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Changing cruelty into welfare

RAWR is one of the lucky organisations in receipt of funding from the Irish Government. This also means we have to adhere to rules and guidelines set out by the Department. As we reported in the previous newsletter, microchipping is one such area we follow the government's guidelines. But there are a few more, and two we would like to draw your attention to.

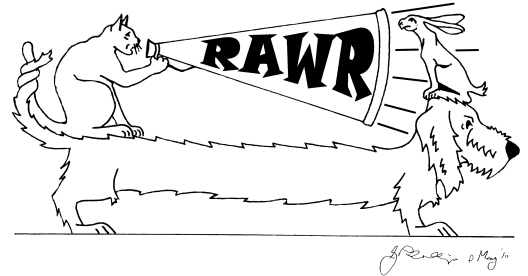
Both the department and RAWR apply the so called **Five Freedoms**. These freedoms represent an over-all concept or framework of animal welfare and underpin animal welfare best practice, not just at RAWR:

1. Freedom from thirst, hunger and malnutrition
2. Freedom from discomfort
3. Freedom from pain, injury and disease
4. Freedom to express normal patterns of behaviour
5. Freedom from fear and distress

If the five freedoms are breached RAWR considers this to be the starting point of cruelty to animals. However, current animal welfare law in Ireland is far less strict. Luckily we see a growing interest in animal welfare from the national level, both in political leaders and policy makers (not always the same crowd!). At RAWR we wholeheartedly support this development and will always pass on information regarding incidences of animal cruelty to An Gardaí Síochána and the ISPCA. The public, you!, can do the same! Help us make animal cruelty visible. The clearer we make the problem of animal cruelty, the better our chances of finding the law behind us and to increase funding for animal welfare.

Help us improve animals' lives:

Report cruelty!



Looking for Crafty & Creative humans

RAWR is one of the lucky organisations in receipt of funding from the Irish Government, but we don't want to be depended on subsidies. That is why we have the shop in Bantry and why we attend markets, fairs and fun days in the Bay area. We're now gearing up for ... yes: Christmas. Every year we have a debate at RAWR when the holiday season should start, but truth is we don't have a say in that. We're dependent on the organisers of the Christmas fairs. This year we're kicking off mid-November at the Co-Action fair in Bantry. To do this we are urgently looking for anybody who can help at the events, but more importantly we are **looking for crafty, creative humans** who are willing to donate home-made items to sell. Let us know if you can contribute in any way via Facebook, www.rawr.ie and info@rawr.ie



The know-it-all

We're heading towards the season of long nights in, a cosy fire and.... Yes! Board games. If you want to use your own animal related Trivial Pursuit questions, here are some to consider:

- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- A crocodile cannot stick out it's tongue.
- A goldfish has a memory span of 3 seconds.
- A snail can sleep for three years.
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than it's brain.
- Butterflies taste with their feet.
- A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
- In the last 4,000 years no new animals have been domesticated.
- All letters of the alphabet are in: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog".
- There are more chickens than people in the world.
- Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

And 3 good ones we didn't want to keep from you:

1. Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but nose and ears never stop growing.
2. A "Jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/1000 of a second.
3. Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.

**There, now you too know everything ...
... if you can recall it all!**

- Thank you, Susy Greaves,
for sending this in.



What do you see??

This species of orchid is aptly named the Monkey Face Orchid (Dracula simia). These rare orchids only grow in the cloud forests of south-eastern Ecuador and Peru at elevations of 1,000-2,000 meters on the side of mountains. {...} What makes this flower even cooler (as if it needed to get any more awesome) is that it smells just like a ripe orange when fully blossomed. Incredible!

Source: featuredcreature.com

Why is October 4th World Animal Day?

We celebrate World Animal day to raise the status of animals in order to improve welfare standards around the globe. It is celebrated in different ways in every country, irrespective of nationality, religion, faith etc. Increased awareness and education can create a world where animals are always recognised as sentient beings and full regard is paid to their welfare.

