

### Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation

This Morepork was brought to us for care from one of our local vet clinics. On examination we found that it had a bruised wing, most likely due to the impact of flying into a window or being hit by a car.

After a few weeks in foster care with some rest and plenty of food, he was fit for release. When he was released, he took a few moments on the ground to get his bearings (as pictured below), but it didn't take him long to take off in swift flight into the night!



### Community Cat Project (CCP)

We have come to the end of kitten season now and have thankfully seen a massive reduction in the number of stray / un-owned cats and kittens in our community over this last breeding season. Most of the kittens that we have taken in for care this season would have otherwise been dumped by thoughtless owners and we have done our best to help in these situations since a dumped litter of kittens is often the beginning of a new colony.

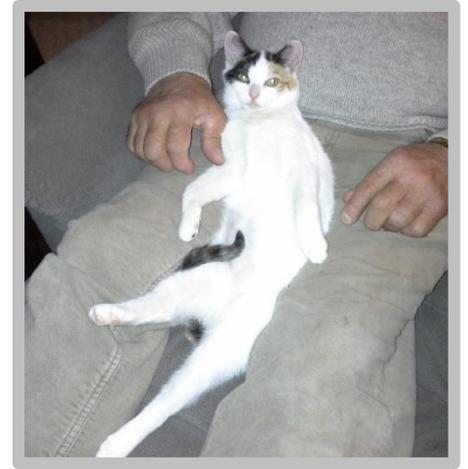
There are a number of colonies in Tauranga that are still in need of being contained but unfortunately addressing some of these demands resources and manpower that are costly and often entail high risk. We are currently strategizing a regional plan to more efficiently address the problem of stray / un-owned cats as they impact on our wildlife, have their welfare compromised and can be a source of concern to many people.

## Adopt A Pet Programme

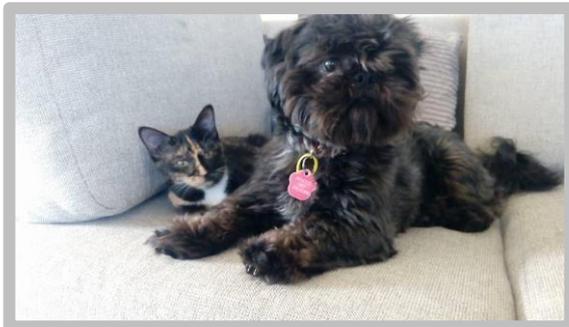
We are very happy to announce that just near the end of last month we have adopted out the last of the kittens that we had! We would love to share a few pictures of some kittens that we have adopted out to loving new homes within the last few months. We always love to hear how our cats are doing, and they all look super happy and right at home with their new families!

During July we have adopted out **20** cats and kittens to loving homes.

Since ARRC initiated this project in September 2012 we have taken a total of **1190** cats off the streets.



Nila looking very comfy!



Trixy and her new best buddy



Monty enjoying the sun

## Seal Awareness!

Younger seals are more commonly seen at this time of year as they escape the harsher weather down south. They usually head south again during the warmer weather. Seals can lie around looking exhausted or sick when they are just resting, which they often do for a couple of days before returning to sea. Seals can have watery eyes and sneeze but unfortunately sometimes seals are severely injured from things like shark bites, exhausted from swimming in rough seas or they may even be entangled in fishing line or netting.

Unless seals are obviously injured, they're best left alone. Give them space with a 20m distance and keep dogs away from them. Seals can be dangerous and can transmit some diseases to humans so they are best appreciated from a distance. **If you see a severely injured seal it is best to call DOC.**



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