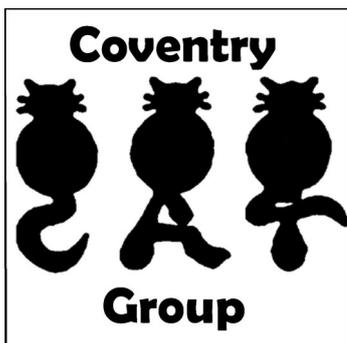
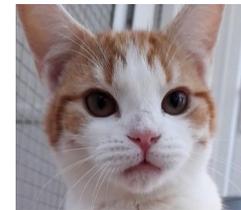


Coventry Cat Group Newsletter 2020

Rescue, it's what we do



3rd kitten Tabby and White. Not sure what happened to it when Portia moved her kittens on day of trapping



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Coventry Cat Group's Trustee Report

Winter 2020/Spring 2021

I think the message we must carry through our Trustee report is thankfulness. We are very proud of our charity, our supporters and of course our volunteers. Many of them are managing to work, look after dependent family members, their own pets and homes, and still manage to find time to help make Coventry Cat Group have the most successful year to date. Successful in our fundraising achievements, even though we had some heavy vet bills and had to cancel both our annual Summer Fayre and Christmas Fayre due to Covid-19.

We are thankful that we have been able to find homes for 76 cats and kittens, which is higher than last year, despite homing having to be done in a very different way now. We cannot have visitors onsite, to look at their prospective cat or kitten, so our Homing Co-ordinator has had to do video home visits. Our new owners have had to rely on us matching them up with a cat to suit their needs, desires and circumstances. We have to deliver our charges to their doorsteps and leave them there! Obviously this goes against what we normally do, and we do have in depth discussions about the process to keep everyone safe.

We have had a lot of volunteers patiently waiting to come and socialise, as well as potential new volunteers awaiting their inductions, which sadly we cannot allow due to Government restrictions. The vaccination programme may help, but we think there is a lot to learn about Covid-19 and its variants. Like the rest of the world we are hoping we get to some semblance of normality and can open our doors again soon. Before that we aim to keep everyone safe.

Another reason to be thankful has to be to our vets primarily Bell and Partners and Broad Lane Vets who have continued to carry out preventative vaccinations, spaying, neutering and microchipping for us during these extraordinary times. They have let us know as soon as they have a slot to fit us in. Without this we would fill more pens up because we cannot mix boy kittens with girls when they get older, which means we can find homes for them, then when space allows, take in more needy cats. We remain firmly committed to helping as many cats in need as we can and we would like to thank all of our volunteers, supporters, sponsors, adopters and fosterers, for all they have done for our cats this year.

We look forward to an even more successful 2021.

CCG Trustees

THE CORLEY FAMILY

14/12/2019

Judith and Debbie our dedicated trappers (amongst other things) have braved the cold tonight to start a new trapping job, a Mum cat (Bertha) with, we believe at least 6 kittens of varying ages (although from past experience this could prove to be the tip of the iceberg...)

And we are pleased to say we have already caught one little beauty, haven't had the chance to determine if it's a boy or a girl yet as it's very fluffy, but welcome little one, no more cold, wet, hungry nights for you. Safe Now.

Hopefully your siblings will be with you shortly.



Bertha



Bryony/Bryan



Beau



Brodie



Bryn



Belle



Bailey

28/11/2020—Update

Mum cat Bertha proved to be very unhappy at the Centre and was returned to her caregiver opposite the trapping site.

Bryan (wasn't a girl as we had thought) too, proved to be very feisty and was homed to an experienced lady who had already taken in a sibling from the previous litter.

Bryn and Brodie went off to their new home on 13/11/2020 and Belle and Bailey continue their journey with us until they are ready to go to their forever home.

Beau sadly went to Rainbow Bridge on 17/12/2019, totally unexpected, with no signs of illness.

Toms with poms (but not for long)

Sadly, every year we receive calls to the helpline or via a message to our CCG page to say people are feeding stray cats, usually tom cats, battered and bruised trying to survive the harsh life of living on the streets.

Bertie was our first arrival followed by Ozzie, TC, Richard, Gerald, Nick and Lucky.

Both Bertie and TC had leg injuries and Nick was in an appalling condition, we were devastated that for Nick, we were too late to save him.

Coventry Cat Group exists for all cats, strays, ferals, and FIV positive cats, we are non discriminatory and non destruct.



Bertie



Gerald



TC



Nick



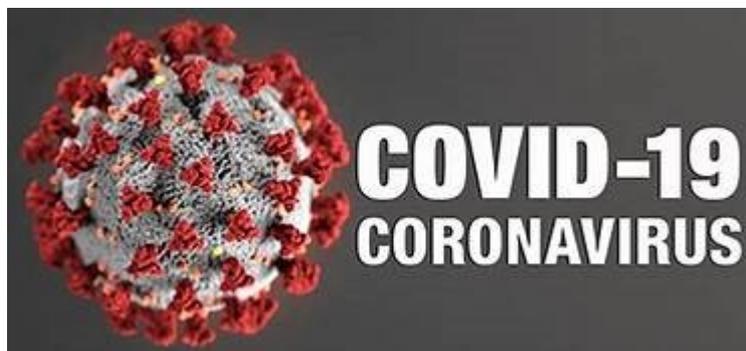
Richard



Lucky



Ozzie



In late 2019 a virus apparently closely related to SARS coronavirus emerged in Wuhan, China. The virus, later named severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), caused an illness known as COVID-19, which was similar to SARS and was being characterized primarily by fever and respiratory symptoms. The virus was likewise highly contagious. By early 2020 it had spread throughout regions of China and had reached the United States and Europe, having been carried by travellers from affected regions. In March the World Health Organisation declared the outbreak a pandemic and travel to, from, and within many countries was severely restricted in an effort to control its spread. In many areas, schools and many businesses closed, and stay-at-home guidelines were implemented, which strongly encouraged people not to leave their places of residence.

For Coventry Cat Group it was devastating, not only were the humans in lockdown, the cats and kittens were too. The only volunteers allowed on site at the Centre were the cattery assistants to carry out essential duties.

When the government lifted restrictions slightly, we invited our trusted key holder socialisers to come on site and entertain our residents. Unfortunately it wasn't long before we were in lockdown again and back to three volunteers running the Centre.

We have however had an extraordinary year for homing cats and kittens, 76 in total, thanks to Sarah Hyams and Judith Stanely. It is particularly satisfying to say our colony cats have been given the opportunity to live in a home where the adopter is willing to give them the extra time, love and patience they need to become part of their family. Hera, Apricot and Saffron from the Radford Colony are a perfect example of this. Some of our other colony cats homed were,

Izzy, Polly, Ada and Arthur from the ginger colony, Bryn and Brodie from the Corley Colony and all of the Greek Colony bar Hugo and TT, who still has some dental issues that need to be dealt with before they move on to their fur ever home.

Flower, Dancer, Basher and Shyan from the Tile Hill Massive Colony also went off to start the next phase of their journey away from CCG.

Vanessa Gaskin (CCG Key holder socialiser)

It's hard to estimate the impact of COVID-19—19 on the welfare of the cats at Coventry Cat Group as they continued to be looked after by the fantastic team at the centre; it wasn't so hard to measure its impact on myself and my husband Tony, we really missed our weekly visits to our furry friends. Tony had taken to cutting the grass and was just getting it under control, his reward was then time with his favourites. I made the most of the extended visits by having more time to play and engage with the more shy puss cats. All this was taken away by the ongoing pandemic, we had realised how privileged we were as key holders to have this time with the cats, but not realised how much we enjoyed seeing them progress and bond. It is heartening to see that some have moved to their furr-ever homes, though I will miss June, Bryn and hissy Brodie, when we finally do get to return. Another 'casualty' has been our cat Monty who has come in for serious over attention! And poor Tony:- as I am now desperate to become more involved when we are at last able to do so. This virus is an awful challenge, overcome by team work and dedication and strict protocols. We had to play our small part, but boy was it hard work not seeing the new arrivals, getting to know them and in some small way helping them on their journey.

Coronavirus and animals, from the British Veterinary Association.

There is limited evidence that some animals, including pets, can contract coronavirus. Cases in pet animals are very rare, and at present the evidence suggests that coronavirus:

- may pass from infected humans to certain pets such as cats and ferrets following close contact
- does not easily pass between cats or most other pets, but this cannot be ruled out

may pass between ferrets and humans based on the evidence from mink infections

However it is extremely important to reiterate that [according to the OIE](#), the current pandemic is being sustained through human-to-human transmission, and there is no evidence that animals are playing a significant role in the spread of Covid-19.

It is the case that animals may act as fomites, as the virus could be on their fur for a short period of time in the same way it is on other surfaces, such as tables and doorknobs. In line with public health guidance, you should:

- wash your hands before and after any contact with your pet, its food and bedding
- not share food with your pet

avoid contact such as kissing or cuddling if you are self-isolating

There is no evidence that you need to wash your pets to control the spread of coronavirus. Only wash or use products on your pets that are approved for use on animals. For this and any further information, please follow the link.

<https://www.bva.co.uk/coronavirus/coronavirus-advice-for-animal-owners/?fbclid=IwAR1Ret70OTQsvdCLeHZXcqjE6W30yoITGpUUboSE1UWfccs6X9i9IHih-w>



Christmas Fayre 2019: £1003.08

Pets at Home/Support Adoption For Pets Fundraiser £997.69

Valentine`s fundraiser: £301.00

Amazon Smile/Easy Fundraising: £845.43

The Big Give: £6242.59

Facebook Fundraising: £8643.95

Thinking of You E - cards: £99.38

Animal Rescue Grant: £4250

Alongside these main fundraising events organised by ourselves, some of our supporters have carried out their own fundraising, totalling an impressive £1081.30

Happy Birthday!



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How It Works

New birthday designs available!

If you haven't already signed up, please do, any way you can support Coventry Cat Group is extremely beneficial to the cats and kittens in our care.

Thank you



A heart felt Thank You goes to **Brenda Cartwright** who, in her time of grief, made a substantial donation of money to CCG in memory of her Mum Joyce. This will enable us to build our much needed Mum and kitten unit, which will be named after her and Phil's beloved Tom. You will all forever be a part of Coventry Cat Group and we are all eternally grateful for your kindness.

A special thank you to **Natural Instinct** for their support, our kittens continue to blossom on your donations. Also a big thank you to **Michelle** and **Melissa** at **Tesco** stores, **Pets at Home** Walsgrave and Gallagher retail park stores. You all have big hearts and we are so very grateful for all of the support you have shown us in 2020. We would also like to say a special thank you to **Matthew Scott**, you continue to be extremely generous and we are using our items every day that you have allowed us to buy with your donations. **Corrine, Jill, Nicky and Judith**, we would also like to say a big thank you for continuing to foster your/our fur babies. **Graham Stanley**, we thank you for looking after everything we need at the Centre, also **Colin Childs, Graham Stanley, Phil Cartwright** and **Joe McNally** for your work on our new feral pens, which is ongoing, you are all a credit to CCG. We would also like to thank **Animal Rescue** for the grant for our 3rd ISO pen.

We are always in need of extra support and more fundraising. One of the biggest hurdles we face as a small charity is reliable monthly donations. Sponsorship and Membership are two ways to support us on a regular basis. If this is something you would be interested in, then please contact us via our Facebook page or look out for details on our website.

A huge **THANK YOU** to anyone who has helped with fundraising by donating funds directly or helping in response with our Facebook requests for cat and kitten food and also toys for our fur babies.



We also accept one-off transfers or monthly standing orders to our Co-op bank account:

Sort Code: 089299

Account N°: 65456440

Don't forget we have merchandise for sale and further ways you can help are listed on our website.

We are a small team of volunteers and all of us have other priorities, as well as volunteering for CCG.

If you are a tax payer, and make a donation, please fill out a gift aid form (the link is on our website), we do the rest and can claim an extra 25% on top of your donation. Once you have registered with us, any further donations also count towards the scheme.

Our 2020 Pin-Ups



Mr January - Saturn

The bravest, cheekiest little ginger boy, being blind doesn't stop him in anyway and he & his siblings are such superstars. Born to a feral stray mum, all have sight issues to some extent and would not have survived had they not come into our care. Both Mum Charon and all of The Planets will never have to worry about being hungry or cold again.

Miss February - Azrael

Azrael is Portia's kitten from a previous litter, but Mum got spooked and left Azrael behind at a few days old. She was expertly hand-reared by Lin being fed every two hours at first, and went with her everywhere, even to work! Azrael was adopted by her human Mum Lin and is a loveable terror.



Mr March - TT

Little TT is such a fighter, he was half the size of his bother Hugo at birth and we didn't know for a long time if he would make it. With the help of supplementary milk from us and his own strong will he grew big enough for us to see that he has an overbite. This meant he was unable to feed properly and also that his teeth dug into the roof of his mouth making eating painful. TT has already had one successful surgery on his teeth and will require another to make his teeth permanently safe for him to eat.



Mr April - Adira

Found in a garage with no Mum in sight at two weeks old, Adira was hand reared by one of our fosterers Lyndsey. He is the sweetest boy and loves cuddles and playing with his three other foster siblings, Horrus, Geb & Hathor.



Miss May - Princess Em

Princess Emily-Jayne is our only permanent resident at CCG. She is a total lovebug and has a pen decked out like a palace, with her own special curtains and a strategically placed cat tree for her favourite hobby of birdwatching .



Mr June - Razzle

A big white lovebug who captured many hearts at CCG. No longer having to fight to survive, this sweet boy got the forever home he deserved.



Some of our best pictures from the last twelve months

Miss July - Lady Portia

This beautiful girl came to us as a stray when we thought she was heavily pregnant, but she just kept getting bigger & bigger, eventually giving birth to eight healthy kittens. Portia was a fantastic Mum and she is now living her best life, with the lovely lady that found her.



Mr August - Ferris

Gorgeous cheeky Ferris came in as a feisty unneutered stray. After having his poms removed and lots of TLC he has realised that people are quite nice actually, and yes he would love some more fuses!

Mr September - Riley

Gorgeous fluff Riley and his brothers Nero & Stevie were born to very feisty Mum Malika, they are still learning to trust but are making progress. All three are such characters.

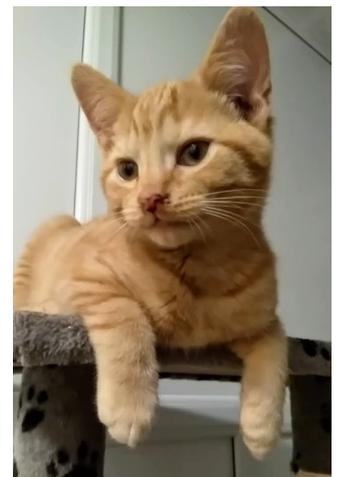


October - Sam + Dean

These gorgeous shy boys took a while to find their feet with us, but as always time, love and patience paid off and they now have a wonderful loving home where they can grow at their own pace.

Mr November - Arthur

One of Lady Portia's kittens and a super cheeky chappy. Arthur and his seven brothers and sisters all went in pairs to their wonderful new homes.



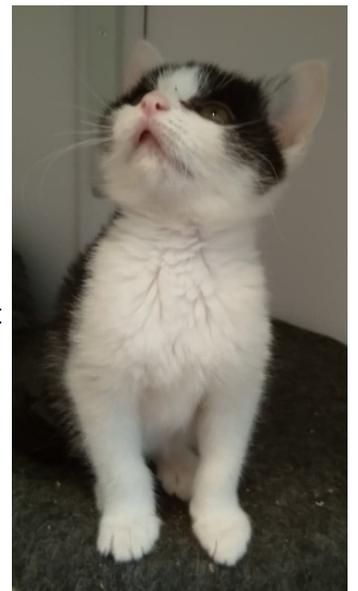
Miss December - Martynka

A beautiful girl who came in as a stray and is currently with one of our fosterers Judith. She is a very shy girl and isn't ready to be homed yet but is more trusting all the time and we will give her all the time she needs.

THE GREEK COLONY

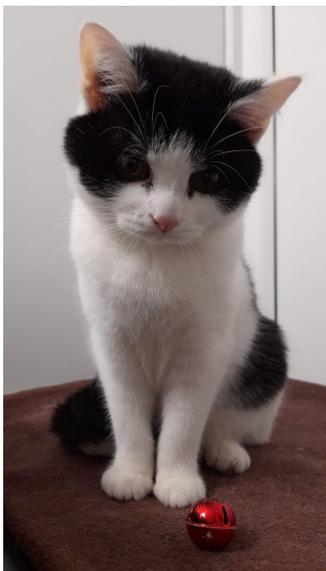
06/03/2020

A call to the helpline to help a Mum cat and her three kittens saw Judith and Debbie off out trapping again. On arrival at the site, Mum who we named Sasha, was feeding her babies in a dirt border of the garden. A very friendly girl who was transferred to a carrier quickly and efficiently without incident. On arrival at the Centre, her babies, one tabby and white (Hugo) one black and white (TT) and one grey were soon settled in. The grey kitten was tiny and our fears for its survival were sadly realised when two hours later it had gone to Rainbow Bridge.



As the kittens grew, it was clear from their size difference that there was a problem with TT, while Hugo thrived, TT was barely growing, each day we thought would be his last but the little warrior that he is, he fought for survival and with feeds syringed between Mum's milk, he very slowly gained weight and size.

We took him to the vet on October 28th for a check up and at that time could not find anything wrong with him. It was only while looking at a photo that resident photographer Debbie had taken, that Deputy Manager Lyndsey thought he may have a problem with his teeth.



Manager Lin and Lyndsey checked his mouth and he was indeed struggling to eat because of an overbite, a condition where the bottom fangs pierce the soft palette in the roof of the mouth. As soon as we knew this was the issue, TT was referred to a specialist dentist in Studley and was taken by our Overall Co-ordinator Judith to have the teeth removed. He has had a follow up appointment and is now mature enough to have his adult teeth removed. He'll never be as big as brother Hugo but he continues to grow at his own pace.



Whilst talking to the lady who called the helpline, it became clear there was actually a small colony of cats that were scavenging for food and breeding in a neighbouring garden, little Castiel came into care first. This poor little mite had been eating paper and plastic, which showed up in the litter tray after a couple of days of eating his kitten food.



Next on the list was our first tom cat, Titan, a white and grey battered and bruised boy, wary and hissy but with potential to socialise after accepting some gentle strokes from Debbie.

Next came sister and brother Atari and Xenia, there were no obvious health issues other than a watery eye and the fact they were unaware that their journey with CCG had just begun.

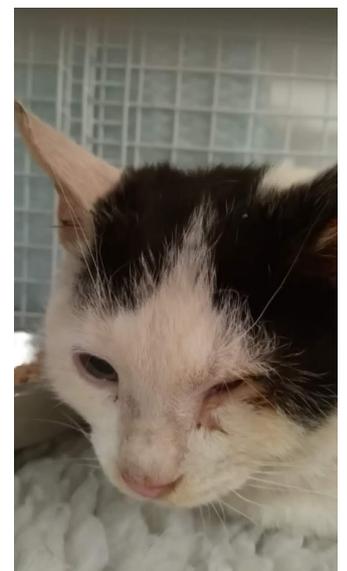


It wasn't long before they were joined by tom cat Hercules, a gorgeous black panther, a very slim panther and a challenge to CCG to get this boy back to his former glory.



Apollo was our next Ginger tom cat to go into the trap, he surprised us the most, he had the most wonderful meow and was very vocal from the moment he came into care.

Argus was the last older kitten to come into care, so gentle and loving and unfortunately with the eye condition called entropion. He had successful surgery to correct this.





Charon



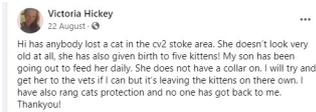
Mum Cat

Tyler and Victoria (Caregivers)

August 3rd 2020 at 11.00

Tyler and his brother were looking for footballs in the clearing made by workers carrying out some garden maintenance. They saw one kitten in a box and a further four kittens with Mum cat under a tree. Taking the one kitten, all five with Mum cat, stayed under the tree (where Tyler fed them) until the weather changed and she moved them into a more secluded, drier area, as seen in the photos.

Mum Victoria posted in Lost and Found Pets Coventry on Facebook to see if anyone knew who Mum cat belonged to but no one came forward, so she phoned



our help line and Judith and Debbie

went out to see her and trapped Mum cat. Tyler had been feeding them all regularly over the last few weeks and was confident he could pick the kittens up and put them in a carrier. As it was getting dark the decision was made to

come and rescue the kittens the next day, if Tyler had not already done so. A welcome 'phone call to the helpline from Victoria before lunch, saw Judith arranging to collect the kittens and after Ross squeezed them in for a quick check up, they were reunited with Mum Charon at the Centre. The kittens all had severe eye issues and Jupiter 's front paws were also deformed. From top to bottom the kittens were named, Jupiter, Venus, Mercury, Neptune and Saturn. Months of bathing their eyes and treating them for infection have paid off and they now only have to have daily eye baths. Mercury is still having treatment in her "good eye" until she has surgery in early 2021.



Just look at them now

Saturn, Jupiter and Mercury went to see Ross at Bell & Partners today (18/11/20) to get their eyes thoroughly checked. Saturn has no eye on one side and a partial eye on the other, so will need that removing and both eyelids closing, Jupiter has no eyes at all, so will need his closing too. Poor Mercury has a partial eye which will need removing and her "good eye" which has some sight, also has entropion of the lower eyelid, with it rolling inwards. Ross doesn't want to operate on any until they are 6 months old, and hopes Mercury's eyelid will correct itself. If not he will operate but it is much trickier on a lower lid, if not successful, she will need that eye removing too. So big operations ahead for them all in early 2021 but they couldn't be in safer hands. They were all very brave .



Mum Cat Gallery 2020



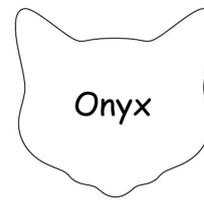
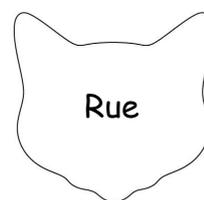
Sadly all of our Mum cats are no older than approximately 18 months old. Charon is the youngest at around 8 months, she is Mum to The Planets, all born with severe eye issues and one with deformed paws.

Do they look scared? that's because they are, we've taken them away from what they know. Cocoa and Tinks were both brought in after their owners asked for our help, the others were all living outside with their kittens.

Much as we love our Mums and kittens, we hate what they have to go through when living rough. Stalked by tom cats, Lexi had a severe bite wound to the back of her neck, trying to find food for themselves so they can feed their babies, trying to keep them safe from the environment, other animals and humans who try to harm them. All this could be avoided if only they were neutered.

Sasha, Mum cat to TT and Hugo lost her grey kitten within two hours of coming into care.

Anise suffered the same with little Rue, he was 8 weeks old when he went to Rainbow Bridge.



Izzy was a stray who had severe oral cancer.

Nick was a stray tom cat in the last stages of liver disease.

Onyx was found collapsed and was severely dehydrated, she was in our care for almost 8 weeks being treated for several health conditions, she went to Rainbow Bridge in her sleep, we hope she was at peace.

RINGWORM

2020 was already a challenging year at our Centre due to COVID-19, first a total lockdown and tight restrictions meant that we were closed to everyone but essential cattery staff. We had just when we discovered that Cadpig had ringworm.

Ringworm is not as the name suggests, a worm, it is in fact a fungal circular areas of hair loss, scaling or crusty skin, inflammation, and easily transmissible; it can live several months on all surfaces. To contracted it as he was born at the Centre and was over 8 weeks old when he showed symptoms. It can take between 2 and 3 weeks for it to be visible. Even though his Mum and siblings showed no sign of infection, they were immediately quarantined and the whole family were treated. It is a lengthy treatment, five weeks of treatment on a week on week off course of oral medication. It also meant we had to bring in an even more rigorous and stringent hygiene regime. We were already using medical grade disinfectant and handwashing/ hand gel as per COVID-19 guidelines, but we introduced footbaths, disposable gloves, and full body protective suits which we sprayed with a Defra approved disinfectant after every treatment. Cadpig recovered well and two weeks after treatment had finished, we were delighted the ordeal was over. During treatment, all Centre cats were flash lighted with a UV torch which causes ringworm to fluoresce even if not visible to the naked eye. All Centre cats were clear.

A week later we discovered it had been worse was to come. Over the following question, ringworm ripped through the and kittens in 3 separate areas at the Centre. a shift, spraying them between changes, using many times between each cat that the skin clothes the minute we got home.



As 2020 came to a close we were still treating isolated cases, and we were frankly exhausted. A typical muck out shift at the Centre was taking up to twice as long during the height of the outbreak and the whole Centre was being run by 3 people to over 70 cats, we began to think it would never end.

By mid-January we had finished treating the last case and are still as we speak monitoring all the cats daily to check for any new cases. We remain hopeful we are seeing light at the end of a very dark tunnel.

In total we treated 43 cats and kittens and spent over three thousand pounds on treatment. We also had to deep clean all the pens regularly and replace all the cat trees, cat toys and anything that couldn't be completely disinfected. It was a challenging and exhausting time, and we are praying we have finally seen an end to it.

We have implemented a number of changes at the Centre and hope we never have to go through this again.

I would like to personally Thank Debbie and Lyndsey for the dedication and devotion to the cats and kittens, and for all the extra hours they spent nursing our kitties throughout this time. A Labour of Love for all concerned.

Lin (Cattery Manager)



opened the Centre to keyholders in June

infection. In cats it most commonly causes scratching. It is extremely contagious and this day we have no idea how he old when he showed symptoms. It can

passed onto another cat. We can only initial diagnosis; we were devastated but months, and despite isolating the cats in Centre. At its worst we were treating 33 cats This meant us changing suits at least 3 times footbaths at least 20 times, handwashing so cracked on our hands and having to boil our

Memory Lane



Skye



TC



Albert



Sam and Dean



Inky



Mogwai and Amini



Achilles



Ada



Azrael



Gerald



Marmy



Annie

The Three Degrees

A feral fairy tale

Hera, Apricot and Saffron.

Affectionately named by our volunteer socialiser Soulla Psomas.

Hera and Co were part of a trapping job back in the Summer of 2018. Judith and Debbie brought 18 cats and kittens in from the "Radford Colony".

A diary of the progress of the girls from their adopters and our Homing Co-ordinator Sarah Hyams.

A perfect example of Time, Love and Patience.

23/06/2020

Hera, Saffy and Apricot will be having visitors in the morning. They're fully aware that these beautiful girls are shy and they don't mind. Everything is crossed for them



24/06/2020

I'm really happy to let everyone know Hera, Saffy and Apricot are reserved!! They will be leaving us late next week. Hera even let them (briefly) stroke her.

03/7/2020

Hera, Saffy and Apricot start the next stage of their adventure tonight and go to their fur ever home. They have finally found their special humans who are more than happy for them to settle at their own pace. I have been promised lots of updates. They will be missed.

04/07/2020

They're doing ok. Hera and Apricot have been out and about this morning having a look around the room. Saffy is very quiet but seems content in her bed. We're giving them space to get used to their new surroundings and keeping an eye on them.

Hera is on the shelf and Apricot is watching the birds through the window.

06/07/2020

The girls seem to be doing really well. All eating and using the litter. Over the weekend they were very quiet during the day but as soon as the sun went down they were all out exploring. And today both Hera and Apricot are out and about. Very nervous whenever we are near but I had a sniff from Hera yesterday which is huge progress.

10/07/2020

Hi Sarah. The girls are doing really well. Apricot is playing with the toys, Hera is displaying affection towards both her and Saffy and they are spending more and more time out and about in their room. And last night we both stroked Hera. It was more tolerated than appreciated but she is beginning to trust us. So chuffed.

14/07/2020

The girls seem settled into their routine and are having all their meals together now. Even caught Hera washing Apricot earlier. Showing little signs of growing confidence every day. They're doing really well and we're so pleased to have them as part of our family.



18/07/2020

When we fed the girls this morning Hera has for the first time wanted and accepted fuss. And both her and Apricot are comfortable eating with us in the same room now too. Huge progress in the last couple of days. What a great way to start off the day.

Update.

We've just been in to pick up their bowls and had over ten minutes of fuss with Hera. Lots of purring and rubbing.

22/07/2020

Hera is a huge fusspot and comes running for strokes and tummy tickles whenever we are in the room now. And this evening we both stroked Apricot for the first time!

27/07/2020

Hera tummy tickles are almost mandatory whenever we are in the room now. And more fuss with Apricot this evening with no food to tempt her. Seemingly just jealous that Hera was getting all the love and wanted in on the action. Saffy is still very cautious but is paying very close attention to us and is less flighty now. All three are currently in a heap grooming each other.



15/08/2020

Hi. Sorry it has been a while but we've been making very small steps for a while. Hera and Apricot both love fuss and greet us with chirrups and purrs. Apricot is still a little unsure but making huge progress. Over the last couple of days Saffy has been more adventurous and accepted a brief stroke. We're leaving the door open under supervision and they have all ventured out to have a sniff around. They seem keen to explore so we're going to let them have the run of upstairs this weekend and see how they get on. Now Saffy is on the scene I'm sure the terrible trio are going to keep us on our feet!

11/09/2020

Hiya. We are making huge progress. The girls have free roam in the hall and office every evening and are making themselves at home. Apricot loves sleeping in the corner of the office when she's not playing chase with Hera. And this week Saffy is coming out at meal times and enjoying fuss with the rest. On her terms of course. They seem really happy and experienced central heating the other day. Think we may need a hammock each for the radiator. X



08/10/2020

Hello. The girls are doing really well and all three adore fuss. Saffy is so soft. They're free to roam upstairs all day now and have worked out where all the warm spots are. They're playful and loving and settled. They don't like fireworks at all though, which we found out the other day. So we've stocked up on pet remedy which seemed to calm them and have a radio prepared for next time to muffle the noise. They were back to normal the following day but we hate seeing them so scared. Apricot keeps losing her ping pong balls (won't play with anything else) so I suspect we will find her stash one day. Until then we've invested in another 50.



Apricot started playing with the ping pong balls at the centre, about 3 weeks before they were homed.



29/10/2020

Hiya. The girls continue to do really well. Hera can only be described as a tart when tummy tickles are available and both her and Saffy will accept fuss when approached. Apricot is still wary but happy with fuss on her terms. Saffy has the gentlest of purrs. Other than that we're into the small steps and steady progress. Each has a favourite spot upstairs and they're really interested in what's behind the door downstairs that we disappear through. We're letting them in for an explore this weekend.

30/12/2020

We've had some great progress, in the last week Hera has shown signs she may want to climb on my lap but is still in two minds about it. They seem to be dealing with fireworks a lot better which is just as well at the moment. It snowed here today and I'm so pleased they're safe and warm.

They've made our house a home.

We don't have a polite/collective name for them, but I have been known to refer to them as the witches when they're being naughty. Hera likes to use the carpets as a scratching post, and stares you straight in the eye as she does it.

We do call them a puddle of cats when they're snuggling.



Lady Portia

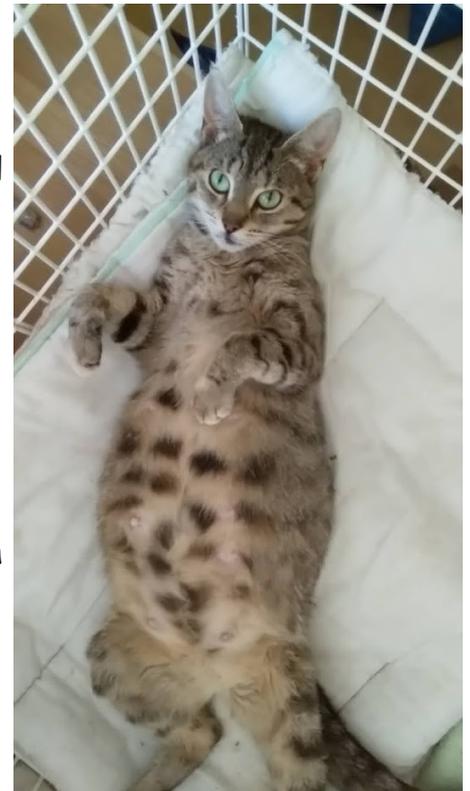
Portia first came to our attention via a call to the helpline on February 4th 2020. A lovely lady called Liz was feeding Portia and also some tom cats. Portia had given birth to 3 kittens and Judith and Debbie went to trap Mum and babies and bring them into CCG care. The kittens and Mum were in a shelter that Liz had provided and what should have been an easy job unfortunately turned into a much longer trapping. Portia was able to slip through a gap between the shelter and the carrier and watched further proceedings from the end of the garden. The babies were put in the carrier next to the trap so that Mum could see them, however she did not go into the trap for the next few hours. As night came, a decision was made to put the kittens on a heat pad and hope Mum came for them.



Overnight Portia took two of the kittens and left one in the shelter, after seeing no sign of her overnight or the next morning, Liz called Judith and she went to collect the lone kitten and Manager Lin immediately sprung into action and took her on as a hand rear.

This little ginger and white girl was named Azrael.

It was another three and a half months that Liz continued to feed Portia, before she phoned the helpline again, Portia had brought her three kittens (another ginger kitten was born after the original trapping day) back to the garden. They came and went and then the next day there were only two kittens, both ginger, we don't know what happened to the missing baby but Liz persevered, updating Judith regularly and Portia was brought into care on June 2nd 2020, heavily pregnant. June 27th saw Portia deliver seven kittens and one more overnight and into the morning of the 28th. All healthy, safe, warm and fed.



Liz continued to feed the two older ginger kittens and eventually Belle and Sebastian came into care at the centre on September 4th 2020. Portia was adopted by Liz once her Mothering duties were over and is now happy and relaxed and more importantly, kitten free.



Azrael



On the 25th February, you came into my life,
little did I know then you, would cause me, so much strife.
A tiny little package, of ginger, pink and white,
feeding every two hours, all day and through the night.
Why your Mummy left you, we really do not know,
whatever trouble, you had planned, at this stage didn't show.
I took you with me everywhere, in a bag upon my shoulder,
so I could feed you as and when, until a little older.



Always a concern, with one so young, the thought that you, may not survive,
as each day passed, I could relax, your will to live, gave me my drive.
A Facebook sensation overnight, everyone loved you, my little tyke,
they loved your naughty, cheeky way, you were photographed, mostly everyday.
And as you grew, your personality shone, I couldn't imagine you being gone,
I made the decision to make you mine, adopt officially, when came the time.
You were neutered, vacc'd and chipped and home you came to stay,
your mischief comes out, once it's dark, when in my bed I lay.
My arms and hands are scratched to bits but would I change a thing?
never in a million years, such joy to me, you always bring.

and the work continues:

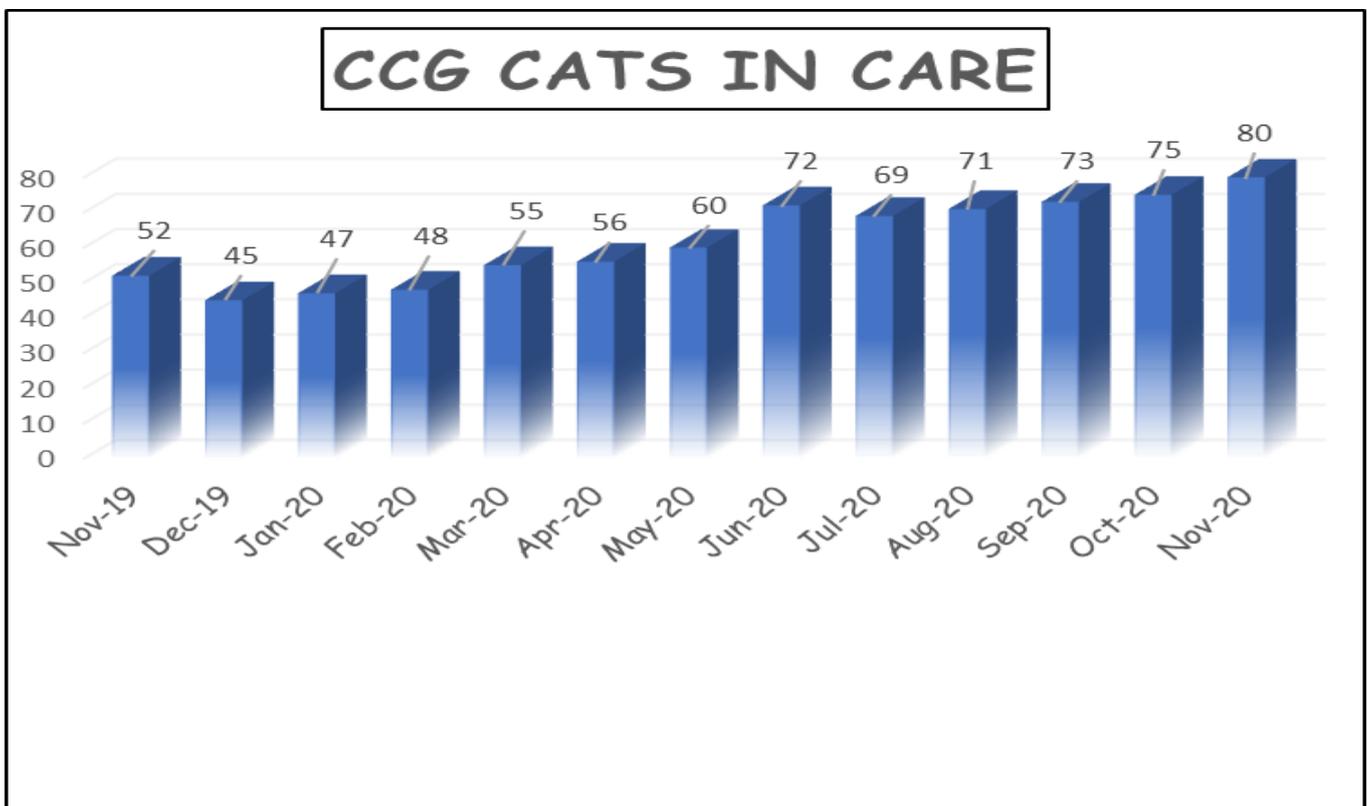
As you can see from the chart below, the total number of cats in our care has fluctuated as usual throughout the year. We had a number of successful rehoming before Christmas, just about giving us time to catch our breath before

“kitten season” in the Spring.

Like other rescues throughout the country, we get far more requests for cats to come into care than we have spaces available. Judith and Team CCG Page do a brilliant job offering advice and support to members of the public via the CCG Facebook page and our helpline.

Often this is all that is needed for the cat to stay in its home.

Assistance with neutering and microchipping remain part of our remit, as is our commitment to TNR wherever possible and appropriate.

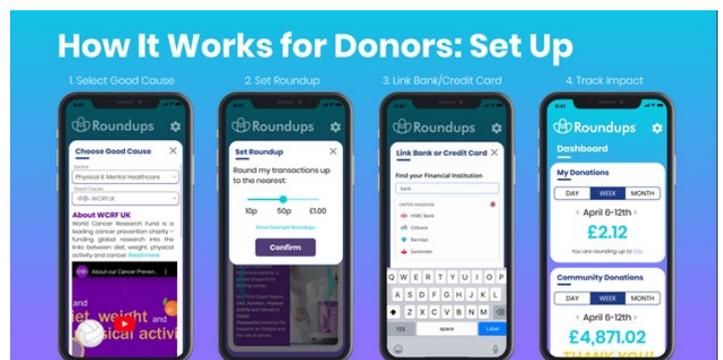


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