautiful, shiny black girl, with wobbly bits! She loves to be stroked but without warning will give you a swipe when she has had enough. She spends most of her day and night on the bed, but will go to meet visitors, and we have to warn them about her temper. She probably has oriental in her and can run like the wind when feeling like it, with her wobbly tummy going from side to side!

Sponsor Cat Major.

We had to make the decision to have our Wonderful Ginger Gentleman, **Major** put to sleep, or as we say here “Go To Heaven”. Major had been an unneutered stray in Chichester in the most appalling condition, his face was red raw with infection, he had hardly any coat, and it took a long time to get him better, but what a magnificent animal he became, not only in looks, but in personality as well, and he broke many hearts, humans and felines.

Magnolia will be the new sponsor cat. She came here, when some people found her and her kittens in their shed. I managed to get the kittens fairly easily, but Magnolia was feral, and had terrible skin cancer on her ears, and required two operations. She lives very happily in the barn, her kittens were all re-homed, and all as white as the snow like their mum.

Catnip Plea.

We are in urgent need for catnip for our mouse knitters, if anyone can donate some, it will be very much appreciated.

Another Tear jerker.



We adopted **Aswad** in 2002. Unfortunately due to ill health he was put to sleep 2 weeks ago. He was our beloved boy and although we only had him for 9 years he was a much loved member of our family. He would have been 17 in November. I am very much of the opinion that cats pick you and not the other way round. Aswad chose us....when we had decided it was him that would be coming home with us he was no where to be found. He was underneath my car!

He brought much happiness and laughter and although he was an old boy when we got him I would just like to say thank you for keeping him for us to find.

Kind regards

Pauline Johnson.

Hazel and Hiccup (previously Mandarin).

I took **Hazel** on (a female dwarf lop) from my sister, as she realised that the rabbit wasn't having the life she deserved. As I had already given a home to a female rabbit from The Cat and Rabbit Rescue Centre over a year ago and seen her successfully bonded to my male rabbit, I instantly set about having Hazel spayed so that she could find her own 'forever' partner.



After getting back in touch with CRRC, it wasn't long before I'd made my appointment to go and choose a rabbit. This is the hardest bit of all as there are so many to choose from

I took my daughter and niece with me to help me choose. We met some lovely rabbits but for some reason when we were introduced to **Mandarin**, we all knew he was the one. He was a lovely lilac/beige colour and his personality, size and build reminded me of my other male rabbit at home. Hazel seemed to approve as well and as soon as it was clear they could be a good match, we finished the paperwork and then commenced with the bonding. We also decided that Mandarin would now be called **Hiccup!**

Since we got them bonded, Hazel and Hiccup have just grown closer and closer and are two very happy, well suited rabbits. They especially love their 'greens' and practically jump in my arms when I appear with some! It gives me great satisfaction on a daily basis to care for my rabbits and ensure their every need is met. Now that I have seen the relationship between bonded rabbits, I just cannot see there is any other way to keep them!

Annalee Nobbs.

Recycle, Benefit your Environment

Raise Funds for our Charity

Please donate your unwanted Gold, Silver, Costume Jewellery and Watches



We have come up with a simple way for you to help boost the much needed funds of our Charity and benefit your environment. We are running an unwanted Jewellery Recycling Collection. Please donate **any** unwanted jewellery towards this recycling appeal; gold, silver, costume jewellery, watches... Then your unwanted items can be turned into a donation for us.

You can do a full "spring clean" of your jewellery box or just give items you no longer wear. **Even damaged, broken and incomplete items will help; so all the odd earrings and snapped chains are a great start!**

To send your jewellery to us:

Parcel up your jewellery and post, FREE of charge to:-

The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre,
FREEPOST
CENTRAL,
RECYCLING.

If you can, please ask your family, friends and colleagues to participate in this Jewellery Recycling Collection.

Why should I recycle? Recycling reduces the demand for raw materials. This means less mining or quarrying. Many parts of the world have been blighted by mining and quarrying which destroys the natural environment and wildlife habitats and can cause environmental and health problems for local people. Recycling is one way in which our community can lessen their usage of resources and help protect the environment. **Everything you give us is turned into cash and put to good use.**

Thank you very much for your support



Past events and Amounts Raised.

Street Collection	Bognor Regis	Sat 25th June (9-17.30)	£144.10
CRRC Summer Fayre	HI, United Reform Ch	Sat 16 th July (10-13.00)	£182.69
Hants Water Festival	Staunton Country Park	Sat 16 th & Sun 17 th July 2011 (10 – 17.00)	£87.24
Tesco Store Collection	Bognor	Thurs 28 th July (9 – 17.00)	£66.76
Worthing Festival	Worthing Seafront	Sun 31st July (10 – 17.00)	£488.00
Morrisons Store C/tion	Horndean	Sat 30 st July (9 – 17.00)	£257.46
Store Collection	Sainsbury Farlington	Sat 6 th Aug (9 – 17.00)	£177.43
Store Collection	Co-op Wittering	Sat 6 th Aug (9 – 17.00)	£153.62
Hotham Park	Bognor	Sat 13 th Aug (11 – 17.00)	£285.25
CRRC Summer Fete	CRRC	Sun 14 th Aug (11am – 16.00)	£11,300
Tesco Store Collection	Havant	Thurs 25 th Aug (9 – 17.00)	£126.85

RSPCA Dog Show	Southsea Common	Mon 29 th Aug (11 – 16.00)	£132.50
Emsworth Show	Emsworth	Mon 29 th Aug (11am – 17.00)	£460.00
Tesco Store Collection	Petersfield	Thurs 8 th Sept (9 – 17.00)	£86.65

“Thank you to all our lovely supporters who help us to raise so much money, we couldn’t do it without you”!

Forthcoming Events

Tesco Store Collection	Chichester	Thurs 29 th Sept (9 – 17.00)
Grosvenor Casino	Gunwharf Quays	Thurs 20 th Oct (from 7.30pm)
CRRC Christmas Fete	CRRC	Sun 23 rd Oct (11am – 3pm)
Christmas Fayre	Drayton	Sat 12 th Nov (11am – 2pm)
A Christmas Festival	Stansted House	Fri 18 th Nov (5pm-9pm) Sat 19 & Sun 20 Nov (10am – 5pm)
Chi Christmas Market	East Pallant Car Pk	Sun 28 th Nov (10am – 4pm) ??TBC
Christmas Fayre	St. Peter’s Hall, Petersfield	Sat 3 rd Dec (10am-12.30)??TBC
Christmas Fayre	HI, United Reform Ch	Sat 10 th Dec (10.00am – 13.30pm)

NATWEST COMMUNITYFORCE – VOTE FOR US! –please note, the cutoff is 23rd October.

NatWest Community Force is a new initiative helping to make a real difference to where you live. Local charities and projects stand to win an award of £6,000 each, so CRRC have entered to gain the money towards their vital neutering scheme, which is the approximate cost to the charity per annum. With millions of unwanted animals in the UK, neutering is the

solution! Helps us to gain this vital amount by voting for us on <http://communityforce.natwest.com/project/4197>

Voting opens from 26th September, so please vote, we cannot win without you! Thank you.

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Timmy & Tammy –a break in, Dedicated Owners, kindly Waitresses, Happy ending.

About 8 years ago we adopted **Venus** from you, we renamed her **Tammy**, and she joined **Timmy** (in the background of the picture). We moved several times and both cats just took it in their stride. The last move was to where we live now, just north of the Spanish border near Narbonne.



It was a difficult journey getting down here and before we left we purchased a camper van and Timmy was quite happy because he slept most of the time but Tammy couldn't understand why she couldn't go out and do her usual rounds of her territory. Plus my wife picked up a bug before leaving and was very ill after a couple of days she gave the bug to me and consequently it took us a whole week to reach here.

Having driven all day, we stopped in a Motor Way service area (La Palm) just south of Narbonne for the night and, at 6 o'clock in the morning, robbers forced their way in through the front windows of the camper van .My wife heard them and they took off, empty handed but, through the open window, both cats escaped.

I opened the door to see the two guys running away and called Timmy who came running straight away but unfortunately, Tammy had taken off and, because she had been ill treated before you had her, she had always been very nervous. We stayed at the Motorway Service area for 5 days. When we arrived at the pay booth, the lady asked us why it had taken 5 days to do a 1 hour

journey. We explained about the attempted robbery and said that we had lost one of our cats and that we had notified the Gendarmes. All she did was call for the manager and he went off into a tirade. I'm afraid I lost my temper and by this time, quite a few vehicles had lined up behind us and were tooting their horns. Eventually the manager said he was going to take my number. I told him he could take what he liked as we were no longer part of the UK. My wife was extremely upset at not finding our cat as she had always had more of an affinity with her. She went out several times a day calling her whilst we were there but to no avail. We both decided that we could stay there any longer so we put a picture in the restaurant with a note giving our mobile phone number and offering 200 euros reward for information to her whereabouts.

We booked into Camping La Nautic at Norbonne and, because the restaurant had a service road, we went back 3 times a week to see if we could find her. After 3 weeks we received a phone call from one of the waitresses to say that they had seen her the previous night, looking for the surplus food the restaurant put out for the wild cats. That evening we went back early and just sat inside the restaurant and, after about 3 hours, our persistence was rewarded, she turned up. My wife then coaxed her with some tuna, which she loves, and managed to catch her. We asked which of the waitresses had phoned but they saw the joy on our faces and would not tell us who it was, they were so happy for us that we had her back again.

It cost us €300 at the vet to have all her complaints put right that she had contracted whilst in the wild and it was at least 4 weeks before she would exit the camper again.

And that is basically the reason we are living here. Whilst trying to get Tammy back, we started looking for a house and found this one and that was almost 6 years ago.

My wife is excellent with French while I just get by. Living in our village is like stepping back to what village life was like in the UK over 50 years ago. You know when you have been accepted when you start getting invitations to weddings, funerals and birthday parties and are asked if you would like to accompany two other French couples on holiday.

Paula & Vic Davey (A lovely poem about Timmy was included with this letter but due to lack of space, will be included in the January 2012 issue of the Newsletter).

One story of a little stray from North End. Unneutered and unloved, by his previous owners, this poor little stray was left to wander the streets until he found someone with a big enough heart to care. 'Hudson' had been a stray and decided to take residence with one of our supporters in Portsmouth. She had been feeding him every day for 6 weeks and gained his trust enough for him to

be picked up and stroked. But he was in such a terrible state, so she contacted us to help. Cats with white ears are more prone to developing skin cancer, and this was certainly the case with him. Our vet operated on his ears, and gave him antibiotics, to relieve the pain and suffering he was going through.



After a couple of weeks, one of our volunteers took pity on him so she took him home. He is now called **Kiko** and is settling in very well. She said that he is a very gentle cat, follows her everywhere and likes to sit on her lap just purring away! Have a happy life Kiko and now you can start to enjoy your best years free from neglect and pain!



If only people neuter their cats it stops them wandering and getting in such a terrible state, as well as decreasing the unwanted kitten problem we see time and time again. This kitten season alone we have taken in over 200 kittens, and then there is still 3 months intake yet to come! Please promote neutering, we need to spread the word!

CASINO NIGHT - THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2011 at GROSVENOR CASINOS GUNWHARF QUAYS, Portsmouth

How do you fancy having a fantastic night out and help raise funds for The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre?

Evening starts from 7.30pm and includes:

A drink on arrival, 3 course meal (vegetarian option available), Entertainment (TBC) and A free bet.

We will also be holding a raffle.

Tickets £20 per person

call Emma on 07776 204320 or email admin@crrc.co.uk



Excellent value and excellent food! Hurry, only a few tickets remain! We did this last year, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, so do come along.

Home Visitors Urgently Needed - especially in the Portsmouth and Waterlooville areas. Please contact Monique on info@crrc.co.uk or 01243 641409 (after 4pm), if you can help (full training will be given). We have had

some offers of help, but the more the merrier especially with some of home visitors having holidays (what a cheek!!). My thanks go to **Carol Bishop**, who has been home visiting for many years, but is no longer able to.



Christmas Fayre - Sunday 23rd October at The Centre from 11.00am – 3.00pm.

£1 entry or cat & rabbit food. We have masses of beautiful brand new items recently donated so please come along and find a superb bargain or two! Do all your Christmas shopping at The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre, no need to go anywhere else. Food & refreshments are available all day.

Only disabled badge holders are allowed to park at The Centre, and there will be a FREE park and ride at Sidlesham Football Club to and from the Fayre.

Can anyone sponsor/support our Christmas Fayres?

The items we need are for the cafe and raffle hampers: £40.00 for soft drinks , £10.00 for milk, £10.00 for crisps, £13.00 for tea/coffee/sugar, £20 for bread rolls, hot dogs, butter, tomato ketchup, onions, plus any items of food for the 4 Christmas hampers – mulled wine, Christmas cake, nuts, chocolates, pickles, chutneys, jams etc anything Christmassy! We are also in need of full bottles for our Christmas Fayres' bottle stall (Wine, Beer, Shampoo, anything bottled & in date please). If you can donate any of the above please drop it into The Centre or, if you can't visit, we may be able to put you in contact with someone local to you - telephone 01243 641409 or email info@crcc.co.uk for further information.

Please, please, please remember that we always need in date items in bottles (especially wine), for our stalls at our various functions. Also, don't forget, if you can sponsor any of the items for the Christmas Fayres, it will be very much appreciated.

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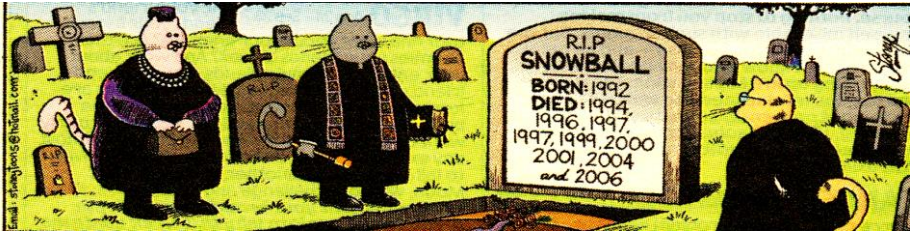
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Open Day Results – over £11,200 raised – our best ever!

Thank you to all **1,902** people who came and supported us, and also all our wonderful volunteers, without you all this tremendous amount would not be possible. An event like this enables us to continue to help our beloved furry friends find that ‘forever’ home.

A massive thank you also to all the following local businesses that supported our Open Day:

Stephanie, who donated her time and talent in face painting - contact info@facepaint4u.co.uk or visit her website www.facepaint4u.co.uk or telephone: 07720 783686

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Well folks, that's it for another year, 2011 has simply slipped by with so much hard work done by so many lovely people so, may we be among the first to wish you and yours

**A Merry Christmas and A Happy New
Year**

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

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