

Tales from the Riverside

Newsletter December 2017

Downham Market Adoption Centre



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Welcome to the Newsletter of Cats Protection Downham Market Adoption Centre

Last month we reported about our appeal to raise £1,000 for vital pieces of equipment we wish to purchase to benefit the cats in our care and to try and save on so many costly and stressful vet visits.

There are countless cats that would have benefitted from this type of equipment on site in the past and will in the future, but we are still a long way away from meeting our target.

So if you are able to spare any cash for our kitties then please visit our JustGiving page:
www.justgiving.com/Cats-Protection-Downham-Market-AC5

Any funds raised over and above our target will go towards helping other cats and kittens in our care.

Anti-Freeze Poisoning

It's getting rather chilly outside and people may start putting antifreeze into their cars. Unfortunately every year cats suffer from antifreeze poisoning, which is usually fatal.

Many animals find antifreeze sweet tasting, and even the smallest amount can lead to kidney failure.

So please keep antifreeze in clearly labelled, sealed containers and away from pets. If you do accidentally spill any, clear it up immediately and make sure pets cannot access the area until it is clean and safe. And always ensure you dispose of any unwanted antifreeze safely and responsibly.

If you think your cat may have been poisoned, seek veterinary treatment immediately.

Christmas Hamper

Our lovely supporters have made us another rather fabulous Festive Hamper for us to raffle off and raise money for the Centre.



Tickets are £1 each and can be bought from the Centre, in person or over the phone. The winning ticket will be drawn on Wednesday 20th December. Good Luck.

Christmas Shopping

If you are still looking for that ideal gift for someone, Christmas decorations, or a new Christmas outfit, then why not pop along to our charity shop at Tottenhill where they stock new and used items, which may save you some money whilst helping the cats at the same time.

Important Christmas Adoption News

Do you think that an adorable kitten will make the perfect Christmas present?

Before you put a ribbon around kitties neck, consider this: many pets given as gifts end up abandoned or in shelters because the owners are unable or unwilling to care for them. Even if the recipient has been considering adoption a pet, they should be the one making the decision about their new fluffy bundle of joy. Unlike an ornament or toy, which can easily be returned come January, a cat is a living creature that requires a long-term commitment.

Please be a responsible person. A cat or kitten is a living creature, not a present. Many presents are discarded after Christmas, please don't let a cat be one of these.

Christmas is also a very busy and noisy time of year, which is not the type of environment you would want to welcome a pet into as it would result in the pet becoming stress and scared.

We will be open 11am - 3pm throughout the Christmas period, closed every Thursday and closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day.

Due to the above reasons, although the Centre will remain open for the viewing and reserving of cats (as per the opening times above), we will cease the adoption/collection of cats on Sunday 17th December, so any reserved cat not collected by this date will remain at the Centre until the New Year.

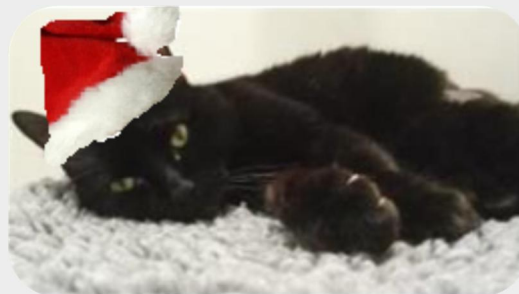
Adoption/collection will recommence on Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

Knit One, 'Purr' One

Crafty cat lovers are being asked to help unwanted cats this Christmas by making cosy blankets and fun mouse toys as part of Cats Protection's knitting bee.

We're appealing for knitters to create handmade gifts for the cats and kittens which will be in our Centre's care over the festive season. Knitting a cat toy or blanket is a great way for craft fans to flex their creative muscles whilst making life better for the cats in our care.

Happy knitting and we can't wait to see your creations!



Merry Christmas from Adele and her friends and staff at Cats Protection

Christmas Craft Fair

Last month saw our annual Christmas Craft Fair, which was held at Downham Market Town Hall. This is one of the larger events we hold each year and raised just over £670 for the cats. So a big thank you to those who organised and helped at this event.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Time	Description
Sat 2 nd Dec	1 - 4	Christmas Craft Fayre West Lynn School St Peters Road, W. Lynn
Sat 2 nd Dec	11 - 4	Christmas Fayre, RAF Marham
Sun 3 rd Dec	1 - 5	Downham Market Christmas Lights Switch On
Sat 9 th Dec	10 - 4	Stowbridge Christmas Craft Fair, Village Hall Stowbridge
Sat 9 th Dec	11 - 2	Clenchwarton PreSchool Christmas Fair, Memorial Hall
Sat 10 th Mar	2:30 - 5:30	Pre Mother's Day Pamper Afternoon Watlington Village Hall

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