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The summer is ticking away ..

This newsletter is later and smaller than you may have grown accustomed to, but the summer is our busiest time and we have put maximum effort into TNR, the shop, fundraisers, grant applications and rehoming barn cats (last, but definitely not least!). One of the applications we submit every year is the *Ex Gratia Grant application*. This is a scheme of the *Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine* that allows many animal welfare organisations, like RAWR, to increase their efforts. If you are interested in how the funding works or which organisations receive public funding, visit www.agriculture.gov.ie and look for the animal welfare section. You will also find a Code of Practice in relating to the ex gratia grant that RAWR subscribes to.

We have never set out to become dependent on this particular source of income or other grants or subsidies. When it comes to money, we try to be as diverse as we can, so we are not vulnerable to i.e. a street collection permit not coming through or a local fair being cancelled due to the weather. However when allocated, they do allow us to realise many more TNR's, run our van for animal transport to the vet, print leaflets, Etc. etc. Fingers crossed, we will hear by the end of the year that we can continue our efforts and maybe even increase our neutering schemes for 2015!!

RAWR Bake Sale

Our volunteers let us know that they had a good day on the cake stall at the Bantry market late June! To quote them: "We three who make a right pair". The ladies who shall not be named for security reasons, kept busy that the day which resulted in a grand grand total of over 450 euro. A job well done! But they couldn't have done it without those who contributed their lovely cakes, tarts, breads and cookies (both human and pet orientated). Thank you!! Also to the kind donor of quite a few plants that sold well too.



Another great big thanks goes to Dee for all her hard work in setting the bake sale up for RAWR. And the businesses that supported the event deserve their names in print too (alphabetically): **The Bakehouse, Centra, De Barra, Floury Hands, Mace, Organico and Supervalu.**

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Bantry Agricultural Show on September 7th at The Beaches, Bantry. For more information, visit: www.bantryshow.com

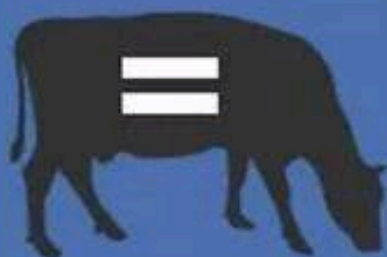
Calling one, calling all volunteers!

We received the date for RAWR's annual street collection; this year we'll shake those buckets on **Friday the 26th of September**. Can you help for an hour or so?? Let us know: info@RAWR.ie.



Bovine TB

The situation in Ireland



Number of infected herds in 2007 was the same as the number of infected herds in 2002 despite intensive culling of badgers

Estimated percentage of badger total population culled as part of the strategy to control Bovine TB in Ireland since 1984



Current Irish approach is breaching the criteria that relate to creating local extinctions in badger populations as stipulated within the Bern Convention.

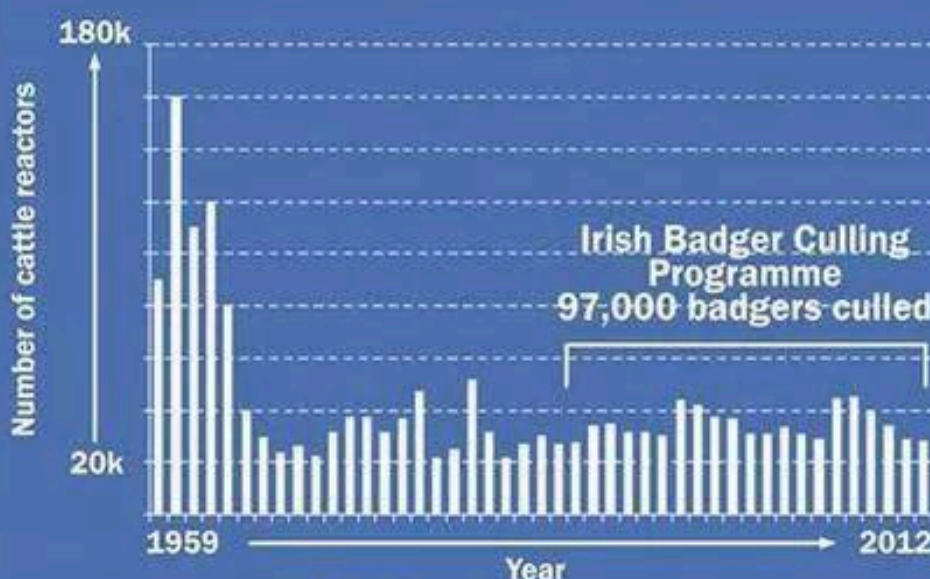


In 2012 €3.4 million was spent culling 6,939 badgers. After all this slaughter only 55 less cattle were diagnosed with bovine TB compared to 2011. That's €489 euros per badger or €61,818 for every cow below last year's figure.

Efforts to combat TB in Ireland began in the 1950s and costs €60million per year.



6,000 Irish badgers are killed annually



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Forever home found for RAWR's Koala

Our lovely Koala, made by Joan Marshall, found his name and a forever home with [XXXXXXX].

The name that won our competition was the fitting: **Sydney!**

The competition raised a total of 85 euro which will be used for RAWR's wildlife rescue efforts. The work we do in this area is limited, but usually expensive. The reason being that when wildlife comes to us these animals are usually severely ill or injured, requiring extensive veterinary treatment.

The Know-it-All: knight in black and white?

As implausible as it seems, this is the story of how a humble bird ascended to a distinguished title.... and a knighthood.

In 1913, to commemorate the Edinburgh Zoo's opening, Norwegian citizen Christian Salvesen presented the Zoo with its first King Penguin, paving the way for positive, pro-penguin relations between Scotland and Norway from that day forward. In 1961, as part of their routine visit to the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, the Norwegian King's Guard happened upon the Zoo's penguin exhibit. Lieutenant Nils Egelién was enchanted by the waddling birds, and adopted one of them in 1972 as the army's new mascot. The penguin was named Nils Olav, both for the penguin-loving lieutenant and in homage to Olav V, the King of Norway at the time.

Nils Olav was immediately given the title of visekorporal, or lance corporal—the lowest rank granted to a non-commissioned officer. When the King's Guard returned, they upped his officer status: he became Corporal. And over the years, Nils has risen through the ranks until finally, in 2005, he became the Colonel-in-Chief he is today. On August 15, 2008, Nils's good behavior took him all the way to knighthood, as British Major General Euan Loudon ceremonially dropped a sword on each of the penguin's winged sides, standing in place of the Norwegian king. King Harald V, though not present at the ceremony, issued a citation to congratulate the penguin on his conduct, describing Nils as "in every way qualified to receive the honor and dignity of knighthood"—not too shabby for a bird who can't fly!

Source: mentalfloss.com



The Ewe Garden's Charity Tea Party

Thanks to the many people who baked, supported, volunteered and came to the Ewe Gardens Tea Party in Glengarriff we had a great day and a great result. A total of almost 700 euro was raised

All raffle winners have been notified personally of their winning tickets.

Thank you **Sheena and Kurt** for your kind offer of this fund raising event and opening up your amazing gardens to help RAWR achieve even more this year. The funds raised will be spent for more TNR and neutering. A trapping team has been active in Glengarriff village over the summer months trapping, neutering and returning over 10 cats.

