



NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER, 2005

Greetings from the Cat Welfare Team and welcome aboard to Jill, Julia, Carol and Linda. Your much needed input and assistance is most welcome!

If you, reading this, have a few hours to spare on a regular basis, and would like to join our team, please phone one of us right away!

In July we held a *fundraiser and homing day* under the portico at Morrison's. Money was made to buy cat food and we managed to home some of our, and some GSPCA cats. We are most grateful to Morrison's for their support, and for allowing the *food box* next to the notice board. Many thanks for your regular donations of food for the sanctuary cats!

Thanks to all of you who gave so generously to our *fundraiser* in front of the Piazza in July. Especial thanks go to Barbara of the Silver Shop - her generous donation certainly lifted the tone of our Bric a Brac table! Samantha of the laundry in Marina Bay gave us a load of new clothes with the labels on. Thank you!

Vanessa held another *Darts Championship* for funds - a resounding success - and the proceeds went to paying long suffering Mark at the Rosia Vet Clinic. Thank you Mark for your, as always, generous, settlement discount! Vanessa is returning to the UK this week. We are also losing Liz, who so successfully acted as co-ordinator during the last Snip Clinic. We will miss you both, and thank you for all you have done for Cat Welfare and Snip a Stray!

In August we joined the GSPCA at their *Cats and Dogs Homing day* at Morrison's. It was a great success with a number of companion animals rehomed. We all shed a tear when old Sanchez left for his new home. He is ten years old and had been with us since his owner died about ten months ago. Tigga, a lovely eight year old Ginger girl, abandoned by her owner when he sailed out of Gib, also went to an adoring home...
SUCCESS!!!

Our fourth "SNIP A STRAY" Clinic starts on Saturday the 17th and runs for a week. Again the GSPCA is helping with a generous donation. M.O.D.

is again making available large premises under the *Ultra Bowl at Europa* for the clinic, and M.O.D. wives are giving accommodation to the voluntary vets and nurses from Kismet, the British animal charity that always helps us.

You will remember that during the previous three clinics we caught, snipped and released 538 cats. All can be identified by their left ear having been clipped. They now no longer breed, and can concentrate on 'mousing'!

We still require assistance for the 'Snip a Stray' clinic, so if you can help between 9am and 5pm on a regular basis that week - no experience needed, please let us know right away! Donations are also most welcome as this does cost us a lot of money!

We need to borrow 40 *cat/small dog boxes* to use as *recovery cages* for the cats after they have been operated on. We keep the cats for between 12 and 24 hours to ensure they are fully recovered before releasing them. You can deliver them to Albor Duty Free in Marina Bay or arrange delivery/collection by phoning one of us. Please ensure the box is well marked with your name and phone no.

SATURDAY 24th - last day of 'Snip' is the big Cancer BOOT SALE on Queensway. We will have three stalls selling BOOKS, BRIC A BRAC and GOOD CLOTHING. Donations gratefully received, and please come on the day and support us!!!

If, in your Housing Complex, Estate or work environment, there are homeless cats or kittens that haven't had their left ear clipped, indicating that they aren't spayed/neutered, please advise us immediately so we can try and include them in this Snip Clinic. Remember, kittens of 5 months get pregnant and produce between 3 and 4 kittens. They, in turn, start breeding at 5 and 6 months. Nature is cruel!

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