Spring Newsletter

March/April 2025

CROYDON ANIMAL SAMARITANS



Croydon Animal Samaritans have been helping and rescuing animals since 1974. We have many volunteers all working hard to rescue, foster and re-home all animals taken into our care.







CROYDON ANIMAL SAMARITANS
Registered Charity No. 1067498

www.croydonanimalsamaritans.co.uk





We always have many animals that are desperately in need of loving homes, most of which you can find on the website.

The charity relies totally on donations to support the work we do. We accept cash donations via online transfers or standing orders. Petfood donations are gratefully received via our bin network https://www.croydonanimalsamaritans.co.uk/donate/food-bins-map/.
Also food and equipment can be purchased via our Amazon Wishlist to support the many animals in our care.





BAG BUNNIES



On New Years Eve, three baby rabbits were found in a plastic bag by a park. Thankfully a kind member of the public found the rabbits and contacted CAS.





Stripe (now Lola) has found her forever home with Mochi, she has been rehomed with a spay contract.



Jumper is now castrated and looking for a home



Smudge is now castrated and looking for a home

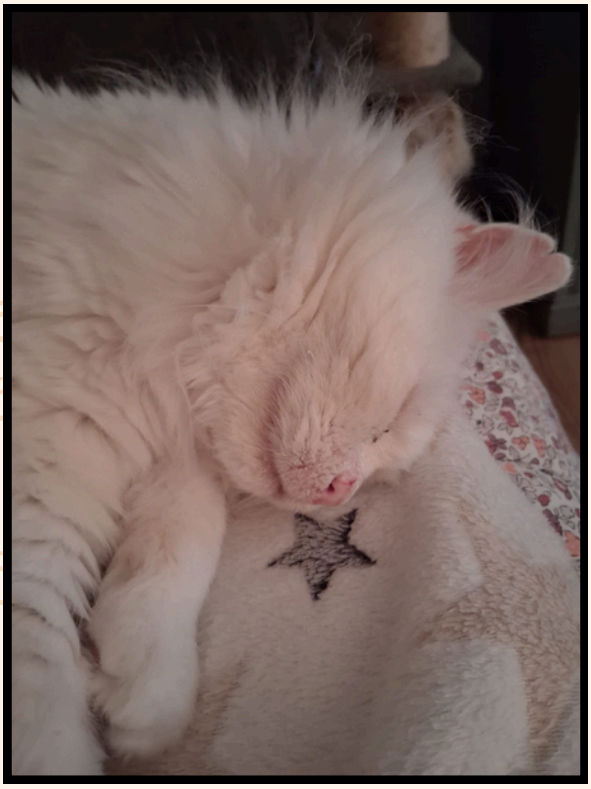
CAS FERAL FOSTER/REHOMING CAMPAIGN 2024 - OLAF
written by Jo





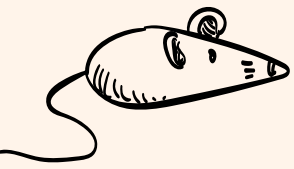
‘Olaf had been living in the feral enclosure at Croydon Animal Samaritans (CAS) for 2yrs when I went along looking to adopt a friend for my cat Bella. He was clearly frightened of people, as he had been living on the streets for many years before coming to CAS.
I had adopted a cat from the feral enclosure at CAS before, so I thought I'd give it another go as we both missed Stitch (a previous adoption) and I felt Bella needed cat company.
Olaf arrived in late February in a sorry state. He was very upset by the move and was hiding in a box, within a crate. Bella was not amused at this arrival and proceeded to give Olaf a bit of a hard time. I could see Olaf was desperate to be her friend and I was assured by Barbara and volunteers that Olaf is a very passive cat. Over time things did improve. Bella calmed down and Olaf made the odd appearance out of his box (safe zone).
I started stroking him a couple of months after his arrival with a toothbrush attached to a long stick. He objected but was soon enjoying this attention and it became a daily ritual. He also loved to play so I dangled various toys around and he was soon enjoying this new activity and it got me into his good books. Olaf loves to eat, so more brownie points for me dishing up dreamies and the like.

Now 10 months later he is a different cat, who loves being stroked daily. He sits on his stand and waits for me to do my duty. To my amazement he now sleeps on my lap every day and is always with us on the sofa of an evening. He plays hide and chase with Bella and likes nothing better than to lie on his back in a cat tunnel swatting feathers etc.
It hasn't always been easy but it is very rewarding and it's changed Olaf's life for the better in a home being loved, where he belongs.'









CAS are currently on a mission to get all of the cats in our feral enclosure into homes, so will be looking for foster homes for the 3 remaining cats in there (Holly, Charlie & Sam) in the near future.

It Doesn't Happen Overnight

The 3/3/3/ rule is a general guideline for the adjustment period of a pet after adoption.
Every pet is unique and will adjust differently. Please have patience and allow your new pet time to settle in.



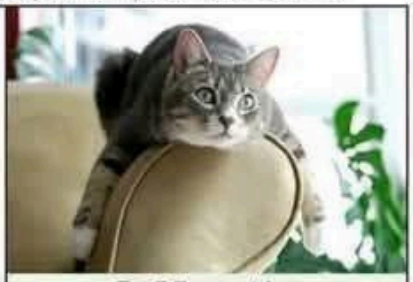
3 Days
To Decompress

- Feeling overwhelmed
- May feel scared or unsure of what's going on
- Not yet comfortable to be "himself"
- May not want to eat or drink
- Shuts down and/or hides under furniture
- Tests the boundaries



3 Weeks
To Learn Your Routine

- Starts settling in
- Feels more comfortable
- Realizes this could be his forever home
- Figures out his environment
- Gets into a routine
- Lets his guard down; beginning to show his true personality
- Behavior issues may appear



3 Months
To Start to Feel at Home

- Finally feels completely comfortable in his home
- Begins to build trust and a true bond
- Gains a complete sense of security with his new family
- Sets into a routine

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SPRING PLANTS THAT ARE POISONOUS TO PETS



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For more information visit our Pet Health Hub: www.pdsa.org.uk/phh

Food bins in Supermarkets

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

Click here to see all the supermarkets with collection bins

Scruffy & Pepper Colony Cats

Scruffy and Pepper came to the attention of CAS in the spring of 2024. Scruffy had been living in a neighbour's back garden, while Pepper was residing in a house. They had both been there for at least three years. The neighbour, who kept pedigree cats, didn't want Scruffy in her garden and, due to her disability, felt it was acceptable to throw rocks at him to keep him away.

Pepper was in poor health, suffering from an infected uterus that needed urgent treatment. CAS stepped in, got her the necessary medical attention, and once she recovered, Pepper was placed in a foster home while they searched for a permanent place for her.

At the time, CAS was overwhelmed with kittens, so they made the difficult decision to neuter Scruffy and release him back to the garden, hoping that the procedure would reduce his interest in the neighbour's cats. It wasn't an ideal situation, but it was the only feasible option at the time.

In the winter 2024 , CAS was able to recapture Scruffy and bring him into a chalet where he lived for about three months. They discovered that Scruffy was extremely fearful of humans, but he would tolerate as much interaction as he was comfortable with.

Then, in December of 2024, Scruffy and Pepper were finally adopted together by a loving family. This household created a cat-friendly paradise for them, complete with a "Catio" and the freedom to roam inside the house. They've both adjusted well and are now living the dream!

Their story is a reminder of the power of patience, compassion, and the ultimate reward of finding a loving home. 😍🐾





UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Our Charity Shop



Our charity shop in East Croydon is an essential way to raise money for for vet bills and to pay for the many animals in our care. Our shop is in desperate need of a ‘make over!’

We plan to refurbish the shop, make it attractive to shoppers and hopefully bring in lots of money. If you think you can donate in helping to refurbish our shop, please email enquiries@croydonanimalsamaritans. co.uk



THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all the people who give up their time to volunteer in our shop.

DOGS

By Barbara





In November 2024, Merry was thrown out of a van on Coulsdon Common. Luckily this was witnessed by a young man who knew of CAS and contacted us.

Unfortunately I was away but a lovely elderly couple took her in to temporary foster.

She was vet checked and then our groomer shaved her completely taking four and a half hours and discovered she was a miniature Schnauzer

Our incredible volunteer Nina then drove her to join us in Suffolk and she had a wonderful holiday by the sea.

She was spayed vaccinated and chipped on our return.

And despite her traumatic experience she has totally recovered and been rehomed with another dog on the South Coast and is experiencing life as a dog should .





Poppy a Yorkshire Terrier, aged eleven years was taken to the vets to be euthanised as she had been totally neglected and was in constant pain with a skin condition and could not be touched
Luckily I was called and agreed take her.
After being shaved and put on medication she recovered rapidly and soon become a happy affectionate dog.
She has now found her forever home.





Milo a Chihuahua was surrendered after having five homes in two and a half years all of which were totally unsuitable for a dog.
He has settled in very well with the other cats and dogs but is rather mouthy with other dogs when out for a walk.
He is very affectionate and loves sitting on laps.
Milo has been castrated and vaccinated and is looking for a forever home.

Billy, a five year old Collie has had a very unsettled life.
He started life locked in a cage in a shed.
He then had three homes that due to age and illness were unable to keep him.
Poor Billy is very matted and overweight but that is being dealt with.
He is brilliant with other dogs and loves walks.
Billy is good on the lead and obedient, he is in foster at the moment but would love a forever home.





Minno is approximately 7 years old he is a friendly cat who recently had a back leg amputated as a result of a RTA.
Despite this he is confident and can climb up stairs or onto the sofa with ease. He loves head strokes or chin rubs but is wary of people touching his legs or near his stump.
He has recovered well and adapting to his loss.
Minno would love home which must be away from busy roads with a secure garden for him to explore when he feels confident.
He has had a full health check, vaccinated, neutered and microchipped.

ANIMALS NEEDING HOMES

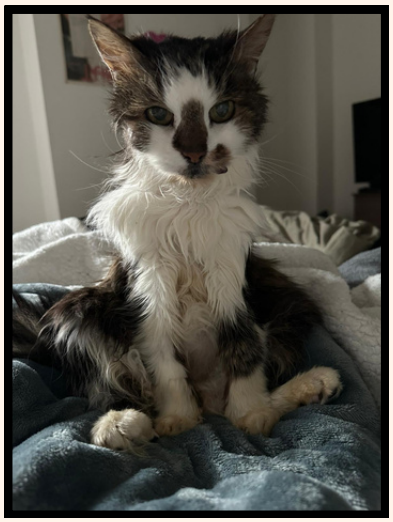


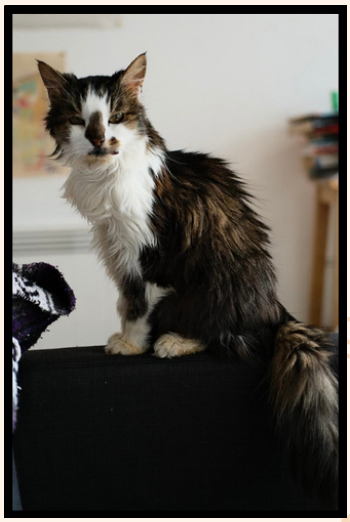
Gentle Noel is a fantastic hay eater! He is a very tidy boy who uses his litter tray brilliantly.
As Noel is a REW (red eyed white) we believe he is deaf so he can be startled easily.
Noel loves a head rub, he is looking for a companion or two!
Noel is vaccinated and neutered.

MEET OUR OLDER LADY LIVING IN PERMANENT FOSTER CARE

Princess has been in foster care with us since December last year, when she was rescued after being attacked by dogs. We arranged for her to be seen by our vets when we were contacted and fortunately she seemed to be largely unscathed from the attack. However her health was very poor.

Princess was full of worms and very bloated. She had lumps on her face, which turned out to be cysts. Her claws were long and curled under, with some digging into her pads. Our vet clipped and bathed them for her. She also had signs of arthritis so they gave her an injection to relieve it, she now receives these injections monthly. Her fur was very matted and she was covered in fleas. Fortunately Princess' blood and liver function tests came back normal and we are keeping an eye on her thyroid.





From information given to us by the finders this poor girl had been straying around the area for a very long time, but sadly no one had helped her before. It turned out she was chipped and is 18 years old, but previous owners could not be contacted.

There is no doubt Princess is a fighter though! Mid December, not long after she came to us, we really thought we were going to lose her. She started having seizures and throwing up one evening. In the end she collapsed and her fosterer called out an emergency vet in the night - we really thought she wasn't going to pull through. The vet gave her antibiotics, anti nausea medication, drained her cysts and stitched up a wound on chest (possibly from the dog attack) that had reopened. Thankfully they thought there was no reason to pts, as we had feared.

Princess recovered remarkably and is now enjoying a very comfortable and content life with her foster mum. Her cysts have been drained a couple of times and are benign but keep returning, so we plan to get them removed if our vet thinks she is strong enough to operate. We really want her to have the most comfortable final weeks/months/years of her life as possible.

We don't know how much longer Princess will have with us, but we do know that she really deserves to only know love and comfort in the time she has left, after everything she has suffered in the past. Despite everything, she is the sweetest, friendliest girl with so much love to give.

We know Princess will have more ongoing costs, but we think she is worth it. If you would like to contribute to Princess' care and to the care of the other cats we have in permanent foster, please donate here.

WiSH LiST



If you would like to consider becoming a permanent foster for a cat like Princess, please email enquiries@croydonanimalsamaritans.co.uk. We currently have a lovely friendly 18 year old lady called Angel, who has hyperthyroidism, that we would like to find a permanent foster for. You would need to have transport to be able to take her to vet appointments when needed.

Valentine



Poor Valentine, a lovely ginger and white, middle aged cat was taken to our vets as a stray on Valentine's Day

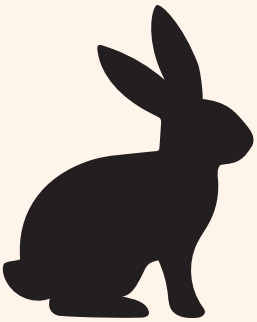
He was totally matted despite being short haired and extremely thin and dirty. It took two baths to clean him up.

Valentine has now been adopted and is happily living in his new home.





More dumped rabbits...



In February, a person was approached by a man holding a carrier bag. He asked whether she wanted some rabbits, she replied no... the man then turned around and tipped 2 rabbits out into the park.
This kind person then contacted CAS and handed in the rabbits. Poor Bert and Ernie were covered in urine and were filthy. Luckily Bert and Ernie now vaccinated and neutered and are looking for their forever home.







Thank you!

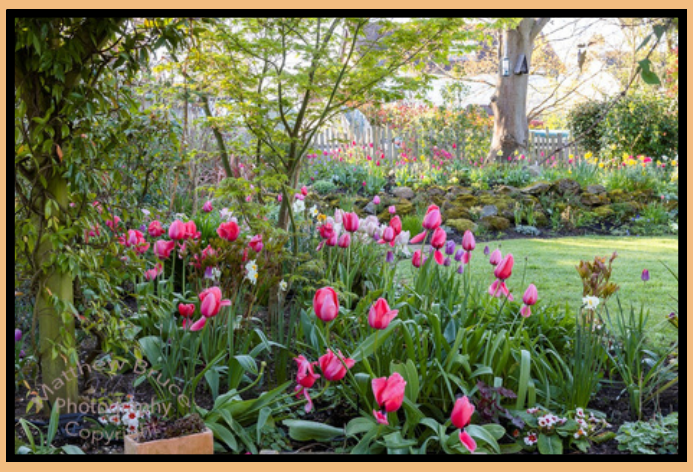
We are so grateful that Pets Corner in Redhill saw this on social media and kindly donated some rabbit food.

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SAVE THE DATE







Rabbit Rescue NGS Open Garden, come and visit the beautiful garden and the rabbit rescue. Cream teas, plants and other crafts for sale.
12th & 13th April 2-5pm
11 West Hill, Sanderstead CR2 0SB.

Garden Open Day Saturday 14th June 2025
All Proceeds Go To Croydon Animal Samaritans



From 2pm until 5pm
59 Ashburton Avenue,
Croydon, CR0 7JG
£5 Entrance Fee

Come and find out information on all the animals CAS currently has up for adoption. Plus enquire about all the volunteering opportunities to support.

Teas, Coffee, Cakes, Raffle, Plants Stall, available to purchase on the day, cash only.