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longer the case. Haworth Cat Rescue is experiencing a year round need for the fostering and homing of unwanted, abandoned and orphaned kittens – a pattern set to continue.

"According to some scientists this is a global phenomenon linked to global warming – although it may not feel like it here in

Yorkshire!" said Corinne Moore campaign manager for the charity. "We are strongly urging all cat owners to have their pets neutered, both male and female, and not wait until the onset of Spring. Unfortunately, wintery weather can still bring with it the pitter patter of tiny paws."

Haworth Cat Rescue stresses the importance of early neutering (kittens at the centre are neutered at 10 weeks) and not waiting until your cat has already had a litter. As well as the health benefits of neutering in the prevention of certain types of cancer and improved wellbeing – your tom is less likely to get into a fight and anyone who has experienced living with a cat on heat knows how distressing it can be – it is essential to improve cat welfare.

"It's heart-breaking the number of 'free to good home' ads we hear about. Even when kittens are given away to friends and family, this is simply taking a place in a loving home that a rescue kitten is desperately in need of. Adoptions have slowed in the current economic climate and at the same time more pets are being surrendered due to financial hardship including home repossession."

So far this year the charity has taken in more than 250 kittens alone. Lucky (pictured) is one of 10 litters or pregnant cats accepted during third week of Oct

being hand reared by foster carers.

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Fostering cats We use foster homes to care for mother cats and kittens, and orphan kittens until they are old enough to go to new homes (at about 11 weeks). The cats

and kittens stay in a family environment to ensure they are used to being handled and socialised. The cats and kittens are not rehomed from the foster homes - they return to our centre for neutering and final vet checks before they are released for adoption. If you are interested in becoming a fosterer, please read the FAQs on our website and then contact us for a chat.

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This month you will find us at The Christmas Fayre Sat, Nov 12th 10:00am – 4pm West Lane Methodist Church



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