

Keep RAWRing!

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Events:

Doggy Day Out @ Akahista Regatta August 5th
Bantry Agricultural Show, September 2nd



RAWR is in full ♪♪ Summer Swing ♪♪

Over the dark and wet winter months, we at RAWR tend to forget how busy the Summer can be. It warms up in Spring when not only the birds start nesting, but the (feral) cats start breeding and the urgency of good TNR programmes becomes so obvious. Then the season of outside events kicks in and we are happy to report a good day at the Durrus Community Day this year! We have two more events coming up and then the final BANG to the season: **the 2012 Bantry street collection** on Friday September 7th. Join us for an hour if you can and make a difference! Times are flexible.

DoneDeal PetAware (Adoption) Project

DoneDeal.ie wants to impact communities by creating opportunities for people AND animals to live better lives. Regular visitors of **DoneDeal.ie** may have noticed the change in the website.

The animal section in particular has changed significantly, e.g. the removal of ads from irresponsible owners and unscrupulous breeders. The animal section is **actively promoting Adoption over Purchase**. RAWR shares these beliefs and we have signed up for their PetAware (adoption) project.

DoneDeal.ie is one of the most popular websites in Ireland (over 2 Million views a month). What they say about animal welfare gets attention! **A sincere thank you** to DoneDeal.ie and their staff for taking responsibility for animal welfare.



Call for Cuties

Thank you to all who sent in their photographs. RAWR has received over 25 images to date. If you have digital photos (taken yourself), please consider donating the use or copyright to RAWR. For example, the rabbit photo below, is a donated image too. **For donations or information:** info@rawr.ie

The know-it-All: What have a rabbit and a chameleon in common.....?



Rabbits shed their fur frequently, and re-grow it soft and clean. Because rabbits shed their fur, they CAN change colour! Wild rabbits can change their fur from all white to brown in a matter of months. In any case, chameleons are the winners, taking just 20 seconds to go 'missing'.

Chameleons come in more than 100 types. Most change from brown to green (and back). And some types can turn almost any color.

Doesn't that make you feel embarrassed with most of us living in Ireland only changing from white to shades of brown or red over the summer – and that's if we're lucky?

Fund Raising Tip

When emptying out pockets, save up the coins. You will be surprised how quickly the change in your pockets adds up.... And €15 already covers the donation to become a Friend of RAWR!

Join RAWR Friday Sept. 7th

Every year we have a street collection in Bantry town. Of course the main aim is to raise vital funds for neutering and TNR, but it is also a great opportunity to talk to people about animal welfare and to enthuse others about our work. Without fail, this event leaves us tired but proud and happy:

Join the fun!

You can help make this event a success by shaking a collection bucket for an hour on Friday 7th September. **Contact:** didi@rawr.ie

These Purrrrrfect Pets Prefer Forever Homes

RAWR is not a rescue, but the work we do inevitably means we foster animals that deserve a forever home. We call them forever homes because these animals - without exception - have had enough hardship and deserve a safe and secure future. If you feel that you can provide the basics (food, water and care) and that little bit extra too, please consider giving these lovely pets a home. **Info:** info@rawr.ie

Meet **Smirnoff and Cass**, two 8 months old, very friendly rabbits. They were rescued from being let out into the fields (where they would very quickly have been eaten by a fox!)

Smirnoff and Cass are both neutered males and as they have become such good friends **MUST** stay together. To give these boys a good home, you need a roomy, weatherproof hutch for night-time and an exercise pen with access to grass and shelter, during the day. Don't forget to make both fox-proof!

If you would like to provide Smirnoff and Cass with a safe future, **contact:** susy@rawr.ie or phone 086 844 3244. There is an adoption donation that will be put towards paying the €50 neutering cost per rabbit. A home check is part of the adoption process.

Not sure if Smirnoff and Cass are the rabbits you've been looking for? **RAWR has 4 rabbits in total**, 3 males and 1 female. As rabbits are social animals and shouldn't be on their own, these are to go as pairs, trio's or as a quartet. If you have a rabbit already, one can become your rabbit's new best friend.



Meet **Pepper and Caraway**, who we suspect to be daughter and mother. Both ladies are adorable! Pepper is the smaller of the two and a bit shyer than her mother. When they arrived at RAWR they were in appalling condition, but now the girls are well on the road to recovery. Because of the horrific situation they came from, we're not exactly sure of their ages; possibly in the 2-4 year range.

Pepper and Caraway can be homed as a duo or separately. These ladies are use to being indoor/outdoor cats and are litter trained. Both are neutered and have had their first vaccinations. They will be micro-chipped before they come to you.

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If you have the heart, the time and the space for a special needs cat.... meet **Helix**. Helix is a huge black boy who thinks he's a dog; He comes when he's called, walks to heel and just adores food!

Helix has a head tilt which is most likely the result of brain damage. He can be a bit insecure in new places or with new people. He gets on with cats and dogs, but must be introduced slowly. Once settled in, he can be a bit excitable with play, so we're looking for an experienced cat-home.

Helix is fully vaccinated, neutered, microchipped and FIV/FelV negative.

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Newest arrivals @ RAWR shop

The RAWR shop is now offering Dunoon bone china mugs. Dunoon is a family business producing high quality mugs since 1974 using traditional skills. It is not just because of the cute animals on these mugs, that we think they underline our animal welfare beliefs. They do so in a more fundamental way. How? Well..... When we discussed having Dunoon mugs on sale in the shop, we immediately saw visions of friends sitting together over a cup of tea, or busy families using the mugs while catching up.



And getting people to talk is one of our aims too! Those who know RAWR volunteers also know we talk quite a bit (OK, yes, we talk a lot): educating the public, or supporting responsible pet owners (guardians) in making decisions about neutering. We hope these mugs will help to continue these meaningful conversations.

If we don't talk to each other, how do we learn to understand and respect both humans and animals?