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Croydon Animal Samaritans

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Helping and rescuing animals since 1974



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HOLIDAY SHOP AND SAVE!

The Croydon Animal Samaritans Charity Shop; 136 Cherry Orchard Road, CR0 6BB, is open 11am-4:30pm Monday to Friday, and 12-3pm Saturday and Sunday (subject to volunteers being available).

The shop continues to be an integral part of CAS fundraising to pay our vet bills of over £150K per year.
Since opening the shop on weekends, we are delighted with how trading has taken off!
We are grateful for donations of good quality clothes, jewellery, electrics, and bric-a-brac.

Come and do your festive gift shopping with us and save your wallet, an animal's life and the planet.
Email shop@croydonanimalsamaritans.co.uk or phone the helpline 07934 179324 for more information.



Shop Now



A BIG THANK YOU TO

THE BIG YELLOW SELF STORAGE COMPANY

FOR THEIR SUPPORT

MR. MOUSTACHE
THE LOCK- DOWN STRAY - A HEART-WARMING TALE

Croydon, [April 2020] – A South Croydon family were overjoyed to be reunited with their beloved cat after he went missing following a dramatic escape from his carrier. The black and white cat, distinguished by a charming moustache-like marking, disappeared after a visit to the vet, leaving his family distraught. His family were the chosen ones, after months of living in bushes and gardens in the area he finally ventured through the cat flap and made friends with the family and established cats.



The story begins when the adventurous feline, estimated to be 2-3 years old, had originally joined the family as a stray. He quickly befriended their two resident cats, Missy and Monty. With no microchip and no identifiable owner, Croydon Animal Samaritans stepped in to help, generously covering the cost of his neutering and vet appointments.

However, disaster struck on the journey home from the vet when the cat managed to escape his carrier, dashing across a busy road and into hiding. Quick-thinking strangers stopped traffic to ensure his safety and comfort the distressed owner.

For three agonising days and nights, the family never gave up hope. They searched for their missing companion, pacing the streets, calling his name and leaving his blanket behind in hopes that his scent would lead him home.

CONTINUED.....MR. MOUSTACHE THE LOCK- DOWN STRAY - A HEART-WARMING TALE



CROYDON ANIMAL SAMARITANS ALSO PROVIDED INVALUABLE SUPPORT, SETTING HUMANE TRAPS BAITED WITH TEMPTING TUNA IN THE AREA.



Then, a miracle occurred. The missing moggy reappeared as suddenly as he had vanished, much to the delight of his overjoyed family.

"We couldn't believe our eyes when he strolled in, demanding breakfast as if nothing had happened," said Mark and Emma Morley, his relieved owners.

"He's become so much more confident over the years, but we were worried sick about him being out on his own".

"We are eternally grateful to Croydon Animal Samaritans for their incredible support and dedication throughout this ordeal. They truly went above and beyond to help bring our boy home."

This heartwarming story is a testament to the unwavering bond between humans and their animal companions and highlights the vital role that organisations like Croydon Animal Samaritans play in our community.



Marigold

WHO IS NOW PABLO!



Croydon Animal Samaritans (CAS) received an email about a 6 month old lop rabbit who had a problem with her teeth. The owner (who sadly breeds rabbits) was unsure how to treat the dental issues. The rabbit, now called Marigold, was signed over to CAS, and it was apparent that due to her overgrown teeth she was unable to eat meaning she was also severely underweight. Marigold was taken to our exotic vet in Sevenoaks where it was confirmed that she had severe dental malocclusion, and all four incisors needed to be removed. We had to syringe feed Marigold to help her gain weight, she was an angel as she sucked up her liquid feed. Later that week, Marigold was taken back to Sevenoaks where her incisors were removed, (see photo below), she is now eating hay and pellets by herself. Thankfully we were able to help this tiny rabbit. Marigold has now been neutered. We are fundraising for her vet fees, if you can donate, please see our Just Giving page:
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MARIGOLD WHEN SHE ARRIVED



MARIGOLD AFTER HER SURGERY



HER TEETH!

WE CURRENTLY HAVE 25 RABBITS IN OUR CARE, WE RECEIVE DAILY EMAILS FROM PEOPLE WANTING TO 'GIVE UP' THEIR RABBITS...



MAKE IT A HOPPY CHRISTMAS FOR YOUR RABBITS

DIET
Should be 85% fresh hay or grass, 10% greens, 5% extruded pellets (not muesli)

HOUSING
A Hutch is not Enough! Aim to give them an area 10ft x 6ft x 3ft tall at all times.

COMPANIONSHIP
They should live with another neutered friendly rabbit at all times

HEALTH
They should be neutered at 3-6 months of age, and vaccinated annually. If you're concerned at all about your rabbits' health, ie if they stop eating, you need to see a vet immediately

BEHAVIOUR
To be able to run, dig, jump, forage and hide - make a fun environment for them

RWAF
Rabbit Welfare Association & Fund
A hutch is not enough

MAKE IT A HOPPY NEW YEAR, ALL YEAR.

MONEY MONEY MONEY

Gift Aid

However you donate to Croydon Animal Samaritans, please consider giving Gift Aid; if you pay income or capital gains tax it will cost you nothing but the exchange of a few emails with the treasurer. HMRC accepts an email trail as proof that you have agreed to Gift Aid.



Standing Orders

If you would like to make a regular donation by standing order please send an email treasurer@croydonanimal samaritans.co.uk and we will send you a standing order form.

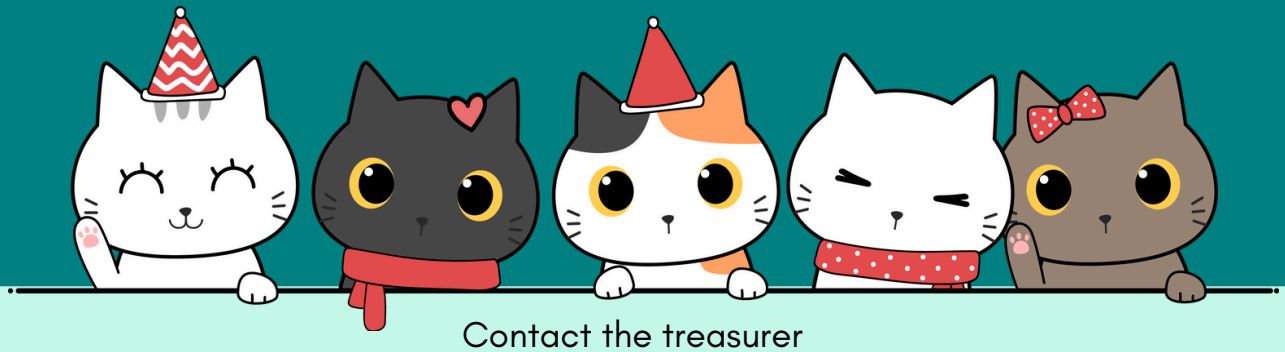
Legacies

As a charity, Croydon Animal Samaritans depends on legacies.

You may qualify to pay inheritance Tax at a reduced rate of 36% if you leave 10% of your net estate to charity. Please leave a gift to Croydon Animal Samaritans, reg charity 1067498 . There is no limit on the amount gifted, contact the treasurer.

Just Giving

Please scan the QR to donate, your money will help support the many animals in our care.



Contact the treasurer

treasurer@croydonanimalsamaritans.co.uk

Lancelot the kitten



LANCELOT WAS TAKEN INTO OUR CARE AFTER THE PREVIOUS OWNERS HAD LET HIM OUT AT THE AGE OF 2 MONTHS.

Subsequently he sustained an injury to his face as the result of an attack from a predator.
Because of this he ended up losing his eye and had number of stiches to his face.
As the consequence of this the owners did not want him back, as they said that he was ugly!!
Croydon animal Samaritans was contact by the Vet that treated him,
One of our fosters collected him for some after care and TLC.
After a month had passed the vet was happy with his recovery.
Although he only has mono vision as he was so young he has adapted to this very well.
Since his ordeal he is a hansome boy and has been adopted by the couple that came to see him,
They told the fosterer they would call and let her know if they were going to adopt him,
Within 15 minutes the called and asked how soon they could adopt him.
Another happy ending.

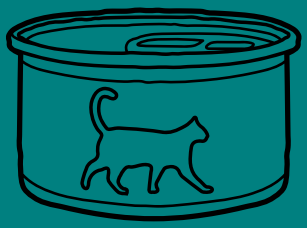


LANCELOT



FOOD BINS for life...

We feed OVER 300 cats. (including 100 ferals at 17 sites)
Shop at the stores below and help them to help CAS



Don't forget to shop at:

Sainsbury's | co op | pets at home | PetsCorner | ASDA | Morrisons | Petland

Click here to see all the supermarkets with collection bins



CATNIP mice

A client was buying a CAS mouse in a vets recently saying 'my cat won't play with any other toy!' A lot of cats must agree as up until the end of September we have delivered 2460 mice, raising £2467. So an enormous THANK YOU to Shan, Margaret, Jeanette, Pat, Sheila, Caroline, Jim (for deliveries) and to all the kind vets who sell for us.



To snip or not to snip

Often, cats are neutered too late in life which unfortunately contributes to the number of unwanted cats in the UK.
If you don't want to find yourself with extra cats and extra cost, we recommend that your pet cat is neutered at four to five months of age. It is important that the procedure is done before the cat begins puberty, preventing any unplanned pregnancies.

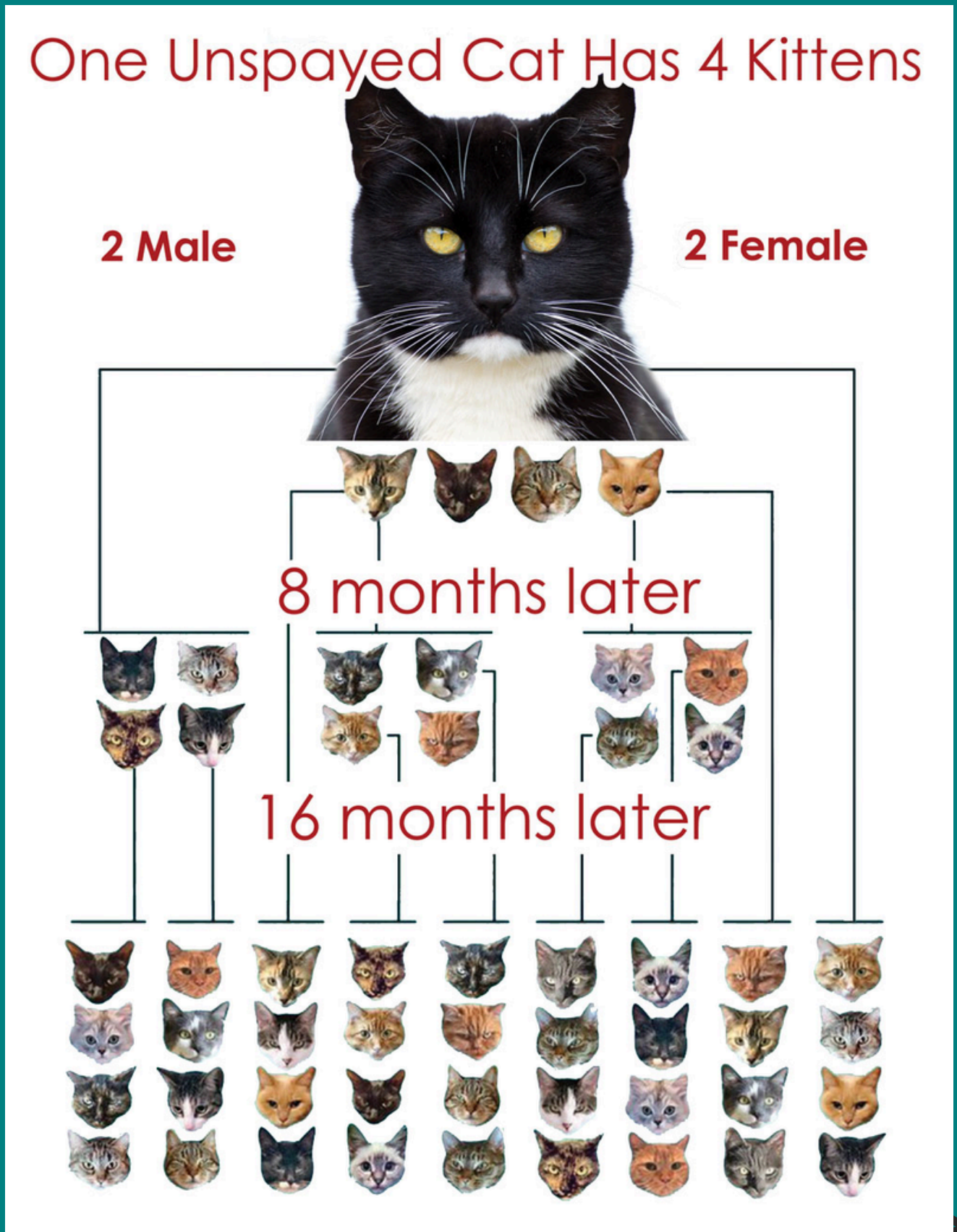
There is no health benefit to allowing your cat to have a litter of kittens before getting her neutered. In fact, due to the young age that females can reach sexual maturity, it can be harmful to let her get pregnant while she is so young. The only way to prevent your female from giving birth or your male from impregnating countless females is to have your Kitten spayed or castrated.

You might think that keeping your furry friend indoors, away from other cats, might prevent pregnancy or stop a tomcat from roaming.

Unfortunately, amorous felines can be escape artists -- and all it takes is a few minutes outdoors for a fertile kitty to become pregnant. You'll also have to deal with the mating behaviours of an intact feline, including urine marking, yowling and aggression problems.
Spaying or neutering your little one prior to puberty prevents any of these issues as well as some health problems later in life. Plus, you won't have to worry about finding homes for unwanted litters.
Once a kitten reaches puberty, typically between 5 months and 9 months of age, he or she will be able to reproduce.



Neuter your cats



Joan May Bradford

BY HER SON, JOHN



My mum was born in Great Yarmouth on Tuesday 13th November 1928. She continued to live in the Yarmouth area until the end of 1957, when she moved to Tooting in South London to marry my dad Henry Bradford. I was born in 1960 and my sister Jean was born four years later. For almost her entire life Joan suffered from a gradual deterioration in her hearing, beginning when she was still at school and leading to her eventual complete deafness in the last few years of her life. In spite of this she did her best to bring my sister and myself up well and for several years was actively involved with a local deaf club. Her involvement with the club led to her participation in a BBC TV program about the lives of deaf people in the 1990s. In her later years she gave generously to numerous animal charities, leading to her being officially recognized as a 'Champion of animals' by several of them.

For as long as I can remember we kept a wide variety of pets in the household, right up until just a few years ago. These included tortoises, rabbits, a ginea pig, Jimmy our lively pet dog (who lived for over 17 years), a canary, several goldfish, a hamster, a slow worm (legless lizard) and finally several pet cats which mum doted over.

Joan finally passed away in a nursing home in Tooting on 11th August last year aged 94. I am sure she would be delighted to know that the portion of her money she wished to be passed on to a suitable animal charity has gone to Croydon Animal Samaritans.

A huge THANK YOU to all our volunteers who craft, fundraise, give their time, donate, taxi, foster and trap to keep Croydon Animal Samaritans running... without this, we wouldn't be able to save so many animals in need.

