

Newsletter

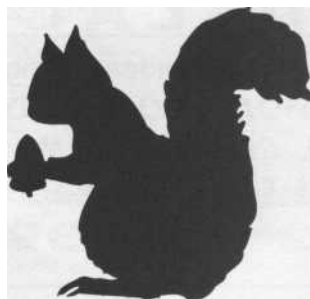
NORTH WEST KENT BRANCH

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OUR NAME SAYS IT ALL

Aims and objectives of Animal Samaritans

"To rescue and provide care and shelter for unwanted, abandoned, neglected or ill-treated animals and to provide new homes for such animals wherever possible.

To assist owners of pets to meet veterinary fees where owners are unable to meet such fees".

SPECIAL PRODUCT ANNOUNCEMENT

We are very pleased to announce that Animal Samaritans have found an Animal Health/Husbandry Company in Kent - NET TEX AGRICULTURAL LIMITED specialising in nutritional health products for pets. (As it happens one of our very dedicated members works for them) so what better recommendation can you get?

Presentation packs specially produced for Animal Samaritans illustrating all these products have now been received, and contain not only the prices, but also "user friendly" technical information describing WHAT THE PRODUCTS DO, WHEN TO USE THEM, HOW MUCH TO GIVE, AND WHY THEY ARE SO IMPORTANT.

Anyone that cares for animals has a right to know about these superb products.

For more information call Mo Broome, Marketing Manager at NET-TEX AGRICULTURAL LIMITED on 01474 813999 or Fax on 01474 812112.



KIND HOMES NEEDED FOR RESCUED ANIMALS

CATS

Valerie Wagland 01474 703906

RABBITS

Gwen Weeden 01474 879154

DOMESTIC BIRDS

Wendy 01474 823306

BRIC-A-BRAC

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I would like to tell you all about my kitten named Blue. Well we had a cat called Buddy who was 15 but sadly we had to put him to sleep because he had a tumour in his tummy. So a few days later we started to look for another kitten. Mum looked in a local pet shop to see if they could give us any details and there was an ad about Animal Samaritans so a few days later we had our house vetted and went to see some adorable kittens. It was a tough decision but after a long thought we all liked Blue a white moggie. With the help of Valerie Wagland we have now got a healthy, lovely bundle of fun (not to mention scatty!) little kitten. Thank you, Animal Samaritans

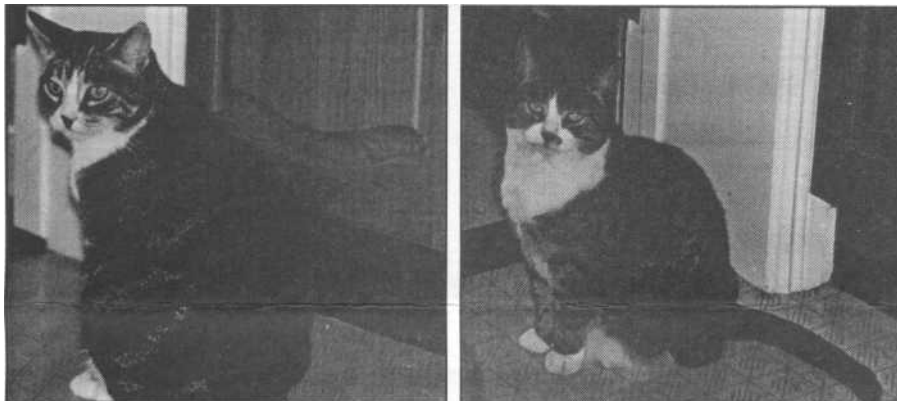
Jenna and Adam Lomax
Ages 11 & 13.

PET PALACE

Pets looked after with Tender Loving Care
HOLIDAY HOME FOR BIRDS
AND SMALL CAGED ANIMALS
Contact Irene Russell
01322 385639

HOMES WANTED FOR RABBITS AND GUINEA PIGS

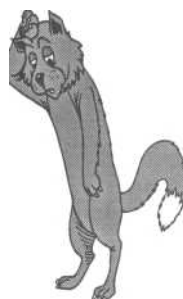
Can you give a rabbit or guinea pig a good home? Call Gwen on 01474 879154. New owners will be visited before an animal is placed.



ANIMAL QUIZ - Part 2

Questions 16 - 30

- 16 What breed of dog won Cruft's Best in Show in March 1999?
- 17 What name is given to the period of winter sleep by some animals?
- 18 What does an invertebrate animal not have?
- 19 What do a billy and a nanny produce?
- 20 Which black and white mammal sprays a foul smelling liquid when attacked?
- 21 How does a boa constrictor kill its prey?
- 22 Why does a fish need gills?
- 23 What does a scorpion have at the end of its tail?
- 24 What does a chameleon change to camouflage itself?
- 25 What does an Isle of Man Manx NOT have?
- 26 What type of insect is a Red Admiral?
- 27 What is another name for an Alsation dog?
- 28 What kind of animal is a Suffolk Punch?
- 29 A lynx is a member of which family group?
- 30 What unit is used to measure horses?



CAN YOU HELP?

Homes wanted for dogs, cats, kittens, rabbits.

CAN YOU HELP?

Fund raising? Spare an hour or more occasionally to assist with a pet taxi service for the elderly and disabled?

CAN YOU HELP?

Idea, items, puzzles, poems, stories are wanted for our quarterly newsletter.

CAN YOU HELP?

Produce a news column for a junior section of Animal Samaritans.

How to contact us

Telephone:

01474 703542 (Hartley)

020 8303 1859

(Registered Office)



A light-hearted remedy for dealing with a difficult situation

Author unknown

INSTRUCTIONS FOR GIVING YOUR CAT A PILL

- 1 Pick cat up and cradle it in the crook of your left arm as if holding a baby. Position right forefinger and thumb on either side of cat's mouth and gently apply pressure to cheeks while holding pill in right hand. As cat opens mouth, pop pill into mouth. Allow cat to close mouth and swallow.
- 2 Retrieve pill from floor and cat from behind sofa. Cradle cat in left arm and repeat process.
- 3 Retrieve cat from bedroom, and throw soggy pill away.
- 4 Take new pill from foil wrap, cradle cat in left arm holding rear paws tightly with left hand. Force jaws open and push pill to back of mouth with right forefinger. Hold mouth shut for a count of 10.
- 5 Retrieve pill from goldfish bowl and cat from top of wardrobe. Call spouse from garden.
- 6 Kneel on floor with cat wedged firmly between knees, holding front and rear paws. Ignore low growls emitted by cat. Get spouse to hold cat's head firmly with one hand while forcing wooden ruler into mouth. Drop pill down ruler and rub cat's throat vigorously.
- 7 Retrieve cat from curtain rail, get another pill from foil wrap. Make note to buy new ruler and repair curtains. Carefully sweep shattered figurines from hearth and set to one side for gluing later.
- 8 Wrap cat in large towel and get spouse to lie on cat with its head just visible from below spouses armpit. Put pill in end of drinking straw, force cat's mouth open with egg ladle and blow down drinking straw.
- 9 Check label to make sure pills not harmful to humans, drink glass of water to take taste away. Apply Band-Aid to spouses forearm and remove blood from carpet with cold water and soap.
- 10 Retrieve cat from neighbour's shed. Get another pill. Place cat in cupboard and close door onto neck to leave head showing. Force mouth open with dessert spoon. Flick pill down throat with elastic band.
- 11 Fetch screwdriver from garage and put door back on hinges. Apply cold compress to cheek and check records for date of last tetanus shot, Throw shirt away and fetch new one from bedroom.
- 12 Ring fire brigade to retrieve cat from tree across the road. Apologise to neighbour who crashed into fence while swerving to avoid cat. Take last pill from foil wrap.
- 13 Tie cat's front paws to rear paws with garden twine and bind tightly to leg of dining table. Find heavy duty pruning gloves from shed. Force cat's mouth open with monkey wrench. Push pill into mouth followed by large piece of fillet steak. Hold head vertically and pour 1 /2 pint of water down throat to wash pill down.
- 14 Get spouse to drive you to emergency room; sit quietly while doctor stitches fingers and forearm and removes pill remnants from right eye. Stop by furniture shop on way home to order new table.
- 15 Arrange for vet to make a housecall.

PET BEREAVEMENT

**If you need to talk to someone about the loss of your pet, Angela Gatfield would be pleased to speak to you. Angela knows what a lonely experience this often is. Telephone: 01634 253195
email: gatfieldsgordons@knightsroad.fsnet.co.uk**

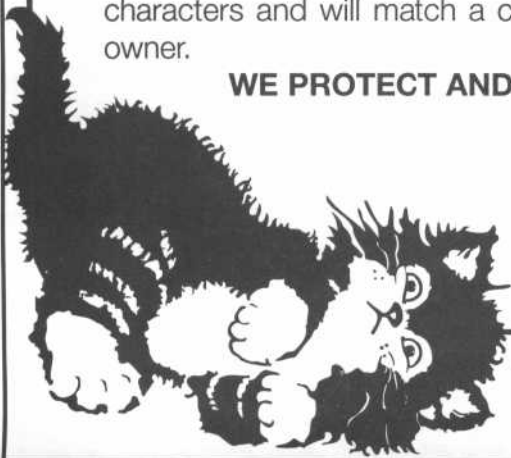
Adopt A Wonderful Friend

CATS, CATS, CATS, CATS, CATS,

MISSY - TYSON - LACEY - FOXY - FAYE -
DANDY - PRINCESS - MAX - YASMIN - CANDY -
OWEN - SNOWY - TOTO

These are the names of our older cats who need the comfort of a permanent home. If you think you can give one of these beautiful animals a place to call it's own, please contact Anne Brewer 01474 872556. No cat is older than 8/9 years. If you feel hesitant about taking on the commitment of an older cat we would always be able to assist in any way we can and Anne will always give advice. She knows all their characters and will match a cat to suit it's new owner.

WE PROTECT AND SERVE



Please help

Have you thought of becoming a member of Animal Samaritans?

Your Annual Subscription entitles you to:
Four copies (quarterly) 'As News' post free,
a car sticker, badge and membership card.

Are you a member of a club/group/society that would like a speaker at one of your meetings. We have someone available to give a talk about the work of Animal Samaritans. Please contact Valerie Croxford.



ANSWERS TO ANIMAL QUIZ

Part 2

- 16 Irish Red Setter
- 17 Hibernation
- 18 Backbone
- 19 Kids
- 20 Skunk
- 21 Squeezing (crushing)
- 22 To breathe
- 23 Sting
- 24 Colour
- 25 A tail
- 26 butterfly
- 27 German Shepherd (GSD)
- 28 Horse
- 29 Cat
- 30 Hands

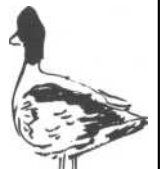
APPLICATION FORM FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP ONLY

Name

Address

Postcode

Date



What type of pet(s) do you have

I enclose a cheque made payable to ANIMAL SAMARITANS FOR £

Membership Fees: £8.00 per year - Child/Senior Citizen £5.00 per year - Donation £

Please return to : Animal Samaritans c/o Mrs Val Croxford, 'Teal', Berrylands, Hartley, Longfield, Kent DA3 8AP