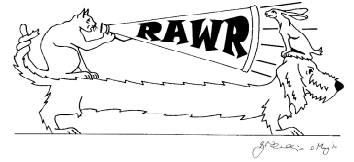


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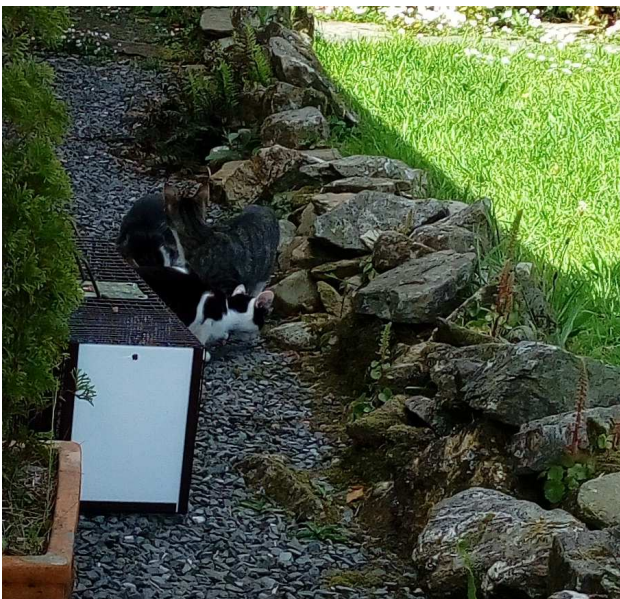
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It's kitten season again and our volunteers have been very busy trapping, neutering and returning. This photograph illustrates what happens when animals are not neutered. Suddenly, there is a population explosion and we can get a call out for 20 or more cats (this colony was trapped and neutered and has people caring for it). Males, females and their kittens all have to be trapped and taken to the vet.



lactating mother as well or in some cases bottle feeding until they can move onto solid food.

Our volunteer fosterers are heroic in their care for these tiny beings. Once grown enough they are neutered, vaccinated, microchipped, treated for fleas and worms and litter trained before finding their forever homes.

If you are interested in rehoming a kitten keep an eye on our facebook page or send us a personal message.

The adult males are the easiest to neuter and can usually go home the next day. Females, because their surgery is necessarily more invasive, may be kept at the vet a little longer to be sure that they are well and able to manage for themselves. Mothers with kittens are more complicated. Kittens can become pregnant as early as 4 months of age. If the kittens are 10 to 12 weeks old or weigh one kilo or more they can be neutered and returned with their mothers. Smaller, younger kittens need to go into foster care until they are big enough. Sometimes this involves caring for a



“TUT! - NOT MORE FOSTER KITTIES!!”

On the subject of kittens, two lovely people picked up a kitten from the middle of the road on the Healy Pass last week and contacted RAWR. The kitten was taken to the vet where it had emergency surgery for a ruptured kidney, but sadly did not survive as its injuries were too severe. These very generous people also donated towards its care.

Cars should be checked all-year-round for stowaways. Young kittens with no life experience often end up lost and far from home when they hide in car engines. When it's cold cats and kittens may climb in underneath the bonnet or wheel arches to warm up and are at risk of injury when you drive away. They can be carried for long distances before falling out and are at risk of being lost or hit by another car. Please ensure your cat has ID (collar and tag and/or microchip) so that if it does travel there is a much greater chance of your feline friend getting home

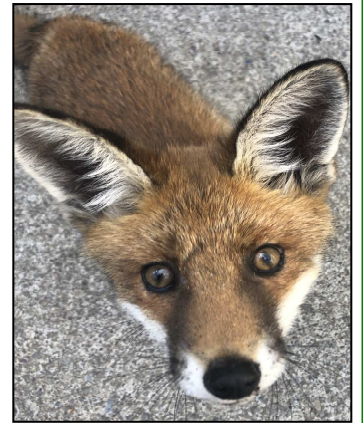
It's been a cold spring in west Cork and although we have seen a lot of sunshine there has often been a bite to the wind. So it was a great pleasure to welcome these two lovely customers into the RAWR shop.

Having had a pre-summer trim in hope of some warm weather on their holiday here they were feeling the chill but were soon warmed up in some snuggly RAWR hand-knitted jumpers. Don't they look lovely.

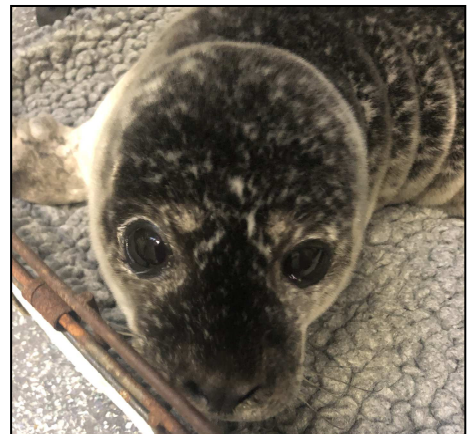
Our brilliant volunteer knitters will also undertake to make bespoke jumpers for your best friend. Call into our shop in New Street, Bantry to discuss your options.



RAWR has also been busy with wildlife. This little fox was found at the side of the road and handed in. After treatment it was moved to a rehab facility where it will be cared for until it can be released.



A RAWR volunteer also assisted others with this little seal pup which was transported to the seal sanctuary.



RAWR DOG AND CAT NEUTERING DISCOUNT VOUCHERS: for availability contact your nearest participating 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; on our web page www.rawr.ie, by going to PayPal and donating to: penny.rawr@yahoo.com or by sending a cheque to Rural Animal Welfare Resources, Snave, Bantry, County Cork.

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