

NEWSLETTER july /august '06

The Open Day and opening of our refurbished Sanctuary by the Minister of the Environment, Jaime Netto, was, as we're sure you saw in the press and on the TV, a great success.



Mr Netto commented positively on Cat Welfare's successes. The renovated Sanctuary, our homing of abandoned cats, our caring of the community cats and in keeping their numbers controlled by our ongoing Snip a Stray Clinics.

Last month we introduced "Snip a Stray" to Prodean, in la Linea. Cat Welfare volunteers arranged for voluntary vets/nurses to come to Spain. With the invaluable assistance of Ian Macfarlane of Kismet, we caught, neutered and released just over 200 la Linea cats. Local volunteers will continue follow-up Snips!

Many thanks to all who kindly lent their cat boxes as recovery boxes, to local businesses- Dolphin Adventure for donating four tickets for our visitors to go dolphin watching, and Blanca's for their dinner. This was most generous. Thanks to Louis of St Theresa's Nursery for lending the "operating tables."



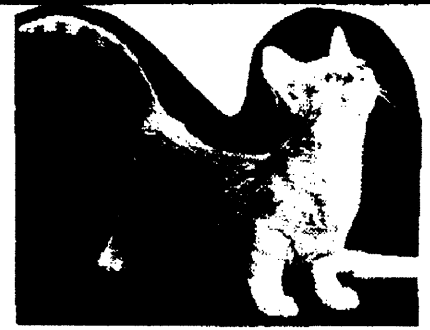
Our last two fundraisers, that under the portico at Morrison's and that in front of the Piazza, were good fun, and profitable. Thanks to Morrison's and all who supported us so generously.

FOR YOUR DIARY...

On Saturday, 29th we are holding another Bric a Brac on Main Street in front of the Piazza. We will start at 10am sharp, and if you will donate something for us to sell or bake a cake, we will be glad. Helpers needed please! Barbara of the Silver Shop has once again generously given us some lovely gifts to sell, so come early!



Mark of Rosia Vet Clinic's Mini Snip for us so as to neuter our urgent cat cases, was a great success. Mark and his team gave not only their time, but the drugs for free! This is GENEROUS!!!



On Saturday, 16th September, we are holding our annual Family Fun Day and Boot Sale at Europa. Helpers needed to man the stalls. Please volunteer!

The next and LAST Snip a Stray will take place from the 23rd September. Please advise us of cats that need spaying/neutering, well before the time. Also the location of kittens and pregnant females. THIS IS URGENT!!! PHONE NOW PLEASE!!!

Many members of the public believe that we are a dumping ground for their no longer wanted cats. They become abusive when we are unable to accommodate their about to be abandoned companions. The Sanctuary is FULL. Priority is given to genuine desperate cases like the five cats that were locked in with their deceased owner for four days with no food and water and then chased into the street, traumatized to fend for themselves. We do not have the space, the helpers or the money to take in more cats. We are all volunteers and each of us is fostering kittens and cats and supporting them from our own purses! Till cats are adopted and move out, we cannot take in more. We have a waiting list of very needy cases... Responsible people do not "chuck out" their companion because they want to redecorate, move house, have a baby, have a new lover/spouse, develop an allergy or move to where cats are not allowed... A KITTEN IS FOR LIFE!!!

Will you join our fundraising team? Help clean the Sanctuary? Socialize Cats and Kittens? Foster? Rehome?

Lisa Fenwick is returning to the UK next week. Lisa has devoted three years to Cat Welfare, and as you all know, has made a tremendous difference in many little lives. Lisa, we wish you, Keith and the girls a happy move and all blessings for the future.

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