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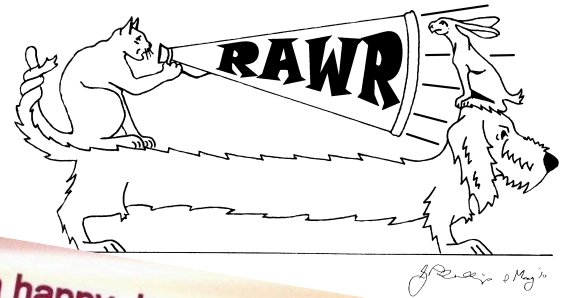
Newsletter January 2013

Valentine
New range of cards & Special Offers
@RAW Shop e.g. 'Podgeys'
(irresistibly cuddly!)

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AGM coming up!

This is the time of year that volunteers can finally relax after the festive rush in the RAWR shop, the many Christmas Fairs (we did no less than 3 this year) and their own shopping, wrapping and cooking. Ladies and Gentlemen: **WE SALUTE YOU!** Without your help and your good cheer it would have been impossible (and no fun).

The year has only just begun, but there already is good news! The Department of Agriculture has allocated RAWR a generous amount from the Ex-Gratia Fund. The table below shows all the animal welfare groups in Cork who will be able to continue their work:

Congratulations, colleagues!

The start of the New Year also means 'crunch time' for the RAWR Directors. We are preparing reports for the AGM. And it is time to sort the accounts for the annual audit. If you would like to know the details about RAWR's finances, visit www.cro.ie and download the files or email your questions to info@rawr.ie.

RAWR also started the year with a serious challenge. We lost many volunteers in the shop. Thankfully they left because they found work or their work placement ended (and we hope they find work soon!). To all who responded with offers to help in the shop a sincere thank you! It gives us time to find long-term volunteers... and who knows... you may just like it and stay?! **TO A GREAT 2013!**

Dog Food Direct



We are sorry to report you can no longer sponsor RAWR via Dog Food Direct. However we still have a great need for pet food, especially kitten food. Please continue to donate through our local food boxes in Durrus and Ballylickey!



Friends of RAWR

Friends of RAWR make the work we do possible.. Please think about renewing your Friendship for 2013 and receive a lovely Paperblanks journal. If you would like to join the Friends of RAWR for 2013, you will receive an eco-friendly and fair-trade shopping bag. Please visit rawr.ie or email info@rawr.ie to join or for information.



Ex-Gratia Grant Recipients (Co Cork only)	Awarded
Community Cats Network, Kilbrittain,	€1,000
Mallow Animal Rescue, Mallow	€1,000
Cork Animal Care Society, Kilmichael	€4,000
Munster Lost and Found Pet Helpline, Ballinhassig	€4,000
Cork Dog Action Welfare Group Ltd (DAWG), Macroom	€8,000
Cork Cat Action Trust, Blackrock	€9,000
Pauline's Rescue, Lauragh, Milford, Charleville	€9,000
Rural Animal Welfare Resources (RAWR), Bantry	€9,000
Animal Rescue Skibbereen	€10,000
Cork SPCA, Mahon	€10,000
ISPCA Victor Dowling, Mallow	€10,000
West Cork Animal Welfare Group, Clonakilty	€10,000
The Donkey Sanctuary, Mallow	€60,000



How the Cat got its Purr - a European folk tale

In the time before stories were written in books, a princess was given an impossible task. She was ordered to spin 10,000 skeins of linen thread in 30 days, or else the prince she loved would be put to death. The imprisoned princess had only her 3 cats for company. In desperation, she asked them to help her.

The 3 cats and the princess worked night and day and finished the chore in the allotted time. The cats' reward was the ability to purr, a sound somewhat like the whirring of the spinning wheel. *Note: what happened to the prince and the princess, the story doesn't tell...*

The know-it-all ... is back!

A kinked tail is considered a flaw in a Siamese cat. However, legend tells us this flaw had a purpose: to serve royalty. Before princesses in Thailand (formerly Siam) bathed, they took off their jewels and put them on the tail of their cat. The cat curved the tip of its tail to keep gems from falling off. ...Ahh, those were the days....



A Giggle with the Goats

www.GigglewiththeGoats.com

is all about laughing at the playful kids as they run and romp around the barnyard to great music!.



Fable of the Hedgehog

It was the coldest winter ever....

Many animals died because of the cold. The Hedgehogs, realizing the situation, decided to group together to keep warm. This way they covered and protected themselves;

but the quills of each one wounded their closest companions. After awhile, they decided to distance themselves one from the other and they began to die, alone and frozen. So they had to make a choice; either accept the quills of their companions or disappear from the Earth. Wisely, they decided to go back to being together.

They learned to live with the little wounds caused by the close relationship with their companions in order to receive the heat that came from the others. This way they were able to survive....

The best relationship is not the one that brings together perfect people, but when each individual learns to live with the imperfections of others and can admire the other person's good qualities. So, the moral of the story is: **Just learn to live with the quills of life!**

The Magpie Counting Chant

Source: nettlemere.hubpages.com/hub/English-Sayings-about-Birds

One for sorrow,
Two for joy
Three for a girl,
Four for a boy
Five for silver,
Six for gold
Seven for a secret
never to be told.



Horses from the sea

Artist Heather Jansch makes sculptures of horses (www.heatherjansch.com). But... like all extra-ordinary innovations the idea came out of the blue; in this case literally as it came in on the tide: Driftwood. On her website Heather says "as a child I never could have dreamt that it would be driftwood horses that would make my name".

Heather's sculptures symbolize the synergy of the animal and the natural world. It highlights RAWR's motivation that as humans, we should strive to earn our place among these two incredible forces of beauty. **Let us know what you think** - email info@rawr.ie or www.rawr.ie.



Benefits of Music

The RAWR charity shop will become even more appealing very soon.... and not just for our customers. We are applying for an IMRO license so our volunteers (and the

customers, of course) can enjoy music, legally, while at work for the animals in West Cork.

As most things in life, the license comes at a cost and we are looking for help to pay for it without impacting the animal-related funds.

Please donate €7.50 via PayPal on the RAWR website to fund the music license and support our shop and its volunteers!