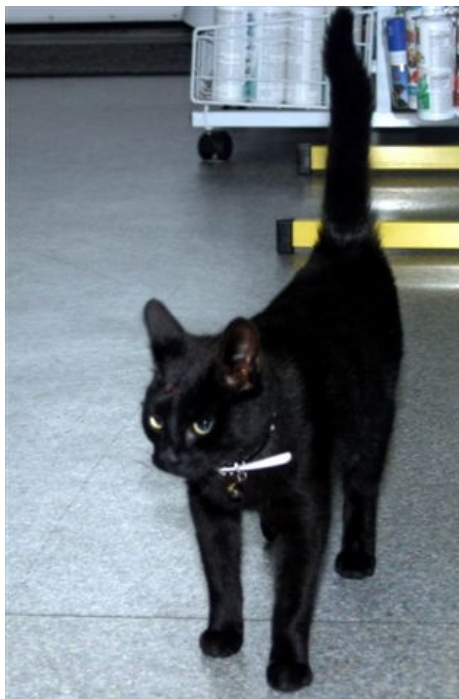


Things Looking Up for Two All Blacks



Black was really in fashion last week (July 10th) for the Offaly SPCA – at least so far as felines were concerned – for that was the colour of an adult male cat and a kitten both taken into care.

The cat came first. It was noted lying on the roadside at Collins Lane, Tullamore, early on Wednesday morning, by a passer-by who realised that it had suffered a serious injury, took it to a Vet. and reported the casualty to the OSPCA. At first sight, the Vet. was not very optimistic. The animal, which is aged about 1 year, had a bad gash above one eye, it had suffered a skull fracture and seemed unable to walk. Still, there was life and quite soon there was hope to go with it! The cat began to show signs of responding to treatment and when the accompanying picture was taken on Monday morning he seemed to be well on the road to complete recovery. That probably will be very good news for some persons or persons in the Tullamore area because there are two very definite indications that this is a valued pet rather than an unwanted stray. Firstly, he is wearing a very snazzy collar. And secondly, he has been neutered. He is very friendly with strangers but no doubt he will have a

special welcome for his own human family! The re-union can be arranged by 'phoning 086 0243183
Otherwise, he will be available for adoption in a few days.

The black kitten was spotted on the roadside near Blueball, Tullamore, on Sunday afternoon by a young lady who at first thought it was a dead bird but found on investigation that it was a kitten aged about four weeks. It had a bad infection in the left eye but was definitely alive and looking for its mammy! Knowing that its mammy might also be looking for it, the good Samaritan did not interfere immediately. On checking back later, however, and finding the kitten still unclaimed, she contacted the OSPCA and brought it to Tullamore. Here too, the prognosis is very good. The eye infection is responding to treatment, and although the kitten is very thin it is enjoying food and drink and is really lapping up attention from its human mammy-substitute. It too could have an owner anxious to welcome it home. Otherwise it will be available for adoption in about three weeks. Again the No. to ring is 086 0243183.

Meanwhile, in urgent need of a home is a 7 months old female kitten / cat called Jenny. A friendly tortoise shell type, she has been spayed and would welcome an adopter who will give her the cuddles she loves.

There is good news to report about Ben, the 'visually challenged' Springer Spaniel featured last week. He has been restored to the care of his owner who was on holidays when he went walkabout in the Screggan area.

Organising a fund-raising stand at Clara Market kept OSPCA activists very busy last weekend. Two torrential showers on Sunday curtailed hours of business but all concerned enjoyed the experience and return warm thanks to everyone who supported the venture, either by donating suitable items or by making purchases.