

Welcome to the SNIP Newsletter, where we invite you to our AGM on the 12th June 2017, and renew your membership. We don't receive any official or lottery funding so individual donations are our lifeline. Without your vital support we could not help as many strays and feral cats in urgent need.

It's been another hectic year for the SNIP team, we've covered a lot of miles and travelled to many parts of the UK. We've re-homed hundreds of cats to stables, livery yards, country estates, historic halls, naturist camps and that's just to name a few! We get so many stories and thanks from our kind adoption community so we're going to show the cats and let their new owners tell their tales...



This is one of the 'feral' cats which you kindly delivered to us in January. She is loving the Lancashire sunshine! AH, Lancs (via Facebook)



"We had Miss Poppet arrive last October down here in Dorset as a Barn Cat to live in my feed store. My boys have named her Mrs Killer as it was impossible to get anywhere near her - she was so shy and defensive.

I have always fed her but pretended she wasn't there when I did so, and gradually she has got more trusting but has always only been seen in the feed room.

Anyhow, great excitement! Today I was poo picking miles away from the feed room, there was a little rustle in the hedge and Poppet emerged. I crouched down and she came near and I put my hand out and she sniffed it. Then to my great amazement, she butted my hand to invite me to stroke her and she let me do so again and again and jumping slightly to invite more!!! Couldn't believe the change in her. Such a breakthrough. Feeling on top of the world!

She is living such a lovely life, free to come and go, but this is the first she has ever initiated any contact at all...feel like the cat whisperer!!"
LR, Dorset (via Facebook)





“Just a quick note to say thanks so much for arranging the cats. Matt and Luke have now been renamed Casper and Samuel. They are so cheeky and are really playful. They sure are characters and fit right in at the funny farm here at The Gables! Thanks again and here's a pic of them.” *VP, Northants*



“Comma, Ditto and Denis have been with us just over 2 weeks now. They still hiss if we try to touch them but they have grown bigger and got braver and become used to us now. I guess it's time to open the door and set them free this evening. I hope they don't disappear forever.” *HS, Oxon (via Facebook)*

“Maud the much loved ex Londoner, enjoying an exquisite spring day in her new home in the countryside. She is now in East Sussex. She is very friendly now with an enormous personality. We all love her! Horses and dogs included.”
KW, East Sussex (via Facebook)



“Hi, a quick update on Tom and Jerry who joined us on Christmas Eve...they are the coolest kittens ever. One is quite bold, the other one is shy but they are now free-ranging the yard and are a delight to watch in the top of the barn playing - no mice or rats have been seen so I guess just their presence keeps them away !!! They're all settled in now and getting much tamer. Wish I had got them years ago.” *SL, Surrey (via Facebook)*

AGM 2017

Our AGM will be held in the Emergency Fostering Unit of the RSPCA Central & North East London Branch with whom we work very closely and whose staff trap most of the ferals that we re-site. Date: 12th June 2017 Time: 7pm for 7.30pm start. Venue: RSPCA Fostering Unit, Unit 1G, 1 Thane Villas, Holloway, London, N7 7PH. Please see directions below. Phone: 07557 118 484

SNIP SOCIAL

There will be a free glass of Pimm's for all attendees. There will be food and drinks to purchase throughout the evening.

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

We will have a White Elephant stall selling new and high quality goods to raise much needed funds. PLEASE BRING ALONG YOUR UNWANTED BRIC A BRAC FOR US TO SELL.

RSPCA SHOP

The RSPCA unit also contains an ethical pet shop where you can buy very good value cat food and litter, cat toys and treats and safe baskets and collars.

DIRECTIONS

We hope you can join us and give your support for this fun evening. Please note this unit is not marked RSPCA as it is not open to the public. It is marked as UNIT 1G. If you ask for the RSPCA locally they will wrongly direct you to the Harmsworth Animal Hospital almost opposite.

To find the venue get to the junction of Thane Villas and Seven Sisters Road, where there is a café called The Atlas. The Emergency Fostering Unit is next door, behind a car park, with a big yellow industrial bin outside. It is between The Atlas and Regents Studios. There is a buzzer you need to ring to gain entrance. Please bring proof of ID at the meeting



“As you can see ..our feral cat Derek is not so feral anymore and the feelings mutual between these 2!! “

MG, Virginia Water (via Facebook)



SNIP 2017 MEMBERSHIP

SNIP's Membership year starts in April.

Please fill in this form and send your subscription for April 2017 to March 2018 to the address below (unless of course you are a Life Member or have already paid). We are desperately short of funds and need your help. Thank you.

Date:

I would like to show my support for SNIP's work with cats and kittens which have no owners by renewing my subscription of: £5.50 annual Individual /£3 annual Unwaged /£10 annual Family /£100 Life

Donation: £

My total payment (to SNIP) is: £

Using Gift Aid means that for every pound you give, we get back money at a rate depending on current basic tax rate from the Inland Revenue, helping your donation go further. Just tick the box below.

I want all donations I've made since 6th April 2013 and all donations in the future to be Gift Aid until I notify you otherwise ! I understand I must have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in each tax year (6th April - 5th April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities I donate to will reclaim for that tax year. I also understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify.

I would like to help SNIP with fund-raising/transport/fostering/organising events!

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