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The 'Cat' supports animal charity to save London's street kittens

Red Dwarf star encourages cat owners to 'spay and save strays'

London – **Danny John Jules** 'The Cat' from cult series Red Dwarf is a supporter of The Mayhew Animal Home and is speaking out to help the plight of rescue centres during 'kitten season'. Every year as Summer time approaches the London rescue centre is over-run with litters of feral and stray kittens which often need round the clock care. The Mayhew's four Animal Welfare Officers are rushed of their feet responding to calls about stray litters of kittens that need help.

If more owners were to neuter their pet cats then it would act to help combat the problem of feline over-population in the capital. If un-neutered one feral, or stray cat and all the descendants from her kittens will reproduce to bring 420,000 new lives into the world in just seven years.

Danny John Jules said: *"I am huge feline fan and want to help The Mayhew by encouraging people to pay attention to the plight of these kittens who are in danger from a life on the streets. So in support of the Home The Cat says 'Spay and Save Strays'!"*

Danny John Jules who will be appearing in three anniversary specials of Red Dwarf as the Cat on **April 15th** lives locally to The Mayhew Animal Home in Kensal Green and has volunteered looking after the dogs and cats on site.

Caroline Yates, CEO of The Mayhew said: *"It is fantastic to have Danny on board to speak out about this issue and provide a public voice for the many cats in need."*

The Mayhew carries out a Trap, Neuter and Return programme for feral cats in our capital. Feral kittens can be socialised and adopted as house pets, but adult ferals are best returned to their colony. As long as the cats can go back to a safe and secure environment after neutering, they are re-released, helping combat the rapid rate of reproduction within London stray and feral cat population.

For more information about The Mayhew and the facts regarding 'kitten season' please contact Sarah Dickinson 0208 968 2443

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For the Editor

The Mayhew Animal Home was established in 1886 for the benefit of "the lost and starving dogs and cats of London so that they should have sanctuary from the cold inhumanity they are being dealt outside". Today, The Mayhew is one of the busiest animal sanctuaries in London, rescuing thousands of animals from cruelty and neglect each year. We provide shelter and care for cats, dogs, rabbits and when the need arises, for a wide variety of other animals.

The Mayhew Animal Home strives to tackle the companion animal welfare crisis from every possible angle. The organisation is pro-active, innovative and continually works to assist animals and their

carers. The Mayhew offers a wide variety of community services providing advice, care and assistance to animals and their carers whatever their circumstances.