

# Tales from the Riverside

Newsletter June 2017

Downham Market Adoption Centre



Registered Charity No 203644 (England & Wales)

## Welcome to the Newsletter of Cats Protection Downham Market Adoption Centre

Last month we hosted an animal themed event at Watlington. The sun was shining and people turned out to support this and help make it a success, raising £760 for the cats at the Centre.



A big thank you to all those who came to this event and to the staff and volunteers who gave up their time to help out and enable us to have more stalls of our own, including selling new stock, bouncy castle, raffle, refreshments, lucky dips and games stalls.



Our Charity shop at Tottenhill also held their first event, a Pawsome Tea Party where they served tea and cake, held a raffle and had a tombola and this raised £176. So thank you to all those who baked for us and helped out on the day as well as those who visited the shop and supported this event.

## Microchipping

June is National Microchipping Month, so we thought it a good time to remind you all to check that your details are up to date on the microchip database.

If you've recently moved or changed your contact number, it is vital that you update your details, to help ensure that if your beloved pet goes missing and is found then you can easily be reunited.

Currently when a cat comes into our care, we look for some sort of identification, including scanning for a chip. In a lot of cases there is no microchip so we have to trawl lost and found registers and advertise the cat as missing. It's a very time consuming process with no guarantee that we will ever locate the owner, despite our best efforts. And yet all of these problems could be solved by a tiny chip that is no bigger than a grain of rice.

An advertisement for microchipping. It features three kittens sitting on a brick ledge. Above them are three location pins. The first pin is labeled 'Charlie' with the address '42 Church Road'. The second pin is labeled 'Ollie' with the address '111 Crown St'. The third pin is a question mark. Below the kittens, the text reads: 'Make it easier to find your pet... get a microchip fitted. Check your details are up to date at [anibase.com](http://anibase.com)'. At the bottom, there are logos for 'CATS PROTECTION', 'idENTiCHIP scan, locate, reunite', and '100% more to spend on microchipping funds'.

## Rocket

Rocket came into the Downham Market Adoption Centre with an incredibly painful eye infection. Due to the severity of the infection it was not possible to save the eye and therefore it had to be removed. Despite the high costs associated with the operation Cats Protection never put a healthy cat down and despite his painful eye Rocket is a healthy young man.



The surgery was a success and Rocket will now spend his time recovering in our care, being showered with love and attention by the dedicated staff and volunteers until he finds his forever home.

Rocket is one of the lucky ones as he is now in the care of Cats Protection. There are many more cats and kittens out there that need help. Cats Protection rely solely on the generosity of the public to continue their vital work so please dig deep and spare anything you can to help recover the costs of Rocket's surgeries and help his other feline friends in need.

We have set up a JustGiving page for Rocket which can be found here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Cats-Protection-Downham-Market-AC4>

*Hi*

*Thank you to everyone who has donated to my recovery page, I really do appreciate it. It feels very strange only having one eye and walking around with the cone of shame on my head but everyone at Cats Protection is really lovely, I like them!*

*It will take some time for me to feel better but your kind words and kind donations really help. I can see (with my one eye) that every penny is put to good use here at Cats Protection so please dig deep and help me and my feline friends on our roads to recovery and forever homes.*

*Love  
Rocket*



## Open Day

# Family Open Day

## Sat 5th Aug



### 11am - 3pm

We are once again in the planning stages of our annual Open Day which is coming up in a couple of months, here at the Adoption Centre. We have lots planned for this event with our usual craft and charity stalls, bouncy castle, games and refreshments, but this year we are also hosting Feline Behaviour Workshops where you can ask an expert questions about your cats behaviour. So get it in your diaries now as it is always a great event and if you would like a stall of your own please contact the Centre.

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Time	Description
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> June	10 - 3	Marham Fun Day, Coronation Field, Marham
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> June	10:30	Watlington Grand Village Fete
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> July	11 - 3	Nelson Academy Summer Fair, Nursery Road, Downham
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> July	9 - 5	Rehoming Day Tottenham Supawstore A10 Retail Park
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> July	11 - 4	Narborough Village Fair, Community Centre Narborough
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	11 - 3	Cats Protection Open Day, Adoption Centre, Stowbridge

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The Centre is open 6 days a week,  
closed Tuesday's.

