



Chiltern Branch



Late Winter 2017-18

Newsletter



A Message from the Editor

Change of Address

Our offices have moved so please make a note of our new address for donations and correspondence:

**Chiltern Cats Protection,
Claydon House Business Centre,
1 Edison Road,
Aylesbury,
HP19 8TE**

(Please note this is a postal address only and not an adoption centre.)

Change of our Bank Sort Code:

This is now: 20-42-66.

Our Barclays Bank Account Name and Account Number remain the same: Cats Protection Chiltern Branch A/C no. 10736384

Newsletter Publishing Dates

Apologies for the late issue of the Newsletter but, as usual we have all been busy helping cats and kittens. The next issue will include the membership form for the next two issues.

New Fosterers

We are very excited and pleased to tell you that we have two new fosterers, Jo and Tracy. This means that we can now take in more cats.

Chiltern Cats Protection Calendar 2019

Don't forget to take photos of your adopted cats and kittens. Please send them to us with a short article and your magnificent moggie could be included in the calendar. It doesn't matter how long ago you adopted your cat or kitten.



We are very fortunate as Clare Higgins has offered to help the Homing Team by sharing the Homing Officer duties with me.

This is our biggest event and we are looking for sponsors to pay for our Stand. This will enable us to spend more money on helping cats and kittens in the Chiltern area.

We are also collecting bottled products for this event (see below).

Cherie Ellis
Editor & Homing Officer

Thank you for your support!



Update from our Coordinator

It's time again for a few words from me. I don't know where the year has gone!

I hope you've all had a good year with your lovely kitties. I know there are some that are no longer with us but we have had plenty of new arrivals and adoptions.

Our wonderful team of volunteers and supporters have excelled themselves again.

Carole had big shoes to fill, after the departure of Nicole, but she has had an amazing year dealing with all the ferals and strays. Carole and her team have been here, there and everywhere at all times of day and night helping out all those felines in trouble. A big thank you to all of you.

We now have a couple of new fosterers on board, Tracy and Jo, but did lose Susan and Andrew who moved away from the area.

We have all worked together as a great team, keeping the branch going from strength to strength despite the growing number of cats being made homeless for various reasons. We try not to turn anyone away, but work with other local rehoming charities and local branches to try and find a place for them. It may take us a while but we do the best that we can.

We all feel overwhelmed at times, but with support from each other, we continue to do the best for the cats.

Thank you as well to all our supporters who send some amazing donations of money, food and equipment.

Thanks to everyone in the team for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Thank you to Cherie for your homing efforts and Clare for taking over the role.

Best wishes to you all.

Sue Macdonald
Coordinator



Message from our Mascot Byron

Dear All,

2017 was a super busy year for us. However, we were lucky enough to have some wonderful new volunteers join the team including two new fosterers, which means that we can help even more cats. We have no doubt that 2018 will also be jam-packed.

One area we would like to expand on is educational talks. We have given a few talks, on an ad hoc basis, but it would be great to have some dedicated speakers to help us roll out a proper programme. As well as giving information and advice, it's a fabulous opportunity to talk about cats! Head Office provides full training and support for this role. There are scripts suitable for different age groups and an interesting bag of props including a toy cat, a 'cuddly' flea and a piece of plastic pizza!

We also need volunteers to answer the phone for a few hours each week. At the moment this task falls to one person but it can be shared between several people as the phone can be switched between volunteers. It's lovely if there is someone on the end of the line to speak to our callers as many people do not like to leave a message.

If either volunteer role appeals please get in touch.

Until next time.




Fundraising

Make a Donation

Donations

We are always grateful for donations, however small as they all add up and enable us to help the ever growing number of cats and kittens needing loving homes.

- Please visit our website:
<http://www.chiltern.cats.org.uk/chiltern/support> us
for lots of ideas on how you can support us.
Or just select the  button in the top right-hand corner of our home page and follow the instructions.
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Calendar of Events 2017		
4th February	Clare's Blind Auction	£125
10th to 12th March	Pets At Home Weekend - CP	£472
10th to 12th March	Pets At Home Weekend - Store	£148
22nd April	Chesham Market Stall	£176
1st May	Whitchurch May Feast	£107
10th June	Haddenham Fete	£284
1st July	Princes Risborough Street Collection	£142
13th July	WHVC - Cat Behaviour & Health Information Evening	£102
22nd July	Quainton - Community & Emergency Services Day	£84
31st August	Bucks County Show	£723
28th October	Chesham Market Stall	£328
4th November	Thame Town Charities Fair	£161
2nd December	Christmas Fair Haddenham Scout Hut	£252
15th December	Tesco Collection Broadfields Aylesbury	£375
Sale of plants		£120
2017 Total		£3,599

Two of our supporters organised Pawsome Teas, which raised £336. Sales of Vale Lottery and Chiltern & South Bucks Lottery tickets are currently 54 per week and bring in £1,404 per year.

New events are being organised and added to the calendar all the time.

For details please see our events page at www.chiltern.cats.org.uk.



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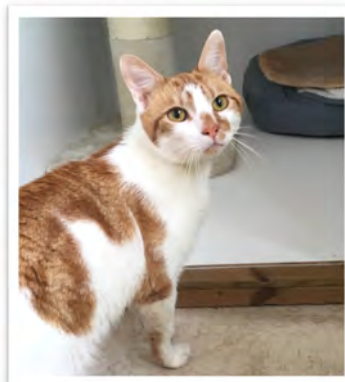


Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

**NEW BIGGER JACKPOT
+ MORE TO CAUSES**

Welcome to our new Fosterers!

We are very excited to have two new fosterers join us, Jo Winstone and Tracy Coleman. Our first article is from Jo who has one pen in her garden.



Rupert was my first foster cat who had been picked up as a stray. Someone had been feeding him but they decided that they no longer wanted to care for him.

He was so confident and inquisitive as soon as he arrived. He loved attention and all the members of my family enjoyed spending time with him in the pen.

After the first day I noticed that he wasn't walking properly as he seemed to be bending his back legs too much. I took him to the vets and they diagnosed that he had a 'luxating patella', which meant his knee cap was slipping out too easily. He had to undergo intensive surgery to correct it and then needed 5 weeks cage rest.

He was quite happy in the cage for the first few weeks but towards the end he started to get restless. Who could blame him!

Once he was signed off by the vet we put him up for adoption. Not surprisingly he was very popular and within a few days, (after a successful home visit), a lovely lady and her son came to meet him. They adored him straight away and took him home there and then. We received some lovely photos soon after he was adopted with Rupert on the sofa. Apparently he has settled in really well. We are so pleased for him.



*Jo Winstone
Fosterer*

Tracy, does whole-house fostering as she doesn't have any pets of her own.

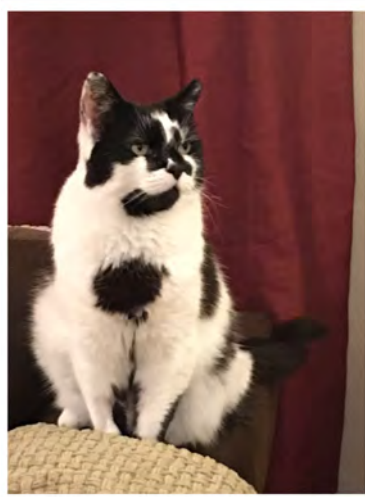
I have had cats all my life. I have a very early memory of going into a house full of cats and coming away with a little black kitten, (I love black cats by the way, I don't understand why they are so difficult to rehome). When we got home, the kitten found some fluff on the carpet and was playing with it so, of course, she was named Fluff!

Over the years we had other cats, always adopted never bought. Charlie lived under the dining room table for 3 weeks, food bowl, litter tray and all - which meant that, for that brief time, we were allowed to eat our dinner in front of the TV. When he arrived we already had Tammy, (another black cat), who had a bed which she had never used but as soon as Charlie got in it she kicked him out in true cat style!

Fast forward to the back end of last year when our beloved Toffee passed away at the age of 17. He was 'the last pet standing' in our house and with both the kids away at University, my husband and I

decided not to get any more pets.

It was strange, not having any animals, especially cats, in the house and one day I saw an advert on Facebook about home fostering.



Tammy came from a CP home fosterer so I knew they existed but it hadn't ever occurred to me to do it. I had briefly thought about having a pen years ago but our very small garden was half full of rescued rabbits at that point and the kids were small so it all seemed too much.

Anyway, I watched the Facebook question and answer video three times and found myself feeling excited about the prospect of fostering. It seemed like the ideal compromise which meant we'd still have a cat in the house. And it's a good thing to do, to volunteer for a charity, to help animals and to help people find the right animals. It's fulfilling and something to feel proud of. Not to mention meeting new people and learning new things.

Having fired off a message on Facebook and following a quick

response, I started my journey down the road to fostering. I was checked out, the house was deemed suitable and I was fully stocked up with food, litter, (and a tray), disinfectant wipes and everything you need to look after a cat! So all I had to do was wait for my first guest.

Misty arrived one afternoon in August and what a lovely girl she was, so pretty as you can see from the photos. She was nervous, of course, she'd been through the mill a bit poor

little thing, but she was so affectionate and really just wanted to sit quietly by you and enjoy the company. She was very easy to look after and really only became 'challenging' when she saw a cat basket!

What was a real shame was the fact that we didn't know her medical history, specifically if she had been neutered? So she had to go through a scary trip to the vet to find out if she had been neutered or not; she had been. Putting her through this definitely set her relationship with me back a bit (that is, she ignored me for a couple of days!) but she recovered well and was soon back to her old self.



And then the news came that a couple were looking for a cat and we thought that Misty would be ideal for them (and they for her). They came to visit her and decided they wanted her and so there I was, completing paperwork (with help from Evelyn) and waving Misty off to her new home. And it's odd now, not having a cat in the house

but it's exciting and fulfilling, knowing that Misty can finally settle down in her new home.

It's certainly been an interesting couple of

months and I really appreciate all of the support that I have received from others in the branch. And I am very much looking forward to seeing who comes to stay next.

Tracy Coleman



Goodbye to Susan and Andrew

As we have welcomed our new fosterers, we have had to say goodbye to Susan and Andrew who have moved away. Thank you both for fostering our cats and we wish you good luck in your new home.



We all met up at Susan and Andrew's and set about dismantling the pens. It was hard work but we had plenty of help and managed to complete the job in a day! Thanks to David, Cherie, Patrick, Emma, Janice, Evelyn, John, Carole, Den, Andrew and Susan.

A few weeks later our next task was to load the pens into the van. We had to do a bit of sawing to get the bigger pieces in. Andrew had to climb on the garage roof to get the pods out of the garden. All Health and & Safety risks were assessed!

It took us two trips. to transport the pens over to Marilyn, who kindly offered to store them under cover, while we decided what to do with them.

We first offered the pens to other branches of Cats Protection but unfortunately, due to space and transport issues, no other branches were able to take them.

A HUGE, HUGE thank you to Janice, Clare, Paul, Evelyn, John, Den, Andrew and Susan who helped us move it all. Not forgetting, Just Windows and Doors for the loan of the van and a big thank you to Marilyn for storing them for us.

We were finally able to sell them to Aylesbury Cat Rescue.

Janice, Den and myself (along with help from Simon and George from Aylesbury Cat Rescue), moved the pens from Wheatley to their new home in Aylesbury. It took two trips again and lots of heaving and shoving.

We are glad they have gone to a new home and are helping cats in our area.

Sue Macdonald
Coordinator



Welfare, Ferals & Strays

Ruth Goller, a new volunteer, has recently joined the Welfare, Ferals & Strays Team.

As a new volunteer it has been quite a busy time for me. For the first time I have helped to trap and neuter a small feral colony that has formed over the years in someone's garden. Probably originating from a farm next door, the cats started to come to the family's garden where the owner kindly fed them.

After a while kittens kept appearing and it became too much for the family, so they contacted us for help.

I have trapped cats before, but never a small colony, so while been given lots of brilliant advice by the very experienced Welfare, Ferals & Strays Team, I

really learnt as I went along. First of all it was difficult to figure out how many cats there

were, as they were all black!

Setting the first few traps seemed to be easy, but once you have had a few neutered, these same cats will go into the trap, so it will take a few goes to trap the remaining cats.

To help identify feral cats that have been neutered, the vet

removes between half and one cm of the tip of the left ear whilst the cat is still under anaesthetic, during neutering.

This serves as a permanent visual mark from a distance to show the cat has been neutered, to prevent the same cat being



Carole, our Welfare, Ferals & Strays Officer, checking on a feral kitten

trapped for neutering in the future.

I have spent a lot of time on this family's property setting the traps, trying to figure out the cats' movements and timings so I can set the traps accordingly.

One time when I went to check the traps, I spotted one of the already neutered cats looking very poorly, as he tried to run away from me. His back legs were collapsing to the ground with almost every step, yet I wasn't able to grab him and he disappeared into a hole under the garden decking. It was quite clear he was probably hit by a car in the last few days and needed to see a vet immediately. I placed a trap quickly on the outside of the hole and within a few minutes he was in the trap.

Unfortunately the vet, after doing an x-ray, determined his injuries were too great and made the decision to put him to sleep. It was a very sad decision, but at the same time I felt relieved that we were able to spare him from a very painful and prolonged death.

As part of this colony there were also a few kittens which were fortunately young enough to be socialised so they would be suitable to be re-homed as domestic pets.

Two of the older kittens were re-homed as garden cats. They are fed and a big shed is provided as shelter. Maybe, with enough contact from the owner, they may become more friendly and even want to come indoors one day. I was so happy to see them go to their new home.

Every cat that I am able to take to the vet and have neutered feels like a small victory, as we all know how important it is for their welfare as well as to prevent unwanted breeding.

*Ruth Goller
Welfare, Ferals & Strays
Volunteer*

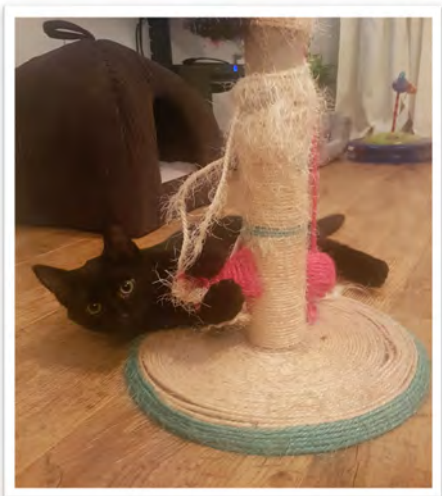


Cats' Tales

Here is a selection of stories about cats and kittens that we have homed. Thank you to the adopters who have written some of the articles. We have left out their full details for Data Protection purposes.

Amber

Jo, one of our fosterers, knew Amber was special as soon as she arrived with her brother, Noah, but she didn't want to be responsible for splitting her up from her brother. So, when someone enquired about adopting Noah on his own, Jo decided it must be fate so Amber has stayed with Jo and her family.



Noah (now Mac)

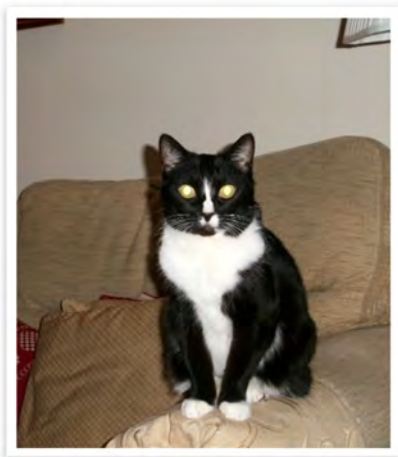
He has settled in really well, We have lap cuddles now and he purrs constantly and he loves Pierre! We are really pleased to have had the opportunity to adopt him.

Beckí and Pierre

Charlie Girl

Charlie Girl came into our care and was a very unpredictable cat but has been adopted by a very caring couple. Here's their story.

Early days



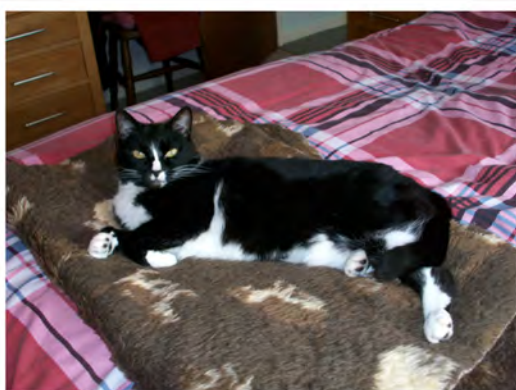
Charlie has settled in really well, better than we'd hoped. We've had a few hisses, (and I've been swiped a couple of times), but she is already coming onto my lap for a fuss and I found her on Nick's lap this morning. She's also eating well but she clearly won't have dried food, preferring meat, so that's me told. I'll just stick to the occasional Dreamie.

She's not venturing very far from the living room yet but now has the run of the house when she wants to

explore and I think she seems to be getting more confident with us everyday.

She deliberately gets on my lap most nights and loves a fuss but I think she's a little unsure about when to stop it. So I try to let her know that she can jump off when she wants to as she can get a bit ratty after a while and that's when she lashes out. I can't help thinking that is something that might go back to her original owner.

She still isn't venturing very far, though she marched round the bedroom a couple of nights ago and can look a bit guilty if we spot her at the top of the stairs. Anyway, her tail is up more now as she becomes more confident, which I think is a good sign.



Update

Charlie is doing very well, eats well and has gained a little weight and generally we're very pleased with her and love her to bits but at times she can still be a bit spikey.



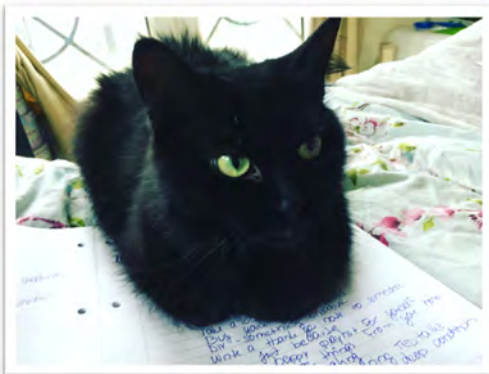
We hope that in a few more months she will be even more settled and confident. She goes up to the bedroom every evening now and when we go to bed she comes for a big fuss before settling down on her blanket.

Carole and Nick

Donnie (now Čokoláda, Choco)

My name is Klara and I'm a 25 year old animal lover from the Czech Republic.

I have always had a very strong bond with animals. I had my first cat when I was 6 and we had a very unique relationship together. She lived for 12 years and then she became very sick and died soon after.



When I finished high school I adopted Ronald. He was my best friend. But I also knew that when I moved out my mum wouldn't be alone as Ronald would be with her. Of

course within a few months my mum started calling him her baby and he was like another child to her.

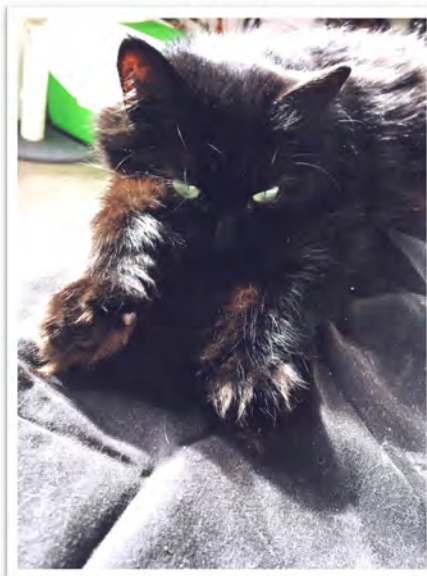
So when I moved out two years ago and came to England, I left the two of them together as my mum told me there was no way that I would be taking him with me. I am happy knowing that there is someone who is keeping my mum company. And my mum would completely spoil him.

Unfortunately a few months ago he tragically died which caused enormous pain to both of us. He was only four but he was a happy kitty for his whole life.

So even though I still miss him I realised I didn't want to be in this world without taking care of a fur-baby. Cats were always my favourite so when I decided that I wanted to volunteer and help animals, I was very happy to have found out about the Chiltern Cats Protection Branch. I haven't been volunteering for them for long and I haven't had much chance to do much yet but I have met some of the other volunteers and I can feel that I'm with the right kind of people.

All of them are passionate about what they do.

So, because CP helps cats on a daily basis, and I was looking for a cat to adopt, I asked them for help. I now



have my sweet girl Choco at home with me. She was a very nervous and shy cat and she still is, but I can see that all she needs is some attention and love. I still can't do any sudden moves around her and she is bit scared to play but we are getting there.

She is perfect, she keeps purring and she sleeps every night with me in my bed. I'm sure we are going to keep making each other happy and I can hopefully, help more cats in need.

Klara

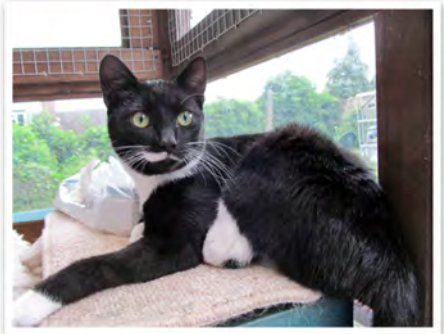


Ebony & Rusty

This gorgeous pair had been with Evelyn for well over a year as Rusty had an upper respiratory tract issue that we just could not get sorted and Ebony was very shy. Rusty is currently well and Ebony is much more confident so both went to their new home with a lovely family in Winslow.



Ebony



Rusty

Felix

Came into our care after his owner died but has now been adopted and is settling in well.





Bruce

Bruce, an older gentleman, was living as a stray although being fed. As he is FIV positive he needed an indoor only home. Luckily the right person came along and he is now cosy and comfortable in his new home in Tring.



Harley (now Barley)

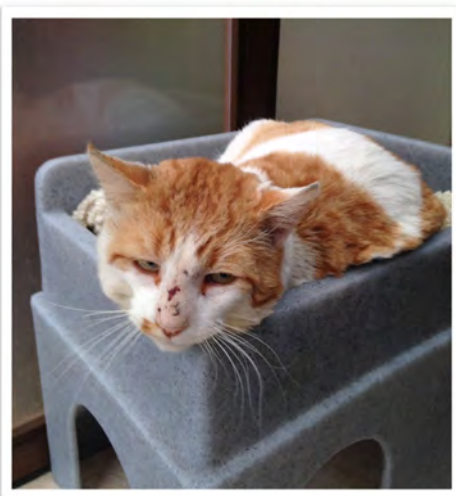
Stunningly handsome Harley moved into the pen at the start of the month. He sadly couldn't stay with his owners when they moved. A very friendly and fluffy boy, he was snapped up by a retired couple where he now enjoys chasing the mice around the garden.

Edmund

Edmund's story is one that will be so familiar to every branch of Cats Protection. He was found as a stray, not microchipped, not neutered and with horrible wounds from fighting. We weren't surprised when his FIV test came back as positive.

Edmund was an absolute sweetheart in our pens, very affectionate and gentle and with loving care and attention from his foster mum Emma, his wounds soon healed and his coat took on a glossy sheen.

We had him neutered, microchipped, vaccinated and had his general health checked over by our local vet. Fortunately, he was in good health. As all CP branches will also know, ginger and white cats are highly sought after and we very quickly had an enquiry from a lovely couple in Aylesbury, Ellie and Robbie, who lived in a flat and so needed to adopt an indoor-only cat. This was ideal for



Edmond on arrival in our pens

Edmund, as keeping him indoors would protect him from catching infections that his FIV makes him more vulnerable to and will stop him passing the virus on to any other cats.

We carried out a homing visit and knew that his potential adopters and their flat would be perfect for Edmund. He had so many windows to look out of and lots of sofas, chairs and throws to lounge about on. Ellie also worked nearby, so would be able to pop home in her lunch hour to make sure that Edmund wasn't bored or lonely.



Edmond, looking good with lots of TLC from foster mum, Emma

Kathryn Graves
Branch Secretary

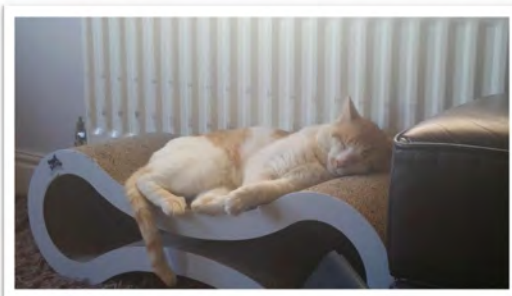
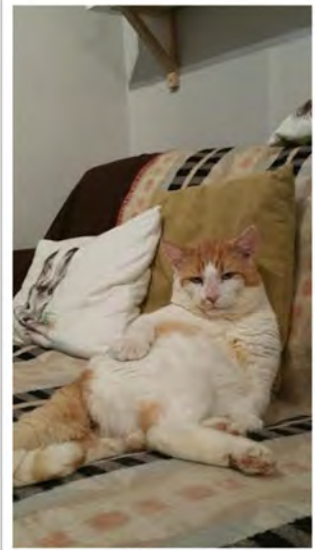
Update from Ellie

Edmund is such a confident and loving cat. It took him a matter of minutes to settle in! He's already claimed his spot on the sofa and given us so many cuddles.

Ed will go to great lengths to make sure he is the centre of attention, no matter what you're trying to do!

Ed's currently curled up on my lap purring very loudly and looks quite disgruntled that I'm writing this email rather than paying him attention.

Well we thought he was confident on day one but he now definitely rules the roost! He makes us laugh every day and we're always greeted with enthusiastic meows and cuddles. He loves it when we have people round because he has an abundance of laps to sit on and humans to pay him lots of attention! We strongly believe that he's made of liquid because he just melts into your lap and snores very loudly. He knows what time our alarm goes off in the morning and pre-emptively comes to wake us up with a cuddle!



We struggled to get him to use the scratching post at first so after some research I bought a horizontal one (pictured) and he took to that as soon as it was out of the box! He uses it to sleep on and hide his toys in too.

It also took him some time to learn how to play but he now has a selection of his favourite toys which keep him entertained while we're out. However, he now thinks shoelaces are something to kill so putting on boots is always a challenge.

His fur looks beautifully shiny and white. and he is spoilt rotten with 'uber' healthy natural organic food.

He is very happy staying indoors and doesn't even look out of the windows. The only time he goes near the front door is when visitors leave and he calls for a few minutes at the door after them!

Edmund is so popular with all of our friends and family. We travelled to Wales at the weekend to visit Robbie's grandma and everyone fought to look after the cat while we were away! My mum comes round for a cuddle very often as her cat is totally indifferent but Edmund rather adores her. And of course we love him. We feel so lucky to have such a friendly, characterful and intelligent cat in our lives.

RIP Edmund

Sadly Edmund passed away at the beginning of November 2017. It was a very sudden heart attack and we were with him at the time. It was over quickly. He was his usual happy self on the day. We have buried him at the family farm and the whole family came to say goodbye.



Of course we are devastated but glad to have given him a very cushy and happy end to his life. He was spoilt rotten!

Thank you for letting us have him. What a wonderful cat he was. I have been inundated with messages from friends and family - he was loved by all!

Ellie



Emma & Merlin

Emma and Merlin are already totally at home, and we are besotted with them.

We got a pen to make them feel safe and to keep them and Rosie, (our dog) apart, but they love being out with us and are only in there at night or if we go out.

Rosie and the kittens are very interested in each other with lots of tail wagging from Rosie, despite Emma hissing at her.

We have let them meet face to face and it's going great, Rosie is being lovely and calm, and despite some initial back arching and hissing the kittens are now really relaxed and happy to play near her.

We love them so much thank you again for letting us adopt them.

Catherine G

Ginger Kevin

Ginger, a stunningly handsome chap, came into our pens with a serious heart murmur that needed to be investigated before we could consider finding him a new home.

Evelyn took Ginger to the Royal Veterinary College in Herts for a heart scan at the recommendation of the Head Office Cats Protection vet.

While he was there the staff named him Ginger Kevin and the name has stuck! After his visit and tests, we were



delighted that Ginger Kevin was well enough to be rehomed with no treatment or medication required at present.

Obviously we were inundated with enquiries for Kevin and he went to a lovely home.

Update from Kevin's adopters
He is very cheeky, affectionate and loves all the birds in the garden. Also he likes to kill flies and eat them.

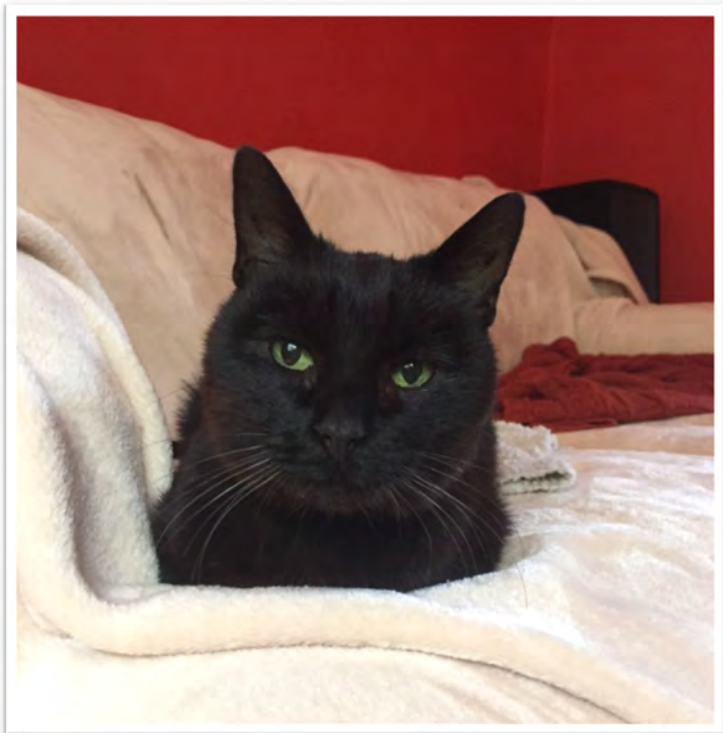
Trevor and Helen

Lacy

Lacy, an elderly cat, was found in terrible condition and was brought in by Diane, one of our Welfare, Ferals & Strays Team. Lacy recovered extremely well from her neglect and looked a completely different cat after a few weeks in Jo's care.

Luckily Lacy has been adopted by one of our volunteers, Ruth, and has gone to live with Roger, a cucumber-loving cat!

Here she is settling down on the sofa.



Suki



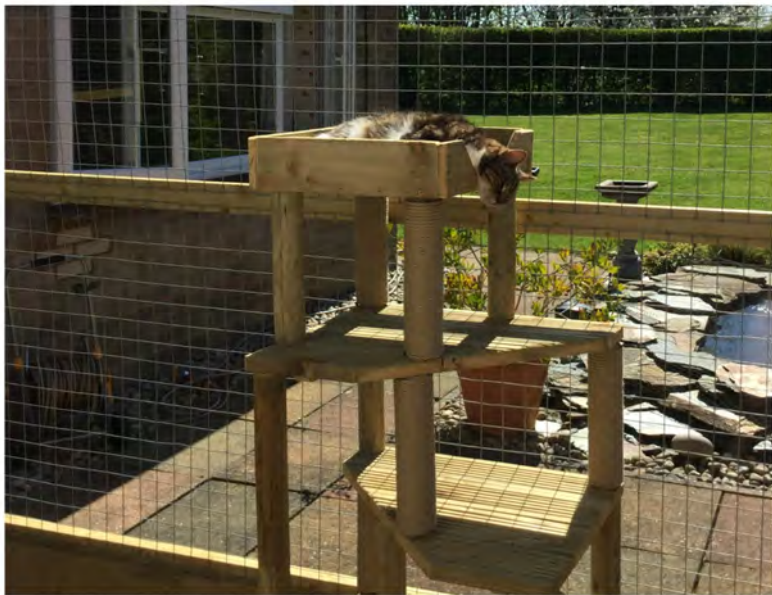
Suki, ruling the house

Suki came back into our care as her previous adopter sadly passed away. She was only with Evelyn for five weeks when she was adopted by a couple who had only lost their cat a week before but were desperate to have another cat in their lives.

Suki now likes watching the TV and gets cosy inside the duvet. In addition to these delights, she has her own huge, purpose--built outside run with all the mod-cons!

Joan, who adopted Suzi, supports us with lots of donations and makes gorgeous blankets for our foster cats. Thank you Joan!

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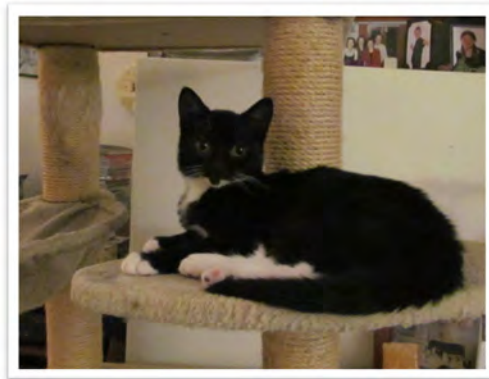


Suki relaxing in the sun in her new cat run

Jasmine

Jasmine was about 4 to 5 weeks old when she was picked up from a farm as a tiny little thing.

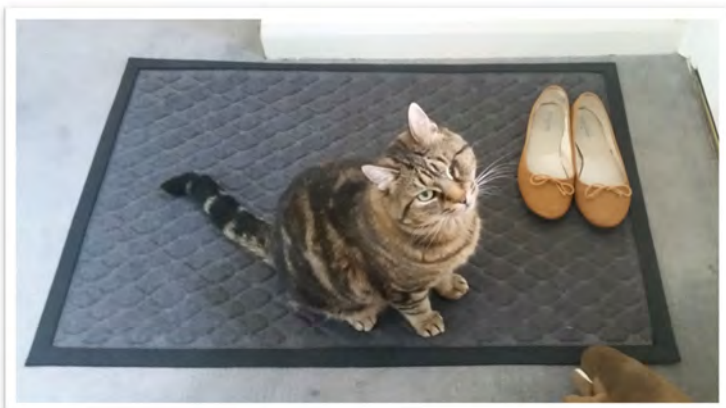
After lots of TLC she was ready for homing and went to live with her new family in Wendover. Thank you to the Welfare, Ferals & Strays Team for rescuing her. This pretty kitten has turned into a bonnie little lady.



Tommy, (now Bertie)

Tommy, a very sweet natured boy came to us as a stray with a nasty eye injury. After lots of trips to the vet his eye improved enough for him to be adopted.

He was soon homed with Sue D who says: 'He is so placid and follows me around, even when I go outside or to a neighbour's house. He really is a darling.'



Bailey and Oscar (now Millie and Maisie)

The girls are well settled and relaxed here! In fact I thought they were a little too relaxed and needed more stimulation and natural cat exercise, so I introduced them to the garden after a few weeks.

Millie was first to go out of the cat flap, with very little encouragement, but once outside she was cautious and didn't explore too far. Maisie followed shortly after but was more confident about being out of sight.



**Millie (top) & Maisie
enjoying the garden**



Millie & Maisie relaxing

It's lovely to watch them listening to the birds and external sights and sounds and it just feels right that they are now experiencing life, rather than sleeping their lives away. I am obviously monitoring their foray into the big wide world, and will continue doing this gradually. It will be some weeks before they'll have free access as I need to be confident that they can do this. But all it takes now is to call their names and rattle their food dishes and they magically appear!

Millie is content to sit with me in the garden, or watch butterflies and sunbathe, whereas Maisie wants to explore the neighbours' gardens but she knows which side of the fence her bread is buttered and soon comes running if there's a hint of food on offer.

Sheena B

Mr Purrs (now Toby)

Mr Purrs is an enormous black and white fluffy boy, who has been adopted by two of our volunteers. Within the first few days he was already making himself at home on laps and has been renamed Toby.

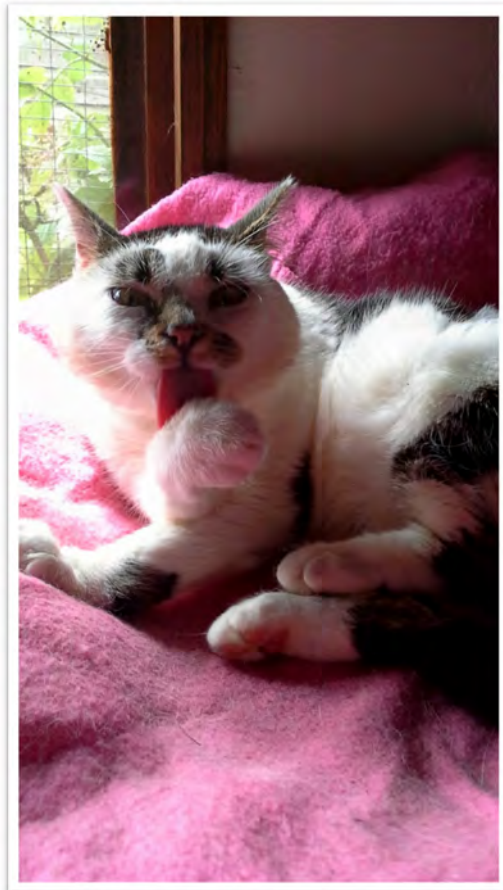
When Chris and Linda collected Mr Purrs and Linda saw how big he was her face was a picture!

Update from Chris and Linda

He doesn't appear to want to wander much out of our back garden so far. He is spending all of his time trying to catch the frogs in the pond without getting his paws wet, or working out how to get to the wood mice in the compost heaps without a mechanical digger.

He's more of a lap and a half cat than a lap cat!





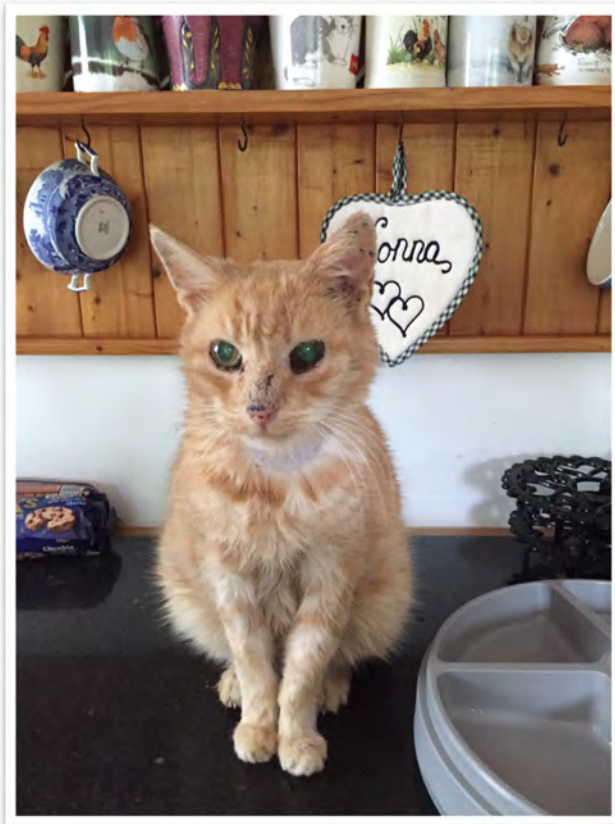
Lucy

Lucy came into our care as one of our welfare cases. She had been abandoned after being thrown out of a third storey window, but despite this she is a very relaxed and lovely girl.

It was love at first sight for Lucy's adopters, and this sweet girl has settled in very quickly to her new home.

Herbie RIP

Most of you will remember Herbie, our dear diabetic cat, who was adopted by his fosterers, Cliff and Helen. Sadly Herbie had to be PTS due to renal failure.



He had a wonderful life with Cliff and Helen who loved and cared for him and they miss him dearly.

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