

VOLUNTEER



WORTHING CAT WELFARE TRUST



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Since being elected Chairman at the A.G.M, I have had a few difficult months to contend with, but luckily with the help of old and new trustee's, and volunteer's, who have all pulled together, things are beginning to sort themselves out. My grateful thanks to you all.

I am delighted to welcome to the board of Trustee's, Dr. Amanda Nicholls, who, for the last 7 years has had her "cat only" practice in South Farm Road. I am sure that many of you know how professional and friendly, Amanda and her staff are.

Mike Glennon has also joined our Trustee's, Mike wears a lot of different "hats", and is invaluable in the expertise he is bringing to the Trust.

Both Amanda and Mike, are very keen and enthusiastic, and are an asset to our Charity.

My thanks must also go to our loyal band of shop volunteer's, who have helped us to keep our shop open, we have all had difficulties, but you have gone the "extra mile" to keep us going, and with your agreement to us having a Manager, hopefully, some more volunteer's, we will have a Charity shop we can all be proud of, in the knowledge that we are all helping the cat's in our care to have better lives, and find their forever homes.

Sandra



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AGM update

Our Chairlady and co-founder of the Charity, Iris Green, stepped down officially from the Chairlady's role but we are pleased to say that Iris remains a Trustee and Fosterer as well as many other roles in which she retains an active interest. We are delighted that our other co-founder, Sandra Collins, has stepped up to the Chairlady's role and we hope that everyone will give Sandra continued support. Sandra will also remain our "Mum's and Kittens" guru, keeping her maternity unit in busy working order.

After some 15 years with the Charity, Sue Lipman has ceased to be a member of the Board. We wish her well for the future, and are grateful for the contributions that Sue made over many years. We also said "goodbye" to Linda Kenealy as a Trustee, but Linda has agreed to remain our Membership Secretary. Our Veterinary Advisor, Peter Brown, who had been with us from "Day 1" also retired as he has now moved away from the Worthing area. We are delighted that Dr Amanda Nicholls from Cat's Whiskers Veterinary Surgery has joined us as our veterinary advisor, and has brought along many of her colleagues to assist us in various areas.

We were also delighted to welcome Mike Glennon as a member of the management team. Mike has agreed to take on the Publicity and Public Relations role immediately and to take over the Treasurer's role after the 2018 AGM.

Northdale Veterinary Practice and Cat's Whiskers Veterinary Practice have held rehoming days during the year. They both planned to do so again in 2017 / 18.

The annual accounts were approved without dissent. Copies of the accounts are available to members on application to the Treasurer (rmlisnow@yahoo.co.uk). The Independent Examiner, Tony Kelly FCA of Roffe Swayne Chartered Accountants was re-appointed for another year.

Charity Shop

31 South Street, Tarring, Worthing, West Sussex, BN14 7LG

MONDAY—FRIDAY

9.30AM—4PM

SATURDAY 9.30—1PM

TEL:- 01903 202251

We look forward to seeing you



*Looking For Volunteers To Help with Our Charity shop, so
if you have an hour or two a week to spare please call*

Sandra 07933639666

Thankyou in advance

Social Media

Please note our Website address is

worthingcatwelfaretrust.co.uk

do look at it, Caroline keeps it looking very fresh lively and informative.

Our Facebook address is **facebook.com/wcwt1**

Sara keeps this up to date with some wonderful pictures of the cats in our care, those looking for a nice home and those who have got themselves lost and want to go home again

Sincere thanks to you both for your expertise, time and dedication



It was several years ago whilst volunteering in the WCW shop that I first came across the 'new man in my life.'

A customer came in but was crying as her elderly sister had just died. She said, "We don't know what to do with Toby..I would have him, but as we have so many pets already, my husband has said- no more."

Iris was in the shop and agreed immediately to take him. As he was located near my workplace Will ('the old man in my life') agreed we would collect him.

Toby yowled sadly from his carrier in the back of the car but we dropped him off and thought no more of it. He was 16 + years old, overweight and alive with fleas.

Several years later...please see attached photos. He now comes with us to our boat and proudly wears his 'Pirate' collar. His favourite place is next to the wood burner. He has also recently been camping! 20 years young and much loved. From Dawn

On 29 June 2012, following a meeting/home check with Jackie Riddles, my partner and I took a trip to Angmering. I had decided it was time for another fur baby in our lives, having sadly lost our beloved Muffin that February, just before his 11th birthday.

At the cattery, so many appealing faces. But Pyewackett? That was a different name!

Along with her feisty character, the slender black Golden Oldie in the cage at the end of the row caught my eye; and despite the hissing and spitting, she was the one who just had to come home with us. We never knew her history, but from several of her reactions, especially to doors and feet, I would say she had been badly treated, and would need time to build up trust again.

5 years, and 2 house moves later, Pye has become a real lap cat. She had now reached the age of 14, and so sleeps much of the time. She has gone a bit deaf, and she came with a kidney condition which means she is on a special diet, but that has never been a problem. As part of WCWT Golden Oldie Scheme, Pet Doctors at Rustington take very good care of her. (Although David the vet did say once she was one of his *least* favourite patients - there is a battle royal every time we visit to get her out of the basket, resulting in many scratches and teeth marks to whoever goes near. It's funny how such lovely people can sometimes bring out the worst behaviour!) But we wouldn't change her for the world and love having her around. As they say - 'Life is nothing without friendship, and a cat'. Yvonne Newsom



Jasmine

Experienced fosterer required for Jasmine a diabetic cat we currently have in our care, she is a very sweet cat easy to handle and affectionate. She needs to be an only cat in a quiet household. She is insulin dependent but is only on 1 unit per day by injection. If you have experience with diabetic cats we would love to hear from you as Jasmine is in a pen at the moment and needs to be in a home., Her previous owner had to go into a care home so she is missing home comforts. As she is 15 years old she qualifies under our Golden Oldie scheme Please give Jackie our Homing Officer a ring on W.883179/07818824407 for further details..



When we adopted Chi and Oki we decided to change their names
That was about three years ago so here's who they became.

Pashmina Karnak is a handsome Siamese
He has soft fur and a very loud yowl and he likes eating peas!

We mostly call him Pasha coz it's easier to say
He loves a lap and he loves a game and he wants eight meals a day!

And then there's Mrs De Nozo she's a rather tubby cat
Which is odd, coz Pasha eats the most we're pretty sure of that!

She's supposed to be a Siamese and she has got deep blue eyes
But a Siamese who's tabby all over is rather a surprise!

She talks in a contralto voice and her purr is loud and deep
As she nestles in your armpit when you're trying to go to sleep!

They chase each other sometimes but the next moment when you look
round

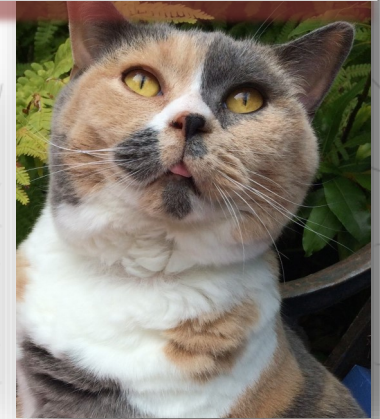
They've cuddled up together and they're sleeping safe and sound.

So we love having them with us and as far as we can tell
They've settled in very comfortably-they think we keep their home quite
well!

Bella came into our lives through WCWT in 2009. A very anxious girl who
had had a very hard start in life, she slowly settled in and in time decided
she could be happy with us. It took a long time until I could even briefly pick
her up and even longer until she felt able to sit on my lap, but we got there
and she is now a wonderful affectionate family member. She is a delight,
very sweet, sometimes cheeky and truly lives up to her name!

With best wishes and thanks to all at WCWT.

Alison Miller 🐱



I did adopt a cat from WCW just before Christmas in 2014. He was
originally named Smudge, but (as he had no smudge) I re-named
him Sam, an all black short haired, now 5yrs old.

I have had a lot of cats and most of them have been black, mainly
because I not only love black cats, but they are always the ones
overlooked. Sam had been fostered for 3 months before I took him
home. He is a beautiful boy with huge eyes and is the bossiest cat
I've ever had!

He is also has a bit of a reputation as the neighbourhood mugger
(sometimes I think he doesn't realize he has been neutered), and he
can put most dogs in their place. Strangely, when a stray tomcat
came to visit (eventually Jackie found him a new home), Sam didn't
mind him and even let him come in the house. Who knows what goes
on in a cat's mind?

I hope people realize that black cats are often very friendly and laid
back and make great companions.

Kind Regards, Sue Lukey

Let's Stay Safe Out Their Guy's

With winter fast approaching and you are looking forward to celebrating Diwali, Halloween, Bonfire night, Christmas (DON'T FORGET PRESENTS) and New Year's Eve it is a good idea to consider that some of us are frightened by fireworks. Fireworks can make us (NOT ME OF COURSE U UNDERSTAND) anxious and stressed due to the loud bangs and unpredictable noises but there are ways you can help us (so listen ok HUMANS). We might use the flight/fight response where some of us do become aggressive or fearful. But the most common response is the flight response where my friends will run and hide. This unfortunately can cause some of us to go missing and get trapped in places, or lost further from our normal boundaries. (BUT OF COURSE, THAT'S NOT ME IM JUST PLAYING ALONG SO MY FRIENDS ARE NOT EMBARRASSED YOU UNDERSTAND)



Top Tips To Keep Us Safe (Humans Listen!!!)

It is best to keep us indoors from late afternoon and overnight with lots of hiding places so some of us can hide safely until the fireworks are finished. (of course im just looking for a more comfy bed u understand)

Try not to handle me, and just let me do what I want to do as you could become injured if I am startled. (so don't blame me if I hurt u I did warn you)

lock my door (cat flap to you) and windows and pull the curtains / close the blinds. (I like it cosy)

Play soothing music in the background (I Like That).

Use the nice smell (feliway to u) to help us keep us calm (it is a good idea to plug the smelly thing (feliway) in a couple of weeks before firework season).

If I seem very distressed feel free to call my friend's on [01903 830577](tel:01903830577) for further advice as some of us will need calming supplements or medication to help get me (hum no I mean them) through the firework season.

Getting The Message Out

Amid our huge efforts to look after the cats in our care, it's all too easy to neglect other aspects of developing this business – for that is effectively what a charity is.

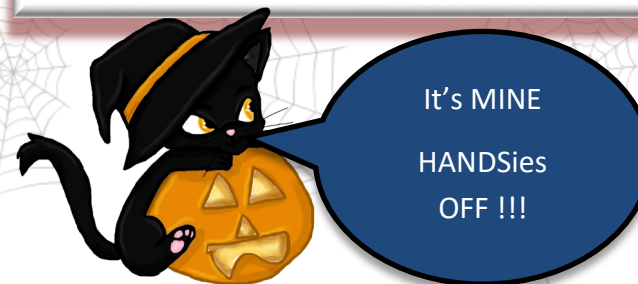
WCWT needs to generate more resources, both of the human and the financial kind if we are to maintain and expand our current level of service. And put simply, the more people who know about us, the more support we can expect.

For this reason, the trustees have recently appointed a new volunteer as Marketing & PR Coordinator, Mike Glennon, who responded to our leaflet drop earlier this year.

"It was about to go in the bin", said Mike, when the WCWT leaflet came through his Offington Gardens letterbox back in June. "It's not that I throw animal charity literature away; in fact, I'm inundated with mailshots from dozens of charities and never refuse to send a donation. However, mailshots nowadays are often back-to-back to keep costs down and I only saw one side of the leaflet – a double-glazing firm, I think. As it went in the bin, however, I noticed the WCWT cat on the back!"

It wasn't long before Mike had been enticed along to our AGM and given some honest work to do. Happily, his efforts are bearing fruit already and we now have WCWT articles about to appear in local parish magazines in Littlehampton, Rustington, East Preston, Ferring, Angmering and another in *Caring4Sussex* magazine, all promoting our **Old Age Puss for Old Age Pensioner** scheme. Commitments to carry our editorial material have also been received from local publications in Sompting, Findon and Broadwater and the quest goes on for more.

In reality, securing publicity for worthy causes like ours shouldn't be hugely difficult, provided someone with experience in PR takes the time to establish good relationships with editors and provide a steady flow of relevant material. This highlight, of course, the fundamental need to pull in ever more members, so that the various disciplines of running a business can be spread across more people. Maybe you have a friend, neighbour or relative you can entice in to our fold? Please think hard ...!



OAP's for OAP's?

We know Britain has an ageing population. It doesn't just apply to humans, however, as Worthing Cat Welfare Trust (WCWT) are well aware.

"With a feline head count around 8 million the number of British pussy cats needing re-homing is booming like the national debt", says Jackie Riddles at WCWT. Sadly, it is often the older animals, which are hardest to place.

Kittens are adorable, but with life expectancy up to 18 years, youngsters represent a long-term commitment. Fine for young families, but possibly daunting for an older person, as Jackie points out, "A neighbour had been looking for a pet to replace her recently lamented 17-year old and was offered a gorgeous kitten. On reflection though, Kitty has a life expectancy longer than her potential owner and the thought of giving up a much-loved friend in the future put her off."

That's why WCWT are re-launching their **OAP for OAP** Scheme (Old Age Puss for OAP). The idea is to match older pets to homes, where longer-term commitment may be questionable. But there is still obvious anxiety about giving up a dear companion - no matter what age - if your domestic circumstances deteriorate.

But this can be overcome, explains Jackie, "Our re-homing scheme would place an older cat with a new owner, but the charity retains a full supporting role. Whilst the owner looks after the pet as normal, providing a loving home and food, we would guarantee to take Top Cat back if and when the owner could no longer physically manage. This could even extend to veterinary support if required. It really can be a win-win situation for owner and pet, freeing up WCWT resources to care for more of the backlog of needy cases."

Sounds a bit like leasing. If it works with cars, why not cats!

Further details of Worthing Cat Welfare Trust : worthingcatwelfaretrust.co.uk or Jackie Riddles on 01903 883179 / 07818 824407.



Jackie's Report

The last few months have been very busy for me, picking up cats for rehoming some of them having been in their homes since they were kittens. There are all sorts of reasons for their situation mainly because their present owners are having to move and are not allowed pets. The owners are naturally upset at having to give up their pet but surprisingly once the cat gets into a new home they settle very quickly, what is surprising is that some find homes quickly while others it takes time, maybe it is their age, or the wrong colour or they just do not act very friendly towards people who come to see them. They are like us and all have different characters but this does not mean that once they get used to their new home they will not be friendly and loving. Every cat deserves a chance.

I do love the Golden Oldies, they come in with all their aches and pains, half their teeth missing and various health problems that come with old age. They are such characters with great personalities and a lot of love to give, they just want to sleep a lot usually in the sun somewhere or the nearest available lap, which means you cannot move until they want to because you will get some very dirty looks and be grumbled at. They definitely rule your lives, bless them ! I know you might think that if they are too old you might have them for long but the time they have with you will be very precious and rewarding.

I have two ladies who have just given a home to their 3rd elderly cat and they enjoy every minute of it, I am sure they will not mind me telling you that they are both in the 90's!

There are still a lot of strays that we take in especially from the local vets which means that people are still not having their cats microchipped, neutered or spayed. This is of course very irresponsible and causes a great deal of stress for the cats that are often left behind when people move or just left to look after themselves. One such cat that we have just taken in is Daniel who was taken to Grove Lodge Veterinary Hospital a few weeks ago in a very poor condition and it was found that his pads were burnt and very sore and he generally needed lots of love and care. They asked if we could take him on and I of course, said yes. He is a lovely boy and thanks to Cat's Whiskers help he is now on the road to recovery but he must have been in a lot of pain, all he needs now is lots of love in a new caring home !