

# cats'9lives



## Fostering and Rehoming Organisation

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**A cat isn't fussy  
just so long as you remember  
he likes his milk in the shallow, rose-patterned saucer  
and his fish on the blue plate  
from which he will take it  
and eat it off the floor  
(Arthur Bridges)**

Dear friends,

As the year draws to a close and we are nearing Christmas, we want to wish all our supporters a very merry festive season and extend our heartfelt thanks to those who so generously contributed to helping the cats in our care.

This year was very exciting for **cats'9lives**, having been in existence for only one year, and receiving our NPO. We also made major extensions to the existing cages at the Glen Animal Clinic. A wendyhouse was put there and fencing and roofing done to ensure a safer and drier environment for our adult cats. We would like to thank all the sponsors which made this possible including **Electric Care** who also gave us a generous donation.

We hosted a very successful open day during which all who attended, expressed their enjoyment and requested us to have another day like that very soon. For those who could not make it, it will only be a pleasure to meet you at the Glen and show you around.

### **Kitten news**

In this, our first year as Cats' 9Lives kitten section, we have already topped the 200 mark in kitten adoptions, which considering that for at least for 2 months during winter the kitten population drops to nothing ( my holiday time) this is a very good achievement. Most of our adoptions come from referrals from Vets, Pet Shops or word of mouth. At the moment, like all Animal Welfare Organisations, we are full to capacity. I could not have the success in adoptions, were it not for the wonderful volunteers, who take on the sleep-depriving job of raising tiny babies by bottle or accept the often difficult task of taking traumatised kittens into their homes to socialise. These volunteers are always willing to respond to my request to take on kittens at short notice. I'm sure that when they hear my voice, their hearts sink, but nevertheless they always help out. My grateful thanks to Peggy, Rinie, Elsa, Clarabelle, Lauren, Diane, Mariette (who made lovely cuddly blankets for the kittens) Anneliese, Jeannette and Lorraine. Thanks also to Giles for his most generous donation of Kitten Milk and dry Kitten Food. As we are feeding so many bottle babies this gift is greatly appreciated.

### **News from the adults**

Generally it went well with the adult cats. Unfortunately there were bouts of illness which had to be treated and this puts a great strain on our funds. However it is our endeavour to keep the cat's happy and healthy at all times. We are happy to report that we have homed 27 adult cats so far this year. We aim to home adult cats as soon as possible, as long periods of confinement often leads to cage stress which results in illness and afflictions.

Kenny was so lucky to be adopted by a wonderful couple after our open day. He is doing very well and needless to say he has taken over the bed. After getting back on their feet the previous owners of Vinnie and Violet were very happy to take their cats back again. Well done! Three of our cats Shiloh, Archie and Linka are still looking for a home, so if any one would like to offer them a home, please contact us. As you know, as soon as a cat finds a home there are lots more waiting to come in. Please feel free to contact us if you would like to see them all.

We would also like to thank Lynn and family and any other caring people who visit the cats regularly to give them love and affection. I am sure the cats look forward to their visits.

### **General**

As we are approaching the holiday season which is a joyful time for most of us, unfortunately it is not so for the animals. Our cages and homes will be filled up with abandoned cats and kittens. We provide them with a clean and safe place to stay, regular meals, medical attention and lots more. Without your support we will not be able to do this. When doing your Xmas shopping please pop in at Menlyn Pet Shop where we have a beautiful jar, (decorated by Carola) for donations or if not possible payment into our bank account would be greatly appreciated. See letterhead for details.

Try and give generously this time of the year.

### **FLASH NEWS:**

**Linka found a wonderful home! Hope see brings them great joy.**



**“too many cats but not enough laps”**