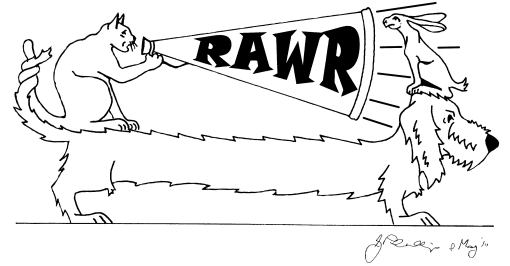


# Keep RAWRing!

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## Pook just says it all ...



"Some people talk  
to animals. Not  
many listen  
though. That's the  
problem."

- Winnie the pooh

## January eNews jogs response!

One of our newsletter recipients suggested in response to the January issue of this eNews to include where & how to make donations to RAWR. Thank you for the feedback, Cate!

1. There is a PayPal button on [www.rawr.ie](http://www.rawr.ie)
2. There are donations boxes around West Cork
3. Contribute via our pet food collection boxes in Bantry, Durrus, Drimoleague & Ballylickey
4. Pop in to the shop in Main Street, Bantry
5. Give RAWR your time and effort.

Any and all donations, monetary or otherwise, are most welcome. Everybody involved with RAWR does so voluntarily and all monies go towards helping feral animals, lost animals and animals in need.



## Sale on ...

The RAWR shop had a successful sale, but for the real bargain hunters there are still great deals and offers to investigate.

## Annual General Meeting

18<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Company members will receive their invitation shortly. Director's reports and annual accounts 2014 for inspection to all interested at the RAWR shop 20<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of April

## Recycling rules

RAWR has run a small but solid textile recycling scheme for a good few years now.

The total received from our recycling programme in 2014 was €1617 ! If you can contribute, drop off your old clothes and textiles in the RAWR Shop. Unfortunately we cannot accept duvets or pillows for recycling. However if you have spare ones that are new (packaged), these can be sold in the shop.



## The Know-It-All: The Sand Cat

The Sand Cat is often referred to as the 'Sand Dune Cat'. This small wild cat likes it hot - in fact Sand Cats feel most at home in the Sahara region of North Africa and the deserts of South-West Asia. Fortunately for the cats, the natives treat them with respect, as cats were companions to the Prophet Mohammed and his daughter. (In fact hunting Sand Cats is banned in many North African countries.)

Sand Cats are not unlike small domestic cats in size, but they are perfectly adapted to their environment. Sand Cats can survive without water even longer than a camel, because they get all the moisture they need from their food. However, they'll happily drink if water is available. Their banded pale-yellow or grey-brown coats provide excellent camouflage which allows them to blend into the sand of the desert background. They have dense hair on the soles of the feet, protecting the delicate pads from the ever-changing extremes of daily temperatures in the sand. The hairy feet also act on sand as snowshoes do on snow, so Sand Cats move effortlessly; and the spread distribution of their weight means that hardly a track is left behind.... *Stealth cats*

Sand Cats dig burrows where they shelter from the heat during the day, and do their hunting at night in temperatures approaching 5 degrees below freezing. Sand cats mainly hunt rodents and hares and birds. The cats have a reputation as snake hunters - particularly the Horned Vipers and Sand Vipers. To overcome its deadly prey, the cats try to stun and disorientate the vipers with rapid blows to the head; maybe we should call them the 'boxing cat' too ??



### Tails are not the end of it

Considering that a dog's tail serves far more than simply an aesthetic purpose, cutting it off solely for cosmetic reasons is as barbaric as it sounds. Not only is tail docking painful (and often done on puppies without anaesthesia), but also it will impede your dog's ability to communicate with other dogs - and with you.



Dogs also use their tails, to some extent, for balance and steering while swimming, so they will miss out on that benefit too. Dogs, like other animals, are born with tails for a reason. Fortunately, routine tail docking is considered unacceptable by the majority of veterinarians and general public.

The procedure is also highly restricted or banned in many countries: Australia, Iceland, Israel, Norway, South Africa, Switzerland and the UK.

Your dog's wagging tail may very well be one of your most favourite things, but it serves a purpose far beyond bringing us joy.



**Valentine's Day is 1 day a year ...  
A pet loves & gives affection all 365 days!**