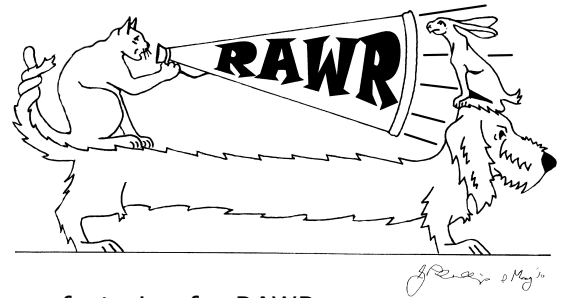


Keep RAWRing!

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The damage of Fire

I am sure everybody in the vicinity of Bantry will have heard.

One of our directors faced the worst event one can think of:

a house fire. Everything was lost including her pets and cats she was fostering for RAWR.

On behalf of Jennifer, we would like to thank everybody who has been supportive and who helped in any kind of way. We debated whether we could raise another 'fire issue' given this horrible event. However, it is

something that affects large areas and sometimes our homes and animals year after year. Unfortunately we see these images like the photo on the left often in the dark: Someone (sometimes an idiot) sets a field on fire and before you know it a hill is burning; it just too often runs out of control. These gorse fires can burn for hours, sometimes days. They may be necessary from one point of view, but they cause mayhem to the (surface) water supply and wildlife... not to mention what happens to homes, live stock and pets..... With all the technology we have, should we rethink this practice ... we say: YES!



New Troopers

Two student veterinary nurses in UCD have set up **Dublin Small Animal Rescue**. Their mission is to rehome unwanted animals or those whose owners simply can no longer care for them. We congratulate Cerina and Claire, and give them a warm welcome to animal welfare! Want to see for yourself? Visit www.facebook.com/dublinsmallanimalrescue www.dublinsmallanimalrescue.webs.com www.youtube.com/dubsmallanimalrescue



Prefab Puppies (Update)

In the last newsletter we reported on the prefab puppies. They have been very well cared for at **West Cork Animal Welfare Group**. With effort, love and care these puppies are now moving from prefab to fabulous! They will be ready to find forever homes soon..... For details visit www.WestCorkAnimals.com

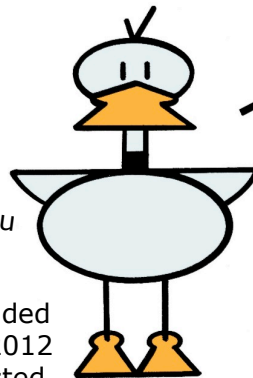
Shopping for volunteers!

Due to some changes in the shop rota, we are looking for volunteers. Can anybody help us on Tue 2 PM to half five or Wednesday 2 PM to half five? If you feel you can't commit to a shift, could you do holiday cover?

AGM April 6th

The legal members of the limited company have attended the 2013 AGM. We spoke about all that happened in 2012 and the plans we have for the future. Anybody interested Has been able to view the financial and directors' reports in the RAWR shop until April 15th (but thankfully nobody contacted us to say they were boring!). We are very proud to introduce our new Press-Relations Officer **Deirdre O'Brien - Welcome to the team!**

Sadly we also heard our long-standing Treasurer, Susy Greaves, is stepping down next year. So, we will be looking for a new Treasurer! If anybody is interested in helping RAWR in a more official capacity and keep us and our finances as healthy as Susy email: info@rawr.ie.



QUACK

The know-it-All: Disney, Ducks & Donkeys

The season of pub quizzes and the like is slowly kicking into gear again. So this Know-it-all is dedicated to facts that will only help you impress those who know everything else:

1. Walt Disney was afraid of Mice.
2. A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.
3. Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes or shark attacks. (So, watch your Ass!)

No ban on fox hunting & hare coursing

RAWR joined IWT's appeal to the public to call on our TD's to include a Hare Coursing Ban and a Fox Hunting Ban in the Animal Health and Welfare Bill that was up for debate on March 26th. What we learned was just how low the interest in wildlife and animal welfare is in Ireland (assuming these people do represent 'us'). This information was taken from the IWT website:

Fur farming - An overwhelming 106 TDs voted in favour of fur farms.

Hare coursing - Voting showed that 102 TDs want hare coursing in Ireland to continue.

Fox hunting - It gets worseAmendment 14 by Clare Daly and Maureen O'Sullivan was seeking to outlaw the use of dogs in hunting and the practice of digging. Badger culling, the use of wild animals in circus performances, use of hares and the use of ferrets for hunting were also listed under this Amendment. There was no debate on any of these issues in the Dáil, TDs were called in to vote without allowing Daly and Sullivan to explain their position. Voting achieved the same results as the previous one- only 13 TDs supported this Amendment.

To make your voice heard, next time use your vote (again) and remember these TDs that supported **Clare Daly's** and **Maureen O'Sullivan's** Amendments 13 and 14:
Richard Boyd Barrett,
Thomas P. Broughan,
Joan Collins,
Stephen S. Donnelly,
Noel Grealish,
Joe Higgins,
Finian McGrath,
Catherine Murphy,
Patrick Nulty,
Róisín Shortall,
Mick Wallace.



Cleaning up Bantry!

The launch of Bantry's (anti) Dog Fouling project was graced with a visit from Cork County Mayor Barbara Murray who is demonstrating the use of the poo bags in this photograph. Also pictured are- front from left - Children Allannah Ni Chonchuulr, Dylan Mac Cartaigh and Daniel Downey with Tara (one of RAWR's long term supporter and volunteer!). Adults: Susy Greaves (RAWR project coordinator), Ciaran Sheehan (Muttmitts), Cork County Mayor Barbara Murray (demonstrating the use of the poo bags), deputy mayor of Bantry Aiden McCarthy and Joan Marshall (RAWR).

Poster Competition

We had some great entries to the poster competition (see next page!). But we couldn't have done it without our super sponsors:
Bantry Tidy Towns
Bantry Art Shop
Bantry Book Shop
Fast.net
Corinne Roberts, Artist

1st Prize Ayla & Saoirse!



Ayla and Saoirse won the poo project poster competition. **Congratulations!** During their art lesson they designed and made a plaque on wood, to put on their bedroom doors. Local artist Corinne Roberts worked with them to produce some fine results. Corinne's own work can be seen at the Mill Cove Galleries.

Phase 1 complete ✓
→Phase 2 underway



RAWR has worked with Ruth O'Brien of Bantry Town Council, and Teddy Browne, the litter warden for Bantry, to make this scheme happen. Already there is a noticeable improvement in the cleanliness of the streets since the dispensers went up, the bags are clearly being used, and disposed of sensibly. (They can be put into the Council bins around the town).

But this is only the start.... The second phase of the project is to produce a booklet that will be delivered to 12,500 homes around Bantry with lots of useful information concerning dogs and dog ownership. This will also have a map of where the dispensers can be found. In the leaflet will be a voucher for the first 500 dog owners who bring their valid dog licence into the RAWR shop, to claim a handy dispenser that fits on the dogs lead!

Rural Animal Welfare Resources

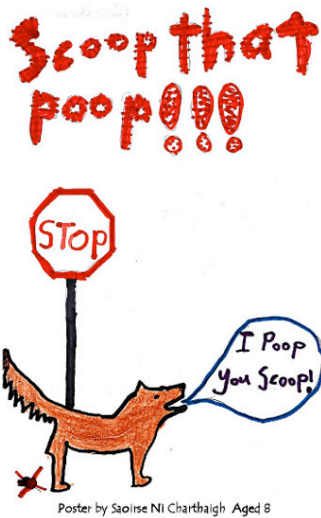
Dog Fouling Scheme Poster Competition

Winners

4th to 6th Classes



1st to 3rd classes



Senior Infants Class

