

Tales from the Riverside

Newsletter August 2017

Downham Market Adoption Centre



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Welcome to the Newsletter of Cats Protection Downham Market Adoption Centre

At the start of this month we have had our annual Open Day, which as always was a well-supported event, despite the unpredictable weather!



We had craft stalls, games, charity stalls, birds of prey static display, tombola and raffle. Refreshments were available and there was a bouncy castle which kept the children entertained. Visitors were also able to look round the Adoption Centre at all the lovely cats in need of their forever home, with some putting on more of a show to their adoring public than others!



As usual our staff and volunteers did not let us down and many helped prepare for this event and also helped on the day, so a big thank you goes to all of them, and of course to our many supporters who came to this event and helped make it a success. A special thank you also goes to Hart Farms for their generous donation of burgers and sausages for the BBQ.



This type of event is so important, not only in helping to raise vital funds for the cats, but also to remind people that we are here in the local community and can answer any questions people may have. We also received many donations on the day of cat food, biscuits and cat litter, which will all come in very useful, thank you. This type of event also helps boost rehoming at the Centre with some enquiries received on the day and hopefully many people will come back to enquire about a cat they saw on the day too.



A lot of time and effort goes into planning an event like this, but we hope to host another again next year so please keep an eye on the dairy dates!

Recycling

We recycle many items here at the Adoption Centre, which helps us raise funds without asking people for monetary donations and of course it helps the planet too.

One of the main companies we recycle through, Terracycle, is currently holding a contest in which we will receive double the usual amount of money for each item of home cleaning product packaging we send in to them before the end of the month. Each item will then be worth 4p, which although doesn't sound a lot on its own, this scheme has so far raised just under £50 for us and the more people who save items for us, the more we will raise.

Here is the programme accepted waste:



- plastic bottle caps and plastic trigger heads (used for air care and home cleaning products such as kitchen /bathroom cleaner sprays)
- flexible wipe packaging (used for home cleaning products)
- pumps and caps for home cleaning products
- plastic air freshener packaging (please remove any cardboard and recycle these with your household collections)
- plastic air fresheners and air freshener cartridges

If you could please help us by saving these items and then bagging them together for us and then they can be donated into one of our donation stations which are in several shops across West Norfolk, or brought into the Adoption Centre or to our charity shop at Tottenhill.

Other items that we also recycle to raise funds include:

- empty biscuit wrappers
- empty baby food pouches with lids
- any Ellas Kitchen baby food packaging

Cat of the Month – Channelle



A rather exotic name for a well-travelled cat. Having lived in France for a few years, she has decided to take it easy and look for a semi-retirement home in the British countryside! She is an affectionate girl who likes a lot of fuss, and for the privileged few will love a good tummy rub too. This cuddly girl would make a wonderful lap cat, as she

loves to make the most of a chance to cuddle up with her owner. If you'd like to meet Channelle, or would like some more information about her, or any other cat in our care, then please get in touch.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Time	Description
Sat 5 th Aug	11 - 3	Cats Protection Open Day, Adoption Centre, Stowbridge
Sat 19 th Aug	2 - 5	Stowbridge Summer Fete
Sun 20 th Aug	10 - 5	West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Craft and Country Fair, PE33 OEP
Sat 2 nd Sept		Wellbeing and Craft Fair, Emneth Village Hall
Sun 10 th Sept	11 - 4	Family Fun Day, Dersingham
Sun 19 th Nov	10 - 2	Christmas Craft Fair, Town Hall, Downham Market

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