

CAT SHELTER

Newsletter 2010

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We suffered the sad loss of Pharaoh, Jessica and Bailey, two of our homeless geriatrics as well as Squeaker, one of our



own cats we had as a kitten, all three were over 20 years of age and a sad loss. This does give us room to give other older cats to live out their lives with us in the house

and we welcomed Freddy, who looked as bedraggled as they come but has improved somewhat and loves all the laps that come and visit him during the day.

Unfortunately, our finances continue to get a battering from all angles. Donations have gone down, less people have holidayed, we have ever rising food and heating costs and our vets bills continue to dominate our expenditure. Because we take in the older cats and ones with problems, we often get bills for dental work and other extraneous problems which can get very expensive. As a result, we are almost out of reserve funds and the cattery is existing hand to mouth. Of course, this is a reflection of the wider economic picture but please don't forget that our work is on-going.



Extra to the normal ruin of peculiar characters that adorn our cattery was this lovebird, who joined us for a few weeks along with his two companions Joey and Tibby. He chirped his way through the day getting lots of amiable looks from the cats, who were kept WELL

away!

This year Jane and Michael have had extra strain with illness within the family, with the huge support they get from the volunteers who tirelessly turn out to clean and feed and the fund-raisers who perform miracles with Bric a Brac and rattle-tins, "We can't thank them enough."

We ever have volunteers that do both, clean and feed and tend a stall in Coldean once in a

while.

We home many cats during the year, around 250 / year but a couple do grab the zeitgeist of the cattery and one of these are the recently released feral group of 3 onto a farm and Sylvester, the badly treated cat.

We will not put to sleep any animal in our care unless it is absolutely necessary. We have taken in a number of feral cats and some with FIV, homing ferals can be difficult as finding people willing to take them on is difficult. We

had a call from a local farm wanting some ferals and we had just the candidates. Bandit et al were put in large cages for a couple of weeks to acclimatise them to the farm and today (12th Nov) were release. It is wonderful



to think they will enjoy so much space and fresh air at last, it is the satisfaction of knowing that the work put into their welfare has finally paid off and we send them big love in their new life.



Sylvester has been rehomed. Those of you who have been watching his progress on the newsletters will remember that he was beaten and remained untrusting at

the cattery. One problem he had was he couldn't stand the other cats and didn't enjoy his stay with us much, however it was better than where he was, but perseverance prevailed. A suitable home was found and the transformation was unbelievable. He just went gooey the minute he was let out of the basket and has been a happy chap ever since.



Missy is our next behaviourally challenged cat. Given to hissy fits and swipes, Missy has gained the hearts of many of the volun-

teers, she desperately wants to be friendly and

loving but she just can't help hissing. We are sure that, given the right home, she will make someone a lovely companion, in the same way that Sylvester has. She has been with us for 18 months.



Cattery on the Cloud



As things progress on the internet, we have managed to get a few videos on you tube and have a group on Facebook! It isn't particularly monitored but it would be great for people to swap stories and show off their cats to all and sundry, a few have already done so. We will place a link on the website to some of the videos on you tube.



We have had a rabbit that we are trying to find a home for, neutered, good temperament and in our way!! Anyone know of anyone, please get in touch.



This year there has been no let up in the amount of kittens we have had to take in. we estimate,

the amount of cats we neuter, at considerable cost that we prevent about 1200 kittens from being born year on year. In fact, we have been so busy neutering that our vets had to open for special days to overcome a back-log of cats waiting to be done. The potential for



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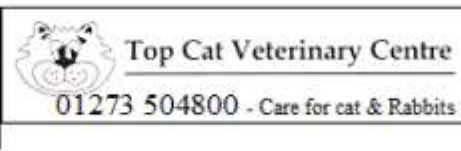
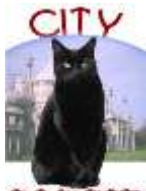
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unwanted cats without this work would just be unimaginable. We still had over 70 kittens

come to us this year and we still have a number left (25 at the time of writing this.) If you know anyone interested, get them to call.



Rather surprisingly we have still been unable to find a suitable home for our two resident silly cats Harry and Henry.

They have delicate tummies and need special diets and a bit of understanding but they really are a couple of lovely cats. Harry, especially, loves lots of cuddles and attention

e often get cats from Social Services if someone has gone into a home or hospital long-term. Sometimes we look after the cats and they can go back home, sometimes they don't and end up staying. Mr. Tyler held an auction, on our behalf with items from vacated flats and houses to help pay for the vets bills and

ered that she doesn't have complete use of her back legs. At the moment we don't fully know why, however, internally, she is performing ok and uses the litter tray but we will be looking for a special place for her to live after she has taken care of her very hungry babies.

Only this month we got an astonishing call from someone who had been looking after a cat that was dropped into boiling water. This happened 4 years ago and the cat is seemingly healthy—expand



[name] came to us, completely blind, we were very grateful to find her a loving home>>>>????

Did this happen?



This poor little fella had so many knots we had to completely shave him. The pile of hair was bigger than he ended up! A small cat underneath. We were pleased that he was calm enough to let us do it rather than have him put under.

We also rescued two hedgehogs this year, both have now been released, one found on a suicide mission in the middle of a main road and the other injured. We were hoping that one of them would stay and use the hedgehog house made up for him but he had better ideas and migrated. We do get to see 3 badgers and a family of foxes who share the spare grub with some of the house cats who prefer the mouldy remnants to fresh food!



A lovely Mum, Malibu, with her kittens came to us recently, it was discov-



You can't help feeling sorry for this little girl. Diagnoses with skin cancer on the ears, Molly had to have her ears removed and whilst the wounds heal looks rather sorry for herself. Again, Molly is looking for a homne



Just leaves us to wish all our supporters a fun and Happy Christmas as possible and good luck for the New Year.

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