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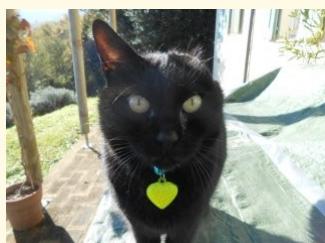
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There are no borders for kindness

The story of Anastasiya Pimenova, a volunteer from Siberia in Malcolm's Cat Sanctuary

Do you know a lot of people who have seen over 200 cats at the same time in one place? Every Malcolm's Cats sanctuary volunteer has that wonderful experience. And fortunately, I have too. I would like to share my own volunteer's journey in Malcolm's cat sanctuary.

My name is Anastasiya and I am proud to introduce myself as a Malcolm's cats sanctuary volunteer, born and raised in Russia, falling in love with the Balkans, living in Cyprus.

Actually, I'm not a newbie in animal volunteering. I always love animals and feel their pains, needs and defencelessness against people's violence and disregard. That's why my family in Russia had three dogs adopted as strays that has influenced me so much. When I grew up, I got married and my husband and I adopted 2 cats and 2 dogs.

Volunteering in Russia

I had my first experience in volunteering when we realized that one of the dog shelters is near our place in Novosibirsk city. We moved to Serbia and I was a volunteer at a local animal rescue organisation; that's how we got our second dog. And when we moved to Cyprus I already knew that I would like to be a volunteer somewhere if I only could find the right place.

I accidentally saw my compatriot Marina's Facebook post. Marina has been a Malcolm's cat sanctuary volunteer for 10 years already. I thought "This is a perfect opportunity," and decided to try, because volunteering is much easier when you have somebody experienced to support you. That's how I started to help by taking a small part of this big laborious activity.

I was really shocked in a good way when we came to the sanctuary for the first time. Cats were everywhere: some of them ran to meet us, some of them hid, some of them just laid on the ground forming a live carpet. White, red, grey, with no eye or paw, modest and shameless, old cats and newborn kittens - they differ from each other by how they look and their sad stories. But each of them is



united by one common thing - they do not need to survive the day on the streets of Cyprus any more thanks to Malcolm's cat sanctuary volunteers.

Getting to know the cats

I still keep getting acquainted with sanctuary residents. I know it is almost impossible to meet each of them, but I have one rule to increase my chances to connect with the cats. If I have time and there is nothing in my hands I try to pet all the cats near me. Also, I speak with them in Russian and I know that we will understand each other with no prejudice and judgement. I already have my favourite cat - Iris from Ashcroft Square stole my heart. She helps me to clean litters and check this work is done well.

The Administration of the Sanctuary does everything they can to turn volunteering into pleasure not challenge. Schedule, space and resources management here are perfectly organised, and I can say that it is the best sanctuary I've ever volunteered for. The cats have all they need for everyday living - nutrient food, clean water, medication and clean space, and volunteers have everything to do their part of the job well. This is a good example of organisation and fundraising for me personally and other charity organisations.

The space of sanctuary keeps the memory about the people who dedicated their time and resources

for the rescue animals. And it keeps memories about cats that passed away and found their forever home here. It reminds us how hard we should work.

Cats of Malcolm's cat sanctuary are happier than their stray brothers in Cyprus, but each of them deserves their loving and responsible owner, food and cosy home. The day when the sanctuary gets empty will become the happiest day in volunteers' lives. Now we should struggle together for better living for the cats and make our contribution to solving the stray animals' problem.



Anastasiya's favourite cat, Iris

The cover of the 2021 MCPS (Malcolm Cat Protection Society) calendar. On the left, a close-up photo of a tortoiseshell cat with green eyes and a red collar. On the right, the title "MCPS" in large red letters, followed by "Malcolm Cat Protection Society" and "2021 Calendar". Below the title, there is a smaller photo of two cats, one orange and white, the other grey, lying together. At the bottom, a blue banner contains the text "Help us make a difference..." in yellow.

The 2021 calendars are now available. As always, all pictures are of cats from our Sanctuary and the 'box' style lets you write reminders and appointments directly on each day.

The 2021 calendars cost €8.00 + €4.00 postage to Cyprus or GBP£8.00 + GBP£4.00 postage to the UK. To order your calendar(s) please send a cheque (payable to MCPS) for €12.00 or

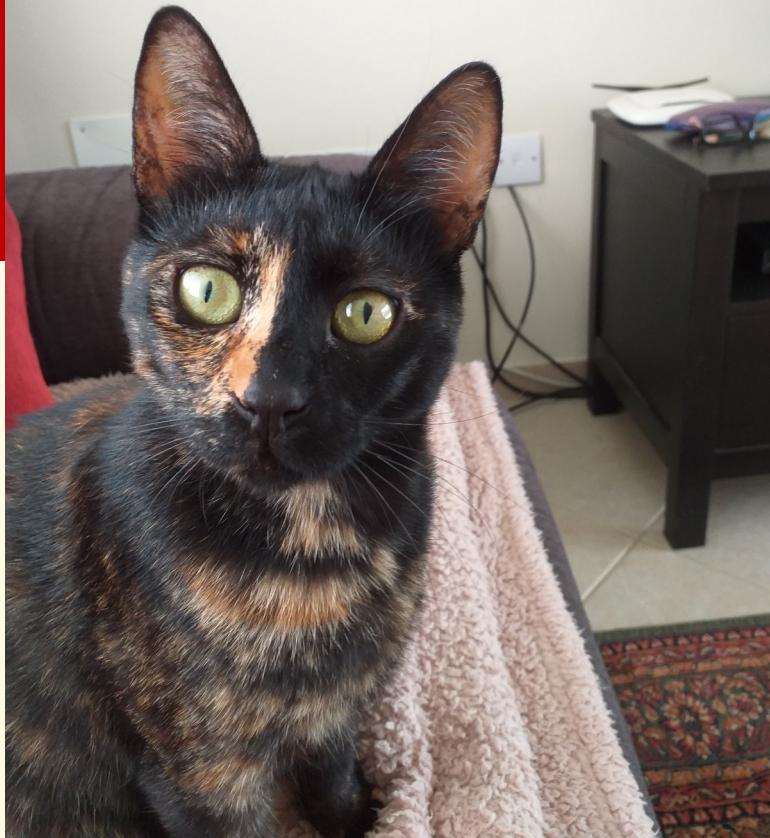
GBP£12.00 per calendar to PO Box 53759, Limassol 3314, Cyprus, and we will send you your calendars.

Alternatively, you can pay by PayPal malcolmscats@outlook.com. Please quote CALENDAR if ordering via PayPal and include your email address.

Squidge and Pumpkin find a home

by Sam Bleasdale

In May 2019 Tim and I adopted Squidge from the sanctuary. We knew she had a few problems including some neurological issues. Her legs were a bit wobbly, but she got much stronger over time. We had her for several weeks before we realised she was completely deaf. Squidge and my existing cat did not get on at all, and we had a very stressful time trying to settle their relationship. Squidge was a beautiful cat but was such hard work due to her health issues and her being deaf. She loved water and liked to watch taps run, and a special treat was watching the toilet flush. She was a very loving cat towards us, but she didn't want Marnie in the house at all. In March this year, she fell into our swimming pool after chasing a frog. We didn't know she'd gone in and sadly she drowned. She's buried in our garden with our much-loved Mia.



Squidge

Along came Pumpkin

So lockdown was a stressful time for everyone, and then along came Pumpkin. She had been fostered long-term at Sue's, but needed a permanent home. We fell in love with her at first photo. She came to us in May of this year and has been an absolute joy. She's had to undergo several trips to the vets due to a remnant ovary and pulling out her stitches. She and Marnie are rubbing along nicely, even though Pumpkin jumps on her several times a day. It's nice to see them playing. So from a very tragic and sad loss of a much loved Squidge, we have our little Pumpkin, who is definitely mummy's girl, which is fine as Marnie is Daddy's girl. Rescues are the best breed.



Pumpkin

Goodbye to Sammy

Jackie Craig tells the story of a much-travelled cat



Thursday 16 Apr 2009 – I was so agitated with excitement that I set off far too early “in case of accidents on the M40”, and arrived with nearly three hours to wait at Heathrow’s Animal Reception Centre. There isn’t much to do there apart from drink machine coffee and watch the planes. After kicking my heels for ages, I rushed forward as my name was called.

“Here he is – what happened to his ear then?” I would be asked that many times. Sammy came to Malcolm’s Cats after – so I was told – a restaurant worker threw hot oil at him in August 2005 as he was scrounging for food. A kind lady took him to Malcolm’s Cats, where he was named Little Van Gogh and his ear was treated. My parents lived then at Pissouri and visited Malcolm’s Cats regularly, and Mum fell in love with this little kitten. She adopted him and renamed him Sammy after her first childhood cat. He would have a largely outdoor life at Pissouri, disappearing for most of the day and coming home for meals.

Off to England

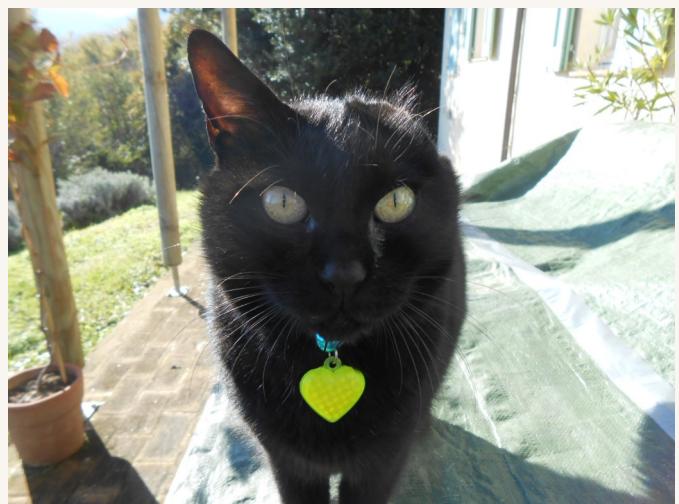
Sadly, Mum died in 2008 and my father decided later that year to return to Britain. He didn’t feel that he could take Sammy with him, so it was decided that he would start the pet passport process and Sammy would come to live with me. So, on 16 April 2009, a fully documented Sammy was on a Cyprus Airways flight from Pafos to his new home. After a quick journey up the M40, we arrived in Oxfordshire; I opened the cat basket, he had a quick sniff around and jumped onto Kenny’s lap, none the worse for his long trip. We both worked, so I was worried about him becoming a mainly indoor cat, but he settled in really well.

Overland to Italy

In 2012 we had the opportunity to live in Italy, so Sammy was off on his travels again with a road trip across Europe. He loved it there; he had acres of meadows and woods to explore and, being a Cypriot, he seemed to appreciate the warmer weather. In 2015 he ended up with a kid sister as Freya turned up on our doorstep, starving and abandoned. They never did become best friends, but settled into an uneasy truce.

Return to Leicestershire

We returned to Leicestershire in 2017 so Sammy had his second road trip. I think he missed his wide-open spaces, but he would often sit out in the garden and slept a lot as he was getting older. He and Freya would have another road trip in 2019 when we went to a cat-friendly holiday let in Norfolk. I noticed in January that he seemed thin; the vet checked him and thought it was old age slowing him down. He didn’t improve; sadly the real cause wasn’t found until a visit at the end of February when he was found to have lymphoma and the vet said he had only days to live. I took him home, he went downhill very rapidly that day and he died with me cuddling him at 1am.



We have lost beloved cats before, but Sammy’s passing was particularly hard, mainly as he was my mum’s cat. All cats are special, but don’t you think that some really stand out? Well, Sammy did – he had a larger than life personality, very loving and a great sense of fun. A treasured memento I have is his notes from Malcolm’s Cats, with some great comments – “Loves to trash his pen”, “Mad as a brush!”, “Full of fun”. The one I like best is from John – “Great little chap”. Yes he was, and he is greatly missed, and as Tennyson wrote, “Tis better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all”.

"Pleasant times with loving felines"

Anne Rowe reflects on her time spent with Malcolm's cats as she plans to return home after eight years volunteering at the sanctuary.

Harold, Warren and I began visiting Malcolm's in 2003/4 when we were on holiday here, staying at the Continental and driving around villages that I had discovered in the 60's, when donkeys were the most common transport.

Malcolm's has changed since then, but the cats are still the same – desperate for cuddles and a real home and family.

In 2009, when we were planning to move here, we found the beautiful Scooter, and luckily (for us) he was still there when we had moved, secured the garden and could take him home. We had him for 10 years – a wonderful companion.

Going home

Now, we are going home, leaving our quiet, friendly Cypriot village and very sadly our beautiful cat friends and kind-hearted people friends at Malcolm's.

We made the decision to leave in 2018, but it was in March 2020 that we were booked to fly. Then the virus! Being forced to stay until now gave us an extra six months here and at Malcolm's, so we've not complained. Lots of extra shifts; lots



Warren in April 2020



more cuddles was a bonus. But no more excuses. So Warren and I say a sincerely sad, reluctant goodbye to all the volunteers who care for our fury friends. It has been lovely to know you all.

We will miss our special cats – Pugh, Paparelli, Sophie, Eric, Cassidy, Jinx, Benny Boston, Iris, Abel, Pru and of course Boris.

We wish Malcolm's will be here as long as it is needed. We hope lots more eager folk will come to help.

It's not 'work'. It's more: pleasant times with loving felines. We will remember you all and will look out for Cats' Whispers back in the UK.

Good wishes and thanks.

Anne and Warren.

Note: Anne & Warren flew back to the UK on 1st October. They will be sadly missed by us all. We wish them well in the next stage of their lives and hope to see them at the sanctuary whenever they visit Cyprus. Gill

Chloe: A faithful companion for nine years

Valerie Knight writes this moving tribute to her sanctuary cat, who sadly passed away this year

I am writing this on Thursday, 5 November 2020. Looking at my desk diary, I see the words 'Chloe: 9 years' and the tears start to flow. Every year on this date, Chloe and I have a special celebration – at least we used to have a special celebration – as it is the anniversary of our meeting. Nine years ago today, Gill and Fay from Malcolm's brought into my life and home, the best friend and companion anyone could wish for.

But there is no shared celebration this year because shortly before my birthday back in June, my little friend took her leave of me and I can truly say that nothing has ever hit me so hard.

Always there

For those nine years, apart from six days when I had to fly to the UK, Chloe shared my every waking – and sleeping – moment. She was simply always there, content in her safe little world on the second floor of an unremarkable apartment block in Limassol.

She had arrived at Malcolm's as a damaged young cat, whose pelvis and back legs had been broken in a car accident when she was still a tiny kitten, leaving her with short back legs and a Marilyn Monroe wiggle. In fact, she looked as if a dodgy car salesman had attached the front half of an average moggy to the back half of a much smaller one. Far from making her resemble some kind of freak, this only added to her charm – as did the fact that she only had one eye (the other having had to be surgically removed while she was living at Malcolm's).



From Teddy to Chloe

In those days she was known as Teddy, but on that wonderful afternoon in November 2011 when I first clapped eyes on her, I knew she was 'Chloe'. This was because her expression, her sweetness, and the way she 'spoke' were identical to my beloved Zoe, with whom I had shared my life for 18 years in London, between 1975 and 1993. They were even blind in the same eye, although Zoe had not had to have hers removed. So, to all intents and purposes, the little cat brought into my life by Gill and Fay was a Zoe-clone – hence, Chloe.

She had various nagging health problems resulting from the initial car accident, but nothing stopped her from enjoying life to the full. She was my court jester, teacher, boss and friend, and she was universally loved by all who met her. During my lessons teaching English to various business folk, mainly Russians, Chloe would be centre stage on the teaching table, providing me with countless opportunities to make the learning of grammatical constructions a lot more fun than it would otherwise have been. When my students returned to their own countries, or simply moved on in their lives, their subsequent emails to me were always filled with enquiries about Chloe.

Famed in story

I was happy that I had the inspiration to include her in the book I wrote in collaboration with Katie Sabry, *The Amazing Adventures of the Malekidi Moggies*, because this has given her a kind of immortality and eternal joie de vivre.



She is buried in the beautiful garden at Number 9 Malekidi Street, Limassol, which is the home of Katie Sabry and the four original Malekidi Moggies.

I have recently moved from Limassol to Larnaca and I 'see' her all the time, getting in and out of packing cartons, demanding to be brushed, putting in her two-pennyworth on the state of the world, just as she always did. In time, I know that another little feline being will nudge their way into my heart, and I look forward to that day with eager anticipation. I know, of course, that there will never be another Chloe... But, there again, perhaps another clone? I do hope so...



New PayPal account set up

In August 2019 PayPal decided that the MCPS could not have the PayPal account that we have held for 17 years and the account has been put on hold by PayPal and is still to this date with the compliance department.

In April/May 2020 we decided that the MCPS could wait no longer for PayPal to sort the matter out so Gill our secretary spent many hours opening a new account. The new PayPal account details are malcolmscats@outlook.com. Please DO NOT send any payments to the old address as we won't receive them.

It is still possible and preferable, as PayPal do take a cut of any of the donations sent though to us, to donate and send payments to the sanctuary directly through our Bank accounts in the UK and Cyprus.

If you would like to donate and, in order for us to acknowledge you personally, please send an email to catsanctuary@hotmail.com stating which bank account you have paid into. The bank account details are below.

It is also possible to set up standing orders for either of the accounts if you would like to support the MCPS on a regular basis.

UK Bank Account

Cynergy Bank (formerly Bank of Cyprus UK)
Account: Malcolm Cat Protection Society (MCPS)
Account No.: 52062511
Sort Code 40-63-77
BIC: BCYPGB2L
IBAN: GB97BCY40637752062511

Cyprus Bank Account

Bank of Cyprus
Zakaki Branch, 1599 Nicosia, Cyprus
Account: Malcolm Cat Protection Society (MCPS)
Account Number: 357015147410
Swift BIC: BCYPCY2N
IBAN Number: CY19002001950000357015147410

Cats in the time of Covid

John Sage reports on how the sanctuary is coping with the ongoing effects of the Coronavirus pandemic

About a year ago, no-one had heard of Covid-19 (one of the Coronavirus strains of virus) but now everybody is talking about it and one would need to have lived in a cave not to have heard about it. It has led to a whole new lexicon of words, which previously many of us had never heard of or used before (lockdowns, pandemic, infection rate, social distancing, etc.).

We at Malcolm's Cat Sanctuary have been particularly hit by the effects of this pandemic, one of which is the curtailment of most of our traditional fund-raising functions (also good for socializing) and the other effect being that of visitor controls, never before experienced even by our longest serving helpers.

Adapting to change

This is a world-wide problem, and it is not only us who have been affected, but is it unprecedented and we cannot see an end to it in the short to medium term. Of course, we are resourceful humans and we adapt, just as so many millions elsewhere have adapted. Thank heavens for today's well developed means of communication – imagine what we would have done were it not for the Internet.

Naturally, our thoughts have been for the protection and preservation of our furry little friends, who have coped very well and stoically adapted to a new regime of feeding, visitor interaction, etc. They, unlike many of us, tend not to worry or fret about the new situation and to them life goes on pretty much the same, albeit with a few changes. To them, feeding and shelter are their main concerns and, thanks to our dedicated team of voluntary helpers, their needs have been well attended to. Of course, we never have enough volunteers – people leave, go back to the UK, or their jobs or

circumstances change and they are no longer able to attend as they did. Still, we have a cheerful team who all pull together to ensure that the cats and kittens are well taken care of, and we are very grateful to them.

The sanctuary is a clean, attractive environment for our resident cats, and we have received many compliments from visitors. It is to this group that we owe the most gratitude, as without their donations and sponsorships it would be impossible to continue with the essential work of sheltering, caring for, feeding and neutering these unfortunate animals who cross our threshold every day.

Raising funds and rehoming

We also have a charity shop where we sell people's surplus and unwanted goods, and this has raised essential funds, especially vital during these difficult times.

As always, we have an ongoing program of rehoming those strays who can be re-homed, and no-one is more delighted than us when we place one of our temporary residents into a forever home.

If you are able to visit us in Cyprus, either while on holiday or as a resident, please log on to our website www.malcolmcat.org to find out more about us, our visiting times and where we are etc. and our team will be happy to show you round.

On the other hand, if you live in the UK and are not able to visit Cyprus, please contact our UK co-ordinator Caron Meadley at catsanctuary@hotmail.com and she will be pleased to help you.

Keep well and stay careful out there.

September in the Sanctuary

Caron was only able to make one visit to Malcolm's Cats this year, but she made the best of it, as you can see from her story



Helpers gather to say goodbye to Anne and Warren

Another year has come and gone so quickly, and what an awful year 2020 has been. The pandemic caused lots of us to cancel any plans we had, and life this year has been very strange and pretty much on hold.

My trip to Cyprus in May was cancelled, but I was lucky enough to get out for my September trip. My - how lucky I think I was to see all my furry and not so furry friends again, not to mention the Cyprus sunshine and warmth! It was heaven.

Being greeted at the sanctuary gate by the cats is a wonderful feeling and a memory I will always hold close to me, especially this year.

It's always a pleasure spending time with the cats in the main area and familiarizing myself with the new youngsters that have arrived in the area, as well as the older guys and girls, watching their different characters and spotting new cheeky cats. Conan, collar 344, and Malc, collar 62, were the two cheekiest newbies that stood out for me on this visit. They were into everything and causing mischief.

Cats crave attention

One thing I noticed this year was how many different ways the cats drink water. Benson, collar 208, had his whole arm in the water bowl whilst he drank his water. Another one which I thought was unusual was a youngster dipping his paw in water and licking water from his paw, and a few of them love to drink from the fountain and you get the odd cat that loves to drink directly from the tap. The cats always crave attention and sadly have not had so many visitors this year. I spent some of my time brushing some of the older guys and girls and they loved it. It was a joy to see our blind cat Meg, who lived in Ashcroft Square, find a forever home. I am sure Meg has found a very loving home.

Another story you may like from my sanctuary visit is Mog, collar 299, a very pretty semi-long-haired tortie, who has decided that she likes to live outside the sanctuary on the perimeter ground and comes back in for her food when it takes her fancy.

Many of our supporters, including myself, love Open Day, but sadly there was no Open Day this year, but I did have an opportunity to meet up at the sanctuary with many of the helpers to say goodbye to Anne and Warren, helpers for eight years, who have sadly left Cyprus to return to the UK.

Goodbyes to sponsor cats

We have also had to say a couple of sad goodbyes to two of our sponsor cats this year. We sadly lost Tula in March and Raven in April. It's always very sad when we lose any of the sanctuary residents. I must say the team do an excellent job taking care of them and the tough decisions that have to be made when our furry residents become ill will never get any easier.

Throughout the pandemic our supporters have been brilliant sending donations both monetary



Benson drinking water

and the food donations that were purchased online for the sanctuary - so very kind of everyone who rallied round to help us. We are extremely grateful for your kindness and continued support.

MCPS Sponsorship Scheme 2020

As you are aware, the Malcolm Cat Protection Society is run solely by fundraising and donations; one way you can help the MCPS is to join our sponsorship scheme. Sponsorship is available not only in Cyprus but also Europe and the UK.

As a Sponsor you have a choice of 9 nominated cats. Sponsors will receive an A4 glossy high quality (photographic paper) print of their adoptee with some information about said cat, and an official sponsorship certificate, and a 6 monthly update on the cat (sent via email). All proceeds from the sponsorship scheme go directly to the welfare of all the sanctuary cats and the upkeep of the sanctuary not just the cat you sponsor.

Please inform us of the country you reside in so the proper information can be sent to you regarding payment postage etc.

Sponsor 1 cat a year for €30.00 (same price in pounds sterling)

Sponsor 2 cats a year for €50.00 instead of €60.00 (same price in pounds sterling)

Sponsor 3 cats a year for €70.00 instead of €90.00. (same price in pounds sterling)

Sponsor 4 cats a year for €90.00 instead of €120.00 (same price in pounds sterling)

Sponsor 5 cats a year for €120.00 instead of €150.00 (same price in pounds sterling)

Sponsor 6 cats a year for €150.00 instead of €180 .00 (same price in pounds sterling)

Sponsor 7 cats a year for €180.00 instead of £210.00 (same price in pounds sterling)

Sponsor 8 cats a year for €210.00 instead of €240.00 (same price in pounds sterling)

Sponsor 9 cats a year for €230.00 instead of €270.00 (same price in pounds sterling)

Payment can only be made by cheque or direct banking in either Cyprus or the UK, or via PayPal the address to send the funds to is

malcolmscats@outlook.com

For further information please contact catsanctuary@hotmail.com or if in the UK write to Caron Meadley, MCPS, c/o 21 Brentwood Ave, Bamford, Hope Valley, S33 0AF.

All in the Same Boat

Pat Bailey reports on a difficult year for fundraising

Charities worldwide have been affected by the fallout from the coronavirus, and the sanctuary has been no exception. Apart from our Quiz and Lunch held just before the first wave and lockdown, our remaining seven events had to be cancelled. This also included our annual Open Day, which is the showcase of the sanctuary, and many of our supporters book their holidays to coincide with the date. Thankfully our supporters have continued with their regular donations and subscriptions to Sponsor a Cat, both of which give us a steady income throughout the year.

One of our main sources of income, the Charity Shop, also had to close for two months. On re-opening we had a queue waiting outside the door. We had to change the layout around to comply with the strict instructions of the Government and also limit the number of customers in the shop at any one time. We would like to thank all our customers for their loyalty and support and for adhering without question to the personal protection protocol and social distancing.

On-line ordering

In order to make up for the loss of the income from the shop, which was primarily set up to pay for the food bill for the sanctuary, our food suppliers generously set up an online ordering system so that supporters could donate food and have it delivered along with our normal orders. This scheme was well supported and our thanks go to all those who ordered food online.

Unfortunately, we have experienced two criminal acts on the sanctuary's property during the pandemic, the first being the donation box at the sanctuary being smashed, and just recently a break-in at the Charity Shop: a sign of desperate times for some affected by the financial ramifications of the pandemic. Our washing machine also decided to have its last wash, so we had to purchase a new one very quickly to take its place. Through all these incidents our supporters have been very generous and sent us donations to make up for the lost funds and to help with the purchase of the new machine.

Our visitor numbers to the sanctuary have also been depleted due to the travel restrictions, and their donations and purchases in the sanctuary



Bags of food donated online

shop would normally go a long way to helping the funds.

Like many other charities and companies, we have had to look to diversify our fundraising efforts in other directions and we have now set up a Fundraising Facebook page. We have already had an online auction followed by a "Find the Golden Cat" competition. We will be doing further auctions and competitions as the weeks go by.

Start your own fundraiser

We are also looking at some other schemes which will be announced in due course that supporters will be able to join. Also you may wish to do a fundraiser of your own – for instance our Chairman, David Fender will be doing a sponsored swim on Boxing Day.

Although we will never be able to make up the amount lost due to cancellation of the events and the closing for two months of the charity shop, we have to thank our supporters most sincerely for their generosity over the months, which has certainly helped make the deficit smaller than it might have been and meant that we have been able to continue the work of the sanctuary and the health and welfare of the cats and kittens.

Hopefully, in 2021 we will be able to return to our fundraising events, which not only raise the much-needed funds for the sanctuary, but are also a social time which many of us have missed in 2020.

Once again, from us all at the sanctuary and the cats and kittens: thank you for your continued support in all our fundraising efforts.

Tales from the sanctuary



These are the stories of some of the lucky cats who have been successfully re-homed.

Biscuits by Lewis Goldsmith

Biscuits (formerly Samson 236) has really settled into his new life in the UK. He's been such a great addition to our little family. His new brother still isn't sure what to make of him but they're getting on far better now. Sometimes we walk in on Biscuits cleaning him .



Lima by Elisa Hallberg



Happy Halloween from Lima (Paris) - she's been with us for more than two years now and we love her so much. She's a great family cat and really has become the boss of her four cat brothers .

Murdock by Andrej Chepelev

Just wanted to share some pics of Murdock, whom we adopted from Malcolm's back in April 2019. He was very miserable and stressed though extremely friendly. We picked him up and tried to do our best to make him a happy grown up cat. So here he is, two years old now. He loves to chill and cuddle, and made friends with Christopher, our elder one. One day we'll adopt some more. Thank you for your effort.



Polly by Louise Barnes



This is little Polly, whom we adopted from Malcolm's in May this year. Who says you can't have a blind cat in a house with dogs? As you can see, they are best friends now. Anyone considering getting a friend for their dogs, please give a little blind cat a home. They are no different from a seeing cat; you just need to keep them safe and they will reward you with lots of love. She loves any type of shopping bag to play with. Who needs expensive cat toys?

Malcolm's Cats

Christmas Cards



Original Christmas cards featuring some of the beautiful kittens which have come into our care at the sanctuary.

Each pack contains 10 quality cards together with envelopes.

By buying these cards you will be helping to support our work.

All of the profits from the sale of these beautiful cards will go directly to support the work of the Malcolm Cat Protection Society (reg. in Cyprus LEM/S/65).

How to get your Christmas Cards

The price is **£7.50 per pack** including postage to **UK** or **€7.50 per pack** for postage to **Cyprus** and other countries in **Europe**. (Destinations outside of Europe – price on request). If you buy them in person (see below) they are **€5 per pack**. *Please allow 14 days for delivery.*

Payment is preferred by direct bank transfer but can also be made PayPal/credit card, cheque or in person.

PayPal/Credit Card

Payment can be made by PayPal. Please quote reference '**CARDS**' and include your **email address*** and **postal address** in the comments/message for your PayPal payment and state how

many packs. The PayPal address to send your payment to is malcolmscats@outlook.com ***This is very important.** PayPal don't always provide us with the email address of the person so we won't know how to contact you.

Bank Transfer

Currently we have two bank accounts, one in the UK and one in Cyprus. After you have made your payment let us know by email (catsanctuary@hotmail.com) and tell us your address and how many packs you require.

By Post/Cheque

Christmas Cards are also on sale via post. Please send your payment, made payable to **MCPS**, along with your address and how many packs you require to:

MCPS Christmas Cards,
PO Box 53759,
3314 Limassol. CYPRUS

In Person

Our Christmas Cards are also available to purchase at outlets in Cyprus including the Malcolm's Charity Shop & the cat sanctuary (tel: 99 568293 for further details). **Please note at time of writing both the sanctuary and our shop are closed due to Covid 19 restrictions.**

Malcolm's Cats UK Bank Account to close

Treasurer John Sage reports on an unfortunate consequence of Brexit

You may have heard that a number of UK Banks are closing the UK bank accounts of those UK customers who are resident in Cyprus. This is most likely to be due to a pre-emptive move in anticipation of the forthcoming 'no-deal' Brexit and to protect the Banks' position post-Brexit.

We have to advise our UK supporters that Malcolm Cat Protection Society is a victim of this unprecedented move by our UK bank, Cynergy Bank Ltd. In accordance with its terms and conditions, it has given us notice that after 15th February 2021, our UK bank account will be closed, and they have given us until then to advise them what bank account we will be transferring to.

At the time of writing, this has not been determined, but rest assured your Committee is working on finding a solution to this problem. We will be contacting our supporters in good time, to ad-

vise what alternative arrangements have been made to facilitate a smooth transition to accommodate the necessary change in our UK banking facility.

Please don't worry, we will do our best to ensure that you will be told of the new arrangements in plenty of time and we will give every assistance we can to help facilitate this change, which has been forced upon us.

Meanwhile, business will be conducted as before, and we thank you all for your continued support.

Whatever the outcome, please be assured that we WILL NOT be closing our UK operations and Caron Meadley will continue in her role as our UK co-ordinator and will be your point of contact as before.

Sad loss of a long-term supporter

In April we heard from Jackie Akers that sadly her mum Barbara Atha had died in March 2020. Jackie sent us a very generous donation in memory of her mother.

Barbara and her family have supported the sanctuary for many years and Barbara was a lovely lady

who sponsored Sophie. Barbara kept everything Caron had ever sent her on Sophie and was deeply saddened when we lost her in September 2019.

All at MCPS would like to send their condolences to the family and friends of Barbara.



Barbara and Sophie