



Catch-up 2012—2013

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Telford & District Cats Protection.

"...Our vision is a world where every cat is treated with kindness and an understanding of its needs..."

Telford CP Saves the day!

Our aim is to help cats and their future but another aspect of that is to help the people who want to help their cats.

One particular instance occurred in early March 2013. A young couple had been struggling to gain the help they so urgently needed with a matter that had just simply gotten out of hand.

They had taken it upon themselves to be good Samaritans and took in a heavily pregnant stray, but when the time came to get her neutered they were unable to afford it and were unaware of the help we provide with neutering. So, 11 cats later, the couple found them-

selves in a spot of trouble with their tenancy agreement as well as being able to provide for not only the cats but themselves, also.

A number of people were contacted and were unable to help as they had not assessed the situation correctly and the matter seemed to become seriously blown out of all proportion; but we finally caught wind of this situation and popped in for a cup of tea and a chat.

After a couple of hours of talking, the situation was successfully resolved with a solution in hand. We took in 9 of the 11 cats, who were loved and will be missed, leaving the

couple with 2 who we have helped neuter.

All 9 are doing well and growing in confidence with their foster family and 3 males have found loving homes to go to and will be leaving our care in the coming week.

The moral of this story is that, no matter the problem we can always help. Often the problem can not be resolved with us taking in your cats as we are only a small group of volunteers who work in our own homes, but the main factor is that all of our work can only be achieved through people's generous donations.

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This picture shows 8 of the 9 cats we bought into care from the young couple. The 9th cat has been separated from the main group as he is far smaller than the rest and needed a little more TLC.

Up & Coming Events

We are always looking for people to help us in a number of ways. If you feel you could help by volunteering your time, have a look at our web-site

<http://www.cats.org.uk/telford/volunteering>.

Also, we are running a stall on 6th April 2013

from 10 O'clock onwards at the Telford Shopping Centre. We will be selling bits 'n' pieces, offering advice as well as holding a recruitment drive.

Telford Shopping Centre,
TF3 4DE.



Cats Protection Fire Walk!!

Last November two of our brave volunteers trekked off to Bristol to carry out a fire walk in aid of our small branch! Over £700 was raised by our Co-ordinator, Ginette and our Welfare Officer, Julie.

Thank you to you both, and of course to all who sponsored them =]



Ginette - Co-ordinator



Julie - Welfare Officer.

Carrot & Beetroot - The twins!

Carrot & Beetroot are sisters who didn't have the best start in life. They were taken into a vets with their mother and siblings, suffering with chronic cat flu. Three of the litter were left with physical side-effects of the illness, their sister, Diva had to have one eye removed when she was 6 weeks of age; Carrot was left with a respiratory problem and Beetroot has scar tissue around one eye.

We homed their siblings and mother, but due to their conditions the twins are looking



CARROT



BEETROOT

for special homes where the owners understand their needs fully. Ideally, we would like them to go together, but it is not essential.

Both girls are currently 7 months old & are black with a fleck of white on their chest. They require a strictly indoor home where their owners are going to keep their vaccinations up-to-date; also they aren't suitable for a home with young children but are good with dogs who are used to cats.

Due to their pre-existing conditions, insuring the two would be possible, but the problems would not be covered by

insurance. With Beetroot, we don't exactly know what will happen with her eye, she may go through her life without any problems what-so-ever, or she may require veterinary attention. Whereas Carrot is never going to get over her little problem, it is simply a part of who she is.

If you are considering adopting a cat from us, or are interested in one or both of the twins, go to our website: www.cats.org.uk/telford to see further details or to send us an e-mail.

Constance - Our brave lady!



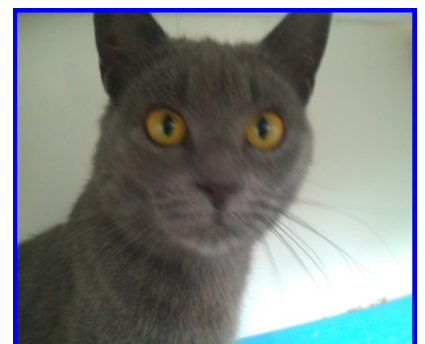
Constance, also known as Connie, came into our care roughly a year ago with her litter of four (as pictured above). Upon arrival she was approximately 1 year old and her litter were little more than 2 weeks of age. We suspected that she had received physical abuse in her life which has left her with some issues as well as a severe lack of trust. What made us first suspect physical abuse was the way in which she acted around us, especially when we made sudden movements or loud noises occurred; as well as this, she was unable to care for

her kittens, the only thing she did do for them was feed them, we were left to toilet and bathe them and when it came to teaching them out to act like kittens, well, big mommy Julie had to step in to help them socialise! Our main concerns for families such as this, is that we do not want the kittens to pick up any nervous traits from their mother or to see us as scary; so the task ahead was going to be a little difficult.

In the family portrait, the tabby is 'Shamie', behind her is her brother 'Trevor' in the middle is their sister 'Bean' and in front is their brother 'Howard'. All of her kittens went off to their new homes during the tail end of

last year and the beginning of this year. Thankfully, they went in twos! The girls went together and the boys went together, which is always nice. Connie is now living with our Welfare Officer, Julie, and is slowly but surely coming out of her shell and growing in self-confidence and trust.

This is one of the reason why we do what we do and why we keep doing it. We are so truly proud of her and her progression into cat hood!



Congratulations to Haygate Veterinary Centre!



Haygate Veterinary Centre have been awarded the Gold Standard for Cat Care; and they are the only vets in Shropshire to be awarded this! The award shows that the Centre's facilitate a cats every need from providing a cat only waiting area in reception to providing a separate cattery with Feliway for in-patients so as to reduce stress levels. As well as all of this, the main practice, Wellington, run several types of Cat Friendly Clinics for different ages and health problems. These meetings are for the purpose of providing information for owners. If you wish to know more about the Cat Friendly Clinics contact the Wellington branch on: **01952 223122**.

As mentioned above, Haygate Veterinary Centre have started a series of Cat Friendly Clinics in order to help educate cat owners about certain issues in regards to their pets.

The first meeting was held at the Wellington branch on Tuesday 19th March 2013 from 7pm to 8pm, this meeting was primarily aimed at kitten owners and first time cat owners with a topic of **Parasites**.

Joy Howell, a qualified Vet Nurse and Practice Support Advisor for Bayer Animal Health, was invited to hold a Parasite Control presentation for cat owners and of course, the CP girls who were running a stall. This discussion looked at the various types of fleas and worm and how the parasites affect our pets as well as how to help control them. As Joy says

“... it is far easier to prevent then it is to cure...”

If you want to find out more about how to control parasites, you can have a look at the following website.

<http://www.itsajungle.co.uk/>

Also, you can contact your veterinary surgery and book for a Nurse Clinic; Vet Nurses hold appointments during surgery times and help with many routine procedures, including parasite control.

Keep an eye on both [ours](#) and [Haygate](#)'s Facebook page for future Cat Friendly Clinic dates.

Over all, the evening was interesting with a friendly atmosphere. Even members of the CP who have been knocking around for years found it useful as it reminded them of things they had forgotten, so I highly recommend the meetings for anyone, but especially new cat owners!

Thank you once again to Haygate for inviting us!

All of our cats have received:

- A blood test
- A full health check
- Treatment for fleas and worms
- Full vaccination course
- Neutering
- A micro-chip
- A warm, safe and secure place to sleep every night
- Our volunteers love
- Oodles of cuddles
- Cat food, biscuits and water
- But most importantly, time and patience!

Because of what we do, we ask for a £40 adoption fee, however if you can spare more it will always be gratefully received. This adoption fee as well as any donations go towards helping the next cat in line to come in. Our list is never ending. Without donations our work simply can not be achieved!

Contact Numbers:

Homing: 08453 711 857

Welfare: 08453 711 858

Neutering: 08453 711 859

Lost & Found: 08453 719 593

General: 08452 601 502