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AGM

Our AGM will take place on Saturday 20th March at 2:00pm. It will be at the Lorraine Estate Community Centre, Holloway Road, opposite the Coronet. Those of you who have attended our Jumble sales and those who came to our AGM last year will know this venue. We hope to see you there to meet some of our members, new and old. There will be the usual refreshments, raffle and guest speaker.

Sorry, this is not good enough.

Another year has passed and we can only hope that it is not going to be as bad as last year, but already we have picked up a pregnant cat and a mum cat and her kittens. Another organisation has five already.

It will never end until people learn responsible pet ownership and put all their cultural and religious beliefs regarding animals behind them.

We have heard over and over again that they do not believe in neutering or they just want their cat to breed, saying it is nature, but unfortunately they then move on and leave the problems behind for someone else to sort out.

Sorry, this is not good enough.

The cat is old. This is another myth that we have to deal with. Just because it is old does not mean that you can just leave it outside and hope, again, that nature will take its course and it will go away and die.

Sorry, this is not good enough.

Feeding some poor excuse for a cat that has been around for years, un-neutered, and leaving it to suffer with a very bad mouth when it needs to see a vet. Just giving it a plate of food makes you feel good, doesn't it, but what about the cat?

Sorry, this is not good enough.

I could go on and on and get nastier and nastier. But then we would probably lose all of our members, saying the person who does the newsletter has gone completely mad and we don't want to hear anymore, so I must calm down and try and make the rest of this newsletter a bit nicer. So here goes. Read on

Rhodes Minnis

Our annual trip to the Rhodes Minnis Cat Sanctuary near Folkestone will take place on Sunday 18th July.

Those of you who have been before will know what a nice day out this is. Pick-up points are the same as usual. For more information and bookings, contact Marilyn on 0208 348 0045. Price of the coach trip is £22.00 and you will need to pay in advance.

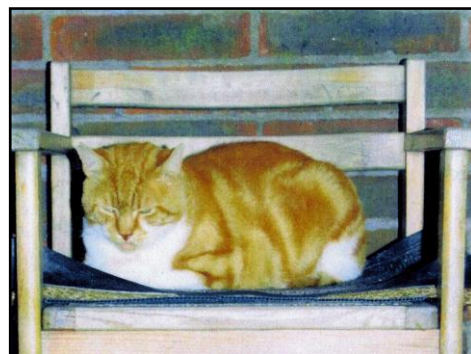
Derek's Herbal Skin Remedy for cats

My cat Gingerboy, (that I took in as a stray about 2 to 3 years ago and was very aggressive in the beginning), had some sort of 'scabby' dry skin under the fur on his back and constantly tried to lick the area for relief.

I knew about the Rosemary treatment for skin issues, so I gave it a try - and I'm so glad that I did!

Collect a small amount of fresh Rosemary leaves from the garden – about the amount to fill a tea strainer. Put them in a cup and pour hot (but not boiling) water over them – as if you were making a cup of tea.

Let the leaves settle and for the mixture to cool down. Stir well. While there's still a little warmth in the liquid after about thirty minutes or so, soak some cotton wool balls in the liquid and apply liberally to the affected part, wetting it as much as the cat will allow. The wetter the better!



Dry off any excess and see the results – often within 24 hours! Repeat the process the next day.

After a little hesitation and with the help of some treats I found my cat Gingerboy welcomed the warm-ish liquid because it relieved the discomfort. (He also enjoyed the treats).

Fieldwork 2009

Cats homed	58	Cats with other groups	43
Cats Neutered	117	Cats Micro-chipped	95
Back on site	2	Short/long term foster	39
Tested FIV+	8	Euthanasia/Died	23

Throughout 2009 we have been very busy. A large number of cats pass through our hands and some are handed on to other charities if they are able to help. We would like to thank all those who have helped us in the past.

Our Veterinary Practice

Without the support of our local friendly veterinary practice and their staff we would find it very difficult. They are always there for us and go that extra mile to help in any way they can.

It is a long established family run business that is being continued by the next generation.

They have a dedicated team of veterinary nurses and admin and we would all be lost without the most friendly, helpful and knowledgeable receptionist, Anita.

On many, or should I say most occasions, we have had to phone them up and say we have been trapping the previous night and can they do some neutering for us on that day. We could count on one hand the times that they have not been able to help on that day, but are swiftly booked in for the next.

Or, we have picked up a very sick cat and it needs to see the vet that day. Can I bring it down? Never have we been refused.

This support from our vets is invaluable to our Charity and we would like to extend our gratitude to Hills Veterinary Practice, 178 Park Road, N8.

C4

C4 is a free neutering scheme available for people on low income or benefits who need help with neutering their own cat or a stray cat that they are feeding outside and would be willing to adopt if it were neutered. The scheme covers most London Post Codes and has even extended its reach to Essex, Surrey and Kent.

C4 has been going for nearly nine years and in that time we have neutered 50,722 cats.

C4 is funded by a group of charities which include RSPCA – Cats Protection – Cat Action Trust – SNIP – and yours truly, Animal Aid & Advice. Wood Green Animal Shelter has just come on board.

You may wonder if there are any cats left. Well, I can assure you there are still plenty of them and a large proportion of them are un-neutered!

Members

We would like to thank all our members who renewed their memberships with us and a special thank you to the ones who sent in some extra and very generous donations. (You know who you are, so thank you very much.)

Lend-a-Paw

We would also like to thank those who support us in other ways. The Lend-a-Paw scheme is a monthly donation directly into our bank account. This helps us to continue to treat the stray and abandoned cats. If you would like to contribute to this scheme, you can ring us for an application form on 0208 348 0045.

VOLUNTEERS: We are still asking for volunteers to join our charity in many areas of our work. Charity Shop volunteers, Bookshop volunteers, help with collecting and taking cats to the vet's, etc., etc. Our contact details are as follows:-

Animal Aid & Advice Charity Shop 48 High Road East Finchley London N2 9PJ	Telephone 020 8444 6290
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Animal Aid & Advice 2 nd hand Bookshop 203 Blackstock Road London N4	Telephone 020 7359 0294
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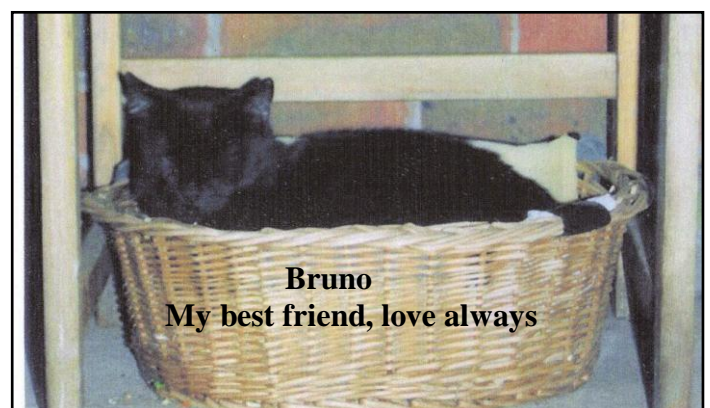
For collection of donated goods	Telephone 020 7607 5349
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For Adoption or Stray Cats	Telephone 020 8348 0045 020 8883 6021 07859 880 221
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REMEMBER ME – 2009/10

Chanel - Your life was cut short, your sister
Co-Co misses you.

Missy – Much loved



Bruno
My best friend, love always