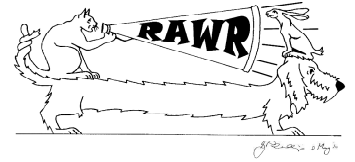


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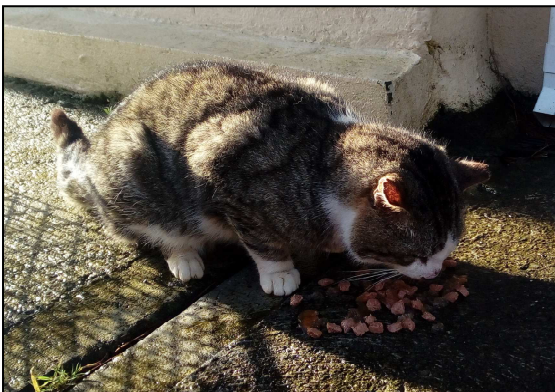
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JANUARY was busy for our TNR volunteers with several private home trappings as well as a larger operation on a farm over two days. January weather and conditions bring their own difficulties which can mean the volunteer trapping in the dark – it doesn't get light in deepest west Cork much before 9.00 am and cats are often fed before their carers leave for work.

It is always a good idea to set traps at the usual feeding time because a hungry cat is easier to entice into the trap than one with a full tummy.



THIS LITTLE BOY WAS GIVEN BREAKFAST ON HIS RETURN HOME

The farmyard was, as often in winter, muddy and the operation complicated by a flock of hens who were very curious to see what food was in the traps. They were gently encouraged to move to another part of the farm clucking and flapping as they went. Trapping was accomplished of all but two cats on the first day. These two, not much more than kittens, walked around, sniffed, sat on or next to traps, but would not go in. So, returning twice the following day our trappers caught the final two watched by a herd of cows in the nearby barn.

They stood, gently chewing their breakfast (the cows that is), completely unperturbed by this unusual human behaviour; gazing out as traps were set and cats transferred into baskets and loaded up for the trip to the vet.

Another successful mission for RAWR.

There are lots of **ANIMAL DAYS** in the calendar every year. Here are a few you may not have heard of:

16 January: Appreciate a Dragon day

28 January: Rattlesnake appreciation day

2 February: Groundhog day

9–15 March: National Aardvark week

25 April: World Penguin day

28 May: Slug appreciation day

10 July: Don't step on a Bee day

3 November : Jellyfish day

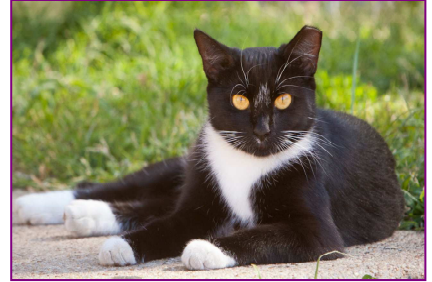
2 December: Nationall Mutt day

Who knew?

On a more serious note, we must care for and about all animals and their environment.

For this and more Information see website of: worldanimalfoundation.org

In March we held our 7th **Fix It For A Fiver** week where owners of pets and guardians of ferals can have their cats neutered for just €5 each. Every cat neutered will either have its left ear tipped or, for an extra €20, be microchipped. This is so it can be seen from a distance that it is neutered or, if found straying, checked for a chip and the owner contacted. This means the cat does not need to undergo unnecessary surgery in the future.



This initiative was as popular as ever. With the support of The Veterinary Clinic in Bantry and Castlelands–Hourihanes in Skibbereen 199 cats were neutered, while many owners arranged separately for vaccinations, and flea & worm treatment to be given at the same time which gives the cats a healthier and happier chance at life.

We raise the funds for this and our other work through our shop in New Street Bantry. Next time you are in town, call in and see us. If we can raise the funds we will repeat Fix It For A Fiver later this year – watch out for a notice on our facebook page.



A SELFIE SENT IN BY MISS TILLY TAKEN WITH HER FOSTER CAT BEST FRIEND FIFI

Wildlife is now protected from hedge cutting from March to August when birds and other animals breed in the shelter and shade of their leaves and branches.



Burning is also prohibited (except under certain conditions in March).

If you see these activities taking place outside the permitted dates you can report it to the Department of Agriculture. For information on wildlife visit The Irish Wildlife Trust at iwt.ie.

RAWR NEUTERING DISCOUNT VOUCHERS: for availability contact veterinary practice: Bantry: Fachtna Collins 027 53639; Skibbereen: Castlelands–Hourihanes 028 22211; Dunmanway: Brookpark: 023 884 5777; Castletownbere: Brian Murphy 027 70366

Donations can be made in the RAWR shop, New Street, Bantry; via our facebook page, or by sending a cheque to Rural Animal Welfare Resources, Snave, Bantry, County Cork.

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