



## TUNBRIDGE WELLS AND MAIDSTONE BRANCH AND THE HEADCORN CATTERY

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GREETINGS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS!

### HAPPY ENDINGS

#### RESCUE HAPPINESS

Wow - is that really me???? This is a most delightful picture of pure happiness!

Meet SNOOPY who found his forever home in the autumn. This photo was taken when his new family took him to the beach. What a super shot!

He is obviously loving every minute of his new life. Thank you to his new family for giving him a loving home and sending us this lovely photo. Long may he enjoy the beach!



TOMMY TROUBLE as he was affectionately known seems to have made himself very much at home with his new owners. OK TOMMY, I think we can safely say you are a happy boy!! Enjoy your new life!



MAY has definitely found happiness. May's owners say: "She loves cuddles and is totally settled. She is a big part of the family, extremely intelligent and has come a long way from the hyperactive girl she was. She has lots of new friends and is very protective of pregnant ladies!! My best friend is pregnant and May never leaves her side when she visits." May, you are a gorgeous girl!

These are just a tiny few of our lucky animals who have found new and loving homes. Our grateful thanks to all our loving new owners who give our beautiful animals a new chance of a happy life.

WELL HERE WE ARE - MAY ALREADY AND NEARLY HALF WAY THROUGH THE YEAR!!!! WHERE DOES THE TIME GO! CHECK OUT OUR LATEST NEWS BELOW.

## CATTERY



It has been a very busy year at the cattery. We have had the new isolation block built which comprises 6 new cat pens giving us a total of 18 in the new cattery plus the 8 in the old garden cattery in Daphne's back garden. This will enable us to take in cats with unknown backgrounds more easily so that they can be monitored, vet checked and inoculated before they enter the adoption block. Ultimately this will give us a greater turnover of animals and greatly enhance the work we do in the future.

Obviously this has created massive upheaval in everyday work but we have still managed to turn around the lives of plenty of animals (see below). On top of this we have had to have a new drive laid from the gate right through to the cattery. This work was essential and has improved access and parking facilities.

We had an RSPCA Inspection on 7<sup>th</sup> April and I am pleased to say that they have given the green light to the opening of the new isolation block at the beginning of May. Our grateful thanks to Peter Reynolds who very kindly carried out all the necessary PAT testing for us to ensure that all appliances are up and running and safe.

We are delighted to say that all the work is now finished and we are back up to full capacity. **WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS** for their hard work in keeping everything running during a difficult time and the public, members and friends for their patience and continued support. The delightful pictures on page 1 show exactly why we get so much pleasure from doing this job!

Figures for 2015. Any discrepancies between animals in and out are due to animals still in house from previous year, animals moved on to other centres, or animals PTS on veterinary advice (gladly very few!)  
As can be seen from the collective figures many animals have been helped despite the huge amount of disruption on site

<b>Animals In</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>Rabbits</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Misc</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>253</b>
<b>Animals Out</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>Rabbits</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Misc.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>281</b>
<b>Microchipping</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>Rabbits</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Misc</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>235</b>
<b>Neutered</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>Rabbits</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Misc.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>508</b>
<b>Welfare Assistance Clinic/Vouchers/Events</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>Cats</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>Rabbits</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Misc</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>464</b>

## SHOP AND CLINIC



Unfortunately despite all the positives above we did suffer a fire at the shop in Wheeler Street Maidstone which resulted in the shop and the clinic having to close for a period of time. The clinic suffered the most damage. This was a big setback but we are pleased to say that we are now back up and running and business has resumed. A huge THANK YOU to EVERYONE who worked so hard to get us operational again, especially our Treasurer Trish Slinn and husband Jerry who spent many sleepless nights and busy days sorting everything out. Thanks to shop manageress Margaret and her husband Michael who also worked tirelessly to get the shop open again in the shortest possible time. Our thanks to Mote Park Vets for their massive support during this period and to Jenny who runs our clinic for all her efforts on our behalf. Lastly our thanks to all our members, friends and members of the public for all the valuable donations received.

## CALENDARS



THANK YOU to all those people who supported us again this year by buying our lovely branch calendar. The net income from these was approximately £1500 - a huge boost to helping our animals through the winter period and beyond.

## THESE GORGEOUS GUYS N' GALS NEED YOUR HELP

### MEET THE LOVELY OREO



This lovely boy is **desperate** for some home comforts!. Oreo had an operation on his leg abroad which failed as a result of which he now has to have regular pain killers. Apart from this he is a healthy and active boy just oozing love and would make someone a superb pet. **OREO NEEDS A LONG TERM FOSTER HOME IN THE MAIDSTONE AREA.** The Branch will

**continue to pay for his care and medication.** Oreo is adorable and a little

plump!! He is also very mischievous and just loves to open cupboards helping himself to any contents he fancies. **Please consider giving Oreo a loving foster home.** Oreo is a real character and he would amply reward anyone who does!



**HI I'M RONNIE.** I am a lovely boy but rather a free spirit so not your conventional 'lapcat' but nor am I a feral. I just like to be outdoors a lot. I am desperate for a home without children with someone who understands me and lets me enjoy roaming as well as enjoying my company. I am very unhappy in the cattery even though everyone is really kind. There must be someone who would like to give me a home. *(Like my cute picture right!)*



**MEET HONEY (left), SOPHIE (centre) and SALLY (right).** These 3 lovely girls are all looking for a loving home.

**Honey** - sweet by name and sweet by nature. Honey is 4-5 years old, was unclaimed and facing PTS when the branch rescued her. She is a lovely girl, a little reserved but friendly to people and dogs. She would make a great family dog with children aged 8 and over.

**Sophie** is 1-2 years old and a truly lovely girl. She just loves to please and is food orientated so would respond well to any training. Any family who takes on this girl will be getting a real gem. Again best with older children.

**Sally** is around 3 years. She is a big girl with a heart to match!! She is looking for a family to love and will amply reward their kindness. Children need to be 8 and over as Sally is a big girl and she would benefit by being the only dog in the home.

# SNIPPETS

**NEUTERING** - this is the time of year for making sure that cats are neutered to prevent unwanted litters. If you know of any un-neutered cats in your area please ask people to think about getting them done.

**MICROCHIPPING** - Just a reminder that microchipping of dogs is now law. Again if you know of any dogs still not done please ask people to consider doing it - the fine for not doing so can be quite high.

**CONGRATULATIONS** - to Cattery Manager Katie who married partner Matt at Easter and to Daphne and Dave Harris who celebrated their Golden Wedding on Easter Saturday - quite a weekend of celebration! We wish them all well.

**MY DONATE** - it is now very easy to donate to the branch via BTs MyDonate. This is available via the website [www.rspca-tunbridgewellsandmaidstone.org.uk](http://www.rspca-tunbridgewellsandmaidstone.org.uk). Just follow the donate button. Alternatively go into myDonate, choose your charity then follow the instructions for donations.

Of course if you prefer you can still donate through our bank, details of which are HSBC, Week Street, Maidstone. Sort Code: 40 31.06, A/C No. 01 46 72 98

**DONATIONS:** Don't forget that by shopping via Easyfundraising you can donate to the branch at no further cost to yourself! It is quite likely the easiest way to help the animals.

Our best wishes to all owners and pets for a happy and safe summer. ENJOY!