

Monthly QCR Newsletter



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Wanting to volunteer your services to foster, adopt, or assist with our fundraisers? You can find out more information on our website www.qcatrescue.org.nz
Contact Ruth 027 208 3725 or Julia 021 268 2962 Email: admin@qcatrescue.org.nz

Kitten alert

Due to a very mild winter, cat mating season has now begun. It has been reported by a number of people and also our local vet that some cats as young as 5-6 months are already on heat!! It is important to get your cat desexed now to avoid unwanted kittens. It has been known that a female cat can have as many as 2 litters of kittens during the kitten season. QCR work extremely hard to help reduce the stray cat problem here in our district, and those who allow their cats to have kittens add to our problem in trying to find good, caring permanent homes for them.



Photo – Stu holding a cat trap, Stu and Jo saved many cats around Goldfield area.

Stu to the rescue

Long-time local Stu & his wife Jo have been part of the Queenstown Cat Rescue volunteer group from the very beginning. It is because of Stu's determination, perseverance and sheer love of animals that has enabled Queenstown Cat Rescue to significantly reduce the number of stray cats in the Goldfields area. An area once known for its extremely high numbers of stray & breeding cats, Stu has made his mark, trapping up to a total of 26 cats & kittens and taken into QCR's care for desexing & adoption. Goldfields is known to have a high rental turnover where we can safely say is the sole cause for the stray cat population. The problem affected Stu & Jo directly as many of the tenants of the neighbouring properties were responsible for cat abandonment, leaving their cat to breed and add to the already thriving population. QCR believe that Stu has now trapped the last of the strays, at last stabilizing the cat population. The message we are sending is to "desex your cat" and take steps to rehome your cat when you leave town.

You can make a difference from as little as \$1.00 – Give a Little

Your money will go toward cat food, litter & veterinary treatment. From as little as \$1 you could make a huge difference in helping our cats in need. Many of these cats are in need of treatment as they have been abandoned & left malnourished. Some nurse injuries, or have viruses, some have dental issues & many are un-desexed.

With your help these cats will get the care they desperately need. With kitten season almost upon us we are anticipating a huge influx of kittens & breeding adult cats & we are now getting the essentials together in advance. Your help is gratefully accepted.

Please visit <http://www.givealittle.co.nz/cause/catrescue> and click 'Donate now' if you can help us, it's very easy step to make a donation.

Feeding us all - One paw at a time

Your cat food donation is very much appreciated, we have food donation boxes at the New World in Queenstown and Cromwell.

We are looking for volunteers who can look after our stall at weekend market in Queenstown. If you could help us out by manning the stall for a couple of hours on Saturdays, please contact Ruth on 027 208 3725 or email us admin@qcatrescue.org.nz Thank you very much for your help!