

# Tales from the Riverside

Newsletter March/April 2018

Downham Market Adoption Centre



Registered Charity No 203644 (England & Wales)

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

### Springtime Hazards

Spring has sprung and the flowers are starting to bring colour to our gardens, but there is one particular type of plant which can be fatal to cats if ingested – the lily.

All parts of the flower are toxic and even ingesting tiny amounts can cause serious problems to cats, so please keep these plants out of your home and garden.



Other plants which can be harmful to cats include peonies, poppies and cornflower. Signs of lily poisoning include continued vomiting, blindness, paralysis, renal failure and coma. If a cat exhibits any of these symptoms, Cats Protection advises getting it to a vet as soon as possible for urgent treatment.

### Cat of the Month - Rose



Rose has spent some time living as a stray with her kittens. She's had a rough start to life and is now looking for somewhere permanent to call home, which we think she deserves. Rose is a sweet girl who'll make a great addition to her new home. We think she'd probably prefer to be the only pet - she'll enjoy having all the attention! Rose is super sweet

and friendly and she loves to climb up onto your lap for a cuddle.

## National Pet Month

National Pet Month runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April – 7<sup>th</sup> May.

It is a Registered Charity which brings together animal welfare charities, professional bodies, pet businesses, schools, youth groups and pet lovers.



As part of this we are running the Pawsome Afternoon Tea campaign, where if you love cats, love a get-together or just love cake, we are asking you to hold your own tea party to help more cats and kittens in need.

What better way to give unwanted cats a second chance!

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April we will be holding our own Pawsome Afternoon Tea at our charity shop at Tottenham. The shop will be open its usual hours of 9am–5pm, but from 1pm–4pm we will be serving tea and cakes and hosting a raffle and tombola. Everyone is welcome for a sit down and chat while helping raise funds for the cats at the Adoption Centre.



## Pamper Afternoon



Picture by Lynn News

At the beginning of March we held a Pamper and Craft Afternoon at Watlington, which raised £350 for the cats at the Centre,

so a big thank you to the volunteers who helped on the day.

## Can you House a Mouser?

We are in desperate need of homes for several working cats. If you are in need of pest control or can offer an outdoor cat a home, then please get in touch.



## Easter

When you think about Easter, you also tend to think about chocolate.

It is quite well known that chocolate is poisonous to dogs, but it is also poisonous to cats.

The level of toxicity varies as different types of chocolate contain different amounts of theobromine and caffeine. Most cats won't show any interest in eating chocolate, but some do, so please just be careful.

With all that said, we hope that you have a very

# Happy Easter



## Fundraising

Jemma is running this year's 10k GEAR in King's Lynn on 6th May. She is raising funds to help the cats in our care get the best possible care they can before finding new homes. THANK YOU JEMMA! If you are able to sponsor Jemma and help her to reach her target then please search for "Jemma CatChampion" on the Just Giving website.

If you would also like to take part in an event for us, from biking and abseiling to running and bungee jumping, whatever you do we can help with your fundraising and provide moral support on the day.

If you would like more details, then please look at the Events page on our website.

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Time	Description
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> -		<i>Pets At Home</i>
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10 - 4	<i>Fundraising Weekend King's Lynn &amp; Wisbech</i>
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar		<i>Car Boot</i>
	9 - 12	<i>Downham Market Academy</i>
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr	1 - 4	<i>Pawsome Tea Party Tottenhill Charity Supawstore</i>
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> May		<i>Downham Carnival, The Howdale, Downham Market</i>
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> June	10 - 3	<i>Fun Day Coronation Field Marham, PE33 9HP</i>
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> July	11 - 4	<i>Village Fair Narborough</i>

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

