

cats'9lives



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"Spring is in the air"

"Soon there will be kittens every where"

Dear Friends,

Yes, it is that wonderful time of the year but also the start of a new season for kittens.

Once again we would like to share our news with you and bring you up to date with all the happenings.

We are very happy to say that we also have received our **NPO** number as mentioned on our letter head. So we are now official!

News from the nursery

Avril has had her annual three weeks of kitten free rest after 38 kittens were adopted during June and July but the new season has already started and the kittens are pouring in. She is also delighted to report that Colleen, who had been with her for over a year and the traumatized black and white catten mentioned in the last news letter were adopted together to become farm cats in a very secure environment and are settling down very well.

Once again thanks to Peggy, Rinie, Anneliese, Elsa and Clarabelle who can turn snarling spitting horrors into friendly kittens, Lauren for taking on 3 kittens abandoned in a box at a service station and bottle feeding them, Maggie for the lovely cuddly blankets which will keep the kittens warm and also Trish for getting donations for us from Master Foods. All the other volunteers who help

with feeding and fostering, keep yourselves ready..... you will soon be hearing the patter of little kitten paws.

We are always looking for volunteers who will bottle feed the motherless kittens that are found so frequently. Remember, it will be only for a short period of time.

News from the adults

Since the last flurry of adult adoptions it has again become very quiet.

As is always the case though the number of adults coming in has not decreased. There are now nine adults looking for homes. Although space permits at this stage, especially with the wendy house and its beautiful layout, a cage or pen is never a home. It has been scientifically proven, lengthy confinement in cages leads to stress and stress related ailments. It is therefore our endeavour to home these cats speedily to prevent this. We all importantly advocate not only "pro life" but pro-quality life.

Up for adoption is **Shiloh**, a beautiful longhaired female cat. She is lovable, cuddly and very talkative and will adapt very easily to most homes.

Kenny is a handsome tabby young male with lots of character. He has a courageous attitude and needs stimulation and lots of love. He gets on well with other cats. Although friendly he is very independent and would do well in spacious premises to explore.

Also looking for a loving home is **Archie**, a sweet natured ginger boy. Initially distrusting when being handled as he was beaten by humans. Very interested in making new friends especially with new potential owners.

There are also two beautiful tortoiseshell female sisters named **Susan** and **Lovies**.

They were living with a homeless man who is now unable to care for them any longer. If the cats were not removed, there were threats to harm them. They are very sweet lovable cats who would adapt easily to a caring home environment.

Vinnie a ginger male, a real gentleman who loves to be cuddled. Likes to be outside but comes back home at night. He gets on well with small dogs. **Voilet** a lovely calico female with a soft nature and is easy to please. They are both about 18 months old and come from a very caring home but the owners could not due to unfortunate circumstances keep these cats. They are both sterilized, very friendly and are desperately looking for a home. It will be wonderful if they both can go to the same home, as they really adore each other.

Linka is a small grey female cat. She is very loving but timid and shy in nature, not demanding just needs a loving home and with lots of attention and

reassurance. Needs to go to a "single cat home" Please give her another chance!
(SEE LONELY HEARTS)

General news

We are happy to announce the official opening of the new addition to the cages at the Glen Animal Clinic. This will all take place on 14th October 2006. We will have an open day from 9h00 to 12h00 and you are all invited to join us for tea, cake and snacks. (Please let us know if you will be there)

What we have achieved we could not do without the help of our sponsors. The following persons also kindly donated funds towards the cages.
Maggie Buizer, Ventac cc (Louis Abrantes) and Sheena Vollmer

We also had our stall at the "Damesdag" and were fortunate to raise funds with all our goodies and also gain more interest in our organisation from new people. Thanks to all the people that worked so hard making and donating all the lovely items for us.

We also would like to thank Legacy Interiors for the lovely "a breed apart" cat sculpture donated to us. (We are still working on a special way of fundraising with this.) Anybody have any ideas?

Our special thank you goes out to everybody who is sponsoring and supporting us. Without you we would not be able to run this organisation as well as we do. Our cats and kittens are cared for by means of regular monthly donations and sponsorships. Our kind donors and sponsors are recognised by plaques on an "honours" board at the Glen Animal Clinic and currently this is our only source of income. A small regular amount monthly contributes greatly towards the care of the cats and kittens. We however are always looking for additional sponsors.

A happy ending

As with the sad news we always have "FEEL GOOD" news.

Avril sent us this lovely story which I am sure you all will appreciate.

Sandy, who adopted kittens from us phoned to say that a very pregnant cat who adopted her family had gone missing for two days and on calling her heard pathetic meows coming from behind a boundary wall. On further investigation she found the mother-to-be stuck between two walls. The Fire-Brigade had to be summoned and had to drill a hole in the wall to free her. On her escape she ran away and Sandy was worried that she would vanish and have her kittens in a

dangerous place. She phoned Avril later to say that she had returned to their home and has been provided with a "maternity ward" in a cupboard where she gave birth the next day to 5 kittens.

Mother and babies are doing well.

A little while ago a little black and white cat was brought in from Rooiwal Power Station by Mr. Shiels. Jamie is the cutest little boy with a big personality and has a lot of love to give. He had abscess probably from a fight and was being treated for that. He has now been sterilized and placed in the cats'9lives sanctuary. We recall that sometime ago Mr. Shiels brought in a box with two kittens that had been left on his desk over a long weekend with no food or water. With a lot of care we managed to pull those kittens through and rehome them. Thank you Mr. Shiels for the compassion you have shown to these cats.

"TOO MANY CATS BUT NOT ENOUGH LAPS"

LONELY HEARTS LINKA

(See news letter)

