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The Cats Protection was founded in 1927 and is the oldest national charity devoted solely to the welfare of cats.

Cats Protection helps cats by:

- HOMING - Finding good homes for cats in need
- NEUTERING - Supporting and encouraging neutering
- INFORMATION - Improving people's understanding of cats and their care



The Stockport branch of Cats Protection was founded over 20 years ago and is run solely by volunteers and funded by donations.

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TOMBOLA PRIZES NEEDED

Do you have any new and unwanted toiletries, gifts, candles, etc. or anything new that can be used for prizes?

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E-Newsletter

I currently edit the e-newsletter and am looking for articles on cat-related topics or fund raising events for the next issue - all contributions gratefully received! Please send your text and photos to me at northcat75@googlemail.com
Thank you ... Catherine North

Cats Protection Update

Dear All ...

Whatever happened to the great British summer?

The constant rain, day after day, left everywhere waterlogged at the pens. Whilst we didn't have to resort to boats like some poor folk in some areas of the country, the persistent downpours didn't exactly help morale! The resident cats, however, seemed to ignore most of the rain, going about their 'business' despite wet fur. The occasional 'shake' and off they would go!

There isn't a great deal to report, to date homing has been very slow. The occasional burst of people wanting cats allowed us to home 11 during one of the weeks but daily calls now seem either to be requests for help with neutering or to take in unwanted, found, stray cats. This has reached an all-time high. Sadly, unwanted cats/kittens are just about everywhere. Neutering requests are almost non-stop, some people even decide it's a priority request at 11 o'clock at night. Whilst the neutering enquiries are welcomed, the numbers of people needing transport to the vets are just too many for 2 people to deal with. Hence a huge backlog.

Our vets in Gatley seem to be the most reasonably priced for neutering in the Greater Manchester area - therefore we can still offer £5 neutering to people in receipt of benefits, etc. This is in conjunction with vouchers from Headquarters. The problem is, the group's allocation of vouchers nowhere near matches demand. We exceeded our neutering grant months ago. Consequently we have to pay the costs. Something we are unable to sustain long term.

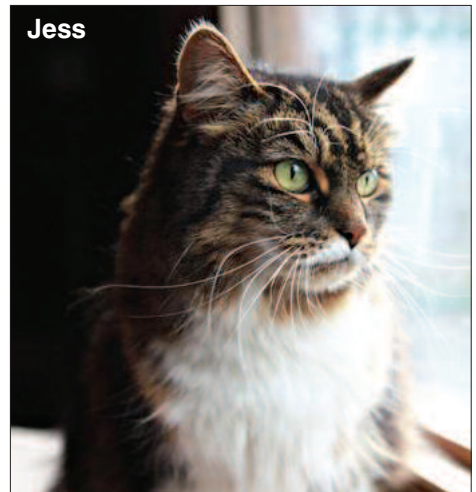
I regularly take 8-10 cats a week for neutering, Mel takes a similar number to Brooks in Hazel Grove. Between them, the

vets are neutering 10+ cats daily and still we can't keep control over the vast numbers of un-neutered cats in the Greater Manchester area.

Wythenshawe is particularly bad, since the loss of Brenda and Carole Naylor, very little is being done in that area - unless, of course, people can take their own cats. Adswood, Brinnington, Reddish and Gorton are at crisis point. The whole area has become unmanageable.

We desperately need people to help transport some of these cats to the vets for neutering. This is to help members of the public who do not have transport, or who just wouldn't bother at all. It would involve collecting cats from their houses, taking them to the vets and, obviously, delivering them home after their ops. Sometimes it involves checking all is ok a couple of days later. Advice is also given on after-care.

Volunteers are also needed for the occasional vet run. Carol and Diana make regular weekly vet trips, allowing us to keep 'on top' of routine vaccinations, etc. and of course poorly cats and check ups for new cats. It's just the odd emergencies that arise when there are just no more hours left in the day.



Cats Protection Update

Jess was featured in the National Cat Magazine. She had been thrown out of a window from a block of flats. Jess had been living under bushes for several days before we managed to catch her. A very distraught and disturbed cat came into our care. With the help of reiki, tic by the bucketful and a lot of patience, ignoring the scratches and howling, the lashing out became less and howls became attempts at purrs. After many weeks we decided Jess was ready to be considered for homing. Thank you Janet Kiln for your patience when you first visited Jess. Her arrival at your home was just lovely. After the initial panic and culture shock of being in a home, Jess emerged from under the stairs, lay on the steps and folded her arms! "I have always lived here," the body language said. And guess what? She's fitted in perfectly. Jess helps on the laptop and computer keyboard when the family are working from home. Thanks to you all!



Ella went to live with her very own family, what a change from being kept as a breeding queen in order to sell kittens at the pet shop. Thank you Jeanette for your help rehabilitating Ella and her 2 babies, Pompom and Abigail.

Stripe - who had been taken to the vets to be put to sleep, just needed a dental. She too has her very own family now.



These are just some of the homings that make everything worthwhile.

Linda has yet again helped with hand rearing. The surviving kitten, Snoopy, is totally bonkers. Offer a home if you dare; these were a litter of 4, only hours old brought to us by another charity. Sadly 3 died.

Welcome to Sarah, our newest volunteer, who's not been put off by poo-picking! George, as part of his Duke of Edinburgh duties has spent hours socialising some very worried kittens. Thank you George.

Congratulations Andrea on your inaugural Fun Day success. A fabulous day, even the wet summer took a few hours break, giving us a brilliantly sunny day, that is until 4pm when just as we were clearing up rain it did.

The dog show was amazing, one class alone had over 50 entrants. Maria and her team were run off their feet, judging and taking entries. People sat on the grass, the queue for the ice-cream never got shorter all day, people were smiling and genuinely happy. I've never seen so many dogs in one place.

Cats Protection Update

Our thanks again to Hazel Grove High who loaned their gazebos, and to Steve who once again knew how to put them up. He even came with walkie-talkie phones! So I, (yes me) could keep in touch with Andrea, only I couldn't work the buttons and still had to run the length of the field to find her. Technology and me Steve - no!!

Thank you Warren for lugging the tables around, and a massive thank you to everyone who volunteered on the day. Thank you to Pets Corner, and to all the people who donated goods/prizes/time. We really do want you all back again next year.



The Open Day was lovely. Thank you to everyone who visited us, again the good weather made all the difference. Thank you to Susie Parry for the donated painting, cards and handmade jewellery to help raise funds on the day. We raised £350 which was brilliant as the event was intended solely for people in the group who hadn't visited the pens after the move from the farm. Next year we hope to repeat the exercise, this time advertising the event more widely.

The past year has been hard, funds are not wonderful and certainly won't allow us to continue neutering long-term as we have been doing. Fundraising is more difficult, the present economic climate has had a greater impact this year than last, and that, I would suggest, is reflected in

the vast numbers of unwanted animals. We can only hope that cats that find themselves in our care, continue to be placed in those forever homes, and that the numbers we are unable to help, diminish.

May 2013 (I never imagined ever, that year would come) holds all you wish for. Please think of us if you are looking to offer a forever home to a cat/kitten.

Thank you ALL for your support.

Jacky Goodman



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What to do if you find an injured cat

Contact either the RSPCA or your local vet (or 24 hour emergency vet if out of hours) who can administer pain relief until the owner can be located. Put notices up in nearby shops giving information regarding the vets used.

What to do if you are unfortunate enough to find a dead cat

Take the cat to any vet who will scan for a microchip. The vet will dispose of the cat, should no owner be found. Notices can be put up in nearby shops, giving information regarding the vets used. Many owners want their cat back and vets will usually keep the cat for a few days.

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Fundraising Events & Fairs



2012 FAIRS ...

1 DECEMBER **WOODLEY** Civic Hall, Hyde Road

2013 FAIRS ...

9 FEBRUARY **WOODLEY** Civic Hall, Hyde Road

9 MARCH **HAZEL GROVE** United Reform Hall, Short St, off Commercial Rd

13 APRIL **BRAMHALL/DAVENPORT** Trinity Methodist Church,
Trinity Gardens, Bramhall Lane

11 MAY **WOODLEY** Civic Hall, Hyde Road

6 JULY **HAZEL GROVE** United Reform Hall, Short St, off Commercial Rd

3 AUGUST **FAMILY FUN DAY 11am - 4pm (tbc)**
Torkington Park

8 SEPTEMBER **OPEN DAY 12 noon - 4.00pm** Stockport Cats Protection
Fostering Area, off Chester Road, Woodford SK12 1ED

5 OCTOBER **HAZEL GROVE** United Reform Hall, Short St, off Commercial Rd

2 NOVEMBER **BRAMHALL/DAVENPORT** Trinity Methodist Church,
Trinity Gardens, Bramhall Lane

7 DECEMBER **WOODLEY** Civic Hall, Hyde Road

CAT SHOWS ...

MAY **MANCHESTER CAT SHOW**
GH Carnall Leisure Centre, Kingsway Park, Urmston

DECEMBER **TRANSPENNINE SIAMESE & ORIENTAL
CAT SHOW** Masonic Guildhall, Stockport

OTHER EVENTS ...

JUNE **DIDSBURY FESTIVAL** Didsbury Park

JUNE **HEALD GREEN FESTIVAL** Outwood Public Hall, Outwood Road

AUGUST **SUMMER FAIR, EST MANCHESTER** Green Fold, Abbey Hey
(Elizabeth Svendsen Trust for Children & Donkeys)

**ALL FAIRS
are 10am to
12.30pm**

We also organise many other fund raising events throughout the year such as **Quizzes**.

Please contact us for latest fundraising news. If you would like further information about any of our events, please contact: Stockport Cats Protection on T **0161 439 1274** (evenings & weekends)

E **stockport.cp@hotmail.com**

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Jamie

After our last cat died prematurely we decided that perhaps at our advancing years we wouldn't have any more cats. However, when just after a year ago we heard about Jamie needing a new home, we contacted Cats Protection and went to see him. Of course we couldn't resist him and after Jacky and Michelle brought him home we saw that he had also decided that our home suited him too.

After getting to know us he became anxious to explore outside, escaping once and disappearing for an hour or so (whatever would we tell Jacky and Michelle)!!? However, he did return and when he was finally allowed out made himself at home in the garden as well.

He is a lovely calm relaxed cat but doesn't like being picked up or



cuddled, though he's quite happy to sit on my husband's lap when he chooses. This also applies to 5 o'clock in the morning when he crashes on to our bed with loud purring demanding breakfast.

He also has an active social life with the other cats on the block, especially a little female called Tallulah with whom he's very friendly. He's also very partial to the catmint we've always grown for our previous cats and sits chewing away quite happily. On occasions he goes for a 'holiday' to the cattery where he stays quite contentedly and where Michelle makes regular visits to see him.

He has brought us such pleasure that I would really recommend adopting a mature cat.

Barbara Balaam



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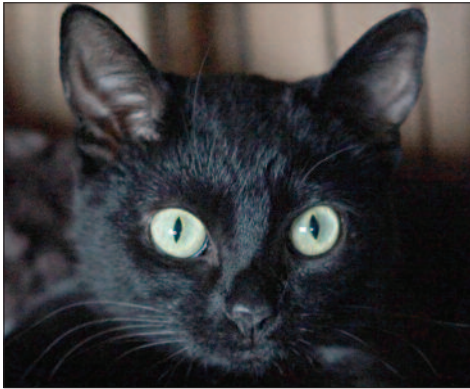
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ALL OUR CATS ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF LOVING, CARING NEW HOMES. PLEASE TELEPHONE 0161 439 1274 IF YOU CAN HELP



Twinkle is around 2 years old. She came into our care due to a change of circumstances. She is a very affectionate and friendly girl, she is easy going and would make a welcome addition to any household. She is desperate for a home and is waiting patiently.



Mr. Barnes is around 12 months old and was found un-neutered in the grounds of the old derelict Barnes Hospital. He had a damaged vertebrae and serious injuries to his tail which resulted in it being amputated. He has an adorable nature and a warm affectionate personality. He would make a loyal companion and has a lot of love to give.

Sammie and Mixi are 18 month old sisters. They came into our care in a very distressed state and quite confrontational. They have settled really well and are friendly and typical torties. Sammi & Mixi are ready for a new loving home where they can be happy together, they would require a quiet environment with no young children, dogs or other cats.



PLEASE PASS THIS NEWSLETTER ON 



Sparky is an adult female who came into our care due to a change in circumstances. She is a loveable girl, very affectionate and likes company. She would love for someone to give her the chance of a loving new home to settle in and where she can be made a fuss of.



Sophie is 3 years old. She is friendly and likes to sit on your lap (and bags). She loves cuddles when 'she' wants to and doesn't like to be overly fussed or picked up. Her favourite toy is a ball with a bell inside. She likes to play and loves catnip. Sophie loves to be mainly indoors but loves the garden too. She would love a warm and welcoming home and would be happiest somewhere quiet with no young children and away from busy roads.



PJ is still looking for a loving home. He was abandoned and found lame with infected bite wounds and only walking on three legs. PJ has an adorable character and is a friendly boy, He is very laid back, loves the outdoors and to spend his time sitting in the sun. He would love for someone to give him the chance of settling in a permanent and loving home.



Agatha & Violet are around 15 months old and are still looking for that special home. They are devoted to each other and like attention but are still very timid. They would benefit from a quieter environment and need someone understanding with a lot of patience to give them time to build up their trust and confidence and adapt to their new home.

Please contact **0161 439 1274** if you can help

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AC was found abandoned in a garden when her owners had moved. She is a curious and sociable friendly girl that loves to have fuss and attention but when it suits her. AC loves the outdoors and likes company but she can be wary of other cats. She is still looking for her forever home and would love somewhere quiet, away from busy roads and without any young children.



Betty & George are sister and brother and 5 months old. They are very lively, adventurous and love playing together outside in the garden. Betty will talk to you and come for cuddles more often than George who is still a little nervous, especially of strangers. They both like to sit on your lap when they want to and would make delightful companions. They are looking for a home together where they can have lots of attention and with someone with a little patience to let them settle in.

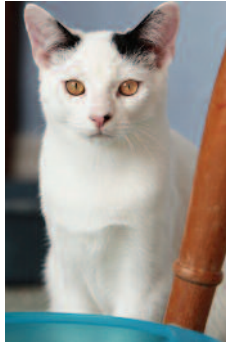
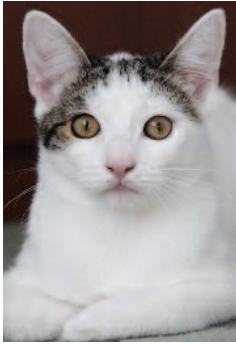
CAN YOU HELP US DISPLAY OUR BOARDS?

We rely on our display boards to help home our furry friends.

If you have an area or event where we can display them, please contact **0161 439 1274**. Thank you.



Petula & Patch are just under 6 months old. Along with their sister and brother Pannini & Percival they were brought into our care with their mum who had given birth to them on the street. Petula is very shy whereas Patch is the opposite and very confident. They have lots of energy and are playful and loving. They are looking for a home either together or with their brother or sister and would happiest somewhere quiet without small children.



Pannini & Percival are just under 6 months old. Along with their sister and brother Petula and Patch, they were brought into our care with their mum who had given birth to them on the street. Pannini and Percival are a little shy and nervous upon first meeting but are playful, energetic and full of fun. They are looking for a home either together or with their brother or sister and would be best suited somewhere quiet without small children.

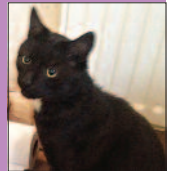
Heath was first seen by Warren, one of our volunteers who had stopped at an isolated cafe on the moors when driving through to Blackburn. Heath looked totally out of place in such a harsh environment, so Warren asked the cafe owner about him. The cafe owner said he had been hanging round the cafe for a few weeks and although they had started to feed him he wasn't allowed in the cafe so had no shelter whatsoever from the weather.

There was no way Heath could have got there by himself as there was only moors and wind turbines for miles in all directions so our conclusions are he had either been dumped or had got into someone's car and maybe jumped out there.

Heath looked in a sorry state having been attacked by a walkers dog a few days before, very thin and was bald in patches, and he had sores around his ears, despite all this he was friendly and obviously desperate for some attention, there was no way he could stay out on open moors with winter coming and no access to any shelter and he urgently needed to see a vet.

Warren took the cafe owners number and said he would pass the details on to us at Stockport and we would contact a local cats protection group for them in Blackburn to see if they could help, unfortunately both local groups said they couldn't help him so we chatted to Jacky and it was decided we couldn't leave a cat in such a vulnerable state so we went back to pick him up.

Heath is now in our care and looking and feeling much better. He is approx 1 year old, and a very lively friendly little chap who loves to play, he is looking for his forever home on a quiet road preferably with no dogs.



How to home a cat ...

If you are interested in homing any of our cats, then please contact us on **0161 439 1274** or email us at **stockport.cp@hotmail.com**

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Meet the team ... My name is Sarah I'm twenty four and I just recently started volunteering at Stockport Cats Protection. I unfortunately have long term mental illness and so I joined Stockport CP as I find cats to be a great source of happiness for me. It may not be the fanciest place around and we may struggle sometimes but with the cats, volunteers, supporters and donators combined, we have a lot of heart. It wasn't long before I fell in love.

I so desperately wanted to help the cats and I was amazed at how much they help me in return. Whether it's a good morning stroke off the resident Don Corleone - Amos, a rooftop gaze Romeo and Juliet style with gentle giant PJ or just some downright smooches with little lovebug Twinkle - one thing's for certain, Stockport CP isn't just a safe place for our wonderful cats, it's a safe place for me too.

Nothing would make me happier than seeing these guys and others get the forever homes they truly deserve.



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Letter from Stockport's Scottish Outpost



One of our volunteers - Ginnie - moved to Scotland some years ago, along with several of the cats she cared for. Now she has a variety of animals and the cats keep us up to date!

Hello again, winter on its way. Very sadly we lost Harriet in June.

Although she was still bright and eating, the cancer had progressed and was affecting her sight. I'm alright – had another course of expensive antibiotics for the Rhinitis and some chest x-rays which didn't show anything nasty going on, and Tabitha has had a lump removed and a dental (someone had to have one) and she is OK now too – but Ginnie has been floored because we lost Millie in July, and she had been her and Rob's constant companion for 19 years. Ginnie has a bit in Rainbow Bridge about them both.

Jack still has a urine leakage problem. They tried a new drug designed to improve muscle tone because he had got very leaky indeed and was going through puppy pads at a rate of knots. He didn't improve while he was on it but as soon as they stopped it he did. We await the next stage.

Another darned cat in the house. This one is a Persian called Corky and she goes about the place in sudden bursts like an animated powder puff. She came with quite a lot of baggage – fleas, ear mites, overactive thyroid – but that is all sorted now and fortunately we don't see much of her; just the occasional pastel coloured blur going by. I don't suppose she will be going anywhere

now – nothing that comes here ever seems to get rehomed.

The badgers are still coming each evening for peanuts and the two adults, well behaved, just eat peanuts and leave, have been joined by a smaller one, Junior Badger, who is not so well behaved. He or she doesn't like peanuts but likes things which are found underground – under the lawn to be exact. It wasn't much of a lawn to begin with and it is even less of one now. Junior digs up great divots and scatters them about. He even decided to make his home in the old kiln, presumably reasoning that it saved the bother of digging a sett and was handy for the nice lawn and supplies. Rob went in one day to find planks and boxes scattered about and a big pile of badger poo in the middle of the floor. Even after they barricaded the door he did his best to dig his way back in. Why can't we have shy, retiring badgers like other people?

We also have a new sheep, a Welsh Mountain cross, black and very tubby, called Ieuan (pronounced Yie-an). He follows a bucket anywhere. He was needed because Jane, the clever sheep who wore a rug in the winter, died suddenly in the spring. Then just today Charlotte and Hamish died too, quite by coincidence and unrelatedly.. That's sheep for you. They'll need to get two more now.

Love Misca

Tig and Spike

Tig, as she is now affectionately known came to our house for the weekend for a break from her cage rest at the surgery.

It was clear she was a very special cat when she walked straight out of her cage up to our two dogs, sniffed at their faces and walked off. Little did she realise that Freya and Evie our 2 and 4 year old daughters were going to be more of a challenge. But again she was brilliant with them, and also with Spike our other newly acquired rescue cat.



After having her for a few days and seeing how well she fitted in with the rest of the family we realised what a lovely addition she could be and in particular what great company for Spike

Now her and Spike are like they've been together all their lives and the picture sums it up - they've sneaked into Freya's cot for a comfy lie down!

Kathryn Boyle

Meet the team ... My name is Wendy and I have been a volunteer with the cats for five years. this is a fantastic experience for me, the cats I've met and the people over the years have been very special and hold a treasured space in my heart. Anyone who loves cats should come and see what we do, although some experiences can be sad, rehabilitating a distressed cat and finding them their forever home is reward enough. I'm pictured with Flea Dingle, what a character! He's gone to his forever home now but his personality and naughtiness stays with us!

Flea Dingle came to us absolutely crawling with fleas, the children had washed him in a whole bottle of supermarket flea product. He was dripping wet, terrified and crawling with very wet and much alive fleas!



Casper

I got Casper from the Cats Protection over 2 years ago. He is a very large (I would say big boned cat) with a very deep white fur coat! And of course a very distinguishing feature of having 2 different coloured eyes, one blue and one yellow. This, of course is not unusual and it is quite common to find similar cats! Another feature of Casper is that he had ear trouble in the past. However he does seem to be able to hear things as he does react to sound so I am not sure?

His personality is unusual as he is a cat of contrasts in that he can be timid and shy, especially around people he doesn't know (he is by no means an extrovert!). Once he gets to know you he can be very stubborn and insistent. This is especially true when he wants his food and of course when he wants to choose where he sleeps, he doesn't take no for an answer and has to be removed from the room when we are eating, I wouldn't mind but he has started to want our own food which is not normally associated with what cats like, it is as though he wants to eat what we eat! This includes desserts, cheese, beans and of course any dairy products. We don't let him take from the plate but like I said he has a stubborn personality.

He always wants to be on and sleep on our bed/his bed and isn't happy when he has been locked out. The only time he does want to go out is when it is very hot which is not very often. He always likes to sit facing you which is his favourite spot.

He is a very content and relaxed cat and will always enjoy sitting with you as



he likes to be around people he knows. He is a rather large cat but enjoys roaming around the fields looking for mice - in fact he is unusually fast when he sees things moving around, considering how slow he is normally.

We play a game under the duvet of moving under the duvet and he comes alive with his eyes black and pounces on your foot or hand under the duvet. This is his mouse catching exercises!

Garry



NEXT MAGAZINE:

The deadline for articles for the next Magazine is **FRIDAY 26TH APRIL**. Please email articles and pictures to sara@lithaprint.ision.co.uk



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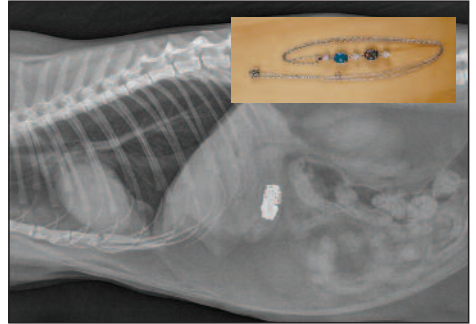
Oliver eats owners diamond and opal necklace

My morning ritual is a sleepy stagger downstairs to be greeted by two of my five rescue cats awaiting their first treats of the day sat on the coffee table. No change there. So Amber was fed her treats and Oliver was given his treat stick, which he likes me to hold. Today I didn't have time. When I returned to the lounge all cats had departed to their respective sleeping areas and I went to retrieve my necklace and ring which I had placed on the table the night before. One ring but no necklace! I began to search the area and house half-heartedly and then this became more urgent as time progressed. I looked everywhere, twice.

I went in search of Oliver because he was the last one seen near it and I thought he may have been playing with it. He's sat at the top of the stairs minding his own business and wondering what I'm doing picking him up and prodding him. Then it dawned on me; no he couldn't have, impossible. Has he eaten my necklace whilst he was eating his treat? Can't be.



So after a Google search and a phone call to Greenbank; who all said highly unusual and improbably, it was the only conclusion I could come to. I phoned Steve and told him what I suspected and he too was also in disbelief. So off Oliver and I went to the RSPCA Hospital in Salford for an X-ray to confirm I was being silly. I wasn't. He'd eaten it, chain and all.



So Oliver was 'sectioned' and we all waited anxiously for nature to take its course - it did but no necklace. The necklace had taken up residency in his stomach. So after nearly a week in hospital Oliver was operated on and the necklace was removed. Poor guy. At the time of his operation the BBC were following the Director of the RSPCA Hospital, David Yates, and recorded Oliver's operation as they too could not believe the story. What an ordeal poor Oliver has been through.

He is now home and recovering nicely, if a little lighter and has become quite infamous. The MEN have done an article on him (12/11/12), The Sun are reporting on him today (Tuesday), he's been all over the web and also on Granada Reports Monday teatime. I'm also in contact with a freelancer who will contact women's magazines and pitch our story to them. What a day. I now keep all jewelry out of sight. My poor little fella. Oh and he's not into the paparazzi thing at all!

Francine Lacey

Rainbow Bridge



Lottie

Last month we very sadly said goodbye to Lottie, our much loved Golden Retriever.

Over the past 11 years or so Lottie befriended dozens of foster kittens - she treated them all the same, with gentleness and patience. Many were scared and timid but most came to trust her and even became her friends. She was especially good with our blind foster girl Lucia, and many years ago was a great pal to Poppy after she had her leg amputated.

Lottie was a dog in a million, she never ever grumbled or lost her temper with anything or anybody and was loving and happy all her life.

Julia

JJ

Just Jack (JJ) we miss our happy boy every day, taken far too early from us. Thank you for sharing your days with us. You are forever in our thoughts.

Love always,

Melanie and Warren



Sweep

Remembering Sweep (18½ years) sadly passed away with kidney failure on Easter Monday 2012. A sweet, timid and gentle boy reunited with your brother Rupert and close companion Shadow.

Barney

Also Barney (16½ years) sadly passed July 2012 after his health deteriorated with neurological problems. Barney was the most lovable and affectionate cat who bounded into my life as a 5 month old stray and stole my heart.

Miss your cuddles and the way you wrapped your paws around my neck.

God bless both my darling boys.

Angie

Benny

On 12th Sept our beloved Benny was sadly put to sleep. Our gorgeous ginger boy came into our lives 8 years ago.



At 10 years old he had spent a long 8 months in a pen at the farm, overlooked by many because of his age. We gave him his forever home and he was much loved by us and our blind cat Fern. We all miss him so much. A few days after he passed away a stunning rainbow filled the sky, clearer than I have ever seen before. Benny I believe had reached rainbow bridge. I pictured him walking with Julia's beloved Lottie, together on their journey. I have never seen a rainbow quite that bright. Janette & Duncan

Harriet

Little Harriet was a shy, gentle soul who came to us with her sister Tabitha from Mottram in 1997, via Jacky. She was Harry until we discovered the error and got her sex right. Since last December she had been having lots of medication for the tumour, and she was always good natured about taking it. She loved being groomed and stroked. Be happy and pain free darling.

Millie

Millie was my rock and anchor for 19 years and I was her devoted and willing slave. She was a shy spirit, a beautiful tortoiseshell and she had a very fragile skin (Ehrlös-Danlos syndrome). She had to have several operations to deal with problems caused by her fragile skin and she came through everything with great dignity.

She became quite frail in recent months but was never daunted. On her last evening she insisted on coming half way down the stairs at 11.00pm for her usual fuss from Rob, even though I had to carry her down and back up. She never admitted defeat and even at the end very quietly insisted on being carried to lie on the window seat that she loved and from which she had watched the birds for many years. I wish I had half her courage.

God bless you my darling and be happy. A big chunk of me went with you and is forever with you.

Till we meet again all my love.

Ginnie & Rob

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