

# VOLUNTEERS' MEWSLETTER 21

## June 2008



Hello Catlovers!

Hope you've been enjoyed the sunshine and the action at Wimbledon. My pussycats have been spending many an evening in the garden or out front chasing moths & midges or each other! This past month has been one of mixed fortunes on the fundraising front with more to come in July. Hope to catch up with you all soon as it has been a while since I saw some of you.

### NEWS FROM HQ

#### Minutes of Trustees' Meeting – June 2008

Note: These are reported verbatim but an edited version will appear on the website.

#### 1. FUND RAISING EVENTS

We again discussed the Autumn show and felt that we would not hold one this year. Unlike previous years however, we will have stalls at any local indoor events during the winter. There may be the possibility of having stalls in local garden centres. This would keep the CLAWS profile high during the normally quieter winter months of October to March.

Beverley is looking at the possibility of selling any donated clothes other than at a jumble sale.

#### 2. ANIMAL WELFARE

Due to the continuing demand, we will be continuing to offer free neutering for pensioners and people of state benefit. We will still be asking for a donation towards our costs of £5 to £10 depending on the owners ability to pay.

#### 3. REHOMING

There are 12 cats in the cattery and 7 with fosterers. At the moment we have only one possible rehoming. June, July and August are difficult months for rehoming due to holidays.

#### 4. FINANCE

Jenny ran through the accounts for the last three months. The end of year accounts are due to be sent to the Accountant at the beginning of September. It was agreed that we would continue to use Barnes Meyer as in previous years.

#### 5. PENS

Beverley has been given a double pen which she will keep in her garden. There was a discussion on the purchase of further pens but due to Beverley's personal circumstances at the moment, it was decided that this would be put on hold.

#### 6. CHRISTMAS CARDS

Beverley is looking into the cost of having CLAWS Christmas cards printed. These could be sold at events we are attending for this rest of this year.

Beverley would like to know if any volunteers or friends are feeding strays, ferals, foxes anything? Whiskas has kindly donated two pallet-loads of food. Unfortunately it's all supermeat and not suitable for the older cats in our care. We're swapping some of it with local CPL branches and DBARC. If anyone can think of any other charity or person who would take some, then please phone Bev. (Sam says: YES PLEASE, BEV, I FEED FOXES!!!)

If you know of any small local indoor venues/events which might be suitable for CLAWS to attend through the winter, from October to March, then please let Bev or Jenny know.

#### New Sponsors

Thanks to Vaughan, CLAWS has some new sponsors. For those with internet access, check out our website, which reads as follows:

*A special welcome awaits CLAWS supporters at Barton Reynolds when the treasured old charabanc needs a spot of servicing, repairing or an annual MOT certificate.*

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#### **FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

Cox Green Jumble sale in the first week of June netted just over £200 – not at all bad for a morning's hard graft! Thanks to all who helped out and supported CLAWS on the day.

The Waltham St Lawrence fete last weekend was attended by a couple of hardy volunteers who managed to raise a valuable £134 for the coffers.

The lovely Anne Roberts turned out with a stall at Beaconsfield market last week, and was due to do so again the following week. She pulled in £95 with her

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first effort. Well done Anne and good luck for the next market.

Unfortunately due to bad weather, CLAWS withdrew from both the Cookham Fete and the Denham event.

### REHOMING NEWS

CLAWS had rehomed its third 20yr old cat.

Ratty, a dear little 20yr old ginger & white cat was vaccinated, microchipped, rabied with a view to going to Cyprus with owner one Monday morning. Saturday morning he gave Ratty up to the CPL instead. Unfortunately CPL was unable to keep him, so Ratty was taken to Knowl Hill with a view to being PTS on the Monday. Theresa was against the plan and rang Bev so Ratty could go home with her. On the Sunday a lady came to the cattery and fell in love with Ratty and agreed to take him home. What a lovely ending to the story.

Our lovely boy Commadore has finally gone. Bev and her mum did a homecheck for him in Uxbridge. A house in a beautiful leafy lane full of huge houses and acre size gardens. Our boy will be living in a large house with a beautiful garden full of trees, that are full of squirrels - his most favouritist sport!!! The couple who took him also fell in love with Daisy and Treacle. When Commodore has settled down a bit, if they are still in the cattery, D&T may go home with the same couple. This is great news as Treacle and Commodore loved to play together.

Bagpuss was due to leave us on 1st June when his owners returned from their holidays.

### LIFE AFTER CLAWS

Beverley took 15yr old Jessie in to stay earlier this year for a short while on behalf of a family who were preparing to relocate to Singapore. Bev received a lovely note from them following the move:

*"We have now settled in Singapore and wanted to let you all know how she is. She arrived safely and did not seem to have been put out by the flight. The first two days and nights she cried. She did not know what had happened but she soon settled and found strange places to hide (tv cabinet, under beds and in cupboards). It became a game to hunt the cat but it was not that hard as (for the first two weeks) we had black fur all over the apartment as she was losing her winter coat.*

*Now after 3 months she has taken to her new apartment and temperature. It is a very different life as she has now become an indoor cat, but we are spending a lot of time with her which has been nice for us as she is still playful. She is still like a kitten to us even though she is 15 years old.*

*Every day I look at her and still can't believe she has travelled half way round the world to be with us. Having her is the best thing we have done as it has made our apartment a home and when we come home she is always there to meet us. I would like to thank you and Teresa at the cattery for what you did and for your help to get Jessie to Singapore.*

*best wishes, the Watson family*



### FUTURE EVENTS

Jul 12th	Lower Earley	Show	Helpers Welcomed
Jul 18th	Sainsbury's Taplow	Collection	Helpers Welcomed
Jul 19 & 20th	Great Missenden	Chiltern Show	-
Jul 26th	Maidenhead	Street Collection	9am to 3pm
Aug 9 & 10th	Stubbings	Berkshire Show	-
Sep 7th	Chobham	RSPCA Show	Helpers Welcomed
Sep 13th	Henley	Show	-
Sep 20th	Cookham Dean	Show	-
Sep 20th	Henley	Street Collection	9am to 3pm
Oct 11th	Maidenhead	Street Collection	9am to 3pm
Oct 25th	Maidenhead, Town Hall	Combined Charities Fayre	10.30am to 3.30pm
Nov 1st	Cox Green Centre	Jumble Sale	10am to Noon
Dec 6th	Maidenhead	Street Collection	9am to 3pm

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### Volunteers wanted

Can you please let Beverley know which events you can do for the next month or so. This would save Bev and Jenny having to ring round before every event. Thank you.

Also if you would like to bring a friend to help, then that would be great too!

### **JET'S CORNER**



Hello again from Jet's Joint!!

Here's a foto of my new boyfriend Stripes. Mummy took the pickture on her new phonethingywotsit. He's long and lean and gentle and eats up all the food that we leave behind. My other boyfriend Rocky sometimes has a quiet word in his ear about him coming round all the time, but they seem to get on ok. I'm hoping one of them will take me out on the tiles, and a smart girl doesn't make any one boy feel extra special.




While the evenings have been light, Rocky has been taking me round to the thicket at the front of the house (Mummy says we have a back-to-frunt house wotever that is). It makes Mummy smile to see us sitting on the front path together or exploring the thicket looking for mouses and chasing flying buzzy things. We sometimes have to run and hide when a nosey dog goes past and Mummy doesn't like it when they run riot on her lawn hoovering up the "sooet" she puts out for the burrds. I've tried the "sooet" stuff but it wasn't very nice! When dogs come round, Mummy

sometimes opens the window to let us in but last time she did, stupid Rockhead didn't wait for her to open it all the way and he slid off the glassy stuff!

Some of you may know that Mummy feeds the foxes that come to visit our front lawn. She buys in dogfood specially which annoys Daddy a fair bit! We have been treated to a mummy fox, a young fox from last year and a baby fox which tried digging up the lawn to get at worms! Mummy doesnt like the poo they leave behind cos she might skid on it but a neighbour's dog finds it fascinating.

We have also been visited by several hedgies this year, including a mum and two babies at the same time one evening which were really sweet and which Mummy said she found spellbinding. But I still growled at them!

Byebye for now and be good. If you can't be good, I will want to know all about it! :D

Jet xx 

### **AND FINALLY...**

#### Paws for thought

Further to my review of the Tom Cox book "Under the Paw", the publishers have sent me some complementary copies of the book. I will pass these to Bev, in case any of you are interested in reading one.

#### Pet-sitting services

A friend of Carol Verdaguer is a retired solicitor and wishes to offer pet sitting services. He has been duly "vetted" by Beverley and Carol.

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