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**sponsored by the Seward Copy Shop, St. Peters, Broadstairs**

**Hello to all our readers**

**Well, what a summer we have all had. Glorious weather but a little on the hot side for some of us. Please spare a thought for the staff and volunteers who have worked tirelessly throughout the summer months keeping our animals as happy and comfortable as possible. We are indebted to them as we can assure you during the extremely hot spells it hasn't been easy.**



**As usual it has been a very busy period and many animals have been happily rehomed to new and loving homes, even one or two of our more difficult felines.**

**And so we head into winter and Christmas. Where does the time go?**

**Due to changing Data Protection laws, we have taken the decision not to fundraise via direct marketing but concentrate on other community events.**

**Unfortunately this means we will not be sending our calendars this year. However, you can visit our website if you are interested in other ways to support us.**



***I'M SIMBA, BIG LOVING  
AND BEAUTIFUL***

**My name is Simba and I have just got myself an amazing new and loving home to enjoy. Yippee!!**

**I spent ages as a stray on my own and I got injured. Rumour has it that someone took me to the vets but somehow I found myself back on the streets where I got an injured foot. Fortunately someone found me and took me to the RSPCA where I have been for a while. Thanks to all their care my foot is now much better and I have got a super new home as a result.**

**Come the nice days I shall be able to snooze and dream happily in a nice safe garden knowing how loved I am! No more straying for me.**

**However my friends at the Headcorn Cattery are still looking for their forever home so if you or friends and family are thinking of getting a feline companion please just call my friends at the cattery and pay them a visit. Trust me they are a lovely bunch and would welcome seeing you.**

**Just a word of warning from my human friends. Please be sure that if you take one of us home before Christmas you are not taking us into a noisy and busy home. You see we need time to get to know you and our new surroundings and it can be very frightening for us. HOWEVER - if you are having a nice quiet Christmas and want to give one of us a home, well THAT'S a different story. HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE. Love Simba**

## CROSS SALES

Several issues ago I detailed the beautiful crosses made by Trev and Jan Willis that they make and sell on a not-for-profit basis for the benefit of our animals. One of the regular outlets for these crosses is a shop in Glastonbury called Happy Glastonbury. I have always wanted to visit this fascinating town so this year whilst on holiday in Somerset my husband Tony, dog Gypsy and myself took ourselves off to visit the town. We were not disappointed, it is indeed an exciting place.

While there I popped into Happy Glastonbury and introduced myself. I met with Marianne and Kim who were delighted to have the chance to chat about the branch and it was great to be able to thank them personally for all the support they give us through the sale of the crosses. The picture shows Marianne (left) and Kim standing in front of the cross stand in this bright and friendly shop. Since my visit in August the shop has given us two further donations for the animals. Thanks ladies!



To date Trev and Jan have raised an amazing £6762,42 (inc. latest donation from Happy Glastonbury) through the sale of their crosses. We are indebted to them and ALL THOSE PEOPLE who buy and/or sell them. A VERY BIG THANK THANK FROM ALL THE ANIMALS AND BRANCH.

## OBITUARIES

Along with good news there is sometimes bad. We are very sad to announce the loss of JULIA LAIDLAW. Julia was a loyal trustee for many years. A staunch supporter and brilliant animal person she fought cancer for a long time with great courage and positivity. She was a shining example of a human being and we will miss her tremendously. Our deepest condolences to her family at this sad time.

We were also sad to learn of the death of ROGER SEWARD. Roger started the Seward Copy Shop many years ago which is now run by his family. The Seward Copy Shop has been a staunch supporter of the RSPCA Thanet and Maidstone branches over many years. Roger was also active in helping the Canterbury Greyhound Trust instigating monthly walks in Thanet to raise funds. Whilst offering our thanks once again for all the support we receive from the Copy Shop we offer our deepest condolences to Roger's family for his sad loss.

### THOUGHTS OF A FERAL

*I sit beneath the bushes as she fills my dish each day  
I only venture out to eat when she has gone away  
I know it will upset her when I turn away and hide  
As everyday she tried her best to get me on her side  
I wish that I could let her know that I don't want to run  
and hope that she will understand it's nothing she has done  
I'd like to have her stroke me and pat my weary head  
But fear will overcome me and I'll run and hide instead  
For all the kindly people who feed the strays each day  
I pray The Lord will care for them as they have cared for me*





## TRACTOR FEST 18TH-19TH AUGUST

Carol Jacques ran a fundraising stall at the Tractor Fest weekend held in August. Carol wants to thank everyone who supported us over the weekend. She said it was lovely to meet so many people who support the work that we do. The weekend was a great success and raised £500 for the branch and we

have been invited to attend again in 2019. Carol wants to thank all those who helped with special thanks to Dave, Matt and Spike for erecting the tent and to Daphne and Lesleyanne for their help on the stall. Our thanks must also go to Carol for organising this event.

*photo Carol (left), her daughter Lesleyann and stall*

### A NOTE FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Carol has also asked if we can highlight the **FORTHCOMING COFFEE MORNING** which takes place on **24TH NOVEMBER AT THE HEADCORN VILLAGE HALL**, details below:

#### AUTUMN COFFEE MORNING

11 am - 1 pm

**Come and join us for coffee and cake**

**Buy one of our homemade cakes**

**Christmas Cards & Wrapping Paper - all £2.00 per pack**

**Christmas Stocking Filler Stall - All items under £3.00**

**Books - £1.00**

**TRY YOUR LUCK ON OUR RAFFLE OR  
GUESSING THE WEIGHT OF THE CHRISTMAS CAKE**

**FREE ENTRY but any donations of cat/dog food would be appreciated**

**EVERY PENNY RAISED FROM THIS EVENT WILL BE USED DIRECTLY ON THE  
WELFARE OF THE ANIMALS IN OUR CARE**

### CLOSURE OF CLINIC

It is with great regret that we have taken the decision to close our Clinic at 72 Wheeler Street. This was due entirely to lack of support and not to do in any way with funding and the decision was not taken lightly.

The branch would like to thank JENNY CLIFTON, a branch trustee, who has run the clinic so successfully for many years. She has done a sterling job on behalf of us and the animals. The branch would also like to thank MOTE PARK VETS for their loyal support over many years.



# HAPPY ENDINGS 2018

To finish the year we thought we would let you see just a few of the many animals that we have rehomed and a few who are still looking for that forever home.



Cassie



Biscuit



Skye



Beaut



Pickles



Tom



Emma



Bridget



Joey



Bash



Cleo



Poppy



Pebbles



Skippy

## STILL LOOKING FOR LOVE



Roger



Morley



Millie & Molly



***Wishing all our readers and pets peace, happiness and health for Christmas and 2019***



editor Kate Matthews