



Lea Valley Cats Protection

Newsletter

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A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN

Irene, an experienced cat lover and owner, adopted Sophie from us last May. Sophie was an emotionally-needy, two-year-old, who may have suffered some previous trauma leading to her having serious periods of withdrawal and depression whilst in our care. Irene's heart went out to her and she wanted to offer her a home. Irene kept in touch with us; she was pleased with some gradual progress, all the while assuring us of the love she and her adult children felt for their lovely Sophie.

Before deciding to adopt Sophie, Irene had also yearned for a long-haired kitten to adopt. Throughout the intervening months, she reminded us that she would still love to have such a kitten to be a companion to Sophie, but Sophie had to be "ready". Around Christmas, we heard that Sophie was now happy going out in the garden and seemed to have found a feline friend! All seemed promising; however, no long-haired kittens in our care. But, in February along comes Whiskey - a large, muscular male at 9 months (not a kitten!) but definitely



Sophie

long-haired - and just about the soppiest, affectionate cat you could imagine (according to both Kim, his fosterer, and me).

Contact was made with Irene, warning her to quadruple the size of her fantasy kitten if she wanted to meet Whiskey! Needless to say, he went home with Irene that same night and was soon re-named Cuddles. The miracle of the friendship of Sophie and Cuddles started to take place within 48 hours! Cuddles is a true kitten at heart - fun-loving and wanting to play. While Sophie may not entertain being as

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Co-ordinator's Column

As usual, 2013 proved to be a "curate's egg"! We enjoyed continued success in finding new homes for 168 cats that passed through our care, our finances remained sound but, despite the lack of snow this winter, we continue to be snowed under with requests to take cats into care. We can only take a new cat into care if we have a current resident.

We are approaching the 'kitten season'. Although kittens are born to cats all year round, there is normally a marked increase in the spring, so I make no apology for reiterating the importance of neutering all cats and kittens that are not required for breeding. One of the best things that can be done to try to prevent the explosion of cat numbers is to neuter all kittens early in their lives. CP promotes neutering from four months old. Certainly, by six months old, female kittens are able to become pregnant, so early neutering is vital. We are normally willing to assist in the cost of neutering for deserving cases; free neutering is available in the London area through the C4 scheme, details of which are repeated on page 6.

Please, if you know of any cats and kittens that are not neutered, pass on the message to owners that neutering

is one of the kindest things that they can do to their pet: ask any vet!

We have just had a successful Homing Day; our next one will, as usual, be at St Andrew's Church in Cuffley on Saturday 14 June. The church is a wonderful venue for pairing cats with adoptive parents.

Our next Quiz Night is on Saturday 3 May; do try to come along, it really is a most enjoyable way to spend a Saturday evening. See the Social Diary on page 10 for more information on all our events.

As ever, thank you all for your continuing support, without which we couldn't do what we do for the cats in our care.

Bernie Till

Erratum!

As the eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed, I failed to republish an article from our Autumn 2010 edition that provides a possible remedy for some cases of cat allergy. It is in this edition at page 8. If you are allergic, perhaps this could help. If you know of people who are allergic, perhaps you could pass the information on to them.

Could you be an Adoption Officer Partner?

Due to the expansion of the Adoption Officer's role, and pending a house move out of our catchment area, our Adoption Officer, Lynette Belch, is actively looking for a volunteer who would be keen to partner her and share the role of this rewarding work.

Lynette would continue to be involved with our Welfare Officer, Yvonne Rapley, in bringing in needy cats and allocating the appropriate

indoor or outdoor fosterer when spaces arise. She would continue to be involved in home visits within her area, the organisation of the three Homing Days each year and the

record-keeping of adoptions.

The new role would be very hands-on, so a car, telephone and some computer proficiency would be essential (all phone and petrol expenses would be covered).

The Adoption Officer Partner would be linking with:

- Fosterers, to keep them updated on the cats' welfare, visiting when possible
- adoption enquirers, to discuss suitable cats for their family environments and lifestyle
- the web manager to keep the adoption pages of our website updated.

Working alongside Lynette, full, on-going support would be given.

If you would love to be involved, or just to find out some more, then please ring Lynette directly on 07540 182 427 or email her on cplv-adoption@virginmedia.com



Sponsorship Scheme

Our sponsorship scheme has been running for over 20 years and helps to support the long-term care of our cats that are difficult to re-home. One sad event to report is that Roxie, pictured here, was involved in a car accident last December and, sadly, died as a result.

She was rushed to the Royal Veterinary College immediately following the accident but,



unfortunately, there was nothing that could be done to save her.

More positive news about our cats will be in the next newsletter but, in the meantime, to find out more about sponsoring one or more of our cats in long-term care, please contact Stephanie

on: 01707 657876 or email: stephanie.duffy1@btinternet.com



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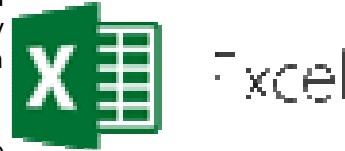
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Our Friends Need a Friend Like You!



If you enjoy a challenge, have access to a computer and are well-organised, could you look after and grow our database of Friends? You could make a valued contribution to our friendly team of Cats Protection volunteers that make the Lea Valley branch successful.

Working for about an hour a week and a day each quarter, our Excel database needs to be kept up-to-date and monitored against payments received. Friendly reminder letters need to be sent each quarter.



Our Friends really do need a friend like you so, if you feel that you could help, please email cpleavalley@live.co.uk or call our Helpline: 0845 313 4746.

A Short Note From Henry

(two weeks after being re-homed on 22 December)

Henry waiting for an important call!



Henry having just emailed his note!



Just a note to tell you how my humans are doing. They have been very good mainly - breakfast and dinner on time and plenty of soft chairs in useful places. Unfortunately they seem to have taped up the cat flap and, despite many reminders, it has remained closed; I hope this situation will change soon. They are taking me into the garden on a lead for goodness sakes, as if I was a dog, but I get a chance to sniff around ready for the big let-

out day - I hope.

The best bit is the stairs, 44 of them and I run up and down them as fast as I can to exercise my humans and then I sleep to give them time to earn a living to keep me.

I attach photos of me helping on the computer and waiting for a phone call.

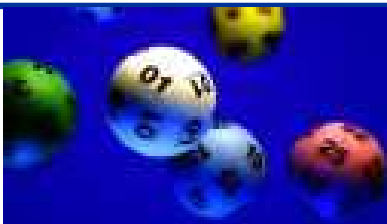
Love,

Henry

Want four chances to win £20 each month? Then why not play the Lea Valley Lottery?

It's simple!

For each monthly donation of £4.00 you are allocated a unique number that is entered into the monthly Lottery draw with a chance to win one of four £20 prizes. For more details or to join, please call



Kypros on:

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Adoption Update

Welcome Back

The Branch would like to welcome back Pat and Tony as fosterers. They started as indoor fosterers in December 2010, had a few months break last year and return as outdoor fosterers with a new, state-of-the-art pen erected in their back garden at the end of November. (See *Memories of an Accidental Fosterer* on page 7.)

We also welcome the return of Jenny who first came on board in February 2010 as a long-term, "last home" fosterer. Jenny and her family gave a loving home to a very kittenish, 11-year-old Bowser for nearly a year and a half before she was sadly and unexpectedly diagnosed with spreading tumours. The family now have friendly and affectionate 13-year-old, long-haired Buffy. They hope that she will have many happy years with them. Buffy is likely to become a sponsored cat simply because of her age (so please look out for her in due course on the *Sponsorship Scheme* page of our website).

Thank You

A warm and heartfelt thank you to Ruth and Jim for their 14 months of successful indoor fostering, turning round 21 needy and often semi-feral cats and kittens. They have decided to fully adopt their latest foster cat, Mollie, who remains borderline semi-feral/feral. Mollie is not aggressive but remains hand-shy and unsure of any new humans that walk into their home. Sleek, black, two-year-old Mollie will also become a sponsor cat in due course. She was a brilliant and protective mum to her five, fully-black kittens, all domesticated and homed (known as the Tippex kittens to differentiate them! See Autumn 2013 Newsletter). Ruth and Jim will concentrate their skill and affection on Mollie, so have decided to give up fostering. Ruth will continue to support us with monitoring the helpline calls and distributing the Newsletter.

Special Plea Cat Sylvie

In our last Newsletter we entered an adoption Special Plea for 11-year-old Sylvie, a sweet-natured, long-haired tabby. She had been with us for 15 months with her fosterer Sheila. We are delighted to say that Sylvie went to her forever home at the beginning of November to a couple living in south-east London. They were actually brows-

ing (looking for a pair of kittens!) when Sylvie's Special Plea story "jumped out at them". We now have updates that Sylvie is very much in charge in their home and lovely garden! The couple wanted us to pass on to potential adopters that they should consider the joy of homing an older cat. "The love of an older cat easily equals the bounce of a kitten" is their way of summing up their happiness since Sylvie entered their lives.

Sheila is now acting as an interim/emergency fosterer and has offered her services as a transporter - both roles really appreciated!

Adoptions

We are pleased that our adoptions continue steadily with a total of 65 cats and kittens homed in the four months October to January. We are even more pleased that, of the 168 adoptions in 2013, not a single cat or kitten was returned to our care, all remaining happily with their new families.

Homing Day

As we go to print we look forward to our next Homing Day event on Saturday 8 March (10 am till 1pm) to be held at our regular venue of St Andrew's Church in Plough Hill, Cuffley EN6 4DR. We would love to see you there. Come and have a chat with a variety of volunteers from fosterers to fundraisers and, of course, enjoy meeting our cats eagerly awaiting their new homes! Perhaps you are even considering adopting a new feline family member!

Lynette Belch,
Adoption Officer
(See Stop Press, page 12.)



Our **facebook** page is up and running and now has over 110 'likes'.

If you haven't already done so, please take a look at:

www.facebook.com/cpleavalley

and please 'like' our page to keep abreast of things going on in the branch.



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A Match Made In Heaven

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playfully energetic as Cuddles, his warmth and antics have helped to bring her out of her introspection. The two of them are often physically close together and the most heart-warming bond had formed within a matter of two short weeks.

"A match made in Heaven" is how adopter Irene has described it. She is "deliriously happy" and says she "cannot thank us enough!" It is we who want to thank Irene for all that she has done for Sophie whilst still leaving so much love to bring Cuddles into her life and making the whole family complete.

Lynette Belch
Adoption Officer



Cuddles

Clothing Sale

Come along to bag a bargain at our sale of adults' and children's donated clothing and other items at:

The Clayton Centre
32 Barnet Road
Potters Bar EN6 2QU
from 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Saturday 5 April

BIG SALE

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'Supercat' Saves Sparkles

The Royal Veterinary College posted the following on its Facebook page on 4 March 2014:

"This is supercat Mikey Matley, who donated blood today at the Queen Mother Hospital for Animals for a very anaemic cat in intensive care called Sparkles Smith. Two-year-old Mikey has now successfully donated three times; he is blood type AB - the most rare blood type in cats. Mikey enjoyed a bowl of sardines this afternoon after his donation and is now relaxing at home with his proud owners."

Mikey's proud owner posted on the Lea Valley Facebook page:

"Mikey, adopted from the Lea Valley branch in June of 2011 as a



kitten, gave blood again recently to help save an anaemic cat. The scheme (based at the Royal Vet College in the Brookmans Park/Potters Bar area) is trying to recruit new donors. There are a few criteria that cats need to meet (I think over 4kg, between 1 and 4 years old, never received a blood transfusion, in good overall health and a calm temperament - there may be others I've forgotten) but, if your cat ticks these boxes, it's a really worthwhile thing to do. I think there is something especially great about rescued cats being able to help other cats in need through a scheme like this!"

Rebecca

For more about cat blood donors, go to: <http://www.rvc.ac.uk>



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Fundraising Update



We have only had a couple of fundraising events since the last Newsletter. A very successful Quiz on 9 November raised over £650 and our Christmas Bazaar, which was held in the new venue of The Undercroft of St Andrew's Church in Cuf-

fley also raised over £650. This year we will be holding two Quiz Nights, both at Elm Court in Potters Bar, one on 3 May and the other on 22 November. We will be having a stall at the Potters Bar Carnival on 7 June and at the RSPCA Fun Day on 6 July. Our annual plant sale will be held at the branch charity shop either at the end of May or the beginning of June. We are also holding a sale of donated adults' and children's clothing on 5 April at The Clayton Centre in Potters Bar. This will be a new venture for us and we hope it will be a good fundraiser. Finally, the Christmas Bazaar will be on 15 November. I do hope that some of you will be able to make one or two of these events.

As usual, a big thank you to our many volunteers for helping with all our fundraising events. Your efforts, large or small, are very much appreciated. There are so many other ways that supporters are able to support the Branch - playing our monthly Lottery (£4 per month), sponsoring a cat in long-term care (£20 per year) or simply by becoming a Friend of the branch and paying an annual subscription of £7 per year. Other simple ways of supporting the branch financially are shown below.

Maureen Till, Fundraising Officer



Best of Friends

Lea Valley is fortunate indeed in having hundreds of human friends who are happy to support our cat care work by being Friends of the Branch. For a minimum of £7.00 per year, they support our work financially so that our branch volunteers have the resources to continue their work. If you want to help us to help more cats, then please consider becoming a Friend of the Branch. Your annual subscription will help us to care for more cats in

need.

Simply email: cpleavalley@live.co.uk and ask for an application and standing order form. Alternatively, if being a Friend does not appeal, how about playing our monthly Lottery? For £4.00 per month, you will have a good chance of being one of the four lucky winners of £20 each month.

Bernie Till

Free Neutering!

FREE neutering is available through the 'C4' scheme - a joint initiative by major animal charities working in Greater London to tackle the problem of too many cats.

C4 offers free neutering for cats within the M25 area whose owners receive certain state benefits, are on a low income or are students. The scheme also includes neutering of stray



cats that are being fed temporarily by someone.

For more information about neutering, call: 0845 313 4746 or go to: <http://www.cats.org.uk/c4>

The Cat Care & Control Consortium is a London-wide initiative jointly funded by:



Cats Protection, RSPCA, Wood Green Animal Shelters, The Mayhew Animal Home, Cat Action Trust 1977, SNIP and Animal Aid & Advice



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Memories of an Accidental Fosterer

I suppose my journey began when we decided near the end of 2010 that we wanted another cat both as a pet and a hunter as we do get a lot of creatures where we live and whilst my motto is 'live and let live', we sometimes have to be realistic!

We had an initial phone call from Lynette, the Adoption Officer and, when we mentioned that we liked to go over to Ibiza now and again, she suggested fostering as an option. At the home visit, we all agreed that we would give it a try. First cat, Lulu, arrived and was duly settled in a spare bedroom. Tony, the husband, decided to give it a cuddle as it was frightened. I was out and when I returned it was a hissing, spitting, wild thing (Lulu - not Tony!). First lesson learned - let the cat come to you in its own time. Lulu was duly homed and had changed into a nice cat. Others followed, all teaching us something about cats along the way.

I also learnt that even an older cat, a portly old lady called Smudge who was sixteen, could be loved and homed. There is always one that touches you and our one was Gracie, a little white cat who was such a character and had me wrapped around her paw from day one. Sadly, after a later check-up at the vet, it was discovered that she had cancer and, although she put up a valiant fight, she lost her battle with the disease. Also, whilst looking after Gracie, we took on a cat who was difficult - and she still is, but is still very well loved! Husky is on sponsorship but still feels like ours.

Along the way we adopted one of our foster cats who came back from her new home, after a car accident changed her personality and left her with a stumpy tail. Zippy suits us as a lovely pet and works hard getting rid of any

creatures that invade our space!

After a few months'

break from fostering after losing Gracie, Lynette asked us last October if we could take in an emergency case for a couple of weeks, looking after a tiny, underweight kitten. Dotty turned out to be nearly blind and was transferred as agreed to another fosterer, Carole, who finally adopted her. Carole has since become a good friend.

As a result of this re-awakening of the fostering role, we now have a pen in our garden and have become outdoor fosterers since the beginning of January. We have had success so far with our homings and, at the present time, we have two beautiful white cats in our pen, the little one is deaf but another great character. Hopefully we already have a retired couple interested in giving them a good home together, especially as they are former fosterers themselves. It might have been tempting to adopt these too (as we have a soft spot for white cats!) but then we think there is always another cat around the corner that may be unwanted or a needy stray.....and we want to be there to nurture and care for them, so that they are ready for their new, forever home.

Pat Frankland, Fosterer

The pictures show Leo, Pat and Tony's first outdoor foster cat exploring his new home and new feline friend.

Leo in his new home.



Leo and friend.



Our next Quiz Night is on Saturday 3 May 2014

at Elm Court, Mutton Lane, Potters Bar EN6 3BP; 7.30pm - 10.30pm

Enjoy an inexpensive way to demonstrate your quiz prowess, have a chance to win a team prize, £20 cash and help our cats! Please bring your own food and drink. Tables: maximum 10 people. Individuals and couples most welcome, or come with your friends. Tickets £6.00 a head; to include tea and coffee during the interval, plus entry to the Heads & Tails game with a chance to win £20.00.

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Yvonne's Allergy Cure

As you will have read in the last newsletter, I found out should I have an acute reaction.

a few months ago that I had become allergic to cats! The cat I reacted to was a long-haired female who, thankfully, Lynette homed for me very quickly.

Talk about a shock!

I developed extremely itchy lumps [hives] over the whole of my body. The itching was so intense that I was unable to sleep. After two days, and terrible bruising appearing all over my body, I took myself to the doctor. Not only was the itching sending me crazy, but my family and colleagues were beginning to suffer from my lack of concentration, and the inability to do anything other than scratch.

As this was the third time that this had happened, my G.P. decided to take some blood. I received a 'phone call a week later asking me to go back and see her. When she told me that the allergic reaction was due to cats, I was shocked, to say the least.

Her immediate advice was to 'get rid of the cat', something that I was obviously unwilling to do. I explained that, not only did I have my own cat, but also that I had been fostering cats for the previous six years.

When she realised how important my cat was to me, and all the many other cats that needed our [CP] help, and how reluctant I was to give up fostering, she decided to put me on long term medication. I now take one tablet a day of Fexofenadine as a preventative, and also carry steroids



I now try to avoid taking in long-haired cats myself.

I often receive 'phone calls on the help-line to say that someone has become allergic to cats. Obviously, if it is a child, no parent wants them to take long-term medication; however, I did receive a call from a lovely lady who was reacting badly to her two cats. When I explained what had happened to me, and how my doctor had eventually supported my wish to carry on having cats in my life, she took herself off to see her own G.P. The outcome is that she is now taking the same medication as me, the allergy has settled and, most importantly, she has been

able to keep her much-loved cats.

I hope others will think seriously about keeping their cats if the same happens to them. The first step is to see your GP who will, hopefully, be as supportive as mine.

Yvonne Rapley
Welfare Officer

Are you reading this in black and white? Would you like to read it in full colour?

If so, then please email cpleavalley@live.co.uk and we will send future editions to you by email. Well over 150 of our Friends and supporters receive their newsletters in this way. Not only will you be able to enjoy the full colour edition, but it will save our Branch the ever-increasing costs of printing and postage too!

We shall not use your email address for any other purpose than sending you copies of the newsletter or informing you of other Branch events..

Shop!

You can find real bargains amongst the ladies' and gents' clothing, books, records, CDs, DVDs, toys, china, cookware, pictures, costume jewellery and many other items on offer at our 145 Chase Side, Enfield shop. It's open from 10am-4pm, Monday to Saturday. We even open on some bank holidays!

Please visit to pick up a bargain and, just as important, keep taking or sending your donations to the shop. **We are always in need of donations of quality clothing and bric-a-brac.** Please, if you are having a clear-out of any items that we could sell or recycle, then take them to the shop. If you can't travel to the shop, we may be able to collect donations from you.

We also need volunteers to work full or half days at the shop. Please call Bernie on 0780 192 6171 or email cpsshop@live.com if you can volunteer or to see if we can help collecting donations.



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Horticultural Half Hour

As I write the sun is out! Which is amazing given the last couple of months of wild, wet and windy weather. The best advice at the moment is really to keep out of the garden, especially if it is flooded or very wet and boggy. Lawns are very resilient and will almost certainly survive. Walking on the lawn when wet and soaked can do real harm if you compact the soil just as the air is trying to get back in. Leave well alone and see how it recovers (a little like droughts in summer - remember those! Lawns will usually green up again after weeks of being straw brown and dry.) If after a few weeks your lawn is still looking sad and yellow with the damp, leave it until the warmer weather and it should start to improve and eventually grow again. When the water has drained away you could go over it with a fork, stabbing it all over to increase the surface drainage a little, and then you can treat it to a Spring feed.

The same advice also applies to the borders. It is best not to walk on the soil while it is very wet and boggy as this will compact it, especially if you garden on clay. There is always advice to use boards to walk on and work off, but very few people have a ready supply of these, so best to just keep off until the weather improves and the soil dries out a bit more. Take a look at the design of your garden and, when the weather improves, it might be an idea to place a few well-located paving slabs amidst the borders to

enable you to get access without walking on the soil, which will be good for maintenance all year around.

Jobs which you might be able to do include removing old leaves from plants such as *Bergenia cordifolia* which will



Pulmonaria

be coming into flower soon. Look under clumps and you will find leathery plum-coloured old leaves which are brittle and black. Now is the time to pull or snip them off. *Pulmonaria* varieties are starting to bud now, little candles of blue or white flowers, the leaves will be a little while yet in developing, but now is the time to cut away the remains of last year's foliage. *Helleborus orientalis* are flowering well at the moment, despite the weather conditions, and it a good idea to remove last year's leaves, to allow the new leaves, which emerge with the flower stems, to take over

from the old leaves. The flower stems look a bit bare and vulnerable with no leaves at their base, but it is easier to remove the old leaves now before the new ones get in the way, you can also appreciate the beautiful flowers more when you have a better view of them. Removing leaves in this way and doing a bit of tidying up in the borders makes

you feel spring is really on the way and is a lovely job to do when the sun comes out. It also gives more room for emerging bulbs to grow strong and straight, which will balance the gaps you create with tidying up. You could also plan to plant more bulbs next year in the spaces created.

The added delight, of course, at this time of year, is to see all the snowdrops flowering away, whatever the weather seems to throw at them. Wonderful. Try to plan to plant a few more for next year. Snowdrops grow and establish much better when purchased "in the green" and now is the time to find some on sale or try the internet (e.g EBay.)

Happy gardening.

Julia



Helleborus orientalis

Could you or someone you know do with some financial help to neuter a cat or kitten?

If so, please call: 0845 313 4746 to see if we can help. Part- and full-payment vouchers are available, depending upon circumstances.



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Social Diary

Clothing Sale, Saturday 5 April 2014

The Clayton Centre, 32 Barnet Road, Potters Bar EN6 2QU

1.30pm - 3.30pm

Big Sale of donated, adults' and children's clothing.



Quiz Night, Saturday 3 May 2014

Elm Court, Mutton Lane, Potters Bar EN6 3BP

7.30pm - 10.30pm

Join us for an inexpensive way to demonstrate your quiz prowess, have a chance to win a team prize, £20 cash and help a local charity! Please bring your own food and drink. Tables: maximum 10 people. Individuals and couples most welcome, or come with your friends.

Tickets £6.00 a head; to include tea and coffee during the interval, plus entry to the Heads & Tails game with a chance to win £20.00.

Plenty of free parking and within easy walking distance of the centre of Potters Bar.

Booking Essential: please ring Stephanie on 01707 657876 or email stephanie.duffy1@btinternet.com



Summer Plant Sale, Saturday 7 June 2014 (to be confirmed)

Lea Valley Charity Shop, 145 Chase Side, Enfield EN2 0PN

10.00am - 3.00pm.

Come and buy your annual and perennial plants to make your garden complete for the summer.



Potters Bar Carnival, Sunday 8 June 2014

Elm Court, Mutton Lane, Potters Bar EN6 3BP

1.00pm - 5.00pm

Come and enjoy the fun of the Carnival and support Cats Protection by visiting our stand.



Cat & Kitten Homing Day, Saturday 14 June 2014

St Andrew's Church, Plough Hill, Cuffley EN6 4DR

10.00am - 1.00pm

Some of our fosterers will be bringing along their lovely foster cats and kittens ready for re-homing. You may reserve a cat on the day and a home visit will be arranged as soon as possible. Fosterers and other volunteers will be on hand to assist you with the adoption process.



RSPCA Fun Day, Sunday 6 July 2014

Packhorse Lane, Ridge, Potters Bar EN6 3LZ

11.00am - 4.00pm

Come and enjoy the Fun Day and support Cats Protection by visiting our stand.



Gardening Dangers for Cats

It will soon be time to guard against your cats coming into contact with lilies and slug pellets; both could cause problems for your cats!

Lilies

- Cats are very sensitive to plants of the Liliaceae species, including Easter, Stargazer, Tiger and Asiatic lilies.
- All parts of a lily are toxic, even the flowers and pollen (which can be groomed off its coat if the cat brushes past the flowers). Less than one leaf ingested by a cat can cause kidney failure.
- Signs to look for are prolonged vomiting, not eating and depression.
- Urgent veterinary treatment is required.
- CHECK FLOWER LABELS FOR WARNINGS OF TOXICITY TO ANIMALS

Some slug baits

- Metaldehyde or methiocarb are problem ingredients in some slug baits and any amount can be toxic for a cat.
- Cats may become unsteady on their legs, salivate and twitch and can suffer convulsions.
- Signs of poisoning develop quickly so urgent treatment is needed.
- AVOID PRODUCTS CONTAINING METALDEHYDE or METHIOCARB IF YOU HAVE PETS

A list of plants poisonous to cats and further information can be found on: www.icatcare.org and search for 'poisons'.



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About the Branch

Branch activities cover the postcodes E4, EN1, EN2, EN3, EN4, EN6, EN7, EN8, EN9, N9, N18 and N21. Amongst other areas, our postcodes include Barnet, Cheshunt, Chingford, Cuffley, Edmonton, Enfield, Potters Bar, Waltham Abbey, Waltham Cross and Winchmore Hill.

The Branch has a very active group of volunteers that provides much-needed care and attention to cats in need, education and advice on neutering and cat welfare and, of course, fundraising to pay for all the cat care, vet bills, food and associated expenses.

Branch activities are overseen by the Management Committee:

Lynette Belch, Adoption Officer
Roger Hales, Treasurer
Kay Moore, Secretary and Neutering Officer
Yvonne Rapley, Welfare Officer
Bernie Till, Co-ordinator
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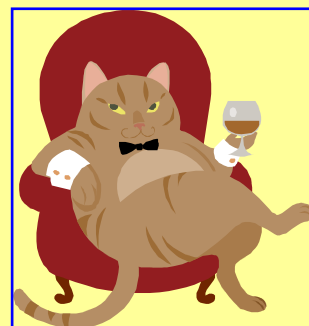
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Neighbouring Branches

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National branch coverage can be found through the main Cats Protection website at www.cats.org.uk/find-us

Neighbouring Branch / Adoption Centre

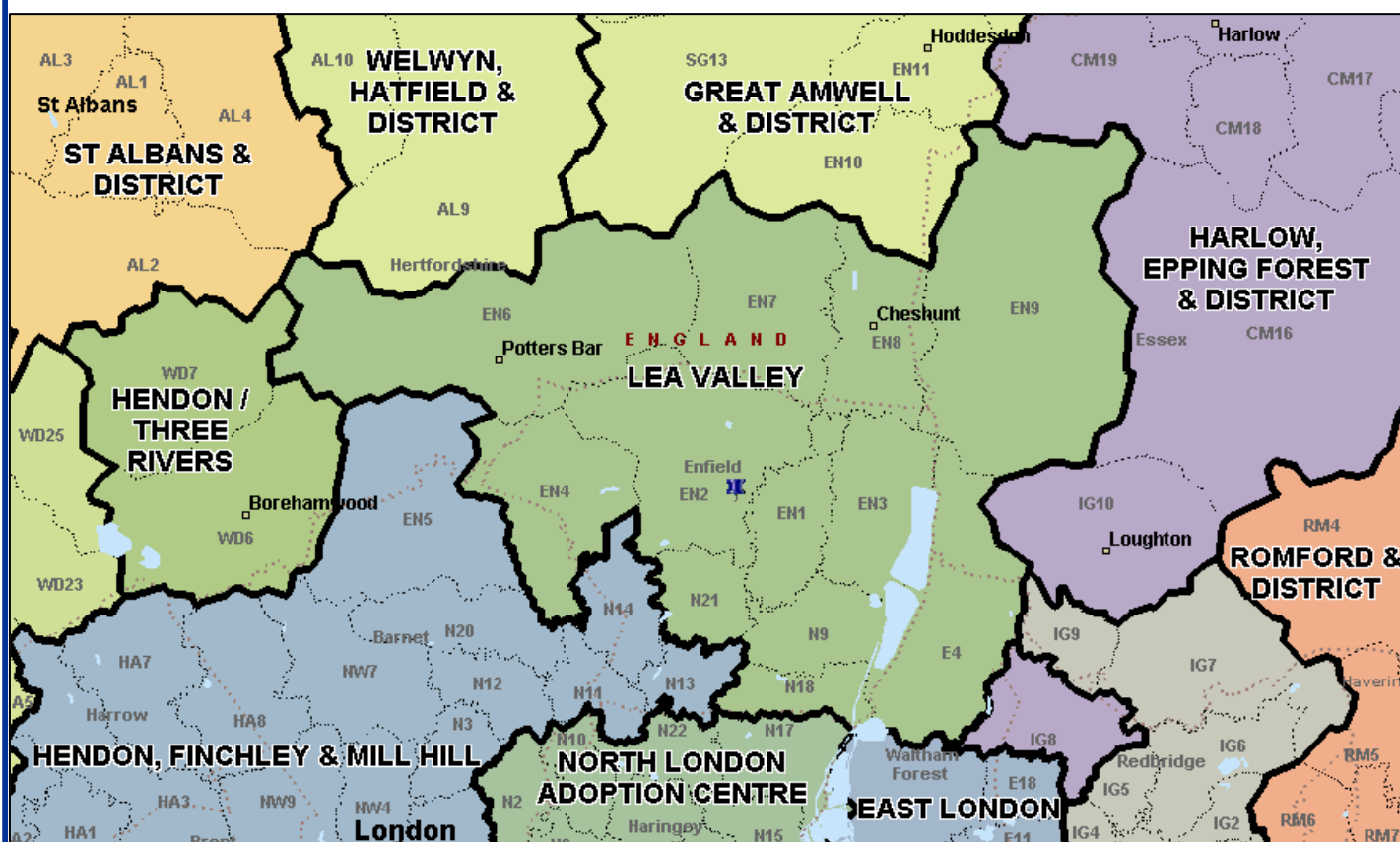
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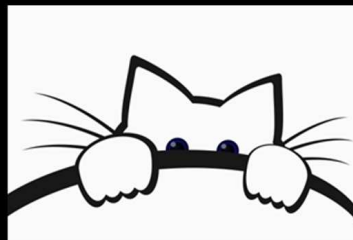
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The Homing Day held on Saturday 8 March resulted in eight cats being adopted into loving homes. Here's one of them, Freddie, enjoying the comforts of his new life!



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