



CITY CAT SHELTER
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As the year-end creeps closer and we need a newsletter, I realise that we are now nearly at the end of our 8th year and we only expected to do 10 years. Don't worry, we are working on a plan to carry on when I have reached my 60th and have a year off.

Since the move in September 2002 a lot of work has been accomplished by the Cat Shelter Volunteers (24 of them going to Xmas lunch shortly) .We now have four fully functioning units for the homeless and one for the paying guests, who pay the bills for the shelter. Cat Welfare, as you know pay the healthcare bills at the New Priory vets, to whom we are very grateful. But we need to find another £200 each week to pay for food, cleaning materials, electric, cat litter, phone and transport.

The good news is that we re homed over 280 cats and kittens, microchipped over 600 cats including our re homes and lost count of the neutering, some paid for, thank you, by Cat Welfare and some from our own resources. We were fortunate, this year, to Ally giving us a lot of her time, because without her and all the other volunteers we would have been have been in trouble. The bad news is that Jane will not be able to spend much time at the shelter next year as she will need to devote more time to Mum and Dad who are not now in the best of health.

One of the high spots (literally) was my climbing over the roof of the Office centre in Ditchling Road to rescue a litter of kittens whose mother had gone off, we later found the mum and re united the family. The saddest part of the year has been this Autumn when so many cats have been brought to us too late to save and in spite of the best efforts of ourselves and the vets they sadly have had to be PTS usually after 3or 4 days.

Many thanks to Annette and Barry who have worked very hard at boot sales to raise money and their daughter Charlotte who ran the Amsterdam Marathon to raise money for us. We could not continue without our dedicated band of volunteers so thank you, Emma, JaneW, Tony, Louise, Teresa, JaneK, Carl, Maria, Lisa, Claire, Judith, Jan, Rose, Ann, Jamie, Mel, Andy and Keiran.

We will need next year to find enough money to pay a part time worker to replace Jane and if we cant then we will have to cut back on the work so that those left can cope.

If you would like to become a friend of City Cat Shelter and donate a regular amount I will send you a Standing Order form. If you would like to make a donation please use the slip at the bottom.

A Merry Christmas from all (inc. the cats) at the Cat Shelter.

I would like to become a friend of the Cat Shelter, please send a standing order

I would like to become a friend of the Cat Shelter and enclose_____

Please send completed form to 14 Ingham Drive. Receipt Wanted yes / no