

RURAL ANIMAL WELFARE RESOURCES



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RAWR UNDER COVID 19 CONDITIONS is very different. Back in March our charity shop was looking forward to a busy summer season in Bantry and we were all thinking of ways to celebrate RAWR's 10th anniversary and raise funds to continue our work neutering feral and companion animals to stop the overbreeding and consequent suffering that comes from un-neutered cats and dogs. Then, like the rest of the world, COVID 19 arrived and RAWR went into lockdown.

The shop was closed and those of our volunteers who were in the vulnerable groups were told to stay at home. But, the animals were unaware of the crisis and continued



to behave as animals will. Fortunately we still have a couple of stalwarts on the team who were able to go to call-outs to Trap Neuter and Return and tend to sick and injured wildlife.



Our wonderful vets continued to be open for treatment so RAWR's work was going on throughout – and of course this was all happening during kitten season!

When lockdown conditions were reduced and a sort of normality regained, we were unfortunately not able to re-open our charity shop in Bantry as, due to its size, and the vulnerability of volunteers it was not possible to operate with safe social distancing.



Overheads and vet fees still have to be paid and we came up with an alternative idea for fund-raising allowing for safe, minimal contact for customers and volunteers. A new on-line takeaway service was set up in August where you can **click** on the RAWR website, www.rawr.ie, browse a selection of greetings cards, hand knitted doggy jumpers, pet supplies and treats, Alex Clarke notebooks and more; place an order by email and then **collect and pay** at the shop in New Street, Bantry.

We had just launched this service and were looking forward to our first customers when another disaster struck. On the night of 24 August Storm Francis, combined with high tides caused serious flooding in Bantry. The RAWR shop was flooded with 18 inches of water. Volunteers were on site from 1am to 3am to clear the damaged stock out and mop up. Then in the following days going back to do a more intense clean up of the mess left behind.



Following the clean up, the shop has been open for service at a table at the door on Monday and Tuesday each week, with cash accepted and hand Sanitizer available. We are not giving up, and will be moving into new premises in Bridge Street shortly and hope to be able to welcome you there depending on the restrictions at the time – please keep an eye on our facebook page for notices of when we will be open again. Our work carries on and hopefully next year we will be able to make up for lost time.

To finish this update on a positive note, with the help of our supporters and volunteers, this is what RAWR did in 2019



181 feral cats were Trapped Neutered and Returned home

64 companion cats were neutered using the RAWR voucher scheme

17 kittens were fostered and then found their forever homes

163 cats were neutered at 3 Fix It For A Fiver events

67 dogs were neutered using the RAWR voucher scheme

12 additional cats and dogs received medical care

1 Fox, 1 seagull, 1 seal and 1 crow received veterinary attention



RAWR today is still run entirely by volunteers, and is a registered charity.

RAWR DOG AND CAT NEUTERING DISCOUNT VOUCHERS: for availability contact your nearest participating veterinary practice: Bantry: Fachtna Collins 027 53639; Skibbereen: Castlelands–Hourihanés 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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