



Gibraltar

## NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2005

You will be pleased to hear the exciting news that renovations to the Sanctuary are coming along nicely. The cats will soon be able to move into the near-completed extension to enable Simon and his colleagues from the **Royal Engineers** to refurbish the main building. The 6 serving 'Sappers' within Gibraltar have adopted the Society as their charity project. The 'Sappers' have also recently completed works to provide a new path and landscaping around the Sanctuary. Our volunteers are doing a sterling job, for which we are very grateful.

We are planning a Wall of Remembrance on the outside wall of the sanctuary. There are spectacular views of the bay, Spain and Morocco. It will be a special tranquil place where our beloved pets can be remembered. More about this in a future newsletter...

On **SATURDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL** Morrison's are kindly allowing us another fund raising day outside their shop. Again we are holding a **RAFFLE** and **CAKE SALE**. Please come and support us, and if you will bake a cake or some nice goodies, we will be most grateful! We will, as usual, have some cute cats and kittens looking for homes! Would you like to come and help on Saturday?

More good news – the next 'SNIP a STRAY' clinic takes place in just one month's time, from **SUNDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> MAY** til **FRIDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> MAY** – so there's lots of hard work and planning ahead. We are very grateful that the GSPCA will once again be joining us in the 'Snip' and will be meeting half the financial costs of this, our combined, third clinic. Thank you Barbara, and your committee, and also for your always, very generous help to us.

Whilst on the subject of continuous support, here's a **BIG 'Thank you'** to all at the **Rosia Bay Vet Clinic!** Your helpfulness and kindness is valued, and especially Mark, we appreciate how you *always* manage to fit in our emergencies. I'm not sure if I'm allowed to mention it – but he doesn't charge us for consultation fees – it's really kind of you, Mark; thank you!

**Always at 'SNIP A STRAY CLINIC' time, we need support more than ever...**

We need to borrow about 40 cat (small dog) carrier boxes. They need to be strong and secure. **PLEASE**, can you lend a carrier for the 'Snip' week???



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[www.catwelfare.org](http://www.catwelfare.org) ...will soon be online!

Can you spare us your time? We will be delighted to hear from you if you can. Obviously if your help can be for a few days or preferably the week, it makes for continuity, but all assistance will be appreciated.

## Do you have veterinary, theatre or nursing experience?

All levels of experience will be welcome. If none, could you offer vital help monitoring the cats after their operations, cleaning cages, sterilizing instruments, providing help with the 'squash boxes', a supply of teas and lunches for the volunteers, chauffeuring the 5 voluntary vets and nurses to our clinic and back again? Can you offer a spare room for one or two of our volunteers to sleep in? Would you like to offer them some 'Gib hospitality' or show them around? Can you help our team of trappers (we do work hard and late hours - but its very rewarding and fantastic team work)?

Have you any old sheets, towels etc that you can give us? (Drop off, as usual, with Deborah at Abol - next to Bianca's, Marina Bay.

We also need medical supplies and drugs, and all that is needed in an operating theatre environment. Can you help? (Lists available - see contact details below)

All assistance will be appreciated. Remember, we spayed/neutered 376 homeless cats in the two clinics last year. Next month, we hope to do a further 200+ cats. If you are feeding homeless cats, please check with one of us that any of 'your cats' that aren't yet 'done', are booked to be 'done' this time. Should you not be able to help, but would like to give a donation towards either the Sanctuary, or the 'Snip a Stray Clinic' (both these ventures are desperate for funds), All donations will be very gratefully received....

Finally, 'Welcome aboard' to our newest volunteer, Gemma. She is now helping at the sanctuary on Wednesdays. She is not only a dedicated cat person, hard working and fun to have along, but is full of great practical ideas! Welcome Gemma!

## See you outside Morrison's on the 2nd!!!

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