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This year I wont ask where all the time goes because it just does and its time to write to all the lovely people who support us by giving our cats a home, boarding with us (gives us the income to fund the rescue work), raising money and donating goods for our Annette and Barry to sell at their various sales.



We re-homed 190 cats this year, down again on last year but homes are few and far between and since the huge Cat Protection centre opened in East Sussex as well as their local group, but there still seems to be the same number of cats looking for those few places.

We have been very lucky this year end with the re-homing of two cats Tamba and Smokey who had both been here over 18 months and thanks to the kind owners who asked to see the cats who had been here the longest, as you may have read before often the oldies become the "left overs" who live in the house until their time comes to cross the "rainbow bridge".



This year has been strange in that we had no cases of FIV in the entire Toms this year and no kittens born on the premises (stop press 2 ginger and 2 grey born 11th Dec). There were lots of unwanted kittens brought in including one from an old chap struggling to look after his wife who had Alzheimer's whose family

presented them with a 6 week old kitten, what were they thinking of!

The catch of the year was Heidi the tabby, who escaped from us whilst nursing a litter in summer 2004, surfaced in a garage in First Avenue Hove with a litter, escaped

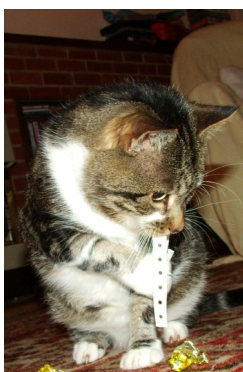


again when garage owner let her out whilst I was fetching a trap, and was finally caught with 5 lovely angry kittens in a coal cellar in Church Road Hove, we all breathe a sigh of relief, no more kittens for you my girl. If there is anyone who wants a mouser

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Whilst Watching the award of the Turner prize to ShedBoatShed Barry Hughes and I should have a prize for BigSmellyShedToSmallerShed. When faced with a £900 cost for a shed to put in Barry s garden to store sale goods he advertised; "shed wanted" and received a reply from a retired rabbit breeder in Waterloo. Suffice to say it's a day we will never forget, the dead rats being the least offensive part of the job. To see it now cleaned up, painted and cut down to size it's a tribute to Barry's acumen.



Dave investigates a plastic name tag

Blind Skippy who died last year has been replaced by blind, deaf Dave (aka the Tank) who is the least energetic cat I have ever met. He sleeps for 23½ hours each day with a 20 minute break to walk round the garden at 1 mph and a 5 minute bundle with Jamie who he hates with glee.

We had a cat from a man who sold his house, he didn't tell the purchasers that his mothers old cat was living in an outhouse. The family in Lewes used to kick the pregnant females round the garden and the little male cats' nose and ears bled from sunburn. Vinny, whose owner gave him up as her neighbour shot at him. Tore and Owen who came in weighing 8and 9 kilos respectively, the kittens from Southwick so anaemic from fleas that they were lucky to survive. Wibbly Wobbly with brain damage but lovely. Scoomer the stray, whose blood pressure was off the scale. Crazy Colin with attitude, campylerbacter and boys bits. They all came here, were loved by the



Wibbly Wobbly lives up to her name and is a favourite with the staff and visitors. She loves tickles—and food

volunteers and most found homes.

My volunteers are the hardest working crew I have ever met always cheerful in spite of freezing cold, lashing rain, flea bites, cat scratches, poo up your arms,

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wee on your clothes and on top of that most of them have taken at least one cat home to live with them, some have two or more, Bless You All!

Thanks again to Cat Welfare for their financial support, New Priory, Top Cat, Keren O'Mahoney, Karen Taylerson and everyone who has helped us over the years.

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