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## Four-legged Friends

Cats Protection has been working with The Donkey Sanctuary on an unique collaboration that is aimed primarily at the mutual promotion of homing. As like-minded, single species, animal welfare charities we have much in common, so we have an opportunity to help and support each other. It is hoped that, in time, the collaboration will develop into a strong and beneficial partnership and it is envisaged that joint working will develop in many ways.



Hopefully, Cats Protection will have a Homing & Information Centre at The Donkey Sanctuary's main site in Devon later this year. More immediately, Cats Protection has become a 'donkey guardian' to a bonded trio of girls at the National Cat Centre. 'Bonded' means that they have formed a lifelong friendship and do not like to be apart from each other; they do not even like to be separated by a stable door or fence. It's very heart-warming to witness such devotion to each other. The new arrivals, Twinkle, Holly and Star, are now being cared for by a team of volunteers.

Collaboration with The Donkey Sanctuary meant that many staff at the NCC had to learn, quite quickly, about the needs of these lovely animals. For example, they had

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Kay is our 'Page 3 Girl'!

Want to know what BREXIT means? Go to page 5!

Support our new-look shop. See page 6

## Co-ordinator's Message

Thinking of  
volunteering?  
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Welcome to our first newsletter for a little over a year. The reason for non-publication is simply that I have had insufficient time to produce one. There are so many calls upon the time of a volunteer trying to run a branch that cares for over 300 cats and kittens in a year that writing a newsletter came second best to caring for cats. However, here's a new edition and it contains information about what we have been up to since our

last edition: I hope that you find it of interest. One significant milestone reached in May this year was the Branch homing its 1,000th cat since 2010. I hope that you will keep supporting our work as today, more than ever, there are too many cats that need care for so many reasons. If you are able to support our work through donations of money or goods to sell in our shop or, more tangibly, by volunteering to help us care for cats, then

please do so. We really need more volunteers to help trapping feral cats and we are always in need of volunteers to work in our Enfield shop. If you can help in any of these ways, then please contact us; details are at the foot of each page; we look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks.

*Bernie Till*  
Co-ordinator

## Four-legged Friends

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to put in place the facilities for the donkeys' arrival: this meant ordering and installing fencing, electric fencing, stabling, gates and power/utilities. The donkeys all seem very pleased with the result, as you can see from this photo and the front page photo of the three girls taking a rest outside their smart, new accommodation.



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## Rainbow Cats

At the end of January, Kay delivered a presentation about our work with cats to the South District Rainbow Group in Enfield. The rainbows enjoyed the computer slideshow which incorporated cat care information. Many questions were asked and answered and Kay demonstrated micro-chipping on her toy cat with a disused chip. She took a large photo album of her previous foster cats which the children enjoyed very much, especially when they found a cat that had the same name as themselves.



The Rainbows then spent some time colouring the cat masks provided by CP and wore them for this group picture. They also received a small workbook to take home with them, full of activities such as puzzles, crosswords, how to make a cat finger puppet, a kitty castle and much more, all reinforcing the lessons learnt during the presentation.

## 2015 in Numbers

**Lea Valley's wonderful volunteers achieved the following in 2015:**

- 233** cats and kittens cared for
- 235** cats and kittens treated for fleas and worms
- 192** cats and kittens homed
- 176** cats and kittens neutered and microchipped
- 65** feral cats treated
- 57** ferals neutered
- 2** cats reunited with their owners

Cats Protection will never put a healthy cat to sleep. However, on veterinary advice, we put three cats to sleep. It is always a difficult decision, but we have to think of what is in the best interest of each cat in difficult circumstances.

**In May 2016, the Branch homed its 1,000th cat since 2010.**



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## Parish Magazine Helps Find a Loving Home for a Lifelong Stray

While collecting the annual subscription for the Roydon Parish Magazine in January, I met Marisa who wanted to talk about a stocky black cat in the Church Mead area. Concerned that he was stray, living rough and hungry, he was also seen confronting other, local cats protecting his "territory".

We learnt that he had been living on the adjacent farm since he was a tiny kitten. The farm owners were happy to hand him over to Cats Protection, as I am a volunteer for the charity. I was concerned that he was not neutered – his build, large face and cheeks were a giveaway. If feral, he would have to be trapped and returned to the area. Not ideal, but likely to be less aggressive after his "op". As the local branch was unable to help, the Lea Valley branch, where I volunteer, agreed to support.

Over the next few weeks Marisa and I worked out a routine for feeding "Charlie Chomps", in a



quiet spot with very accommodating neighbours (thank you). We needed to gain Charlie's trust. He started to accept the routine, often responding with a gentle "miaou". We were soon able to stroke him while he was busy feeding. He certainly accepted humans, if not other felines! We began to have high hopes that Charlie could find a family home. In the end he did not

need trapping, just picking up by an intrepid husband, Derek, armed with strong gloves!

I drove a very still and quiet Charlie Chomps to the 24-hr Medivet in Enfield. He was found to be in excellent health (apart from being overweight); he was neutered, de-fleaed, wormed and vaccinated over the next few days. The vet nurses fell in love with his gentle nature (and big round face!). Charlie spent four weeks with an experienced fosterer, responding rapidly to the care, affection and comforts of domesticity.

And, by April, wonderful news. Charlie Chomps is at last living in his forever home with a young couple in North London. They are totally besotted and charmed by him and have re-named him Shadow as he follows them everywhere.

Several heart-warming photos of a truly relaxed family cat have been forwarded to us; two of them are shown here.

Lynette Belch



We now have an easy way for our supporters to help us to help cats in need - Textgiving. To make a one-off £3 donation, simply text "CATS59" to 70660 or a one-off £5 donation text "KITTEN59" to 70660. **Simples! You can GiftAid your donation too. Our thanks in advance for any donations you make in this way.**

This is a charity donation service run by a third party for Cats Protection. Texts cost £3 plus network charge for the keyword CATS and £5 plus network charge for the keyword KITTEN. Cats Protection receives 100% of your donation. Obtain bill payer's permission. Customer Care Number 0800 917 2287.

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**This is such 'easy money'! It costs you nothing, but pays us something! Simply log on to:**  
**[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)**  
**to get started raising money for the cats in our care.**



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**- CAT, WHAT'S YOUR OPINION ON BRITAIN  
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**- I THINK YOU SHOULD REPEATEDLY ASK TO LEAVE,  
THEN WHEN THE DOOR OPENS JUST SIT THERE  
AND STARE AT IT. THAT'S WHAT I WOULD DO.**

## Cats Protection Waltham Forest Branch

Helping cats & kittens in East London and Walthamstow

E10, E11, E17 and E18

**W**e welcome our new neighbours at Waltham Forest branch. At present, it is primarily a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) branch, aiming to neuter feral cats to prevent the cat population from overwhelming the local community. If you want to find out more, please look at [www.cats.org.uk/waltham](http://www.cats.org.uk/waltham) or [www.facebook.com/catsprotectionwaltham](http://www.facebook.com/catsprotectionwaltham)

Like Lea Valley, Waltham Forest Branch is run entirely by volunteers, so the branch relies on donations to continue their work. Please support them by donating, no matter how big or small, any amount of money to make a real difference. Even better, volunteer to help grow the branch.

Thank you.



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## Our New 'Superstore'!

It was about time too. We had spent very little on shop maintenance over the past decade, so our little *Aladdin's Cave* was looking more than a little unloved. As the shop contributes so much to the financial well-being of our Branch (it pays for most of our annual veterinary bills), the

Branch Committee authorised a significant spend on refurbishing our little shop.

To do so, volunteers had to clear completely the shop of all its contents, fittings and stock - no easy task. The refurbishment took place over a few weeks in August and September last year. The shop had to close for

business for two weeks whilst the internal and external re-fit was carried out. The works also included the demolition, carting away and replacement of a huge shed in the rear yard that is used to house donations awaiting space in the shop.

Despite being closed for two weeks, the shop managed to increase its annual takings, reassuring us that the money and effort has been wisely-spent.

*Bernie Till*



Inside our new-look shop.



CP's CEO, Peter Hepburn cuts the tape to declare our new-look shop open.



## A Fosterer's Life For Me!

I have been fostering for 19 years and 2015 was quite an eventful year for me with many of the kittens and cats I have fostered. These are just a few of the interesting cases that I have cared for:

I was asked to collect a pregnant, stray, black cat. As it was quite a distance from me, I was rather disappointed to find that the cat was not there. However, it eventually turned up and I brought it home although it did not look pregnant to me. The next day I picked her up and thought her nipples were rather big and alarm bells started ringing. On further investigation it transpired that she had had a litter and the 'owner' was having to hand-rear the kittens; so back I went with the mother to reunite her with her owner and babies.

Another cat, *Phoebe*, came into me with her kittens when they were only a few days old. After a week or so, I noticed that *Phoebe's* tail was stiff, so off to the vets with her and the kittens. Unfortunately, she had to have most of her tail amputated. We do not know what happened to her before she came into our care; perhaps her tail had got caught in a door. I am pleased to say she coped well without a tail and she was homed to a family who previously had a cat without a tail.

One of the kittens, *Spice*, after being treated for fleas, developed a sore on his neck. I think that he may have scratched it with help from one of his siblings. The vets decided to put a little rabbit babygrow on him to stop the sore getting any worse – but he managed to get it off, no doubt with a little sibling help!

Another interesting case was *Jack*, who had a hernia. He was only a youngish kitten but could not be homed until this was sorted out. As he was in a pen for some time and full of mischief, I walked him round the garden on a harness. He has now been homed and lives with a family and some chickens. I understand he fell down the toilet recently!

I did think about taking a bed down to the vets as I seem to be backwards and forwards to them so frequently. No doubt some of the other fosterers have similar tales to recount.

I sometimes wonder why I am a fosterer, especially when cleaning out litter trays and going out in all weathers to feed them, etc. It is, however, very rewarding to see the kittens and cats homed and getting some of the more difficult cats to come round and trust humans again.

Val Everett



**Phoebe minus her tail**



**Spice in his babygrow**

## About the Branch

**B**ranch activities cover the postcodes E4, EN1, EN2, EN3, EN4, EN6, EN7, EN8, EN9, N9, N18 and N21. Amongst other areas, our postcodes include Barnet, Cheshunt, Chingford, Cuffley, Edmonton, Enfield, Potters Bar, Waltham Abbey, Waltham Cross and Winchmore Hill.

The Branch has a very active group of volunteers that provides much-needed care and attention to cats in need, education and advice on neutering and cat welfare and, of course, fundraising to pay for all the cat care, vet bills, food and associated expenses. Branch activities are overseen by the Management Committee:

**Pat Frankland**; Welfare Support & Fosterer Liaison

**Roger Hales**, Treasurer

**Kay Moore**, Secretary and Neutering Officer

**Yvonne Rapley**, Welfare Officer

**Bernie Till**, Co-ordinator

**Maureen Till**, Fundraising and Advertising Officer

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## Neighbouring Branches

**A**ll CP branches co-operate with one another, but operate within recognised areas. Lea Valley covers postcodes E4, EN1, EN2, EN3, EN4, EN6, EN7, EN8, EN9, N9, N18 and N21. If you know of cat care issues in surrounding areas, they should be addressed initially to the relevant local branch. The table lists contact details for surrounding branches.

National branch coverage can be found through the main Cats Protection website at [www.cats.org.uk/find-us](http://www.cats.org.uk/find-us)

Neighbouring Branch / Adoption Centre	Telephone	Website
Basildon, Brentwood & District	01268 285778	<a href="http://www.bascats.org.uk">www.bascats.org.uk</a>
Harlow, Epping Forest & District	0333 200 1484	<a href="http://www.harlow.cats.org.uk">www.harlow.cats.org.uk</a>
Hendon, Finchley & Mill Hill	020 8952 1350	<a href="http://www.hendon.cats.org.uk">www.hendon.cats.org.uk</a>
North Hertfordshire	01438 228877	<a href="http://www.northherts.cats.org.uk">www.northherts.cats.org.uk</a>
North London Adoption Centre	020 7272 6048	<a href="http://www.northlondon.cats.org.uk">www.northlondon.cats.org.uk</a>
St Albans & District	0345 371 2064	<a href="http://www.stalbans.cats.org.uk">www.stalbans.cats.org.uk</a>
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Welwyn, Hatfield & District	0345 371 1855	<a href="http://www.welwynhatfield.cats.org.uk">www.welwynhatfield.cats.org.uk</a>



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