

Tales from the Riverside

Newsletter January 2018

Downham Market Adoption Centre



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Welcome to the Newsletter of Cats Protection Downham Market Adoption Centre

HAPPY MEW YEAR

We recommenced rehoming on Tuesday 2nd January and we are pleased to have had lots of reserves made over the Christmas period who can now eagerly all go to their new forever homes.

Last year, we are very pleased to say that, we rehomed 395 cats and transferred 82 to other Cats Protection Centres or Branches to better their chances of finding new homes, so that is a total of 477 cats, which we hope you would all agreed is a fantastic amount.

New Year's Resolution

Have you made any New Year's Resolutions? Or are you still looking for inspiration? Here are some ideas for you to consider:

- To Recycle more (please see next column)
- To Volunteer (we are always on the lookout for volunteers to help at the Centre, our charity shop or fundraising)
- To do a parachute jump (ok so this may not be for everyone, but if it is something you have ever considered then why not raise money for charity at the same time – to find out more please check out this link:
www.cats.org.uk/skydivecp18

Or the good old faithful resolution

- To Lose Weight (then why not donate all those unopened boxes of chocolates or biscuits or bottles of Wine which have all accumulated over Christmas, to remove temptation and they will be gratefully received for us to use as raffle or tombola prizes!)

Recycling

As you may already know we recycle many things which help us raise extra funds for the Centre:

- Used Stamps
- Biscuit Wrappers
- Empty Baby Food Pouches
- Ella's Kitchen Baby Food Packaging
- Cleaning Products Trigger Heads & Lids
- Cleaning Wipe Packaging

And we are pleased to announce that we have just joined a new Personal Care and Beauty recycling programme - which means we can now also recycle the following:



Collected items can then be bagged up and brought to the Adoption Centre or they can be dropped off at our Charity Shop at Tottenhill or they can be left in one of our many Donation Stations which we have in several shops across West Norfolk (Budgens, Dersingham; Jurassic Bark, Downham Market; London Road Vets, King's Lynn; Tesco, Downham Market; Tesco Hunstanton; Dobbies, King's Lynn; Wilkinsons, King's Lynn)

Pre-Mother's Day Pamper Afternoon

It has been a few years since we have organised a Pamper Event, but this year sees its return.

On Saturday 10th March we will be holding a Pre-Mother's Day Pamper Afternoon at Watlington Village Hall from 2:30 – 5:30pm.

Bring your mum along and treat her to a mini beauty treatment, buy her a crafted gift or treat her to tea and cake (or simply just treat yourself to all of these!)

There will also be a demonstration from Tropic Skin Care followed by the opportunity to purchase any of their cruelty free beauty products.



Entry is free and there will also be our usual Raffle and Tombola stalls.

There are still spaces available so if you would like a stall, then do please get in touch with the Centre.

Vital Equipment Appeal

We have previously reported about our appeal to raise money 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.

We are pleased to say that we have nearly reached our target amount and have already bought some clippers which have come in handy already when we had to shave 6 long-haired cats that had become very matted when their owner was unable to cope with them anymore.

So we wish to thank everyone for their support and if you are able to spare any cash for our kitties then please visit our JustGiving page at:

www.justgiving.com/Cats-Protection-Downham-Market-AC5

Diaries and Calendars



We still have some 2018 diaries and calendars for sale at the Centre and Tottenhill charity shop, which are all now reduced.

Fundraising

Last month we attended several village Christmas Fairs which raised around £200 together with reminding people we are here locally in their community.

That brings our total raised by doing these type of events to over £2,000 for 2017, which is a great amount so a big THANK YOU to all those who helped at events last year and if you are interested in helping at future events then please do get in touch.

With this great figure in mind we have already booked ourselves to attend several more village fairs and other fundraising events this year, with several listed below, so do please come along and help us raise even more for the cats in 2018!

Dates for your Diary

| Date | Time | Description |
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| Fri 2 nd - Sun 4 th Mar | 9 - 5 | Pets At Home Fundraising Weekend Hardwick, King's Lynn |
| Sat 10 th Mar | 2:30 - 5:30 | Pre Mother's Day Pamper Afternoon Watlington Village Hall |
| Sun 25 th Mar | 9 - 12 | Car Boot Downham Market Academy |
| Sun 10 th June | 10:00 - 3:00 | Fun Day Coronation Field Marham, PE33 9HP |
| Sun 29 th July | 11:00 - 4:00 | Village Fair Narborough |
| TBC | 7:00pm | Snail Race Night |

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