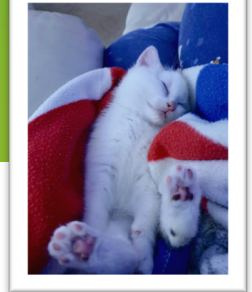


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News for supporters of Western Isles Support for Cats and Kittens (WISCK) (Edition 1, Spring 2020)



A big WISCKery thank you from all of us!

Western Isles Support for Cats and Kittens only launched in February 2020 (with a couple of months of behind-the-scenes work beforehand) yet already we've been blown away by people's generosity and compassion.

The best bit is that it's not us that benefits, but the cats and kittens of the Western Isles. They may be feral, stray or abandoned and might come to us infested with parasites, sick, injured, or just hungry and cold. Thanks to your generosity they get fed, treated, freed from fleas, worms and ticks and, most importantly, they learn that they can give and receive love with our wonderful team of fosterers and cat-cuddlers.

Those that are old enough are neutered, so that we don't keep adding to the problem of too many cats in the islands. Then they get the chance to go to a loving home with an owner who will keep them healthy, or to be returned to their outdoor life in good health and without the risk of further litters being produced.

We couldn't do it with generous donations of food, cat litter and the finance to pay the bills. If cats could talk, they'd join us in saying a WISCKery thank you!

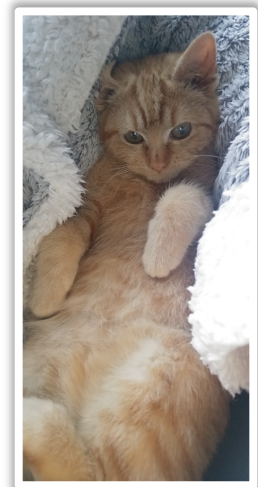
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From trap to lap in six weeks

Not all the cats we bring in from outdoors are really pleased to see us - we see a lot of grumpy faces and have to fend off growls, hisses and scratches while they get used to being looked after.

Our volunteer fosterer Kara took in this distrustful ginger kitten at 12 weeks old and, in her care, he learned about laps, love and comfort. He's now got a new home and a loving family of his own. We'd say that's what you call a success!



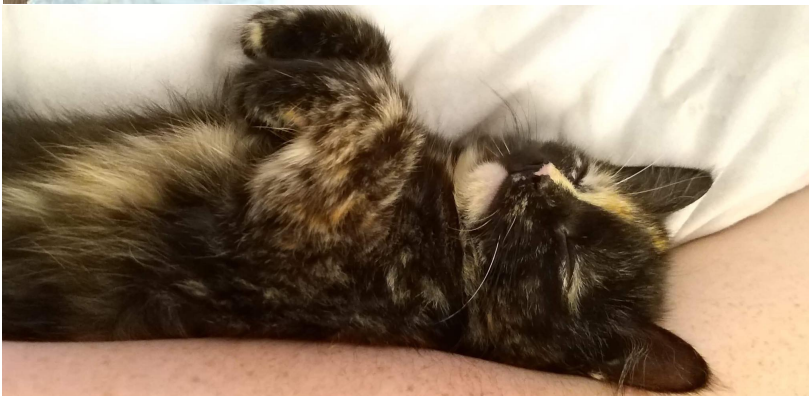
In our first month we've trapped, treated and re-homed cats from Aird, Carloway, Ballantrushal, Keose and Stornoway. We have 14 cats in care, 47 veterinary treatments delivered including 16 neutered, 28 flea and wormed.

Adventures at Cat Central

There's never a dull moment at our pens in Stornoway, with volunteers coming and going on cleaning and cuddling duties, and sometimes bringing back more residents from our feral trapping expeditions. There's the occasional excitement when one of the newcomers tries to make a break for it - they really don't appreciate that being in the pen is just the start of a much nicer life for them. One of our supporters christened this wee one 'Buster' for his busting out skills, while 'Spider cat' is shown here doing her best to get out through the roof!



Luckily there are some quiet and contented moments, when the kittens either wear themselves out or realise that being warm, fed and well-looked-after really IS quite nice after all. They'll spend time getting acclimatised to this level of comfort with us, before we help to find them a home, and a family for life.



You can help us to keep up all this good work:

Donate by Paypal at wisck2020@gmail.com (family and friends)

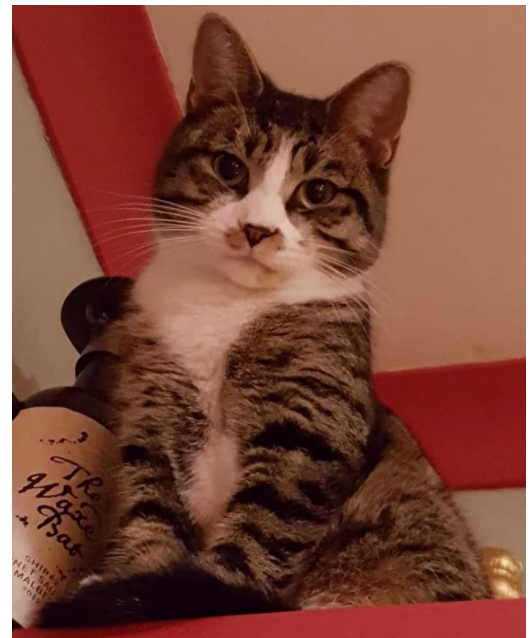
Donate direct to RBS 83-27-12 a/c 15988656

Find our Amazon wishlist at <http://bit.ly/wisck-wishlist>

Or look out for our collecting cans in our helpful local businesses around Lewis and Harris

Meet the kitty committee

It won't surprise you to learn that all of our committee share their homes with cats, so let us introduce you to Jazzyscattycat (Jasmine) who takes care of our fundraising organiser Eilidh.



Jazzy is five years old and came to live with Eilidh as a kitten, quickly learning to rule the roost with her human and dog family. She loves climbing up trees and taking a wander around to visit the neighbours, letting her family know when she's ready to go out by jumping up and jingling the door-keys. Once her outdoor adventures get tiring, she'll stare in through the window or jump at the back door handle until somebody takes the hint and lets her in for another doze.

Her favourite indoor sleeping places are curled up in the kitchen sink, or inside the wardrobe among hats and scarves, but she also likes an evening cuddle and will wash her mum's hair from the back of the sofa.

Western Isles Support for Cats and Kittens is a locally-run volunteer organisation dedicated to island cats and kittens