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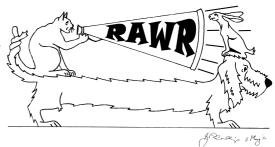
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The Durrus Community Day



Welcome to summer!

In May we have launched our newest effort to gain support(ers) for RAWR's activities in West Cork: the Friends of RAWR scheme. On the very first presentation on Bantry market three Friends signed up, a good start! Part of the scheme is the new RAWR Handbook that is held together by the generous donation of folders by Fast.Net in Bridge Street (www.myfast.ie). RAWR are also experimenting with a dog neutering scheme. A few selected vets are testing the scheme for us. Sadly money is our primary limit, but the first reports are positive and encouraging. Watch this space for more info after the summer. We hope you enjoy this newsletter. If you have feedback or ideas for the newsletter, do let us know: inf@rgwr.ie

Out of doors....

We are getting close again, really! We mean summer is approaching and most of us are gearing up to a life outdoors. Pets too can enjoy a safe Time in the garden, on the beach or in the woods with minimal effort:

- Check your pets' collars and ID tags for legibility and current number.
- If your pet has a tendency to seek out adventures, check and repair garden fences and gates. Check hedges for dead shrubs that cr
- Does your dog have a stubborn streak?
 Make sure his or her recall is good, so
 both of you can enjoy walks off the lead.
- Does your pet have behavioural issues?
 Don't wait for them to get in trouble with neighbours, children or other pets.

Get professional tips and advice from a qualified (dog) trainer.



done. The group in Bantry at the Beaches nearly is: 18 of 20 trapped. TNR queries e.g. from Bantry, Glengarriff, Ballydehob continue to come in.

The know-it-All: facts on cats

If a male cat is both orange and black it is (besides being extremely rare) sterile. RAWR note: All others can and will reproduce!

Studies now show that the allergen in cats is related to their scent glands. Entire male cats generate the most scent. Allergic people should thus be able to tolerate a spayed female.

Jaguars are the only big cats that don't roar (no, we don't mean the car!), but cats do purr at the same frequency as an idling diesel engine, about 26 cycles per second.

Source: www.ispca.ie/pages/cat_facts



May Volunteer Meeting

Thank you all for attending the May volunteer meeting in greater numbers. It is just more fun with more people. And getting your opinions on the presentation RAWR plans to take 'on tour' was great! Susy and her group did a lot of work in the presentation that is intended to improve the general knowledge and attitude towards (owning) animals.

Even if you don't have a dog or cat at home, or you don't really like animals, they come into

our everyday lives, and usually make us smile!



For those of you that live around Bantry town, you will have seen – and more than likely have taken advantage Of the RAWR shop sale! Part of the idea of having the

Sale 'till July is to make room for New Stock.

Our Mascot Rawrie is looking for loving homes for all the little Rawries that have arrived in the RAWR shop:

Treat yourself to a Tame Tiger?

If you adopt a Rawrie you get a tame furry tiger who loves cuddles and comes with a numbered adoption certificate. This is Rawrie's way to raise funds to help all other animals. For just €9.90 for a standing Rawrie or €7.90 for a sitting Rawrie you help too!



Only the Americans, or a sound idea?

Pets' Meals on Wheels is part of the services provided across the united States by lots of animal welfare groups. Is it an idea for West Cork? How would you go about it? **Share your opinions on the**

RAWR FACEBOOK page



"Dogs Welcome"

A man wrote a letter to a small hotel he planned to visit on his vacation. He wrote: "I would very much like to bring my dog with me. He is well-groomed and very well behaved. Would you be willing to permit me to keep him in my room with me at night?"

An immediate reply came from the hotel owner, who wrote: "SIR, I've been operating this hotel for many years. In all that time, I've never had a dog steal towels, bed-clothes, silver-ware or pictures off the walls. I've never had to evict a dog in the middle of the night for being drunk and disorderly. And I've never had a dog run out on a hotel bill. Yes, indeed, your dog is welcome at my hotel. And, if your dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay here, too."

TNR Plaques

We are trying to make RAWR's work more visible by putting plaques up where feral cat colonies have been TNR-ed. The information on these TNR plagues is aimed at local residents and to help the colony manager explain about TNR. The plaques also hope to attract attention from tourists. Sending the message that as a community we mind our environment and care for animals, should help West Cork make a good impression! The first plaque was mounted in Kilcrohane; Ballydehob and Whiddy Island are to follow soon.

If you have taken the trouble to turn this newsletter upside down, RAWR is looking for your kind of creativity. Make your mark on our newsletter and send in your stories, photos, ideas, comments and critical assessment to be included in the next newsletter. Send your input to: info@rawr.ie