



Hello and welcome to our Autumn newsletter

In this edition of our newsletter, we are having a “catty” autumn with news about kittens for adoption, a cat love story and a plea for volunteers for our cat phone.

We have our thank you page, to express our gratitude to those that donated to us and a feature on our Education Programme. Petmania have produced a report “*The Changing Face of Cat Ownership in Ireland*” which we highlight.

Meet – Ore & Ciaran



These two boys are now ready for adoption!

They are 9 weeks old, as sweet as honey, they are health checked, parasite treated and litter trained.

Available for adoption as a pair only.



This pair are just some of the deserving cats and kittens we have available for adoption at the OSPCA. All our kittens are well socialised in foster homes and patiently awaiting their forever homes. They are all treated for worms & fleas and litter trained.

We will cover the cost of neutering when the kittens are old enough. We ask for a minimum donation of €60 when adopting one of our kittens or €100 when adopting two kittens. If you would like to give Ore & Ciaran a home or any of the other cats/kittens in our care, please call 086 0222432 or submit a request on our website at <https://www.offalyspca.ie/cat-adoption-application>

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Website: offalyspca.ie

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OSPCA Registered Charity Number: CRA20033828

OSPCA Education Programme – A New School Year!

Educational Program on Animal Welfare for Schools

The OSPCA Education Team is thrilled to announce an engaging and informative program focused on animal welfare, specially designed for schools as students return to class. Our Education Team is prepared to work with students of all ages, tailoring each session to suit the group's age and abilities.

Programme Goals

These sessions strive to instil compassion and responsible behaviour towards animals and the environment, raising awareness to combat issues such as animal cruelty, neglect, and abandonment. Our Education Team plays a crucial role in promoting public awareness, and we encourage schools to get involved by completing the form available on our website.

Once we receive your form, our Education Officer will contact you to arrange a convenient time for a fun and interactive 30-45 minute talk on responsible pet ownership. Each session is carefully customized to meet your students' needs, guaranteeing an engaging and educational experience.

For more information, please visit our website at (<https://www.offalyspca.ie/educate>) to fill out the form and check out a video from our recent visit to Edenderry Library.



Meet the handsome Denis our hardworking Education Officer



On behalf of the animals in our care, the Education Team would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the schools we had the pleasure of visiting during the last school year. We truly enjoyed meeting the students and are incredibly thankful for the generous donations we received.

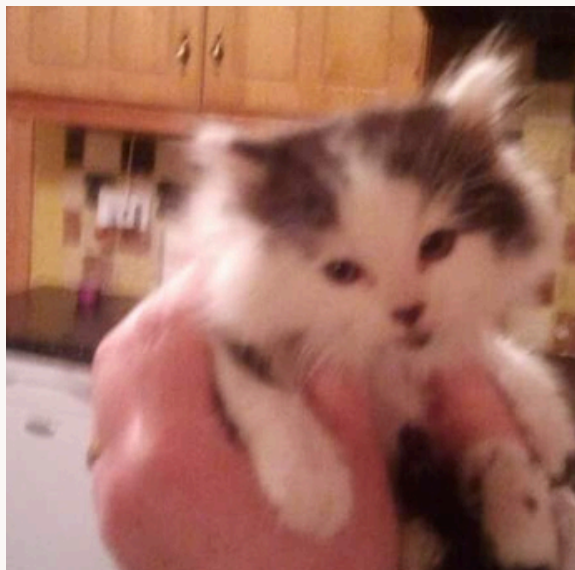
Peanut a cat love story!

I am a current volunteer with the OSPCA. Thirteen years ago I was heading to the local pet store in Edenderry to buy rabbit food. Upon arriving at the shop, I noticed a cardboard box, with the sign saying “free to good homes”. Inside the box were two kittens, they were only about six weeks old, apparently they had been left at the shop.

Myself and my husband went home but I kept thinking about the kittens and kept mentioning them to my husband, who finally said “let’s go back!”. Upon returning to the shop and looking in the box, a third kitten had joined the other two. This kitten had been taken by a family earlier, in the day, but returned. This kitten was more vocal than the others and a little hisser, she looked directly at me and I decided this was the kitten for me and carried her home in my hand. My husband made up the dog crate, to provide her with a safe space, no sooner was she placed in the crate, than she escaped through the bars and was located on a radiator. She was finally placed in a smaller cage much to her annoyance!

When she was finally allowed out and for the first two years, she went missing on a regular basis and was not fond of being stroked and never sat on anyone’s lap. The only creature who she liked was the resident cat, with whom she slept with regularly and from who she endured many a bashing! Funnily, her name was one of the pet names the resident cat was called, as I thought they would be best friends.

One day she came home, from her wanderings, and walked all over me and got up on my knee did some kneading. I sat there barely daring to breathe or move, after a few minutes she headed off. This was the start of a slow journey to her becoming a lap cat, granted occasionally she still reverted to her hissing and scratching self, but as of today she sleeps with me most nights and gives me so much unconditional love - granted cat paste and a variety of wet food probably helps!



Peanut at 6 wks & now



Volunteers required to join our cat/kitten phone answering team



As many of you already know all those involved with the OSPCA are volunteers. We have a small number of dedicated volunteers who manage our cat phone.

We need one or two extra volunteers to join our cat/kitten phone answering team.

- Volunteer(s) would work from home.
- Training & support will be ongoing.
- Just one week per month/or every 5-6 weeks.
- An affinity & liking for cats required.

If you would like to join our telephone answering cat team please email us at offalyspca@live.com with your contact number and we'll call you.

You can attend our meetings and meet like minded people who volunteer to make a difference in the lives of animals in Offaly.

Petmania Report: The Changing Face of Cat Ownership in Ireland

A new nationwide report by Petmania, reveals a significant cultural shift in how cats are perceived and cared for across the country. The Petmania Report 2025 –

Launching the new report, Emily Miller, Marketing Manager at Petmania, shared:

“At Petmania, we’ve always championed responsible pet ownership and feline welfare. The Cat Report is a powerful opportunity to listen to our communities and lead meaningful change for cats across Ireland. Cats are deeply loved, but still widely misunderstood.

The Cat Report shows just how important cats have become to family life and makes the case for giving them the same recognition we afford dogs as affectionate, loyal, and emotionally intelligent companions. We’re proud to stand with cat owners and rescues to lead the conversation on responsible care and create a future where every cat is safe, valued, and truly seen.”



Read the full report

The Petmania Cat Report 2025 is based on national research conducted between 20th May and 10th June 2025, drawing responses from over 1,500 cat owners and 20 rescue centres across Ireland. .

To view the full Report: https://www.petmania.ie/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/2025_Petmania-Report-2025-The-Changing-Face-of-Cat-Ownership-in-Ireland.pdf

Thank you



Donation gratefully received

The colleagues of a gentleman, who is sadly no longer with us, have generously nominated the OSCPA to receive a generous donation of €2k from his estate. The animals in our care and across Co.

Offaly will greatly benefit from this amazing donation. We're so grateful to the colleagues, of this individual, for choosing to support the OSCPA in such a meaningful way.



Staff members Iwona & Aga from O'DONOHUE'S Craft Bakers in Kilcruttin Centre, Tullamore came up with the idea to fundraise among the bakery's 30 staff members to support Offaly SPCA's efforts to help animals in greatest need in Offaly.

The fundraiser took place over a two week period & staff donated food, bedding, blankets, toys & a cash donation of €385 for rescued animals.

We are so very thankful & appreciative for the thoughtfulness & generosity from O'Donohue's Craft Bakers staff for all the donations that were delivered right to our door by driver Adam. THANK YOU TO YOU "ALL".



Thank you to PETMANIA and their customers.

We would love to sincerely thank PETMANIA for their kind donation of food and also thanks to their customers who have generously given to the food donation box in store.

PETMANIA recently had a KONG PROMOTION in July when they held a raffle and raised €266.32. Thank you again to everyone who supported us and all the animals in Offaly.



Offaly County Council awarded OSCPA a very welcome once off grant of €1303 from their Community Support Fund for the purchase of IT equipment for our Education programme to enable us to educate school children about responsible animal care.

"We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our incredible volunteers, generous donors, and steadfast supporters. Without your dedication and contributions, our mission would not be possible. Thank you for all that you do!"

