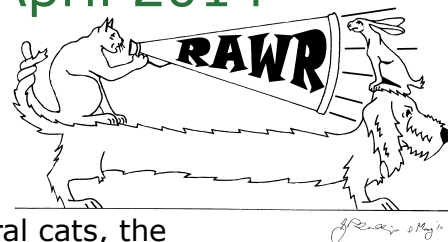


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Funds and Food for Felines (and Dogs!)

To keep RAWR's work going, we need funds. That goes without saying, but we need a lot more to run our TNR programme for feral cats, the neutering programmes for pets and our educational activities. RAWR has had pet-food-donations boxes around the West Cork area for a number of years. These boxes provide us and other animal welfare groups that we work with, with food and treats for the animals we have in our care. Sadly, SuperValu Bantry has changed their mind (indefinitely) about having our box on the floor. So it was moved to Cronin's in Ballylickey. We have a small box in Ryan's in Durrus and recently we expanded to Brosnan's Supermarket in Schull. This box is already proving a great asset. We are very grateful to Brosnan's and hope the box will boost pet food sales while helping to feed animals in need.

In the photographs: Joan Marshal (RAWR company secretary), Jeremy Brosnan (Brosnan's, Schull) and Susy Greaves (RAWR financial officer). Left: Eddy Ryan, Durrus. Right: Foodbox at Cronin's, Ballylickey.

We also owe a big thank you to Lush who were so kind to host a 'Charity Pot Party' for RAWR in March. For a whole weekend they have donated the proceeds of their 'Charity Pot', one of their hand-made lotions, to RAWR. The shop staff were great and even RAWRie made an appearance on Saturday! The total raised was very close to €92.

CALENDAR OF ANIMAL DAYS

April National Pet Month in the UK
24 International Guide Dog Day



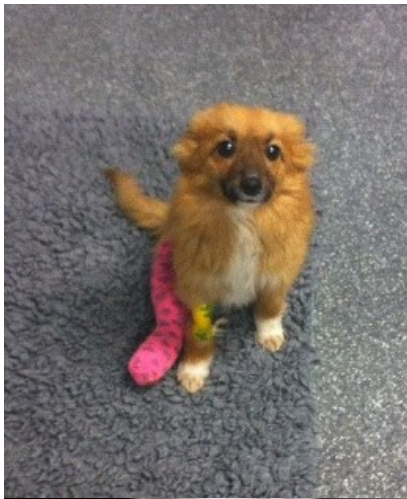
Straight from Australia

This Koala is stuck. It needs a name and is relying on you to help. Can you think of a suitable name for this lovely creature?

For €1 you can enter our competition and win this warm and woolly pet! All proceeds will help animals in need as Koala was donated to RAWR by one of our crafty and creative volunteers.

Sign up sheets for this competition can be found in the RAWR charity shop in Bantry, with Valerie on the Bantry market on Good Friday and with the RAWR stall at the Goleen Easter Fair. You can also enter on Facebook (entry fee via PayPal on www.rawr.ie).

*The winner will be notified June first.
In the event of a tie there will be a draw.*



Meet Toffee !

Toffee has an important story for all us pet owners. It is a very simple story: ***be prepared for the unexpected***. Toffee was hit by a car at only 6 months old. As a result he had two broken legs and a dislocated hip. This is not a story of blame, it was an accident, but Toffee's injuries required surgery at a cost of over €450. After surgery, Toffee needed 6 weeks of restriction to give the bones time to heal. His owners, as much as they loved him, couldn't afford the surgery or the time necessary for him to recuperate. One of our amazing RAWR volunteers heard about Toffee and he was surrendered to our care. He has had his surgery where he had one leg cast and the other pinned and plated to keep the bones together. Toffee doing great and is now well enough looking for a home that is able to love him forever. Please email us at info@rawr.ie if you would like to offer Toffee love, care and attention!



So how come a RAWR volunteer had the money to help at a moment's notice? No, Toffee's helper doesn't have money to burn. However, they were prepared and had an emergency fund. An animal, as would hold true for a human, is unpredictable. These responsible pet owners had a few euros put away and those savings saved Toffee. If you can, take out pet insurance or establish an emergency fund. Don't be put in the position of Toffee's owners . . .

RAWR has a problem . . .

RAWR has a problem, a serious problem. We barely missed the magic 500 neutered cats in 2013. Most of us thought this was great, but we have one member on our management board who is very upset at missing the 500 mark by seven cats only. And she has vowed to shoot through this numerical barrier this year. Now... we desperately need more trappers to help achieve this goal.

RAWR can't keep asking the same group of volunteers to do more and more. If you over 18 and interested in helping us, please email: info@rawr.ie. Becoming a member of the trapping team does not mean you can't say "no" to a TNR project.

Trapping, as with all RAWR roles, is 100% voluntary!

Barn Cats rehomed

The appeal to adopt a barn cat in the February eNews has been a success!

Steady employment and good barns have been found for a number of our cats.

Are you interested too?

Email us: info@rawr.ie

