

Tales from the Riverside

Newsletter September 2017

Downham Market Adoption Centre



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Welcome to the Newsletter of Cats Protection Downham Market Adoption Centre

Last month we found out that our colleagues over at Peterborough Cats Protection had their lock up broken into and had ALL their cat food stolen.

They had cats in care and were running out of food to give them.

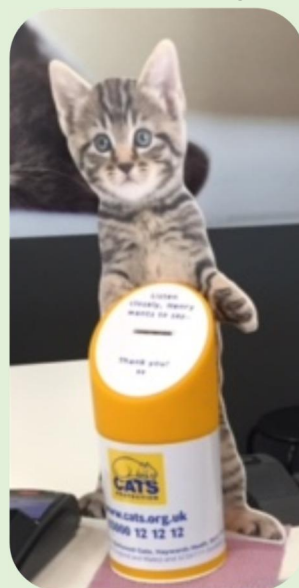
We told this story on our Facebook page and asked our supporters if they were able to help us by donating some cat food. And as always, our supporters did not disappoint and we were blown away by their generosity. We had food brought into our Adoption Centre and dropped off to our many donation stations across West Norfolk which was all collected in our van and then driven over to Peterborough.



So we would like to say a MASSIVE thank you to everyone that helped our colleagues, our teamwork paid off, people power prevailed!

We couldn't have done it without you!

Here's Henry



Here's Henry, our new collection box who has something he would like to say, but where is he?

He is a new type of collection box which we are trialling for six months and he should be appearing in a few locations across West Norfolk this month. We shall be running a game on Facebook so once people have found Henry we would like you to comment on our Facebook page.

Just for fun, but where is Henry?

Cat of the Month – Suki

Meet Suki, a 10yr old sweetheart seeking her forever home and loving owner.



Suki is a beautiful, chunky faced cat with a lovely laid-back personality, and this girl has got a whole lot of love to give to her new owners. In Sukis' last home, she spent quality time lazing around the house and relaxing with her owner. She would be the perfect companion for anyone looking to adopt a permanent lap warming service. After a nice rest she loves nothing more than flinging around her cat nip toy - she's known to chase and pounce on it like a youthful kitten! This gorgeous girl would love to be the centre of your world. Can you offer her the perfect chance to shine?

Fundraising

Two of our fundraisers held a stall on our behalf at the West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled's Craft and Country Fair last month which raised an amazing £171 so well done and thank you as this money really helps the cats in our care.



Wills

**REMEMBER A CHARITY
IN YOUR WILL**
Help the work live on...

11th – 17th September 2017 is Remember A Charity in your Will Week, an annual awareness week designed to encourage more people to take a moment to consider leaving a gift to charity when writing a Will. Cats Protection is a member, alongside over 140 of the UK's favorite charities. We work together to encourage people, once they've looked after their family and friends, to leaving a gift to charity. 74% of people in the UK support charities in their lifetime but only 6% leave a legacy in their will.

Gifts in wills are vital to us and account for more than 50% of our income, so without this we would literally be half the charity we are today!

Cat Guardians

Cat Guardians is a service we offer to ensure that your cat(s) are looked after when you pass away. As soon as we are notified of your passing we will arrange to bring your cat(s) into our care, where our dedicated volunteers and staff would care for them, as we would for any cat that needs our help. We would then look after your cat(s) while we try to find them a loving new home that matches their personality and needs. We never put a healthy cat to sleep so we will care for your much loved cat for as long as it takes to find them a new home.

The Cat Guardians service is free of charge. However, many people who register also choose to leave us a gift in their will, as a way of saying thank you for promising to make arrangements for the care of their feline friend.

To find out more about this service, and how to register, please visit:
www.cats.org.uk/catguardians

Is your Cat a Hunter?

While hunting is a natural behaviour for cats it can create a tricky conundrum for cat owners who love wildlife.

While it may not be possible to stop your cat from hunting, there are things that you can do to help reduce it:

- Keep your cat in at night
- Provide your cat with a puzzle feeder/ball
- Play with your cat more to stimulate them

A cats motivation to hunt is not linked to hunger, it is a natural instinct and endorphins are released when they catch prey or a toy which makes them feel good.

Dates for your Diary

Here is a list of events which we are either attending or organising so please get them in your diary and pop along and support us:

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	11 - 4	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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closed Tuesday's.

