

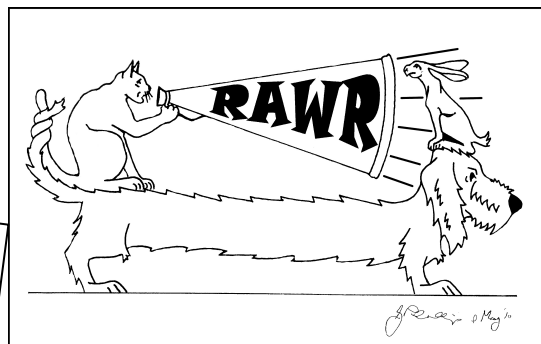
# Keep RAWRing!

Newsletter April 2012

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**Events:** May 3<sup>rd</sup> = Launch "Friends of RAWR" (Bantry Market, RAWR shop)



## Welcome to our April 2012 Newsletter

RAWR's very first AGM is behind us. At the meeting Susy stepped back as Director, but thankfully she will stay on as Treasurer (among many of the other jobs she does for RAWR). Penny Draper has stepped up as Director and we warmly welcome Penny on (the) board! After the AGM our local ISPCA inspector, Lisa O'Donovan, gave a talk about animal cruelty. A thank you to her for making time and coming down to Bantry! It was great to see that our animal welfare liaison with the Bantry Gardai made time to attend.

At the moment we're in full swing for Spring's kitten season. Jennifer and Penny are out trapping every single free minute. **If you want to learn to TNR or if you can help, contact us: [info@rawr.ie](mailto:info@rawr.ie) -** Enjoy this newsletter! *Jenny, Penny & Didi.*



### The know-it-All:

In Chinese Astrology, RAWR was founded in the year of the Tiger: RAWRY being our mascot is no coincidence.

From February 2012 we have entered the **year of the Dragon**. In ancient China, the dragon had the head of an ox, muzzle of a donkey, eyes of a shrimp, horns of a deer, body of a serpent (with fish scales), and feet of a phoenix. Doesn't that sound like the ideal symbol for RAWR's mission to help all (feral, pet and wild) animals in West Cork!? Gentle warning: dragons are invariably accompanied by rain, because they move like the wind... Sorry.



## TNR @ Bantry Beaches

One of the half dozen colonies Jennifer is working on at the moment. There are about 20 cats in this group. So far we trapped nine. One queen was in such a bad condition, she couldn't be returned. Another female has a large hernia in her abdomen. That alone is dangerous, but she was pregnant too! Her hernia has been dealt with by the VET and she will be able to go back to the colony in due course. It shows once more the (health) benefits of TNR and colony management!

## RIKER dreams of a forever-home:

Riker is a gorgeous boy of about 3 years. He is very easy going and gets on well with other respectful pets. Riker loves his food (hence his tubbiness) & enjoys sleeping as his biggest hobby. At the moment he is in training for a sleep-a-thon. Riker is neutered and will be vaccinated & micro-chipped prior to adoption. **If you fancy this lovely fellow contact** [info@rawr.ie](mailto:info@rawr.ie)



## RAWR Call !!

We are looking urgently for a fosterer or home for a beautiful elderly bitch. Her eyesight is not great, but her love & affection are beyond compare! Email: [Susy@rawr.ie](mailto:Susy@rawr.ie)

## Famous Patrons

When we had our storage in the "old cinema" on the square, we shared the building with the up and coming band:

**The Calvinists**. Before they get too famous, we bit the bullet and asked them to be our patrons.

And they said.... Yes!

See, we're not the only ones that think RAWR is doing great stuff! Info on the band: [www.thecalvinists.com](http://www.thecalvinists.com)



## More Friends For RAWR?

In the shop, around town and while trapping people often tell us they would like to support RAWR, but .... So from May 1<sup>st</sup> we're launching the **Friends of RAWR** scheme. Friends of RAWR have a Heart for Animals.



Being a Friend of RAWR keeps you posted on the difference we make for animals in West Cork, and beyond! **What is in it for you?** The RAWR shopping bag - *ethically produced & environmentally friendly!* The RAWR handbook with yearly updates. Quarterly E-news. And invitations for RAWR Friends events. **What is in it for RAWR?** Your support to keep us going (€15 for 2012). AND: Strength in numbers to change Irish animal welfare legislation!

## March Volunteer Meeting - report

Few attended the volunteering meeting in March with Angela Kearney. She spoke about the use of homeopathy with a focus on animals. One of the things she explored was the use of Calendula on cuts and scratches. Thank you, Angela! **Note:** do not treat animals or humans without Professional qualification or guidance.



## All for Animals

### Your rescue pet famous?

*All For Animals* sponsors & supplies RAWR's cat and dog calendars. You are now offered the very real chance to make your rescue pet a **calendar girl** (or boy!). Send a photo/story to [www.allforanimals.ie](http://www.allforanimals.ie)