RSPCA HANTS & SURREY BORDER BRANCH **Rehoming and Welfare Newsletter**

This summer has been a very challenging one, with record numbers of cats and other animals needing help. Sadly over the summer period as demand rises, adoptions fall due to summer holidays so it is always a tricky time in rescue. We have had some real characters arrive with us during this time. A group of older female cats, one a bengal with quite a few opinions and two older ladies that required a lot of veterinary care.
We have had some lovely mum cats who had given birth to some lively litters of kittens, all real characters.
We have found homes for 23 cats.
We have been supporting owners on low incomes with vet costs and encouraging neutering.
In this period we have issued 144 vouchers.

Nessa, Pandora and Trevor

These 3 cheeky personalities were transferred to us after an Inspector found a house with over 20 cats with missing fur and sore skin, quite a few were underweight and struggling. Straight away Trevor's winning personality shone through, immediately rolling on his back for love and cuddles. He was so desperate for some individual attention and affection.
A trip to the vet confirmed that Pandora was heavily pregnant. She went to one of our fantastic foster homes just in time and gave birth to 3 healthy kittens. She also surprised her fosterer by enjoying climbing to great heights in her wardrobe and kitchen cabinets!!
Trevor had a complicated skin complaint that took a few months to bring under control, but he is now being fostered in a view to adopt him shortly. He has started venturing outside and looks like he will be making himself well known amongst the neighbours.
Nessa was adopted by a lady looking for a companion and Nessa has certainly settled into life with her new adoring owner.







Olive and her boys

We had a call one morning in July, a lady was renovating a new property. They had just ripped up the shed floor and found a litter of 2 weeks old kittens underneath.
By the time we arrived the Mum had returned and taken 2 of the kittens away into scrubland. When she took the next kitten we followed her and found her hiding place after a bit of an adventure through a lot of brambles and over a fence. Olive looked so relieved to get a good meal inside of her and to have a safe place for her 4 boys. She was so underweight, but in the first 4 days in the cattery gained nearly 500gs!!!
She went into a foster home where the kittens were weaned and all found new homes. Olive has now been adopted by a family and is settling in and enjoying being spoiled and well fed.






Boomerang Lizzie

Poor old Lizzie came back into our care for the second time in 2 years. Sadly both her previous owners had become unwell and could no longer care for her.
She was quite a character and needed some blood, urine tests to check she was still in good health. She then needed some teeth removed to make her mouth comfortable.
She really struggled in the cattery and was not keen on any cat neighbours, we then found she had a lot of arthritis in her spine which was making her feel sore. She is now in a foster home and trialling some medications that should help. So fingers crossed she can find that quiet home with a sunbathing spot in the garden very soon.





Paige, June, Tim & Tom

A lady called wanting to rehome her cat and kittens, she also had a cat living under her shed that had been abandoned. Poor Paige, one of the mums had been having litter after litter and recently had 5 more. They were 4 months old so they were really zapping her energy. She was a long limbed slender cat any way and it had all taken its toll on her. June the cat under the shed was also very hungry and in need of a nice dry and warm bed.
We collected Paige the last two of her kittens Tim & Tom and June. Paige was more than happy to have some space from her teenage boys. In fact after that she was not keen to see any other black kittens.
Both June and Paige have been adopted and are settling very well in their new homes. Sadly Tim and Tom have not been so lucky yet. They are pure black kittens and don't get as much attention. But the search continues and we know they are going to make a new family happy very soon.






Kitcat rescued from a shed

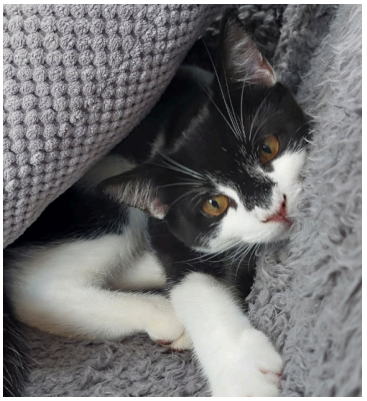
Kitcat was a real shadow of herself when she came to us. Signed over to a vet she had been pushed out of the home by a new dog and had mostly been living in a shed in the garden. She was walking with an unusual gait, her fur was very dull and the vets soon found she was full of roundworms taking all her energy.
Xrays and investigation showed a few old injuries in her legs and spine that were making her feel a bit uncomfortable, her kidneys were showing signs of stress and she needed a few good courses of working treatment. She went into one of our foster homes and had her teeth looked at. In this time her true personality was able to show. She felt so much better she even started playing with toys like a young kitten. After a few months looking for the right home she was adopted by one of our volunteers and really has become lady of the manor.





Some happy ever after pictures from the past few months





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