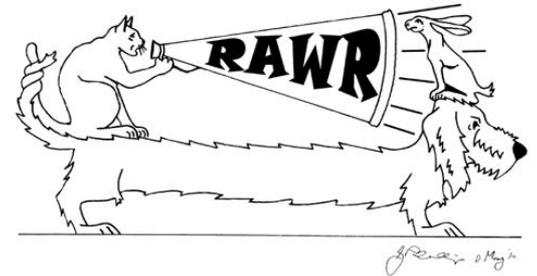


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It's the season to be merry ...

This is a busy time of year for RAWR, not necessarily with TNR and neutering alone, but with raising funds for the year ahead. The Christmas fairs have been coming our way thick and fast from mid November. These are great events as we get to chat with so many people, answer questions about animal welfare and offer the hand-crafted products made by our volunteers. Of course we also have products to pamper your pet!

Last Minute Christmas shopping!?

Every year we have special Christmas items. For 2015 we were very proud to introduce our new photo-cards and a range of new cartoon-cards too; for those who like a little smile with their Christmas pudding. Visit our shop in Bantry!

If you are looking for a particular gift, don't hesitate to ask our shop-volunteers!

One item that may come in handy over the next weeks, when the Christmas shopping is at it's peak, is our **RAWR shopping bag**. Although RAWR's focus is on animal welfare, we are aware of broader issues in our (global) society and **this bag is food safe, sturdy and produced in a human-friendly way!**



This is the season to be merry & the time of year we can make a big difference with our shopping. Don't purchase a kitten or puppy; Adopt! Rehome!



Girl Power!

Animal welfare is 'manned' predominantly by women. RAWR is no exception to that rule. With this article we honour the contributions of all our ladies!

In the animal kingdom there are many species in which the females rule the roost. This might seem unusual in that the males are typically thought of as the protectors, but often-times the females have advantages or skills that make them uniquely suited to protecting their species' survival.



Honeybees: The female queen is the ruler of the honeybee hive. She's larger in size than her workers and lives for one to two years, compared to six or seven weeks for workers. The queen's specialty is reproduction, which ensures the survival of the hive.

Orcas or killer whales, live in a matriarchal society and offspring stay with their mothers for life – even after having offspring of their own. A pod of killer whales will be made up of multiple family units, known as matriline, which tend to travel together.



Elephants also live in a complex matriarchal society, in which the oldest and often largest female is the matriarch of the entire herd; she may lead anywhere from eight to 100 elephants.

Bonobo, a type of great ape, also live in groups lead by females. Interestingly, they are also said to be the most peaceful primates on the planet. In contrast, female **spotted hyenas:** are larger and more aggressive than males, and it's the Females that dominate their social groups.



Lions live in large groups called prides, similar to wolves (but not most other cat species). A pride consists of multiple related females and their dependent offspring along with two or three unrelated males.

Female lions do the hunting, usually in groups, while male lions stay home and watch over the pride. The males, however, are first to eat when the female lions come home with their kill.

Mole rat colonies, which may have 20 to 300 members, are lead by a dominant female or "mole rat queen."



Ants, similar to bees, live in colonies lead by a single queen, who focuses on mating and breeding to build the colony while the others tend to the work. An interesting factoid from Discovery News:



"If population size is a measure of success, then ants are the most successful creatures on the planet. If all of the ants in the world came together in one big mass, they would weigh more than the combined weight of the entire human population on Earth."

This article was sent in by Susy. It was written by Dr. Becker. The text was amended to fit this eNews.

Meerkats live in underground burrows in groups of two or three families, called mobs. Each mob is lead by a dominant female, which leads in foraging trips, finding new burrows, and settling disputes with other meerkat mobs.



Take their lead ..?
If we can continue to grow our female lead colony of animal welfare enthusiasts, one day our masses will outweigh the group that born of ignorance or stupidity cause the cruelty suffered by animals. **Let's go ladies!**

