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Editorial

Hello again, and welcome to the second newsletter of 2003,

Please find enclosed raffle tickets for our annual draw. If you can sell more please ring Anne on 01228 791364 and she will happily send you some more.

This is one way you can help our funds without attending one of our fund-raisers. However we would love to see you at any of our fund-raisers, they are becoming more varied, so there is bound to be something that you fancy, the silent auction really shouldn't be missed by those looking for a bargain.

If you have any ideas for a fund-raiser please get in touch with one of the committee, either by phone or post. Also any items for the newsletter can be sent to me, or any ideas for things you would like to be in the newsletter, please get in touch, 01461 202761, the more ideas the better. If you can help at any of the fund-raisers please give Ginnie a ring on 013873 76738, she will be delighted to hear from you.

Neil from Lockerbie has kindly organized some car boot sales at Safeways in Lockerbie, if you would like a stall at one of them, please phone Neil on 01576 510427 or if you can run a stall for us, ring Anne, me or Ginnie and we can get the goods delivered to you.

On the cat front we are still offering free farm cat neutering, if you know of any farms or factories with a colony of cats please let them know about us, we can also provide vouchers for people with pet cats, if they are on income support or low income (the people, not the cats).

Fiona

Some of our Foster Cats

"One small cat changes coming home to an empty house to coming home."



Snowy

Smudge



Tigerlily

Foster cats



Amusements ...

A vicar was walking down the street when he came upon a group of about a dozen boys, all of them between 10 and 12 years of age. The group surrounded a dog. Concerned lest the boys were hurting the dog, he went over and asked: "What are you doing with that dog?"

One of the boys replied, "This dog is just an old neighbourhood stray. We all want him, but only one of us can take him home. So we've decided that whichever one of us can tell the biggest lie can have the dog."

Of course, the vicar was taken aback. "You boys shouldn't be having a contest telling lies!" he exclaimed. He then launched into a long sermon against lying, beginning, "Don't you boys know it's a sin to lie," and ending with, "Why, when I was your age, I never told a lie."

There was dead silence for about a minute. Just as the vicar was beginning to think he'd got through to them, the smallest boy gave a deep sigh and said, "All right, give him the dog."

Fundraising

Many thanks to everyone who came for a therapeutic session or helped at the Relaxation Day at the Garden House Hotel on 8th June. Especial "thank you's" to Brian for so generously giving us five rooms to use and for all his help, and to Hazel, Eileen, Eleanor, Muriel and Sue for giving their day to administer therapies. It was a great success and lots of people came and had Reiki, Reflexology, Indian Head Massage, Body Massage, or had their fortunes told. We had a raffle too, and sold some of our up-market goods – jewellery, porcelain, candles and pottery, and made a total of £401. All the therapists and Brian have kindly agreed to do it again soon, so look out for notices of the next one. Also we shall probably start at about 11.00am next time and give slightly longer treatments of 45 minutes.

Neil and Imogen Edgar have come up trumps with the Car Boot Sales. We have had two rip-roaring successes to date, and there should be six more, at fortnightly intervals, through the summer – see the events list. They are being held in Safeway Car Park in Lockerbie and have proved very, very popular with both buyers and sellers. If you want to book a space / table please ring Neil on 01576 510427 well in advance. It is just so nice to have someone willing to organise some events for us – and also someone who is so good at it! Thanks Imogen and Neil.

And now coming up we have the Silent Auction on Friday 18th July in Longtown Community Centre. It is 6.30 – 8.30 but bidding will close at 8.00pm so be sure to get there early enough or you could well miss a bargain. We've got lots of good stuff again ; collectibles, toys, ornaments, garden furniture, baking, jam etc etc.....

Then – woof woof – yes it's the dogshow again. This year it will be a separate event and will be in the Market Hall Annan on Saturday 16th August at 2pm. So it won't matter if it is wet and windy as we shall be indoors. Don't forget there

Fundraising

will be a special guest appearance by Frazer, winner of Scruffs Family Crossbreed Dog of the Year 2002. As before it is a fun event for all concerned, dogs as well as people. We shall also be selling goods, and there will be a raffle and lucky dip, so do come along even if you don't have a dog- it should be fun to watch and there will be refreshments.

Finally, the Open Day. This year we shall be having it on 14th September at Mossburn Animal Sanctuary at Hightae. Mossburn will be doing teas and giving pony rides and there will be lots of attractions for everyone. It should be a great family day out. To find out more ring Emma on 01387 811509. She has very generously agreed to organise it for us this year – thank you Emma.

Ginnie

Cats Protection Open Day at Mossburn

on 14th September from 12noon till 4.00pm

Planned events for the open day include:

Cats Protection stall with jewellery, gifts, cat toys etc

Craft Stalls hopefully many & varied.

Dog Agility Display plus "have-a-go" (bring your dogs and have a go at agility)

Games for children, bouncy castle, hook- a- duck, coconut shy and more

Raffle Tombola Collectibles

Car Boot Sale (space will be restricted so to book a space phone Emma on 01387 811509 Entry for cars selling goods will be from 11am)

Home Baking, Jams etc

An exemption Dog Show (bring your dogs, classes for all, does not have to be a pedigree, fun for all)

If you have any unwanted gifts, good quality bric-a-brac, or bottles

There has been a report in the national papers about cats being poisoned by owners using flea treatments which are actually for dogs, some ingredients in dog flea treatments are harmful to cats. There should be warnings on the container, but to be extra sure, please do not use any treatment which is not prescribed for cats.

Webcats



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Cat and Mouse

A cat and a mouse both went to heaven. The mouse approaches God's throne, and God asks him, "So, how do you like it up here?"

The mouse says, "It's nice, but could I have a pair of roller skates, please?"

"Certainly," says God.

The next day, the cat approaches God's throne, and is asked the same question.

"It's great!" the cat says, "I didn't know you did meals on wheels up here!"

Cindy

Comments from an Experienced Cat

Hello! My name is Cindy and I'm eight years old, I live here with Dad and that new young upstart Sammy (her real name is posh – Samantha but she's called Sammy for short). We were both orphans and lived with Auntie Anne when we were little, before Dad adopted us.

I've just about got things organized here to my liking, Dad knows what is required and if something isn't quite as it ought to be I can generally put him right without too much fuss, Sammy can be a bit of a nuisance at times, she is only two years old and wants to play a lot but I soon let her know who is in charge by batting her one! I will say that it can be a bit of fun at times chasing around the house, hiding around corners and that sort of thing so long as it doesn't go too far!

I certainly have got Dad organized about getting up in the morning. When I decide to get up I like to have something to eat straight away, not just any old thing but something fresh straight out of the packet. Dad knows this but sometimes he doesn't get up quick enough and I have to remind him. There are two ways of doing this, the first is to go and have a claw at the carpet by his bed and the second, if that doesn't work, is to try and climb into bed by his feet and tickle his toes a bit with my claws. He doesn't like that bit at all and usually gets up quick, he knows that it is important so he shouts a bit but does not get really cross.

There is only one thing that Dad does that I really do not like and that is being put in that basket contraption to be taken somewhere, I do not like it! Usually it is to go and see Uncle Ken so that he can have a look at me and stick something in the back of my neck. There is no problem with seeing Uncle Ken but I do hate that basket. Dad knows all about this and he tries to come the softly softly touch but I know when he is plotting something and give him a hard time by looking sad and trying some hide and seek tactics. He knows all the hiding places and doesn't give up but I know that I have spoiled his day by the time he catches me!

I must go now because Dad has got something in that big hot box thing in the other room and it smells good, if I go and hang about and kid him that I'm starving I may get lucky.

Bye Bye for now

URGENT PLEA

We are looking for new fosterers, if you have room in your garden for a cat pen and you think you would like to look after cats for us, then please get in touch with Anne on 01228 791364, and she will arrange a meeting to discuss the aspects of fostering; food & litter are provided, what we need is your time, if you think you could do this, please ring today.

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