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QATAR ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY  
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# QAWS News

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## **\*\*Summer opening hours\*\***

Please remember our new opening hours for the summer months:

**7.30-9.30am and 4.00-6.00pm open everyday**  
Regular volunteers are welcome everyday. First time visitors and those interested in adoptions can visit between 4.00-6.00pm Thursday-Saturday (inclusive) to speak with a member of staff.



## **Take me home!!**



The QAWS Adoption Fair on Friday 22nd April saw a terrific number of adoptions for some of our furry residents in just one afternoon! With forever homes found for 5 dogs and 2 cats, the afternoon was a great success not just with the

adoptions but with a great afternoon of fundraising with over QAR 7000 raised that would help QAWS with our growing operating costs.

A very big thank you to all our volunteers who helped out on the day and to all those who helped make the afternoon such a success!



## **Table Top Treats**

Proof that you can't stop the urge to shop even with temperatures soaring, the QAWS Table Top Sale provided shoppers with lots of loads of choices to spend their hard earned riyals!

A fantastic afternoon of fundraising for QAWS, over QAR 13,500 was raised which will make an enormous boost to the daily running costs of the shelter as the summer months being some of the hardest of the year.

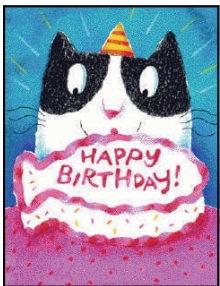
A huge thank you Paul Hart and the Doha Rugby Club for providing us with the venue and to everyone who donated items to QAWS to sell in our jumble sale, we have a library of books, CDs and DVDs now so keep an eye out for our next Table Top Sale to load up on some great reading!

Thank you also to the vendors and our team of incredible volunteers who helped out on the day, we couldn't have done it without you!

We hope to make this a regular event so keep an eye out for the next one...



## **Happy Birthday QAWS!**



QAWS celebrated its 7th birthday on 5th May 2011. With over 2000 animals rehomed since its establishment, QAWS looks forward to many more animals finding their forever homes!



## **Upcoming Q.A.W.S. events...don't miss them!**

Love taking pictures of your pet? Want to know how to capture Rover's best side? QAWS is delighted to announce that Paul Walker, multi-award winning pet photographer, will be visiting Qatar from the 22nd-29th October 2011 and will be holding a 2 day pet photography workshop (limited numbers), seminar and exhibition in conjunction with QAWS.

For more information on Paul's work visit <http://www.pawspetphotography.co.uk/>  
More details to follow, please email [contact@qaws.org](mailto:contact@qaws.org) to register your interest





**Feline Friends:  
Squeaky**

If you're looking for a lap cat, Squeaky is your boy! He thrives on cuddles and attention and will find any way of getting on a lap for a smooch and a stroke. When he arrived at QAWS, we noticed Squeaky had suffered some nerve damage to his front left leg but this doesn't slow him down and he can be always be found playing with the kittens in the Kitten Cabin at QAWS (when he isn't curled up on a lap!). Squeaky has been vaccinated and neutered.



**If you would like to meet Squeaky or any one of our other cats, please come to the QAWS shelter for an introduction.**

QAWS was overwhelmed with the donation of QAR 20,000 from the **American Women's Association of Qatar** in April at their General Meeting. This incredibly generous donation was put toward the QAWS veterinary bill at the Qatar Veterinary Centre where QAWS animals receive essential medical care. QAWS would like to extend a very sincere thank you to all the members of the American Women's Association who have shown us such support over the years.



A BIG thank you to all those who have shown their support over the past months including...

The **Community Footprints** team from the **Sharq Village Hotel & Spa and Ritz Carlton Hotel** for the amazing job they did refurbishing the puppy cabin! With 9 new individual kennels installed and lots of space for storage, additional crates and play pens, it's a full house of wagging tails!

The **International School of London Qatar's Year 6 Group** whose hard work raised over QAR 2000 for QAWS. A big thank you also to the 30 students and 4 teachers who spent a busy (and hot!) day at QAWS on Thursday 19th April.

Our friends at **Georgetown University** for their volunteering efforts.

**Scott & Caroline Jappy** who not only adopted 2 new canine friends from QAWS but also very kindly donated a fridge/freezer!

**Lotte Akhurst & Khadija Cherif** and all their friends at the **American School of Doha** whose superb fundraising efforts meant loads of new goodies for QAWS!

A special mention goes to all the schools who have spent many productive hours volunteering at QAWS over the past school year—**American School of Doha, Qatar Academy, Al Jazeera Academy, Al Khor International School, International School of London Qatar and Doha College.**  
See you next year!

**Remember me?  
Dallas**

**From Dallas' adoptive family...**After being at QAWS for the first 15 months of his life, we adopted Dallas (one of Emmy's pups) in September last year. He was a quiet and shy little guy



who came to us unsure about people and life outside the shelter - it took two attempts to get him in the car, the first he escaped and ran back in! After lots of training he now counts trips to the mangroves, playing with other dogs, any game involving being chased and sneaking off to curl up on the spare couch as his favourite activities as his confidence continues to grow. He is still shy of new people and situations but devoted to his owners, waiting excitedly in the mornings to play and 'talking' to us when it's time for a walk. It makes a big difference at the end of a day at work to find him always so happy that we're home.

**Canine Characters:  
Mungo**

As one of our longest residents at QAWS, Mungo holds a special place in our hearts as we have known him since he was a puppy who arrived at QAWS only a few hours old in 2008. Mungo's brothers and sisters have all found their forever homes but this gorgeous boy has yet to find one for himself.



Mungo is a gentle spirit who loves to be loved and would make a fantastic family pet. He gets on well with other dogs but would be best suited to a home without cats. Mungo is vaccinated and neutered.  
**If you would like to meet Mungo or any one of our other dogs, please come to the QAWS shelter for an introduction.**



**Thank you and welcome to our newest sponsors...**

The **Qatar Masonic Study Group** who will be sponsoring a dog kennel  
A big thank you to the owners of **Mittens Blessley** who have sponsored a cat condo in Mittens' memory  
To the **Hazels, their 3 rescue dogs and 2 rescue cats** who have sponsored a dog kennel  
**Interested in sponsoring a dog kennel or cat condo? Contact [volunteer@qaws.org](mailto:volunteer@qaws.org) for more details**

**Ticked off!**



With the increasing temperatures in Doha we have also had an increase in the tick population at the shelter. We are always on the lookout for any ticks on our dogs and trying our best to prevent their appearance.  
To help prevent and remove ticks from our dogs we will be purchasing medicated tick collars at the cost of QR70 per collar. If you can help out with the cost of purchasing these collars, please let a member of staff know or leave your donation with one of the QAWS team (please specify your donation is for the collars).  
A big thank you to everyone who has helped us out with 'tick picking' and special tick baths for our puppies!

**Kittens! Kittens! Kittens!**

At this time of the year QAWS receives many phone calls from people who have found a litter of stray kittens and aren't sure what to do. Here are some helpful tips for what to do:

- Check to see if the mother cat is around, if you can't see her nearby it doesn't mean the kittens have been abandoned, the mother might be off in search of food so check back a few times to see if she has returned to her litter.
- DO NOT DISTURB THE KITTENS. This is especially important if the kittens are newborn because if the mother is still around, her milk is essential to her kittens for vital nutrition and the kittens may not survive if they are taken from her.
- Provide water and food for the mother, this will help her give all her attention to her kittens.
- If you are certain that the mother is no longer around, the kittens will need to be looked after and possibly bottle fed depending on how old they are. The following is a guide to see if the kittens needs to be bottle-fed or can start immediately on soft food:

- Eyes closed, ears folded over - kitten is 1 - 14 days old
- Eyes are open, kitten moves around but is wobbly - 2 - 3 weeks old
- Eyes are open, ears up, can walk around - 3 - 4 weeks old
- Running around and is difficult or impossible to catch - 4 - 8 weeks old or older.
- 1 - 3 weeks old - will need to be bottle-fed.
- 3 weeks and older - can be offered soft food, but may need to be bottle-fed.



If you do need to bottle feed the kittens, DO NOT USE COW'S MILK as this is not good for kittens or cats. Special replacement milk can be found at a veterinarian (e.g. Royal Canin Babycat Milk).

- It is important to keep the kittens warm and secure. A heating pad wrapped in a blanket or towel is an ideal method of keeping the kittens warm.
- Keep the kittens separate from any other pets you may have. Because the kittens have not yet been vaccinated they are more susceptible to catching a illnesses or infection from other animals.

For more information on how to raise a stray kitten, visit <http://www.feralcat.com/raising.html>