

VOLUNTEERS' MEWSLETTER 33

Sept-Oct 2010



Hello Catlovers!

This newsletter is coming to you a little early, because of the Marathon which is taking place on Halloween weekend and for which we are the sponsored charity.

Thanks always to Sue, Jenny and Vaughan for keeping me updated with information for the newsletter.

NEWS FROM HQ

HOMING has been slow this year. So far we have homed 25 cats, the most recent of which are Babe and Shortcake who went to their new home last weekend.



Photo: Shortcake



Photo: Babe

MINUTES OF TRUSTEES MEETING – 29.09.10

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 June 2010 were read and approved.

1. Cattery

Beverley is looking into the possibility of a grant from Mars or Sainsburys' for the purchase of a separate isolation pen in addition to the four pens she already has.

2. Fund Raising

We have had good results from the events that we have attended this year. Ann Maine is also involved in selling items for us on eBay and on our website. We will aim to attend more shows next year and try to recruit more volunteers to help with these. We will also increase our prices in line with other charities/outlets at each event. We will also ensure

that we only attend those events that are in line with our animal welfare beliefs.

3. Expenditure

We will need to purchase a new gazebo for the start of the event calendar next year. We are looking at stronger more expensive ones that will last for many years.

4. Fostering

Beverley will be interviewing a new fosterer in the next few days.

5. Finance

Our finances are a lot healthier now that we no longer have cattery fees and large vet bills. We are now receiving over £250 a month from Standing Orders from supporters. We have applied for just under £1600 in Gift Aid repayment.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 30.11.10.

CAT TAILS

We like to hear how some of our rescued babies are doing.

SUZIE

She is about 14 years old. The owners of this lovely puss are moving abroad and asked CLAWS to find her a new home.

She is very gentle and loving, is good with children and gets on with other cats. She would be a delightful member of any household.

Di did a successful home check last week and the prospective owner is due to meet Suzie very soon.



Photo: Suzie

Update: Suzie went to her new home last weekend!

TILLY

We were asked to take Tilly in by another local cat rescue. We were told that she was fit with no medical issues. It was not until she had been installed at Bear Cottage that Beverley realised she was totally blind.

She is about 12 years old and a very affectionate little girl. We are looking for a very special indoor home for her.

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Photo: Tilly

PEPSEY

We were so sorry to hear that PEPSEY (Maine) had to be put to sleep due to kidney failure. We send ANN and MICHAEL our love.

We have quite a few older cats in at the moment, and Bev is looking after a couple of mums with some kittens which are ready to go. Sounds like she has her hands full!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

30/08 - Littlewick Show - £537.74 (courtesy of Sue Hanson and her family). A truly fabulous amount! Thank you, Sue.

04/09 – Maidenhead street collection: £134.96 (Bev, Maggie, Di, Sue Cottrell and Ann Maine)

05/09 – Chobham Show - £453.49 (again by Sue Hanson and her family).

11/09 – Henley Show - £181 (Bev, Jill and Di)

18/09 – Car boot at Moss End - £117.20 (Bev and Jenny)

25/09 – Sainsburys Taplow - £229.10 (Bev, Barbara and Jenny)

09/10 – Cox Green Jumble Sale - this event was cancelled.

09/10 – Car Boot Sale (Bev & Jenny) - £115

Thank you to all who participated in these events.

HAZEL BUGGEY held another of her table top sales earlier this month and raised £95. Many thanks, Hazel, for another terrific result.

CATHY CUTLER and some of her friends ran a stall at the Pagoda at Woodley on 15 October and raised £85.00. Well done, Cathy - thanks to you and your friends for your hard work.

Both these sums are being donated to the Marathon Fund.

SPONSORSHIP APPEAL UPDATE: ORIGINAL MOUNTAIN MARATHON - 30/31 OCTOBER 2010

MARATHON SPONSORSHIP is going extremely well. On Sunday, 10th October, Peter, one of the runners, made a guest appearance on the Debbie McGee show on Radio Berkshire, talking about the many runs he had done and giving CLAWS some welcome publicity.

Will everyone make an extra special effort in the two weeks remaining to obtain more sponsorship - we are trying to raise enough money to buy another pen so we are able to help more cats.

Please support us not only by sponsoring them yourself, but by getting your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues to sponsor them too.

Please ring the CLAWS help line (01189 341699) for a sponsorship form.

PLEASE HELP US HELP OUR FELINE FRIENDS !

In the meantime, we would like to wish Peter and John the very best of luck in completing this arduous challenge. Thank you for choosing CLAWS as the beneficiary of efforts.

I gather that a cousin of one of our supporters, Ann Curtis, is also doing the Marathon. Good luck to him too!

FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR 2010

Date	2010 EVENTS		
Oct 30 th /31 st	Dartmoor	Marathon	24/7!
Nov 6 th	Maidenhead Town Hall	Mayor's Combined Charities event	TBA
Dec 4 th	Cox Green Community Centre	Christmas Fayre	TBA
Dec 11 th	Maidenhead	Street Collection	9am - 5pm

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JET'S JOURNAL

Apologies for my long catnap between articles. I've had nice long snoozes and lotsa cuddles with MummySam who was off work and lots of playtime with my boyfriend Rockford. Here's a photo of us all cuddling up on the bed when MummySam was having one of her early nights. Doesn't Rockford look handsome, snoozing like that? Makes a change from him trying to eat the decorations in the house! That's my brother Oz on the far left and that's Auntie Looby behind me – she's fierce and doesn't like us all cramping her style on the bed. She often whacks me one when I'm not paying attention.



Hope you're all keeping well and have been enjoying the nice weather we've been having. Our garden is still looking like a big littertray and we all play "I'm the king of the castle" on the big piles of earth. We don't have any shrubs for me to hide under anymore so I can't stalk my brother! Spot, our lojjer keeps coming to stay. He eats all the grub we haven't finished and then curls up on the fleece near the compooter. He's a grumpy old soul and never purrs. He even bites MummySam's hand when she tries to stroke him. I'd never do that. I just smother her in cuddles and fusses, espeshully when she's in the bathroom and can't get away!

Anyway, I hope you're all getting lots of cuddles from your fufriends and families.

Until next time.

The Jetster (that's me at the front of the foto)



Photo: Spot

AND FINALLY...

For anybody who is a member of Facebook, please note that our webmaster, Vaughan, has created a page called "Friends of CLAWS".

Please put the word around and ask your friends to join so we can spread the word about our favourite Maidenhead animal charity!

Thank you.

Take care until next time.

Sam Collington
October 2010

