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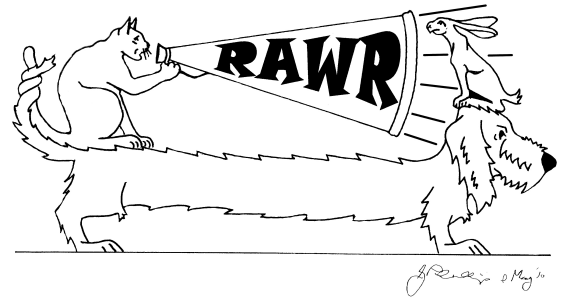
Upcoming Events

Goleen Easter Fair – Sunday 31st March 2-5 pm @ the Community Centre
Mill Cove Gallery: Opening of the The Irish Sculpture Awards, in aid of RAWR – Monday 5th May

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TNR Challenges ahead ...

Did we write in our last newsletter that we could finally relax after the festive rush? How wrong... we realised quickly enough that TNR season (a.k.a. Spring) is approaching fast and we need to get our act in gear if we want to achieve the higher numbers in TNR and neutering pets we have set ourselves for this year. So off the couch and back behind desks, in cars, out trapping and preparing for fairs and events! Will you come out to meet us?

Benefits of Music

The RAWR charity shop has received it's IMRO music 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. Our aim is to finance the license without impacting our animal-related funds at all! Give us a hand? **Please donate €7.50 via PayPal on the RAWR website to fund the music license and support our shop and its volunteers!**



Art & Animals

The Mill Cove Gallery and sculpture garden is an oasis and boasts amazing views of Bere Island. Visit their opening of the Irish Sculpture Awards 2013 on May 5th and support RAWR in the process. Wonder at the mix of pottery, sculpture, prints and paintings by well known & emerging artists.

Quarantine Unit

So far our appeal and your enthusiastic help has not resulted in a quarantine unit for feral cats, just yet. We did get a number of very positive replies, both for putting up the poster, practical information and advice and the donation of an owl enclosure that we will be able to put to very good use! THANK YOU to Alice Specken and to all who helped. Please stay alert for a unit?

RAWR on Radio

Thanks to our tireless PR volunteer, Deirdre O'Brien, Jenn had her say on radio (Feb 14th)!

Dunnes Stores Boycot

The ASPCA has drawn attention to the fact that Dunnes Stores has banned all animal charities from collecting in their stores. No reason has been given to date to explain this decision.

Although Dunnes has the right to do as they please in their stores, we as consumers have the right to 'vote with our feet'! Please ask nicely why they have come to this decision and if you don't like their answer (including: 'no comment'), take your shopping elsewhere.



Is that me?
Peter Hoelcek
Mill Cove Gallery
www.millcovegallery.com

Cookies

Cookies have a specific role on the RAWR website. A cookie is a small piece of data sent from RAWR and stored in your web browser while browsing our site. When you come back to the site, this data can be retrieved and improve your browsing experience. It is important to know that our cookies are not tracking or collecting information! We also use other kinds of cookies that perform essential functions. Most importantly, authentication cookies so our servers know whether somebody is logged in or not. Without such a mechanism, the RAWR site would not know whether to send sensitive information or not!



Meet Helix

Helix will be going up on our **sponsor a cat program** to help with the cost of his medication and veterinary care. In line with RAWR's no kill policy, we aim to keep this otherwise happy-go-lucky feline enjoying his life! Visit www.rawr.ie to sponsor some medication or medical care.

The Sponsor Cat

Our long term foster cat Helix is making a new best-friend (photo on left). However Helix had some bad news this month. He was taken to the vet because he had recurring trouble eating. Sadly, Helix has been diagnosed with an autoimmune disorder which means he will require medication and care for life.



Both his fosterer and RAWR are devastated. It is especially sad for such a gorgeous feline who has made such progress to be confronted with a horrible condition.



Stowaway

It is great when local business and local charities find each other! Stowaway crafts in Bantry has donated a load of stock because they are moving premises. We are sure it won't last long on the shelves of the RAWR shop. From all of us at RAWR: the best of luck in your new premises!

Why not check out Stowaway's huge range of scented candles, gifts & toys when in Bantry?

PESTS OR GUESTS?

The Irish Wildlife Trust (IWT) has been inundated with questions regarding foxes since the reports of the mass dumping of 20 dead foxes into a river in Limerick and a mutilated fox in Laois. If you have foxes coming to your garden, the 1st thing to do is talk to neighbours. No matter if you are trying to get rid of them or want to feed them – the presence of foxes is an issue affecting a whole community. For info: www.iwt.ie.



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April 6th 2013.

The legal members of the limited company will be invited in due course. All volunteers, supporters and Friends of RAWR who are interested in the financial and directors' reports can view copies in the shop from Tuesday April 9th for a period of 2 weeks.

1st Facebook Auction ...

Our very first fundraiser on Facebook has been a great success. Well, sort of. The gold bracelet on auction raised the amazing amount of €70, but not on Facebook. Our fearless shop volunteers sold it: Good job!



The Van

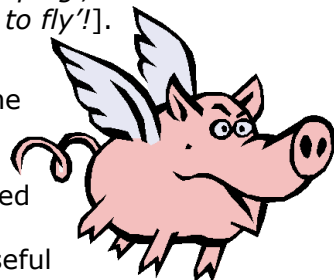
Part of the Ex Gratia grant 2013 is being invested in wheels for RAWR. To date we were dependent on the willingness of our volunteers to use their own transport and run the risk of peeing cats (or worse). It is safer to have a dedicated vehicle for TNR and animal transport purposes because it can be kitted out, so both animals and people are secure.

Our treasurer, Susy Greaves, has put her negotiating skills to use and has achieved a great price! We're not showing the make or license plate because we don't want animals tied to the van by irresponsible people. The insurance is sorted and the van has had more than one TNR trip already! These first trips were sponsored by www.eastendgarage.ie They were so generous to fill the tank with €50 of diesel!

The know-it-All: Pigs in space?

The expression 'pigs might fly' has been in use for a long time! For two hundred years it has been a sarcastic rejoinder to overly optimistic predictions (which we never do at RAWR by the way!). **But we do wonder: why pigs?** Other creatures have been cited in similar phrases - 'snails may fly', 'cows might fly' etc., but it is pigs have stood the test of time. It is the animal that is particularly unsuited to flight due to its bulkiness and their habit of rooting in earth that suggests an intensely ramping nature [...and it's nice to have an opportunity to sneak in 'ramping', which means no more nor less than 'unable to fly'!].

On the subject of pigs..... No one actually invented the piggy bank. Around the 15th century, there was a word "pygg" which referred to a type of orange clay. People made all kinds of useful objects out of clay, including dishes and jars to hold spare change. Around the 18th century, "pygg" and the animal "pig" came to sound alike and an unknown potter probably misunderstood an order when he created a "pygg" jar in the shape of a pig!



Sources: www.phrases.org.uk & inventors.about.com

RAWR Stories



IF YOU LOOK VERY CAREFULLY AT THE CENTRE OF THIS PHOTO YOU CAN SEE A TINY PUPPY. THIS DIRTY, INHOSPITABLE SPACE UNDER AN OUTBUILDING IS WHERE OUR VOLUNTEER FOUND A LITTER OF 5 PUPPIES ...

She wriggled through the puddles and underneath in the dark and the dirt and rescued all of them from the cold wet night, going back later for

their mother once they were in a safe, warm place.

This is what happens when dogs are left to roam un-neutered. They get pregnant and will later search out places to give birth away from humans. The puppies don't get the benefit of veterinary attention and often get sick or die especially if the mother is not being fed properly and is unable to provide proper nutrition



These little puppies were lucky and have now gone to a rescue organization to be cared for and found forever homes.



Please help us to reduce the number of animals like this by becoming a **Friend of RAWR**. Your help is funding neutering programmes of feral cats and assisted neutering of pets (**dogs & cats**). This way RAWR aims to reduce the number of unwanted animals At

the same time the humans benefit from a quieter cleaner environment.

Please visit www.rawr.ie to see how you can help

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