

SPCA desexing plan paying off

THE number of animals coming into Te Kuiti SPCA's care has dropped by 28%.

"This is a direct result of our successful cat/kitten desexing programme," says manager Sandra Squier.

"We desexed about 500 cats and kittens in our community last year.

"It's a drain on our budget, but it is paying off as fewer abandoned animals are coming in.

"It's a matter of using our resources for reducing animal suffering in the best way we can and

we will be continuing the desexing programme this year."

Te Kuiti SPCA took in 380 needy and distressed animals last year, down from 529 in 2012.

While the greatest reduction is in cats and kittens, the number of sick and injured animals helped increased.

"We had a larger number of parvo pups, of which 13 had to be put to sleep," says Mrs Squier.

"It's a reminder all pups and dogs must be vaccinated against this dreadful disease."



NAUGHTY BUT NICE: Te Kuiti SPCA foster cat 'Snoopy' is surrogate to a large number of kittens, including 'Naughty' who will soon be looking for a family of her own. PHOTO SUPPLIED



KEA CROSSING: The Waitomo District Council, in conjunction with Te Kuiti Police, has helped St Joseph's Catholic School students start the new school year with improved road safety. In October, principal Suzanne Downey asked the council for a safer way for children to get on and off the bus outside the school's Queen St entrance. Last month a grass verge was cut out for a bus loading zone and a kea pedestrian crossing installed. Unlike a 'zebra crossing', it has no white lines and can only be used when flags are placed on two black and white poles either side of the road. On February 3, students Bridget Schwitzer (pictured) and Shaylene Coley manned the crossing for the first time supervised by Otorohanga Police Constable Brenton Irwin. Mr Irwin says the crossing was a part of a police programme with the school to teach students about road safety.



Te Kuiti Family Health Clinic

OPEN DAY - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14



Taumarunui Community Kokiri Trust (TCKT) Chief Executive Officer Christine Brears invites you to come and talk to us over a cup of tea, tell us how we are doing and provide feedback on the services provided throughout the community.



From left: Christine Brears (CEO), Te Pari Joseph, Danny Ormsby (both Kaumatua) and Dr Bio.

10am Whakatau
 10.45am Presentation of services
 Throughout the day staff will be on hand to discuss your needs and receive feedback.
 This is an opportunity for you to tell us what health initiatives you would like to see provided in your community.

Te Kuiti Family Health Centre provides comprehensive GP services including:

- Diagnosis treatment • Health screening • Minor surgery • Free cervical screening • Diabetes checks and management
- Asthma/respiratory conditions, support and management • Heart conditions, support and management

Taumarunui Kokiri Te OrangaPai - Mental Health & Addictions Centre (Adult & Rangatahi needs assessment service

Whanau Ora Services – Advocacy and support and whanau planning

TE KUITI FAMILY HEALTH CLINIC

a 10/1 Ward Street, Te Kuiti p 07 878 3680

