

May Newsletter 2014

It is finally here! ARRC's first newsletter and there will be many more to come!

Our newsletters will be all about what ARRC has been doing in the last month and keeping you up to date with our progress.

Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation

Approaching winter, we are feeling a bit of relief with our bird intake since the breeding season is over, so no more baby birds to raise for a little while. We have had a few adult birds brought in that have been injured and need some attention.

We released a few birds in April, including a hawk, a few ducks, this beautiful morepork pictured, and a few others.

This Morepork was brought into us a bit dehydrated and emaciated with grass seeds stuck through its feathers making him unable to fly. We removed the seeds and he was released a few days later.



We took in a total of 22 wildlife during April, the majority being native birds.

Community Cat Project

Unlike the birds, the cat breeding season has continued despite the colder weather, and we are still having unowned newborn kittens brought into us.

Thanks to the work of our fabulous foster carers, we have luckily been managing to keep up with adoptions for the ever increasing number of cats/kittens that we take in and through April rehomed 25 cats and kittens..

During April we have de-sexed 34 cats and kittens and took a total of 79 off the streets. This is a small fraction of what still needs to be done but we're making steady and consistent progress to decrease the number of stray/wild cats that are left un-cared for and continuously breeding in Tauranga and surrounds.



These are 2 week old kittens, they were born on the way to ARRC when their mother was scheduled to be de-sexed through our community cat project!

We are in the process of making submissions to both Tauranga and Western Bay Councils to help get the root of the stray / un-owned cat problem. Suggested strategies to help promote the de-sexing of cats as well as responsible pet ownership are education of our community, limiting the number of cats per household and the implementation of a registration process for cats.

We have managed to contain one large cat colony in Apata of 80 cats that we have been working on for a while now, you can check out the newspaper article here:
www.sunlive.co.nz/news/70799-apata-80cat-colony-trapped.html

We are currently working on another cat colony in Omanawa where we estimate that there are at least 100 stray / un-owned cats.



Adopt A Pet Programme

If you would like to give a loving home to a friendly feline please give our adoption homes a call and arrange to go meet all the furry friends. Our adult cat foster home volunteer is Maureen 578 8335 in Greerton, and our kitten foster home volunteer is Teena 552 5028 in Te Puna.

Education on Our TV Series M.A.D Vets 24/7

M.A.D Vets 24/7 Has been on TV showcasing the work that we do at ARRC Wildlife Trust and soon DVD's of the 5 episodes will be available for sale with all proceeds going to ARRC. To view clips of the series see www.facebook.com/madvets247



Have You Seen Our New Website www.rrc.org.nz?

Thanks to a grant from Pub Charity and the wonderful work of Sami Design we have a fabulous new website!



A BIG Thank You!

Without the support of several wonderful businesses we would not be able to do what we do. Thank you to Orijen and Healthy Pet Foods for their awesome donations of excellent quality cat food.

- For more **regular updates** on ARRC's work in our community visit our face book page: www.facebook.com/ARRCNZ
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