

Tales from the Riverside

Newsletter October 2017

Downham Market Adoption Centre



Registered Charity No 203644 (England & Wales)



Welcome to the Newsletter of Cats Protection Downham Market Adoption Centre

Important Change to the Centre

As you may know, our Centre has been closed to the public every Tuesday of the week. However, this has now changed and from the 1st October our day of closure is Thursday.

Our opening times to the public are now:

OPENING TIMES

Mon: 11:00am – 3:00pm

Tues: 11:00am – 3:00pm

Wed: 11:00am – 3:00pm

Thurs: CLOSED

Fri: 11:00am – 3:00pm

Sat: 11:00am – 3:00pm

Sun: 11:00am – 3:00pm

Our staff and volunteers work long hours and try their best to ensure that the cats are all fed and cleaned in anticipation of their adoring public arriving at 11am.

There is always something to do at the Adoption Centre, as well as feeding and being cleaned out they also just sometimes need attention and a cuddle. There is also always jobs which need doing in and around the Centre like gardening and general maintenance. So if you have some time to spare and would be interested in helping out and volunteering then do please get in touch.

National Black Cat Day

This month sees our annual celebration of our monochrome moggies. National Black Cat Day is on 27th October, where we remind everyone just how elegant a black cat can be despite the myths that surround them. And it is said that if a black cat crosses your path then good luck will be coming your way, so imagine how lucky you could feel if you owned a black cat!

Black cats in our care are often overlooked by potential adopters and they take on average a week longer to find a new home than their more colourful counterparts.

So if you are the lucky owner of a black cat already then this is the day to make them feel extra special. Or, if you have been thinking about getting a cat, then why not pop in and meet some of the lovely black cats (and other colours too) which we currently have in our care.

Here are some of our lovely black cats which are currently looking for their forever homes:



Liquorice

Female

4 years old



Usain

Male

2 years old



Adele

Female

10 years old



Willow

Female

1 year old



Gem

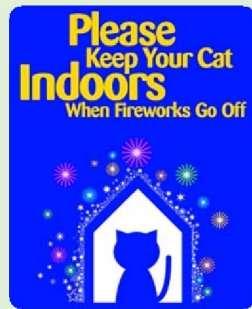
Female

8 years old

Remember, Remember...

... to keep your cat indoors when fireworks go off.

What with Halloween at the end of this month and Guy Fawkes night on the 5th November there are bound to be lots of fireworks going off, and although we may enjoy them, think of your pets who are not so keen on the loud noises and please keep them in after dark.



It may also help to keep windows and curtains shut and having the television or radio on to drown out the noise of the bangs.

Christmas Craft Fair

The next event which we are hosting ourselves is our annual Christmas Craft Fair, which this year is being held at Downham Market Town Hall. Stalls are already fully booked so this is a great opportunity to buy some unique Christmas presents. We shall be having our own stall selling all things cat related, together with tombola and raffle stalls and refreshments will be available on the day too. Entry is free, so please come along and support us:

Fundraising


Last month we had a few fundraising volunteers hold stalls at events in the community for us which together raised about £100 as well as reminding people we are local and what we do.

We also had volunteers hold a bucket collection in Tesco at Downham Market, which raised over £180, together with receiving cat food donations, so well done and thank you as this money really helps the cats in our care.

If you would like to help us to fundraise, then please get in touch.

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 21 st Oct	10 - 4	Stowbridge Craft Fair, Village Hall, Stowbridge
 <i>Happy Halloween</i>		
Sun 19 th Nov	10 - 2	Christmas Craft Fair, Town Hall, Downham Market
Sat 9 th Dec	10 - 4	Stowbridge Christmas Craft Fair, Village Hall Stowbridge
Sat 9 th Dec		Clenchwarton Preschool Christmas Fair, Memorial Hall

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 closed Thursday's.

