



## **KWWSPCA SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2023**

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### **THE KWWSPCA HAS A SITE FOR A NEW SHELTER**

The KWWSPCA is delighted to let you know that it has purchased land close to Kildare Town to build its permanent home. It is a 15-acre green field site. The Society has been renting a cottage, a farm building and land near Athgarvan for the past nine years as its Shelter, but for the last few years has been looking for its own premises and this site seems ideal.

The Society has now to go through the planning process, which might take some time, but if it is successful in its planning application, it will build a state-of-the-art animal welfare facility to cater primarily for dogs and cats, but it also intends to have facilities for other rescue animals.

The KWWSPCA owes a huge thank you to all its loyal supporters who have organised fund raising events, attended these events, made donations, and purchased items in its Charity Shop, Noah's Ark, and at its online sales and auctions. This has enabled the Society to accumulate sufficient funds to purchase this site. More fund-raising will, of course, be needed once the Society gets the required planning permission and is able to start preparing the site and to start building.



## **KWWSPCA Summer Bazaar – Sunday 13 August 2023**

The KWWSPCA's first Summer Bazaar will take place from 12.00 – 3.00 at the KWWSPCA Animal Shelter near Athgarvan (Eircode W12 EV60). There will be plenty of free parking and no entry charge and light refreshments will be available. There will be stalls selling cakes and home baking, books, plants, clothes, pet products, bric a brac, small items of furniture and much more. All the proceeds from the Bazaar will go to helping the animals in the care of the KWWSPCA.

**Donations:** The Shelter will be open to receive donations for the Bazaar from 10.00 - 12.00 on Saturday 29 July and on Saturday 5 August. If you are unable to come at these times, please call Sally on 087 6803295 or Ann on 086 3413017 and another time can be organised.

**Items needed:** Small items of furniture; bric-a-brac and household items; good quality clothes; pet products; plants; bottles (full!) for the bottle stall and books. Cakes and other home baking will also be gratefully received near to the date of the Bazaar.

## **KWWSPCA Annual Wag & Bone Dog Show - Sunday 10 September**

This will take place in the Parade Ring of Punchestown Racecourse. Registration starts at 1.00 and the judging starts at 2.00. This is a Fun Dog Show, and every type of dog is welcome, especially rescue dogs. There is plenty of free parking and light refreshments will be available. Please call Sally on 087 6803295 if you need any more information about the Show.

## **KWWSPCA Christmas Fair – Saturday 9 December**

Keep the date free – more details soon. It will be held in Ryston Sports and Social Club in Newbridge. Please call Clare on 087 7045913 for more information or if you would like to have a stall at the Fair.

## **10th ANNIVERSARY OF THE KWWSPCA'S CHARITY SHOP, NOAH'S ARK**

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the opening of Noah's Ark, the KWWSPCA Charity Shop in Newbridge, a FREE raffle is taking place in the shop for the month of July. Anyone going into Noah's Ark and spending €5 or more, will be entered into the raffle to win a lovely hamper and other prizes. You still have a few more days to enter. Noah's Ark is in Cutlery Road, Newbridge, almost opposite the side entrance to the Whitewater Shopping Centre. It is open from 10.00 - 5.00 Mondays to Saturdays. It is a major source of KWWSPCA funding; everyone working in the shop is a volunteer, no wages are paid.

Noah's Ark is looking for volunteers to work in its shop. At the moment it needs some 'floating' volunteers to fill in a morning (10.00 – 1.30) or afternoon (1.30 – 5.00) shift when one of the regular volunteers is not available. If you would be interested in joining the team as a floater, please contact Ann on 086 3413017 or email [kwwspca@gmail.com](mailto:kwwspca@gmail.com). No previous experience is needed, just a friendly disposition and an interest in the work of the KWWSPCA.



## The Importance of Neutering Young Cats

In the last Newsletter, we mentioned the importance of neutering cats. Below is one of the reasons this needs to be done as soon as the kitten is old enough. Please take a long, hard look at this little face. This is the face of a 4-month-old kitten. She has only been living this life for 16 weeks. When she was taken to the vets to be neutered, it was discovered she was IN HEAT. It's hard to believe this little kitty could be old enough to produce her own litter of kittens. Please get your cats, both male and female, neutered to stop the large number of unwanted kittens coming into this world.



## Three Recent Dog Welfare Cases – Mossy, Mira and Penny

Although the KWWSPCA takes many rescue dogs from Dog Pounds into its care, it also has quite a few welfare cases, where the dog has been found to have been badly neglected and/or abused or needs urgent veterinary care. Most of these dogs are not microchipped or, if they are, the microchip number has not been registered and the owner cannot be traced. In three recent cases, the dogs were not microchipped and there was no way of tracing the owners to take action against them.

Mossy, the collie, was found with a heavy chain round his neck which had eaten into his flesh and left a nasty wound. He was very nervous and distressed and it took several weeks before he could really accept any affection from our volunteers. But in time and with a lot of patience, his fear began to abate, and he started to accept the love and attention he was receiving at the Animal Shelter.

Mira, the young lurcher, was found in a very emaciated condition with her backbone and her ribs sticking out. Her finder took her to a local vet who asked the KWWSPCA to take her into its care and bring her back to full health. She was an absolute dote from the beginning, loving attention and affection, so unlike Mossy. As she came to us when the weather was very cold, she got the luxury of living in the Shelter kitchen for her first few weeks, where she was regularly visited by all the volunteers, and given far more treats than she really deserved during tea and coffee breaks!

Penny, the foxhound, was found by one of our TNR (trap, neuter, and release of feral cats) volunteers, roaming near a busy road and very distressed. She had two very nasty wounds on her back, her skin was in a dreadful condition, and it appeared she had had a litter of pups recently.

Although it is distressing to see these dogs when they first come into KWWSPCA care, it is amazing how quickly they respond to a good diet, veterinary care and a lot of love and attention. All three of these dogs have now been rehomed, have settled well, and will have loving homes for the rest of their lives.



## Happy Tails – Lost pets who were reunited with their owners just in time

The KWWSPCA has recently reunited two pets with their owners. Bennett, whose real name was Coco, had been lost for several weeks. He was a bichon frise and had been found as a stray and taken to Kildare Dog Pound. He was not microchipped so no owner could be contacted. He stayed just over a week in the Pound before coming into the care of the KWWSPCA who got him microchipped, vaccinated and neutered and then posted him for rehoming. He was a lovely little dog and there was a great deal of interest in adopting him, but luckily someone recognised his photo on the KWWSPCA rehoming page and contacted his owner who was delighted to have him back. As happens so often, many people do not know about contacting the Dog Pound when their dogs go missing and many people do not use social media where 'found dogs' are often posted.

Thank you to Grace and her mam for looking after a stray cat that came into them in Sallins. Grace contacted the KWWSPCA about him as he was so friendly; she felt he deserved a home. The KWWSPCA took him into its care and would have rehomed him if an owner did not come forward. But one of our cat volunteers thought she remembered a similar cat being posted as missing some time before and so she searched through Facebook pages to find the post. His owners, Tatiana and Victoria, were delighted that he had been found, safe and well, and organised with their vet for him to be neutered and microchipped before he had a chance to stray again.

## The Beaver Section of Kildangan Scouts were very welcoming

A few months ago, the KWWSPCA Animal Welfare Officer was invited to give a talk to the Beaver section of the Kildangan Scouts on caring for your pets and she brought some of her animal ambassadors along with her. Waverly and Bean, the dogs, Demi, the kitten, Hopscotch and Butterscotch, the bunnies, had so much fun with the kids but Ratilda and Ratalie, the pet rats, were the stars of the show. A massive thank you to all the children, who were so kind and donated lots of cat and dog food to help feed the animals in our care.



## Some of the Rescue Dog and Cats who are looking for homes now



Bob



Amy



Star



Valentina