

# VOLUNTEERS' MEWSLETTER 36

## Mar-Apr 2011



Hello Catlovers!

Hope you're all keeping well and enjoying the clement weather.

My cats have had the pleasure of my company at home all day for 5 months now. It's been interesting seeing just how many hours of the day they sleep.

Jet has become my shadow around the house. She is also an excellent guard cat, growling at anybody who comes near our gate. If the boys are within earshot, they follow her in formation down the garden path, ready to repel any invasion of our privacy! When I opt to sit in the garden to soak up the sun, Jet takes a break as my assistant and heads for her bed upstairs. By the way, this serves as a reminder for anybody with white cats – don't forget the sunscreen on their ears and noses!

Thank you very much to Sue, Jenny and Ann M for providing the information for this newsletter.



### NEWS FROM HQ

As I write, the tally for rehoming of cats in 2011 has increased to 11.

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#### ANOTHER PEN IS BEING ERECTED

As a result of the fantastic amount of money raised (£3,685.00) by the sponsorship of the Mountain Marathon we have been able to purchase another pen.

The base has been laid and the pen was due to be delivered and assembled on 28 April. This means that we shall be able to take in more cats.

Once again a big "THANK YOU" to everyone who made this possible.

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Jenny also reports that a sturdy new gazebo, with the CLAWS name on it, has been purchased for fundraising events. You can see this on the photo for the Lambing weekend at Burchetts Green, which appears further down this newsletter.

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#### OLIVER – EMERGENCY RESCUE

Saturday afternoon, the help line rings. "I was cleaning the kitchen floor with strong bleach and our cat ran in and got some split on him and we think he swallowed some and then he ran away. When he came back he was very poorly and hasn't eaten or drunk since. Part of his back and chest are red raw." We learned afterwards that the accident had happened on Wednesday

Immediate veterinary attention was called for so, having established that the lady had transport, I rang ahead to alert Alma that a patient was on the way.

He was admitted and put on a drip and given pain killers. The burns were extensive and needed to be treated under general anaesthetic but it wasn't safe to do so as he was so weak.

By the next day he had recovered sufficiently to be operated on so that the area affected could be cleaned up and burnt skin, ingrained hair and puss removed. He came through the op well and almost immediately started to eat solid food for the first time in many days – up until then the nurses had been syringing liquid food down his throat as the front of his mouth was raw. (Fortunately the back of his mouth and his throat had not been damaged).

He was soon on the road to recovery. He had cream smoothed into the burnt area twice a day and continued to be given pain killers. Within 10 days he was fit to be discharged and it was agreed that he should be taken in by CLAWS who would look after until he was fully fit and continue to take him to Alma for regular check-ups.

He is staying with Ann. He has put on weight and is enjoying life. The burnt area has continued to shrink and now is hardly visible. He has been neutered and vaccinated and will soon be looking for a new home.

We hope to have a photo of Oliver for the next newsletter. In the meantime, if you know of anyone who would like to adopt this 9 month old black and white lad please ring the CLAWS Helpline on 01189 341699.



### WELCOME TO THE NEWEST CLAWS VOLUNTEER

Congratulations to Tasha and Thomas on the birth of their daughter, Isabella. She was born on 8 April and weighed in at 7.3 lbs. Mum and baby are doing well.

Here she is in the arms of her proud great grandmother, Frances.



Photo: Isabella

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### CAT TAILS

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

#### TOBY

We've had an update on Toby, who was rehomed a short while ago with Evelyn Zivkovic and her husband. Toby is about 6 months now and is very handsome. He plays with the cat next door all the time - who is also black. They apparently look like father and son!



Photo: Toby

#### GEORGE

You may recall our mention of George in the last newsletter. He went to live with our friends at Catwork in Somerset.

Barbara has told Sue that George has settled in well. He has worked out that if he sits on the top of his pen he can soak up the morning sun. He has also learned to use the cat flap and is beginning to explore.

He recognises Barbara's and Bob's voices and is at the gate waiting to greet them with a happy chirrup and a demand for his food (he is apparently a good trencherman!).

Barbara says "He is a joy - we love him to bits".

What a heart-warming tale this is.



Photo: George

#### LUCY

We send our love and sympathy to Maggie (Ranson) on the sad loss of Lucy. She was nearly 20 years old

and had been Maggie's beloved companion for about 5 years.

#### TILLY

The good news is that Maggie has another feline friend - dear Tilly, the blind cat featured in the last newsletter.

Maggie says that she has settled in well and is finding her way round her new home with growing confidence. She can jump up on the bed, but is a bit nervous about jumping down so some steps have been provided!



Photo: Tilly

#### COUGA

Please also join me in sending hugs to Alesa and Andrei who recently lost their treasured bengal Couga who reached his teens before succumbing to illness.



### FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Thought you'd be interested to know the total raised in 2010 was £8179.33.

We've kicked off 2011 as follows:

26/03 – Cox Green Jumble Sale - £196.85  
26/03 – Sheeplands Hare Hatch stall - £74.20  
02-03/04 – BCA Lambing weekend - £450.30  
(Sat £221.70/Sun £228.60) An increase of £50 on last year) Thanks to Jill, Diane and Liz.  
15-16/04 – Tesco Dedworth collection - £385.13  
23/04 - Maidenhead street collection - £163.15

Meanwhile, Jenny has asked me to pass on her thanks to everyone who has helped so far this year.

**NB: Please note the new fund-raising event for this coming weekend, stop-press details of which are below.**

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Jenny also asks if you could also please contact Beverley to let her know which of the future events you will be able to help out at (it saves Bev having to ring everyone each time CLAWS need people to help). Thank you.



Photo: Di Miller manning the stall at Lambing Weekend

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### LOCAL GARDEN TO OPEN FOR CLAWS 7<sup>th</sup> MAY 2011

Volunteer Ann Maine has organised the following:

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 2 - 5pm, Fairing garden in Coronation Road, Littlewick Green SL6 3RA will be open to visitors for CLAWS funds. There is wheelchair access. Please see the attachment for details and for email recipients of this newsletter, the link for the location map is also attached to my email.

Fairing is a 1.5 acre garden for wildlife, with natural areas as well as cultivated borders. There is a small orchard, also herb and vegetable gardens, and numerous ponds. Some roses and clematis will be out (very early!) and lots more plus free lemonade and biscuits!!

Thank you for the update, Ann.



### FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR 2011

Date	2011 EVENTS		
May 7	Fairing	Garden Open Afternoon	2pm - 5pm
May 22	Ray Mill Island Maidenhead	Duck Derby	10am - 5pm
May 28	Sheeplands Hare Hatch	Stall	9am - 4pm
Jul 9	Marlow	Street Collection	9am - 3pm
Jul 16	Maidenhead	Street Collection	9am - 4pm
Jul 23	Sheeplands Hare Hatch	Stall	9am - 4pm
Aug 6	Sainsbury's Taplow	Collection	9am - 5pm
Sep 3	Maidenhead	Street Collection	9am - 4pm
Sep 24	Sheeplands Hare Hatch	Stall	9am - 4pm
Oct 22	Cox Green Community Centre	Jumble Sale	9am - 4pm
Nov 5	Maidenhead Town Hall	Combined Charities	10.30am - 3.30pm
Nov 26	Sheeplands Hare Hatch	Stall	9am - 4pm



### SPANISH SURPRISE

One of our supporters rang.

"I've got lots of pre-Euro Spanish pesetas - would you like them?"

"Umm - not sure they are "convertible" to Sterling. Let me make enquiries and I'll come back to you".

When Spain, along with 11 other European countries, converted to the Euro in January 2002, holders of pesetas had 2 months to swap their cash for the new currency. After that, it ceased to be legal tender.

However, some countries pledged to carry on accepting their old money indefinitely and, fortunately for CLAWS, Spain was one of them!

The snag was that the exchange could only be made through Spain's national bank and its branches.

So off went a letter and completed application form to the Banco de España in Madrid and a few weeks later the CLAWS bank account was credited with £187.00 !

Thank you, Delia.

¡Y gracias tambien al Banco de España de Madrid por su ayuda!



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Photo: me and Rocky hinting we want some food!

### OZZIE'S OBSERVATIONS

Hello there purrpeople!

How d'ya like my profile pikchurr? Aren't I gorjus?

As you can see, I am pikchurred at my desk, with my human assistant at paw's length, ready to repurr on goings on at no.15.

We're part of the nayburrhood watch, dontcha know. Rockhead takes point on the shed roof to survey our territurry. My ninja sister Jet lies in wait by the garden gate, ready to tackle any cheeky purrson or pussycat who walks near our garden fence. Becos I'm a cool king of the castle, I take up position on the bedroom windowsill watching my pussycat posse watch everrybody else! I might look relaxed, but I'm alert and know what's going on in my kingdom.

We've got lots of interesting new playthings indoors. MummySam calls them packing boxes. She keeps chasing us out of the boxes she is filling with crinkly newspapurr and objekts from around the house. She lets us play hide & seek and chase-me-charlie with the empty boxes. Rockford keeps testing them to see how quickly he can fall in through the lid. He also tried wearing a boxthingy, which was very funny cos it's scared my sister half to death and she swore at Rockford when she found out the box didn't move by itself and it was him playing sillypuss!

I have hurrd that we are moving to a place called Devon. I wonder what my new kingdom will look like and how long it will be before we can go outside and investigate. My sister keeps muttering about it becos she's anxious. I don't think Rockford actually understands yet what is happening soon.

Anyway, I must loveyou and leaveyou becos my assistant needs to send this newsletturr off.

So byebye for now.

Oswald Archibald



Photo: Jet pretending to be a ninja

### AND FINALLY...

A lady rang Bev whilst she was out. She left a message asking Bev to ring her back.

When Bev did just that, a recorded message told her that "This number does not take incoming calls"!!!

You can't win 'em all lol.

Take care until next time.

Sam Collington  
April 2011



**GARDEN OPEN  
FOR  
CLAWS**  
(Cat Lovers Animal Welfare Society)

**Saturday 7 May  
2pm to 5pm**

**FAIRING  
CORONATION ROAD  
LITTLEWICK GREEN  
MAIDENHEAD  
SL6 3RA**

£3.00 entry

Wheelchair access

Please park in Jubilee Road where indicated

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