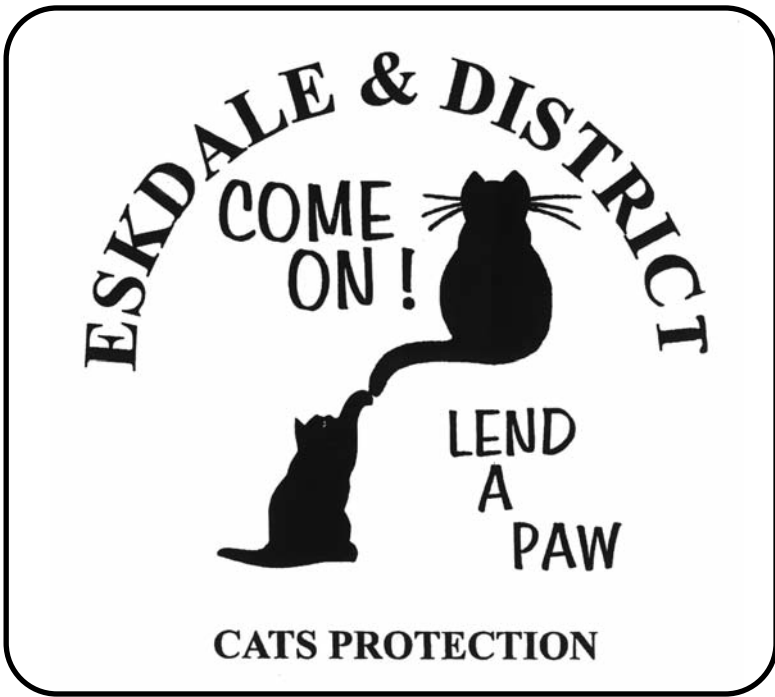


Newsletter

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Editorial

Hello & welcome to the first newsletter of 2005,

I hope you all had a good Christmas, thank you for all your support over the past year, here we are again, ready to do it all again. Christine has given up the job as treasurer and Cameron has taken it over. Our thanks to Christine for all her hard work. The accounts figures & cat work figures for 2004 are in the newsletter. The fundraising list is also in the newsletter, please come & support us, donate items to raffle, tombola etc and come along and have a cup of tea. Any help is gratefully received.



We are looking for fosterers, anyone with space in their garden for a pen & run, and with time to look after a cat, please get in touch for more information.

It is time for subscription renewal, a form is enclosed in this newsletter, please renew your membership and if at all possible introduce a friend. We really need some more members and helpers, the more of us there are, the more the work can be shared and the more cats can be helped.

We are offering free neutering for domestic cats in March and April, all local vets are helping us in this, if you know anyone on benefits, pension or low income, who has a cat or cats to be neutered please ring Fiona, Anne or Ginnie.

We offer free neutering for farm cats at all times, any farms out there with unneutered cats, give us a ring, we can trap & transport to the vet.

Please keep helping us, the cats need us all.

Fiona

Cat Work



2005:

12 have been successfully homed

19 are in care

2 are on the help to home list

30 have been neutered so far this year 22 of them being feral

Some of the cats in care :-

Monty

4-5yrs, black, male, longhaired. Monty came into care as a stray, he is a lovely affectionate cat, but is not good with other cats, so needs a home as an only cat.

Gino & Gypsy

9yrs, 1 male, 1 female, tabby & white, tortie & white. Their original owner had health problems and was unable to keep them. They are quite happy with other cats and dogs but would be timid with young children.

Mrs Puss & Angus

Mother and son 8 months & 3 years old, both black & white and longhaired. They are lovely affectionate cats & would fit in most homes. Their original owner moved and left the cats behind.

Indie

5yrs, male, Siamese type. Indie is part of the Highland gang Fergus speaks about in his letter. He's not good with other cats, but is very friendly and loves attention.

Ginger Tom

9+ yrs, ginger, male, bobtail, also part of the Highland gang. He is ok with dogs & cats and is lovely with people, but will be timid at first and will not be happy with young children.

Cat Work

2004

Cats & Kittens rehomed	136
Died or PTS	6
Lost Cats reunited with their owner	2
<i>Neutering</i>	
Neutered whilst in care	36
Ferals neutered	186
Owners helped with neutering fees	245

Since we started the group in June 1997 a total of 3541 cats have been neutered. The number of kittens in care in 2004 was 73 compared to 111 the year before, let's hope the numbers decrease again this year.

Many thanks to all the helpers involved in the cat work, without them only a fraction of the work would be able to be done.

Anne

Treasurer's Report 2004

Income	£
Donations	7050.75
Membership	463.00
Raffles etc.	2059.35
Coffee Mornings etc	8552.88
Collecting Boxes	926.36
Gift Aid	638.36
Total	19690.70

Expenditure	£
Vets	9446.63
Food & Litter	1855.19
Printing & Postage	548.09
Repairs & renewals to Pens	1211.03
Fundraising:- Goods to sell,	
Hire of halls etc	4312.00
Fostering Fees	2338.48
Advertising	48.00
Total	19759.42

Income is down by almost £6000 from the previous year, but expenditure is also down by £4000. We started 2004 with a £2000 balance so we have remained stable. It's time to start again with another year, please try to support us in whatever way you can, the smallest amount goes towards helping a cat. Our income depicts the number of cats we are able to help.

Cameron

Events

- 9th April **Coffee Morning & Sale**, Langholm Day Centre .
10am - 12 noon
- 17th April **Coffee Morning & Table Top Sale**, Moat Village
Hall. 10am - 12 noon. To book table ring 01228 577455
- 30th April **Coffee Morning & Sale**, Newcastleton Village Hall
– . 10:30am -12:30pm
- 7th May **Dog Show**, Annan Market Hall. From 1pm
- 21st May **Silent Auction**, Newcastleton Village Hall.
11:30am - 1:30pm
- 28th May **Coffee Morning & Sale**, Lockerbie Town Hall –
10am - 12 noon
- 28th May-4th June **Stall at Newcastleton Craft Fair**, 11am -
4:30pm
- 5th June **Relaxation Day**, Garden House Hotel Gretna
Starts 1pm. Advance booking recommended
Ring Anne on 01228 791364
- 9th July **Coffee Morning & Sale**, Langholm Day Centre – .
10am – 12 noon
- End August **Stand at Holm Show**, (Newcastleton)
- 10th September **Coffee Morning & Sale**, Newcastleton Village Hall
– 10:30am – 12:30pm
- End September **Stand at Langholm Show**
- 1st October **Coffee Morning & Sale**, Langholm Day Centre – .
10am – 12 noon
- 22nd October **Coffee Morning & Sale**, Hawick, Trinity Church
Hall. 10am – 12noon
- 29th October **Coffee Morning & Sale**, Lockerbie Town Hall.
10am – 12 noon
- 19th November **Coffee Morning & Sale**, Newcastleton Village Hall.
10:30am - 12:30pm
- End November **Dumfries Charities Christmas Fair**
- 10th December **Coffee Morning & Sale**, Langholm Day Centre. .
10am - 12 noon

If you can help at any of the events, could bake, or would like to book a table to sell your own crafts, please ring Ginnie on 013873 76738

Letter from Fergus

Dear Toby,

Thanks for your letter, sorry to hear about Judy. Your new dog Ollie sounds a bit of a handful, a bit big & bouncy for me I think.

Dad has been away working abroad for 3 months, BIG mistake. When he went, we had 3 kittens in the kitten room, eventually Buntly & Barney went off to their new home, leaving Ailsa on her own. Next thing the kitten room door was left open & this grey tabby thing appeared, I thought here we go again. Actually I quite like her, and Isaac's madly in love, so it's got him off my back. Ailsa's quite a nervous little thing with strangers, she was seemingly caught in Asda car park when she was about 4 months old, wild as the wind. Anyway, by the time Dad came back, Ailsa's paws were firmly under the table & she's here to stay.

There are 3 in the outdoor pen at the moment, originally there were 4 but Jake has been rehomed. 11 cats were brought into care from a house in the Highlands where they weren't being looked after, I'm just grateful they didn't all come here.

I'd better go now & get some more sleep, another day hunting tomorrow.

From Fergus

Fundraising News

Hope the round of coffee morning and sales is not getting too boring. We are always trying to think of new ideas, and we have some for this year, so please read on.....

For one thing, we are definitely having a Silent Auction this year. It will be on 21st May, in Newcastleton Village Hall, starting at 11:30am and bids will close at 1:30pm. We hope these times will suit more people – previously we have held the sales in the evening, which is less convenient for some people. If anyone wants to donate items to sell, please give us a ring, or come along before 11:30, when we shall literally be setting our stall out. There will be lots of items – gifts, bric-a-brac, pictures, toys, books, household items, and probably plants and baking. We won't be quite sure until it happens but it will be worth coming along to, and there are sure to be lots of bargains.

We shall also be having another Relaxation Day. This year it is on Sunday 5th June, and as usual is at the Garden House Hotel starting at 1pm. (Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Davidson for their generosity in letting us have five luxurious rooms in their lovely hotel.) We shall have Indian Head Massage, Reflexology, Reiki, Body Massage and Fortune Telling, as previously, plus Homoeopathy and Aromatherapy. Two more therapists have very kindly offered to give these treatments and advice so there is even more this year. Past years have been very busy so I recommend that anyone wanting to be sure of a session books in advance. Ring Anne on 01228 791364.

Sue, who is our Fortune Teller at the Relaxation Days, is very kindly organising a coffee morning and table top for us. This will be on 17th April in Moat Village Hall, from 10am till 12 noon. Please come and support us, and if you want to book a table ring Sue on 01228 577455.

Finally, would anyone be interested in manning or woman-
ning a shop, were we able to get one? We don't have anywhere
in mind just yet but it would be very good for fundraising if we
could get one going. However, we need to know if we would be
able to staff it, so if anyone would be willing to help, on a fairly
regular basis, please give me, Anne or Fiona a ring. It doesn't
matter if it would only be for a couple of hours, as long as it was
ongoing – eg, if you could do 9am – 11am every Monday, or
could do Tuesday afternoons except school holidays, etc. That
sort of thing

Phone numbers for me and Fiona are 013873 76738 and
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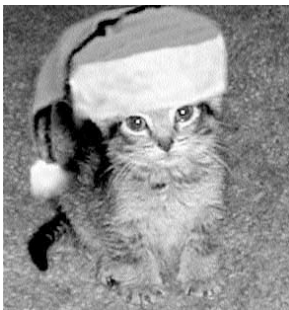
100 Club

Aug	No. 52	Mrs Edge
	No. 116	Audrey King
Sep	No. 6	Mrs Atkinson
	No. 70	Muriel Pink
Oct	No. 45	Mr Timperley
	No. 93	Nancy Fox
Nov	No. 84	Betty Waite
	No. 29	Donna Benson
Dec	No. 49	Campbell Adamson
	No. 59	Wendy Sawyers
Jan	No. 20	Elaine Adamson
	No. 51	Mrs Craig
Feb	No. 55	Elsbeth Little
	No. 28	Mrs Faulder



Catpix

More cats found on the web and in
our emails



Bottle Draw Winners 2004

Elspeth Little	Saki
Mr Biggar	Wine
Alex Stevenson	Wine
Firth Vets	Chocolates
Tom Graham	Wine
Emma (Esk Vets)	Vodka
Ian Paterson	Whisky
Mrs Moodie	Sherry
Pat Heath	Wine
Rob	Cinzano
Christine Faulder	Wine
Adele (c/o M Wright)	Wine
Janice Johnstone	Mulled Wine
Daisy (c/o Louse)	Brandy
Ewan Kennedy (c/o Audrey King)	Wine
Rebecca Lumb	Wine
Susan Wells	Port
Alastair (Esk Vets)	Midori

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