



Five years ago, Jane and Michael Tully began a cattery devoted to finding homes for homeless and discarded cats from the Brighton area. Very soon the cattery had swallowed up a large proportion of their house and most of their time.

In five years the total number of cats re-homed through Semley Road has now exceeded 1000 in an ordinary 3-bedroomed terraced house! Fiveways Cat Shelter is supported by the local Cat Welfare (Sussex) voluntary group without whose help it would not continue.

Money is always needed to help maintain and keep such a valuable source of sanctuary for the unfortunate strays and badly treated animals that find their way here. Also the animals that find themselves in a situation where owners are unable to maintain the care and attention a cat needs for a happy and full life.

Money is raised in a number of ways. A donation of at least £25:00 is asked from new owners. This covers the cost of the Flu vaccination and part of the Neutering cost incurred by some cats. Jane and Michael insist that all cats put up for adoption are Neutered to help in the future control of un-wanted animals.

Money raised from events such as Coffee mornings and bric-a-brac sales help in the purchase of Cat litter, food and blankets. Food bins in local supermarkets help keep the feeding cost down.

Accommodation and Hygiene.

The shelter is regularly checked by the vet to ensure everything is being done to minimise infection. Any outbreak of infection is dealt with rapidly utilising an isolation unit situated in the garden. All cats are given a Flu vaccination on arrival Vet checked, wormed and de-fleaed. Accommodation is cleaned twice daily and litter trays are inspected regularly. The cats receive four meals. Two meat and two biscuit. Some cats have special diets to help with health or dietary problems.

Michael discovers Computers!



In July, this year Michael upgraded his sadly under powered computer for a state of the art 500mhz machine which has pulled him into the 21 century by the hair! Now, he is the proud owner of a scanner and a photo real printer. He is now E:mailing, faxing and writing letters and exploring the internet including shopping! In amongst the kittens and Mum that habit his room Michael is often tapping away late into the night.

He is now on a course to learn how to use his wordprocessor to enhance his letters, E:mails and faxes.

Unbelievable and shameful Cruelty



In one of the most terrible and saddest examples of animal cruelty seen at the cat shelter a cat who had had an infection in its neck, probably caused by an over tight collar had become infested with maggots to such an extent the right hand side of his neck had almost completely been eaten away. Sadly there was no way of saving the animal and he was put down as soon as possible to minimise the suffering the cat was obviously in.