

# Felis Catus

Newsletter of the Woking & District Cats Protection  
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# Welcome

A very Happy New Year to all of you!

I am both thrilled and delighted to have joined the Woking Cats Protection team as Newsletter Editor - I joined in Summer 2020 and have been busy creating this edition to keep you all up to speed with all things Cats Protection! Being a student within the creative industry, the editor role seemed the perfect opportunity for me to give back what I have learnt since being at University, to such an honourable organisation, as my love and passion for animals...especially cats, is so strong.

I am very pleased to be able to bring the good news that we now have a new co-ordinator. A huge welcome to David - it is great to have him on board. He will be a wonderful addition to our team and undoubtedly the branch will benefit greatly from having him in the role. David will be introducing himself to you all in our next edition of Felis Catus.

We have another packed edition of interesting articles, updates and useful advice for all our friends and fellow cat lovers out there. It has been a difficult last year for everyone due to the coronavirus and we sincerely hope that you are all well, staying safe and taking good care of your feline friends. In these ever changing times, the branch has been taking the extra precautions to keep our cats, volunteers and public safe, continuing to provide high levels of care for all the cats within our Woking branch, alongside providing helpful welfare advice to cat owners.

Since the start of our hands-free adoption initiative which launched back in June 2020, so many of our lovely cats have been successfully re-homed safely as a result of the tremendous efforts of our Welfare Team. Thank you to all the adopters for persevering and going ahead with the hands-free rehoming process, trusting us to match them with a cat, without physically being able to meet or view the cats prior to rehoming. Instead, adoption meet and greets are being conducted virtually (boy, has that been technologically challenging for some?!), but also fun and we are so pleased to have had so many successful outcomes, making the most out of the current situation.

All of our physical events and face-to-face fundraising activities have been put on hold until further notice but looking forward, we are united and confident that together we will get through this present situation with a positive outcome.

## Georgia

### Volunteers Matter

Welcome to: Georgia Fay, Sandy Gunn, and David Nunn.

Farewell to: Heidi Wright, Paula Rosati and Catharina Ulberg.

We are always in need of volunteers – please get in touch if you are interested in joining our lovely team. Please contact us at: [info@wokingcats.org.uk](mailto:info@wokingcats.org.uk) or call us on 01483 721700 (mailbox 4).

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# Treasurers Report

It goes without saying that this year has been bewildering and difficult for everyone on personal, work related and for us, also on volunteering levels.

I think from the very beginning, when we realised that as a branch we couldn't function in our usual way, it was the cats we worried about. Just coming into kitten season and with vets not being able to carry out the usual neutering procedures for us, we could see years of work being undone and also the worry of the many stray mums with kittens that we knew would be out there. Once some of the restrictions had been lifted, the welfare and homing team hit the floor running and the cats and kittens have been literally flying out of the pens – basket bound of course.

The Neutering team were also straight on the case catching up with the many owners whose cats had been on the list, but had not managed to have neutered before lockdown.

To the end of November we had neutered 266 cats at a cost of £13,350. We hope to catch up with many more before the end of the year.

The support we have received from many of our members has been truly heart-warming with your generous donations easily covering the amount we lost because of the cancelled Spring Fayre. Many of you have also been purchasing our Christmas merchandise in the shape of cards, calendars and diaries, not to mention the face masks made by our very own Alison, the proceeds of which are already in excess of £4,110.

This summer we opened a new pen in Lin's garden. This was funded by Janice Aubry, one of our longest serving fosterers and members, who left us a legacy in her will. The pen has been named after Janice and I think she would definitely approve of her legacy's usage.

Thank you all for your continued support, we wouldn't and couldn't be here without you!

Gill (Branch Treasurer)

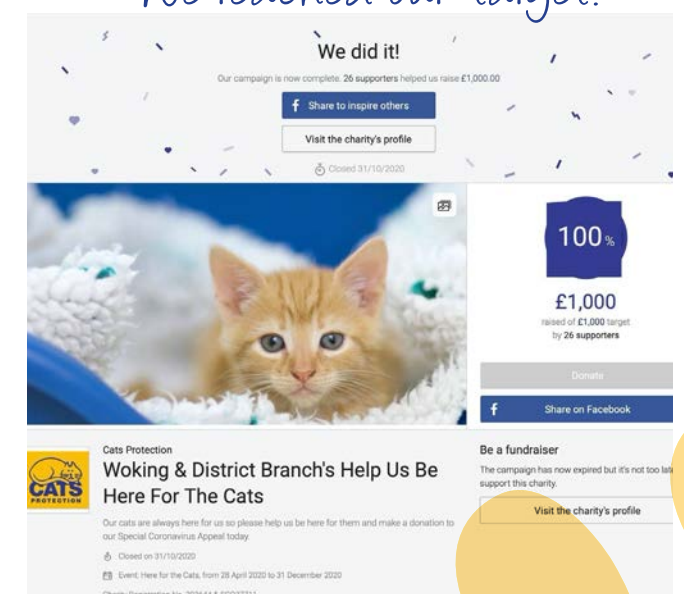
## Amazing Achievements...

Well done Alison!



Alison continues working hard, putting her creative talents into action, meeting the demand for mask orders. To date, Alison has now made over 800 masks, raising over £4,000 for the branch - an incredible achievement!

We did it!  
We reached our target!



Thank you so much to everyone who donated to our 'Here for the Cats' appeal that launched at the end of April and finished at the end of October. We are grateful for every single donation we received, which enabled us to reach our target of £1,000.



# In memory of...

Our cats – we feel privileged to have them in our lives, past and present. When we met, John had Mango and Chutney and I had Chester. Luckily for us they all got along.

## BIGGLES

John's magnificent, dark tabby, flying ace but no goggles or scarf. He was once caught holding the cat flap open to allow a kitten called Chutney to clamber outside to join him for some fun. Naughty Biggles!

## MANGO

A tabby tough boy, mischievous and accident-prone. His antics resulted in him breaking a leg and being grounded was not to his liking. He took up the mantle of being the protector of Chutney.

## CHUTNEY

Cherubic and a real charmer. She was a petite, white and black princess who loved nothing better than to slink up to the nearest man and wrap herself around their legs. A born floozy!

## CHESTER

Sally's first feline love. A gangly, skinny black and white kitten. On night one he went from never to be allowed in the bedroom to forevermore sleeping on her legs. Begrudgingly allowed John to join the social group but only after a probationary period. Gave us a heart stopping moment when we saw a black and white shape flash past the lounge window – he had exited via an upstairs window. Amazingly no injuries.

## MONTY

Monty chose us when we visited Heather. He saw, he meowed, he conquered. His finest hour wasn't when he did a little wee on Heather's bag when she brought him to join us! He was a ginger and white Bagpuss. An adult stray who became our soft, gentle boy. A beautiful soul.

## CHARLIE

A tabby kitten from a 'busy household'. A rascal and so friendly he was found sleeping on the bed of a neighbour's young son! Got there via a leap from our house roof to theirs. His derring-do deeds taught us why it really is better for cats to stay in from dusk to dawn. We never did find out where the chicks (fluffy yellow ones) were coming from!

## CHINTZ

A bundle of black and white fluffiness. Charlie fell in love with her before he'd met her, just from her scent. True love wasn't to run smoothly - John was allergic to her. Nothing we tried worked. Did consider rehoming John! Chintz returned to be with her mum, brother, dogs, chickens et al in the country. Rural life suited her - she lived to the grand age of 22.

## OSCAR

One of a pair of farm kittens, already returned to Woking CP once. A very timid, frightened, long bodied black and white kitty who quickly grew into a loyal, affectionate, loving, much cherished pet. To our amusement his idea of prey was sticks, twigs and leaves that he would deposit around the house. Better than a rat! He was with us 12 years.

## ROSIE

Sibling to Oscar, now 16. For years an independent, often aloof, mainly white duchess. Known affectionately as Miss Hissy-Spitty. Never aggressive, just doesn't like feeling vulnerable. She's grown into a grand dame and likes nothing better than to plonk herself on a lap almost before you've sat down. Been around the world – well her hairs have!

## MAX

Viewed as a kitten at Joanne's when he fitted on Simon's hand. Now 14. A delightful tabby. He is cuddly, likes to sit on a shoulder, can be demanding when he's hungry or wants to be groomed or to be the other side of a closed door. Is so good about taking his daily tablets (for CKD and high BP). Loves liver lick-e-lix. Every day he is with us is a bonus.

Sally & John



Oscar



Max



Rosie



Monty



## Need to talk to someone?

Cats Protection understands just how much your cat means to you and what you may be going through if your pet is missing, had to be rehomed, nearing the end of their life or recently passed away. We have a large range of resources, information and support to help you at this difficult time, including ways to help celebrate the life of your cat.

If you're experiencing the loss of your cat, you can talk to us. Our volunteer listeners can provide emotional support and practical information.

Please get in touch, we're here and ready to listen:

t: 0800 024 9494

(9am-5pm, Mon-Fri) free & confidential

w: [www.cats.org.uk/grief](http://www.cats.org.uk/grief)





# Welcome to Lin - Our New Fosterer

They say that when one door closes another one opens!

I guess that's what happened to me. I was medically retired early from a job I loved, as a teaching assistant, following an accident at work. I was at a loss.

I had always been a carer of some sort, either looking after my younger work colleagues, my four children and family, other people's children, families in crisis, school children and our pets. My children had flown the nest and I had moved on from my career. I desperately wanted to offer my skills but no longer wanted to be employed again so I looked to doing voluntary work.

Previously we had taken in a kitten, found in a cardboard box at Heatherside recycling centre by my daughter's friend. He was only around four weeks old at the time and riddled with fleas. We decided to adopt him and he became our Buddy Ollie. We later offered a home to lovely Alice who was proving difficult to re-home by Cats Protection. Obviously she was just waiting for myself and my husband to turn up, as cats pick their own owners.



Buddy & Alice

So I checked out the Cat Protection website to see if my skills could be used by them and there I found a socialiser role being advertised, that would suit me to a tee. Whilst taking up this role, I then felt I could offer more. My garden is of a reasonable size, perhaps I could have my own pen and foster a cat. After much persuasion on my husband's behalf I was ready to take on the new challenge.



Lin & Bob

A legacy had been left to Woking Cat Protection for an outdoor pen so plans were put in place but unfortunately they were soon halted due to Covid restrictions. I'm pleased to say that it is now up and running - my first foster cat was my very own street cat called Bob, rescued from Sheerwater. He was my gentle giant who loved a fuss and rewarded me with purrs. He has now gone to his lovely new home.



It is so rewarding helping these lovely cats find their forever homes, enriching their lives and those who adopt them. I would recommend it to anyone that loves cats and wants fulfilment in their own lives.

Lin



Monty arrived at Halloween. He was wide eyed and nervous. Cheryl brought his blanket and some toys with her to help him feel him more at ease.

Once we sat on the floor & got down to his level, he seemed less suspicious and came and sat alongside us. (A bit of food helped!)

He absolutely loves company and being made a fuss of. I think he likes to feel close and this makes him feel safe.

It took us a while to choose a name for him. We had thought 'Worcester' (as per the tabby cat in an old advert for heating), but finally decided upon Monty as hopefully he will enjoy the garden.

We have only had him for two weeks and already he is very much part of our home. He is such a lovely boy, and after being a stray for so long, it is heartwarming to be able to give him a comfortable, secure & relaxed environment to live in.

He now curls up on the couch in the daytime, and has a playful loopy session chasing his fish or ping pong ball around in the evenings. He also likes to catch his tail, but unfortunately it always seems to evade him and has a mind of its own.

Monty can still be wary at times, especially of strange noises. We reassure him and he is becoming more & more settled every day.

Obviously he is not allowed outside just yet, but has definitely taken an interest in bird watching through the patio door. In the evenings he will miaow at his shadow in the glass. We've explained to him that there is a nationwide lockdown & he seems okay with that...

He is not a lap cat (yet), but loves snuggling up next to one of us on the couch & head bumping an arm or leg! He will also snooze and snore contentedly there! Which I think is lovely, but Terry doesn't understand why he gets moaned at if he does it!

Thank you so very much to everyone at Cats Protection Woking for all their help and wonderful work.

Clare

## THROUGH MONTY'S EYES

We got there on a Saturday  
What moving me again?  
A million mile journey  
Down some windy leafy lane.

I went in through the side door  
As a nervous cagey cat  
Another owner, another home  
I'm not too impressed with that!

Friendly smiling lady  
They're not kidding me today  
It always ends up going wrong  
Destined to be a stray.

A day went by and then a week  
Things gradually got better  
Stroking me seemed to cheer her up  
So for her sake, I thought I'd let her.

I'm sitting and snoring, curled up on the couch

Really, butter wouldn't melt  
Waiting for my next feed time  
What a bad hand to be dealt.

The moral here is I've been through crap  
And thought that was my lot  
But life's improved, I can't believe  
The owners I've now got.

PS the bloke is a bit grumpy  
But I'm training him gradually.



# Hands-Free Homing Tales...

Since the 19th June 2020 when we were given the all clear for the hands free homing initiative to commence, we have been busy providing a covid-secure approach so our cats can safely be adopted into loving homes. Nim and Luna being the first of many of our successful hands free re-homings. Rest assured, we have in place extensive procedures to enable carefully controlled rehoming without putting volunteers and adoptees at undue risk of infection, and without a negative effect on cat welfare. Read across the next pages to discover more about the enlightening collection of hands free homing success stories.



Nim

Meet our Nim! We adopted Nim in June towards the end of lockdown and it was all done by a virtual adoption process. She arrived on a lovely sunny Friday afternoon; we couldn't wait to meet her. By Friday evening she was very settled! We have loved watching her gain confidence over the weeks, showing her adventurous side (I think she forgets how old she is sometimes!). She loves playing with her toys, especially her cat nip rainbow.

After five weeks Nim was allowed to go outside. She maxed it out! Her favourite place of all being our neighbours shed, she has a full view of what is going on around her whilst being slightly covered and out of sight from us!

At the end of a long day she enjoys nothing more than curling up on the sofa when we settle for the evening. She has a particularly favourite spot, next to her favourite person ... the man of the house! If you are in her spot, she will let you know and you will have to move!

Nim is a big part of our small family, she brings so much happiness and the odd little present from outside, but we wouldn't have her any other way.

Thank you! Cats Protection, for making all this possible and for us to be able to give Nim her forever home.



Sue



Lockdown has been tough on all of us. However thanks to Woking Cats Protection we have a new family member to love and be loved by. Her name is Luna and she's a bit nuts.

We hadn't heard of your organisation until it was recommended to us by our cattery. A year had passed since our two cats had passed, disturbingly within just months of each other. We had grieved as a family and all agreed it was time to move on. We had our first call in May and were told about Luna who at the time was four months old and called Valerie. The severity of the lockdown delayed Luna's arrival here until late June. Oh the anticipation! Our doorbell rang at the appointed time and we opened the door to find her in a basket on the front mat.

All kittens look small but Luna was absolutely tiny. She is quite slight even now despite a voracious appetite. She burns a lot of calories because she is a "kitten in motion" most of the time. Carolynn and I have been married for 30 years and Luna is our fifth cat. We always had pairs before. Each of us come from families that had cats. So we have loved many felines and have a lot of experience with their behaviour. All cats are unique but let me say in the nicest possible way that Luna is different.

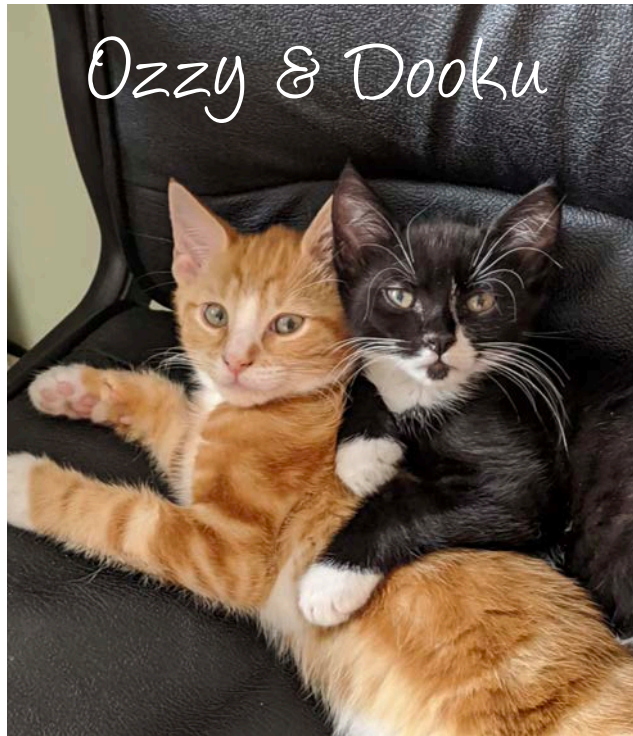
Luna is the gentlest, most active, curious and playful cat either of us have ever had the pleasure of living with. Her favourite game has to be what we call "the bannister game". She just loves to run around the garden alone or better yet when chasing or being chased by a family member. She climbs trees and fences but always returns when called. Chasing bugs either inside or out is another endless pastime. At night, she is so quiet and unobtrusive. Every other cat we have had would wake us to eat or wake us to go out. They would jump on us for no reason at all. Luna just waits outside the bedroom door for the household to wake up. It's almost as though she was once a person and understands etiquette. If I had to call out one annoying habit it has to be inability to understand that our food is our food and not her food. Nothing is sacred, the kitchen counters, table, anywhere there was any food, she is just there. Maybe she has some dog in her somewhere. Hats off to Cats Protection. Thank you for helping us find a new family member.

Phil, Carolynn and Ben



Luna





I have always had cats and that 'I' has become a 'we' once I acquired a husband and 2 children. I have never, however (before this year) adopted rescue cats. This has not been intentional - I have friends who have always done it that way.

The adoption of two gorgeous brothers from Cats Protection in Woking: Ozzy and Dooku (yes, full name - Count Dooku - Star Wars) has been a revolution.

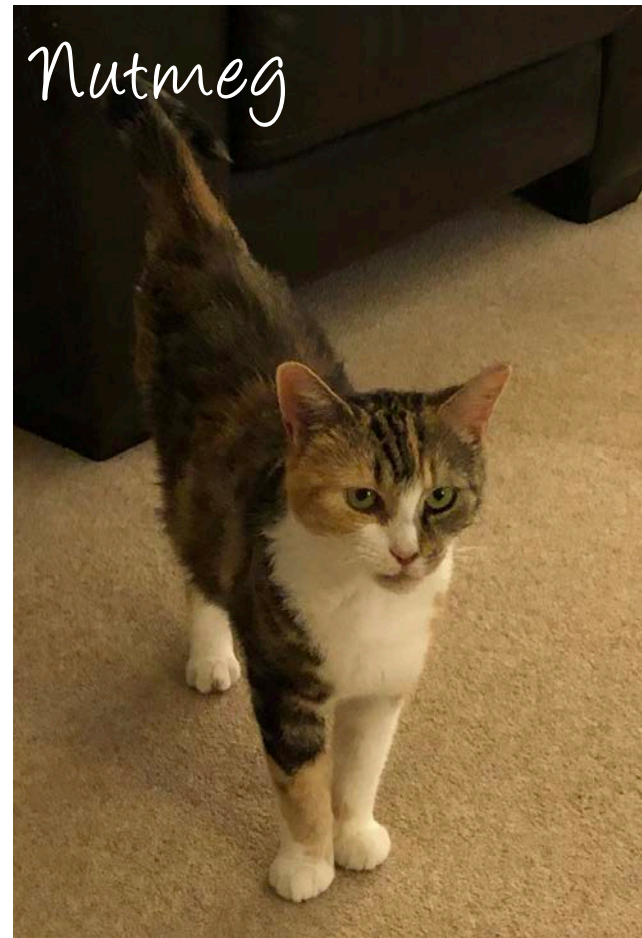
I therefore cannot compare a pre-Covid adoption with a during Covid adoption. I can say though that it has been a revelation! Pauline at Woking Cats Protection has been so supportive and helpful throughout and beyond the process. We were not able to meet in person until the day that she brought the kittens to us, but we did not feel ill informed at all! Pauline is still always there for advice and support and tells me that the welfare team love receiving photos from their re-homed cats, which is lucky as we have been sending plenty!

From our first contact with Cats Protection, we have had several calls and texts and email conversations with Pauline (who has a huge and impressive depth of knowledge on all to do with cats!), going over every detail, as well as contact with Cheryl, the lovely lady who was looking after our kittens before they came to us. We saw plenty of videos and photos of the kittens, as well as updates by text, which was fantastic since we could not visit them!

When our beautiful boys came to live with us (hooray!), they had already been microchipped, as well as had worming and flea treatments. Cats Protection lent us a cat pen for the first few weeks, which helped Ozzy and Dooku enormously. They also had been given their first immunisations and - brilliantly - cats protection reminded us when it was time for neutering and sent us a voucher!

Honestly, they couldn't have been more helpful, kind and supportive. We thoroughly recommend adopting cats through Woking Cats Protection and are so thankful to Pauline and Cheryl.

Katherine



When our twenty year old cat, Marmite, who we originally homed from Cats Protection, died at the end of June, we thought we would wait a while before looking for another cat.

However, having had cats for the last 26 years, the house seemed really empty and we decided to start the registration process with CP. Due to Covid, it was all very different, seeing the cat via a video call and only meeting her when she was delivered!

Nutmeg has now been with us for just over two months and is settling in very well. She is a very friendly cat, who loves being stroked, and having been kept in for about five weeks is now going out and about in the garden and establishing her territory with the other local cats! After a little bit of training with Dreamies, she fathomed out the cat flap so can come and go as she pleases! She loves her food and has made herself well and truly at home!

Jan

In September we welcomed Summer into our lives. Within hours she was purring and wanting cuddles. She loves exploring the house, and following us around. Summer loves cuddles, playing with her toys especially her football and mouse. Summer has a tower playhouse which she loves watching us from her high perch.

Summer enjoys watching the fish in the aquarium and the washing in the machine. She recently got a tunnel which she is exploring. Summer has brought joy and laughter into our home.

Caroline



We had always wanted to adopt a cat but had never seemed to find the time to start the process; there was always something else that needed to be done. In March, this all changed - the Covid-19 lockdown provided the perfect opportunity to adopt a cat. With all of us at home (me home-schooling and both my parents working from home for the foreseeable future) we would have plenty of time to devote to helping an adopted cat settle in.

We went on our summer holiday to France to visit my French grandparents as soon as the travel restrictions were lifted. We then returned home at the beginning of August, and started the adoption process for a 1 year old black medium hair cat called Siri, who we had seen on the Cats' Protection website who was being put up for adoption by our local Cats' Protection rehoming centre in Mitcham.

The morning of the day we were due to collect Siri we received the very sad news that my grandfather had passed away suddenly the night before, so we had to cancel the adoption and return to France at short notice.

After his funeral my mum stayed in France to help my grandmother while I returned home with my dad in the latter half of August, and we decided to try to adopt a cat again. Siri had already found a new home, but I saw Chester on the Cats' Protection website, who was being put up for adoption by the Woking branch. I instantly liked him - he looked like a very intelligent cat in the photos and videos, with a curious and slightly

mischievous streak - and I knew he would make a great pet. Luckily Chester was still available when we enquired, so we started the adoption process which because of the Covid restrictions included a virtual adoption meeting with Pauline, the welfare officer. Despite being new this went really well; Pauline was able to see us, and we could show her our house and garden so she could see that Chester would be comfortable and safe. My mum was able to join the meeting from France, proving that distance is no object to this new technology.

Once the formalities were completed Chester was delivered on the 9th September by Mary his foster carer. I was at school when he arrived and was really excited to see him, so I cycled home in record time. Chester is a friendly, sociable cat who loves his food despite having to have the majority of his teeth removed earlier this year, and he loves coming and sitting on our laps after dinner.

We had the weekly and three weekly follow ups with Pauline by video call as well, and she could see that Chester was fully settled, happily sleeping on the sofa next to me in his new home. Chester was understandably a little cautious to start with about going outside after his 3 week re-homing confinement, but he plucked up the courage to go out and is really happy to regain his freedom at last!

Etienne (aged 14)



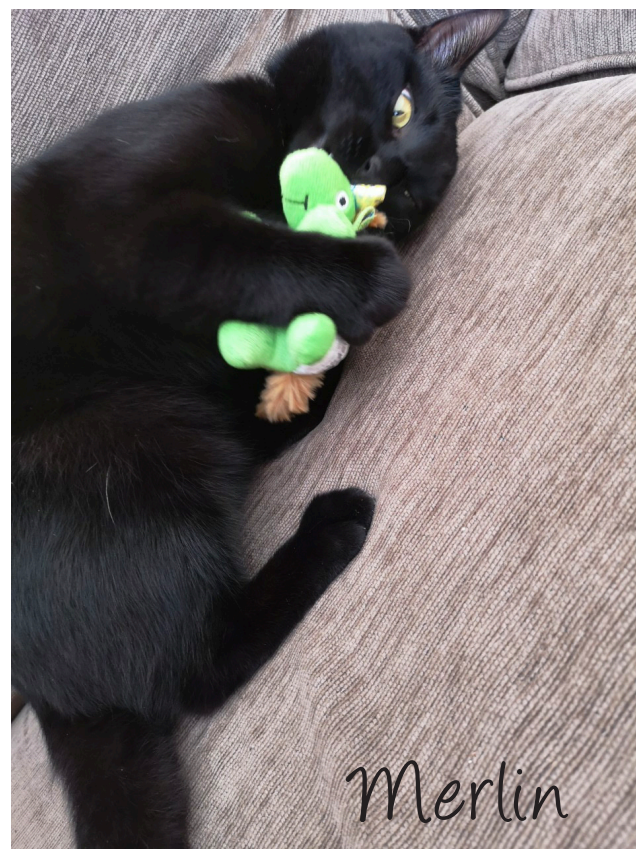
We lost our previous cat Pollie aged 17 in April after fifteen happy years with us. The house seemed very quiet without her so after a couple of months we decided we needed another little girl in our lives.

We found Molly who was then called Nancy on line at Woking Cats Protection. Pauline and the team were very helpful to us, as due to the Covid 19 restrictions we were unable to actually meet Molly prior to adoption. Pauline and the team went to great lengths to ensure she was the right cat for us and more importantly we were right for her.

Molly came to live with us in July after three months in lockdown with her foster mum Janet. Molly loved looking out of the window at our garden and was delighted after a few weeks getting her settled in to be allowed outside and just loves spending time in her garden.

Mike and I were very fortunate to adopt Molly she is very affectionate and a loving little cat. She has been with us now for three months and has settled in very well and is definitely now part of the family, running the house as cats tend to do.

Christine & Mike



This is about my new cat Merlin. He is black, one year old and has giant amber eyes.

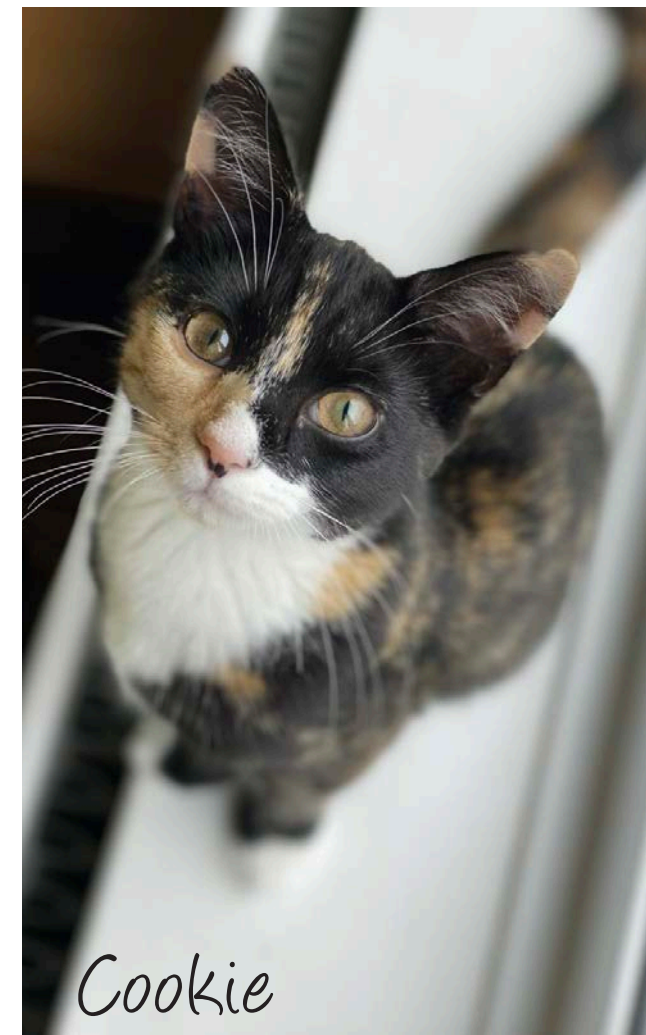
First, he hid for around 48 hours when we first got him, but it was that one night on the third day, he suddenly turned into a fun cat who would sit on our laps. Every day he got closer and closer to us (especially my mum). He loves my mum as she is always around to keep him company.

When he first went outside he loved it and he spends the majority of his time out there now. He has caught a pigeon and a mouse so far but now he wears a bell. Merlin likes to play with his toys.

When we feed him, he rubs around and through our legs which makes us feel he loves us as much as we love him.

Thank you Cats Protection for matching us with our amazing cat Merlin.

Sophie (age 10 years)



In March, just a week before lockdown, we very heavily said goodbye to our beautiful PussyCat, at the age of 21. She'd had a long and happy life the last 14 years of which she had spent with us after being re-homed by Woking Cats Protection when her first family moved abroad. The house certainly felt very empty without her and with us all spending so much time at home we would all regularly look for her and then remember she wasn't with us any more.

As spring turned into summer we all felt we'd really like to have a fluffy friend in the house again but knew that due to Covid it might be trickier than usual. I contacted Cats Protection and was delighted to hear they were offering hands free rehoming. We gave our details and crossed our fingers we would make a suitable home for a kitten or cat in need. Our family had changed a bit since we had last adopted and we now have 2 daughters aged 13 & 11 who were both very excited to take part in welcoming a new member to the family.

I can clearly remember taking the call from Jenny on a sunny Friday afternoon in June to say there was a 10 week old kitten who was in need of a home and that could be a good match for us. We all huddled excitedly round the phone waiting for the pictures of Cookie to download. It's safe to say it was love at first sight! We arranged our zoom meeting to chat with her foster mum, Cheryl, and to do our home

check and we were all so excited! Cookie arrived on the doorstep on the 9th of July which just happens to be the day in-between our daughters birthdays so it couldn't have been more perfect - the best birthday ever they have both decided! The hands free rehoming was so smooth although a little bit sad that Pauline couldn't come in and see her settled.

She was so timid at first having had quite a rough start in life, I guess you never know their full back story but she had been found living outside with her Mum. She started off in the front room and we spent every moment we could sit in with her and after her initial fear, curiosity got the better of her and she came out to play! She soon really relaxed and by the end of the first weekend was happily snuggling on our laps for cuddles and batting our toes to come and play!! She has brought so much fun, laughter and happiness to our family I couldn't believe such a small ball of fluff could bring so much joy!! She very much rules the roost now and is a complete Diva and we love it!

She is now just coming up to 6 months old and has the full run of the house, often sleep surfing on whoever bed looks comfiest each night. The girls are back at school but everyday they come home she skips to the front door and belly rolls on the mat to say hello. She has also been honing her hunting skills on the daddy longlegs and spiders that have foolishly made their way inside! We have decided we will probably wait to let her explore the great outdoors in the spring now as the nights are getting darker and she is still so small and precious to us.

We are so grateful to Jenny, Cheryl and Pauline for all the effort they put in to making it still possible to still find homes for abandoned cats like Cookie in these tricky times.

Sam





Sadly on the 2nd of December 2019, I had to say goodbye to my lovely rescue cat, Molly, due to cancer. I'd had her for just under 4 years, she was 13 years old. I waited a while before contacting Kim to look for another pet for me. Unfortunately Covid-19 happened, so it was a long wait.

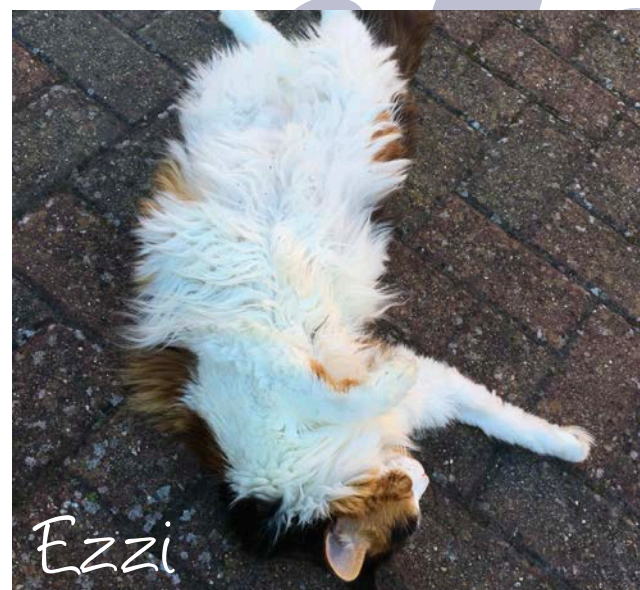
In the middle of June Kim sent a picture of Jess, a small white cat with tabby patches, short hair and 6 years old. She had been at Kim's for some time. Sadly she had to have both the tips of her ears removed due to cancer. I did not take long to decide to adopt her. She finally came home on the 24th June.

At first she was very nervous, and spent a lot of time hiding at the back of chair in the lounge, only coming out to have her food and use the litter tray. The next day I carried her to the sofa, she stayed there next to me for quite awhile before going back under chair. Jess does not like being picked up or groomed but I have now got her a grooming glove, which she does put up with. She now loves laying on the sofa next to me, so I can stroke her under the chin and tummy. She comes to bed every night with me. But is an early riser, asking for her breakfast about 6.15am.

For the first two - three weeks, she kept running to the front door to be let out about 9pm each night. So for a while to keep her calm we went to bed early, now she knows when she has had her supper she doesn't go out until the morning. We have communal gardens where we live, and Jess was very nervous when she first went out, kept running home when she saw anyone, but she is now very happy for neighbours to come and stroke her.

She is one very happy girl who comes running to greet me when I have been out. Many thanks to Kim and all who looked after her at Woking Cats Protection and for allowing me to adopt her.

Ann



Ezzi (previously Esme) is wonderful! She settled in straight away, she's such a chilled girl. She's super affectionate and a real chatterbox. She's very bossy, I affectionately call her Little Miss Shouty – it's dinner time when she says so (or so she thinks!). A must have for any cat owner who's cat wants to eat at stupid o'clock in the morning is the auto feeder – mine opens at 4am and that's her sorted for 5 hours or so and means I get a bit of a lie-in which is perfect at the moment as I've been on furlough for the last 5 months! It'll be a shock to the system for both of us when/if things go back to normal after this awful Covid situation. Being at home all the time has been such a bonus for us both as we're spending so much time together – she's great company and makes me laugh every day.

Ezzi loves being in the garden, she mastered the cat flap very quickly but still sits by the door if I'm close by to get me to let her out. Obviously I have no choice but to pander to her needs! She is a top pigeon stalker, thankfully she doesn't come too close to catching them but the initial stalk is impressive. She loves a catnip toy, food (she really loves food!), treats, chats, chasing pigeons, strokes and keeping me company on the sofa in the evening and getting on my lap when she wants some fuss. Being long haired she needs regular grooming which she enjoys, despite the manhandling required to brush her tummy and her constant moaning. The rewards are no tangles and fewer hairballs so a win-win for us both. Due to urinary issues, a growth on her tail and Covid she was with the wonderful Kim for 6 months – she was chomping at the bit to be re-homed, as was I waiting for her to be signed off fit and healthy, it was a long haul but Cats Protection never let a cat be re-homed unless they are in the best of health. Kim and Pauline went all out to get all the vet visits required as quickly as was possible under the circumstances – we can't thank them enough and I look forward to many happy years with my gorgeous fluffy girl.

Sally



We had been on the register of Woking Cats Protection for a few months and no news. Then, after days of being locked up together during the COVID pandemic, we got a call. "Are you still hoping for a kitten?" "Yes", we said. "We have the perfect one for your family. A very confident black kitten called Luna." "She sounds lovely, we'll take her."

We first met Luna via video call and saw her playing in her foster home. Then, a lady called Pauline telephoned and asked Mummy lots of questions about where Luna would sleep, what type of food she would need, and if she would feel safe in our home. Mummy showed Pauline all of the things we had bought for our new kitten, including: a soft new basket, a huge scratching post, a litter tray, lots of food and two food bowls; and a fun squeaky mouse toy. We couldn't wait!

On the day that Pauline, delivered Luna to our house, we were waiting at the window for ages. Me and my brother Alexander had made her a 'Welcome Home' poster and had drawn lots of cat pictures that we stuck on the wall in her room. We wanted her to feel comfortable and loved in her new home. Pauline knocked on the door and we rushed to open it. Luna was in a brand new cage on the doorstep with her favourite green blanket and her favourite mouse toy next to her. Pauline couldn't come into our house because of COVID-19, so we had a chat with her on the front porch. She told us that Luna had had a good journey and was looking forward to meeting us. When we brought her inside, we carefully opened her cage and she jumped out with excitement. We sat quietly, whilst she sniffed every corner of her new room. Then she climbed onto the scratching post and fell asleep. Within a few days she felt at home and was scampering up and down the stairs. Me and my brother wanted to re-name her Bellatrix after our favourite character from Harry Potter. Mummy wanted to call her Cleopatra and Daddy wanted to keep her original name, Luna.

We had a vote. 'Bellatrix' won! That is her new name. Pauline said it was fine for us to re-name Luna because she was still a kitten. A few days later, Mummy had another call with Pauline to let her know that Bellatrix was alright. We sent Pauline some photographs of Bella on our phone. I am so happy that Mummy adopted a kitten from the Cats Protection. I couldn't imagine life without Bellatrix!

Francis (aged 8 Years)



After my previous cat sadly died prematurely aged only four, I didn't think I would ever have another cat, but the emptiness of the house led me to start looking for a new furry friend.

I had already been deemed a suitable home by a previous Cats Protection home visit check so it was just a case of waiting for the right cat to become available. That's when Lockdown struck meaning no cats were available for rehoming so all I could do was watch the website and wait...

We've always had black & white cats so when I saw Lilly's photos on the CP website and read her story, I knew she was the one for me. Pauline very kindly put me in touch with Lilly's foster mum Cheryl and I was able to chat to Cheryl and eventually to meet Lilly via a Zoom call. She was adorable and although I couldn't get to see her in the fur, it was almost as good! Without further delay, I contacted Pauline who completed the adoption papers with me and this done, I eagerly awaited Lilly's arrival.

As part of CP's Covid-secure policies she was delivered to my doorstep by Cheryl in a brand spanking new basket.

Lilly has been with me for just over a month now and she has certainly made herself at home! She already has a favourite chair and a routine of eat, sleep, crazy running around, repeat.

It was good to see how hands-free adoption can work and I'm so grateful that I was able to re-home Lilly especially during the current pandemic. Big thank you's to all at Woking CP.

Frances



## Sabrina came into our care in July 2020 with her 5 three week old kittens...



Sabrina joined us on the 10th September and rapidly took to her new surroundings exploring everything and making her presence known with particularly loud meow's. Sabrina has been a delight to have and I have a suspicion that the gene pool is part Labrador in that she eats everything including the Sunday chicken when left unguarded (we have now learnt that lesson.) Greets everyone in the hope of attention and likes nothing more than some fuss. She has now expanded her territory to include the garden and occasionally the neighbours with leaf chasing a popular past time. It's really nice to have a cat back as part of the family and I would like to thank CP for the work they do and in particular for matching Sabrina with us.

### Nick

Hugo joined our family from Woking Cats Protection in August in unprecedented times. However, the inability to physically meet, touch or interact with this little character, which could have been an obstacle, was overcome by the efforts of CP and their volunteers through FaceTime meets and updates as to how he was getting on.

We now have a four-month-old kitten, full of character (and mischief) thanks to CP and we are most grateful for both Hugo and how easy CP made the process from the first meeting to the day he arrived. Pauline and Helen at CP were both incredibly supportive and were always at the other end of the phone if we had any questions.

Hugo arrived with us litter trained (no accidents yet!) and very well socialised and has turned into a very affectionate kitten to which we owe thanks to the love and attention paid by his CP foster family. We are so happy to have Hugo as part of our family. Thank you CP!

### Claudia & Ben



When they're running past at speed it's still difficult to tell mini panthers Gus and Dora apart. With their identical glossy jet-black coats, amber eyes and tiny black toe beans they are constantly hunting down scrunchy balls of paper and imaginary prey – but more usually just each other.

We welcomed them into our home as 12-week old kittens, and they have grown enormously, particularly Gus, so at least that's one way of identifying him!



Dora is the more adventurous of the pair and can often be found half-way up the curtains or walking precariously along the bannister. Her brother is less adept at climbing, preferring to squash himself into wastepaper baskets or to lie in wait behind doors for unsuspecting feet.

But we wanted lap cats, and lap cats we have definitely got. Thanks to Helen's expert fostering we have a pair of affectionate, confident companions, who enjoy "working from home" with the whole family. There is always a lap - or more often a laptop - to sit on, and they love participating in many a Teams meeting and putting the "zoom" into Zoom calls. Gus and Dora are the third pair of kittens that we have had the privilege to adopt from Woking CP in the past 25 years, and in the nicest possible way, we hope it will be a very long time before we need to be in touch again.

### Jane

## Look at them now!



The children had been desperate to get a cat all year and we could not believe our luck when we received a call from Woking Cats Protection about Milly. We met Milly and Helen in the next few days and within the week Milly arrived. Despite two very excited young girls Milly was straight out of her cat carrier and exploring everything. She was extremely confident and was not put off by the new faces peering at her or the unfamiliar surroundings. It didn't take very long for her to purr extremely loudly, sit on us and allow us to pick her up for a cuddle.

A month on she is very much part of our family (sometimes we wonder if she actually thinks she is human!) and is definitely in charge of the house. Milly just loves to play with everyone, whether it's chasing the laser pen, attacking the knotty that arrived with her or playing hide and seek. In general, the more leaping and roly-polies the better with ping pong balls being her current favourite.

When she is not playing, Milly loves to have a cuddle or go to sleep on one of us. Milly is very social cat and is never too far from us. She loves putting in an appearance on Zoom meetings and has even been caught on camera taking part in an online violin lesson!

Milly is such a content cat and has brought much joy to our family – we can't imagine life without her! We couldn't thank Helen and the Woking Cats Protection team enough for bringing Milly to us.

### Rob, Ruth, Katherine, Lizzie

2019 was a year we happily left behind as we toasted in the New Year with bagpipes and Auld Lang Syne, for we had lost our 14 year old chocolate Lab in February, and our beloved Battersea rescue cat Charcoal, aged 16, in August. Little did we realise how challenging 2020 would come to be!

A Pomeranian had come to join us in April 2019, and he lived very happily with sweet Charcoal until her passing from chronic kidney disease and eventually heart failure. We thought we might carry on as a dog only family, but

our house seemed empty with two cat flaps and a dog, but no cat. During lockdown we tried hard to find a cat from our local shelters, but soon realised that they were not adjusting too well to the new situation and so we contacted our vet, who recommended Cats Protection. Eventually we found Pauline and the delightful Helen, who with her family had raised a ridiculously well-socialised family of Mother cat Sabrina and five kittens (including our beautiful long haired kitten who Helen's son had named Bear).

After much pleading, and with research, videos and literature provided by Pauline and Helen and studied by us on how to keep a kitten safe from a Pomeranian,



Pauline and Helen permitted Bear to be adopted into a "dog" house. We did everything by the book – Bear had the family room to himself, a massive 6 foot cat tree with scratching posts, 2 litter boxes, food bowl separated from water bowls, places to hide, toys etc. The glass door between family room and kitchen was card-boarded off so the Pom didn't see Bear and vice versa. We stroked them both with cloths and exchanged scents. Eventually they were introduced and surprise – the beautifully socialised tiny kitten was happy and completely unafraid around the Pom. In fact, the Pom quickly became an object of fun – much like a mechanical mouse toy but live and with loads of nice long hair to try and grab. Which Bear does -- as much as possible. Of course, as we have learned, all kitten play is basically hunting practice, so we are being careful that the Pom is not hurt. The cat meanwhile is highly entertained, safe, and happy.

We have the most people-centred, funny, handsome and playful kitten ever and we are extraordinarily grateful to Helen, Ryan and Emma for their magic tricks of socialising Bear.

### Carole & Family



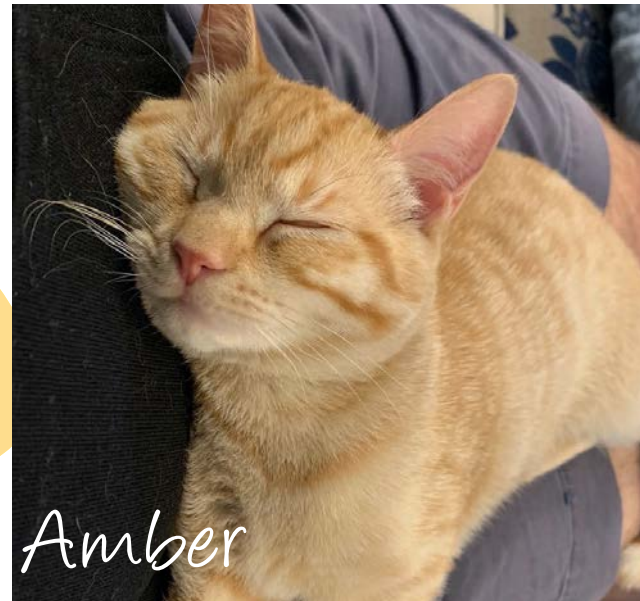


Bertie

Before we got him, Bertie (formerly known as Bruno) had been on the streets for at least two years and had developed a severe case of gingivitis. When Woking Cats Protection rescued him, his gingivitis was so bad he had to have all his teeth out bar two. Poor thing.

We decided at the end of last year that it was time to welcome a new fur-ball into our lives. My friend Kim (one of the foster mums) suggested Bertie. He was a real darling and we fell in love with him. When we were eventually able to adopt Bertie in June 2020 (after he was signed off by the vet) he was quite a nervous cat. For a while he had his own bedroom then was given free rein of the house. He explored everywhere! But when he heard a key in the front door he would run and hide in his safe place. Taking off or putting on a heavy jacket had the same effect. Now he's totally unconcerned with both occurrences and goes into the hall to welcome all visitors, offering himself up for a head rub and hoping for a cat treat. He does LOVE his food! Even though he was a stray, he's now definitely more of an indoor cat. He tends to go out the cat flap once a day for about five minutes.... just enough to check that no other cat has invaded his garden. Twice he's chased neighbouring cats to the end of the garden yowling at them and forcing them to flee over the fence. He then saunters back looking very pleased with himself. He likes company and he's usually in the same room as one of us. Every night he sleeps on my bed right down the middle! He's a big rangy cat and takes up a lot of room. But I haven't the heart to move him; I just become a sleeping contortionist! Bertie is a lovely, affectionate cat. He's not a lap cat but loves cuddles on the bed in the morning and at night and makes little trilling noises of encouragement if it looks like you're going to stop stroking him.

Jules



Amber

With our children turning 10 and 8, we decided this summer that it was the perfect time to add a pet to our family. I spent time on the Cats Protection website and other local charity sites trying to find the right cat for us. I was really keen to find an inquisitive younger cat that would be entertained by the kids but not be overwhelmed. After scrolling through daily, Amber's picture appeared. We were instantly smitten.

We are so grateful to Jenny, Pauline and especially Cheryl for taking the time and supporting us through the process. There's no two ways about it, at times the remote adoption is an odd feeling but the video calls were so supportive and left all of us excited and confident that we were ready for the new challenges and also that all the cats were being re-homed into homes that they would be loved.

And here we are 4 weeks on. Amber is an amazing kitten, loving, playful, gentle with simply the most expressive eyes. She is a wonderful addition to our family and has settled in brilliantly.

Having been through it, I would obviously encourage others to go through the virtual adoption process. It works well and as an adopter you feel completely

supported and encouraged. Ben



Thank You to...  
**Pet Doctors, Woking** for their support during lockdown, neutering lots of cats for us.

**Lynton Vets** for their continued support, as well as selling Xmas merchandise and 'Alison's' masks.

**Carpet Right, Woking** for supplying us with carpet remnants, which benefit our cats in care.

**Vincent Flooring, Walton** for supplying us with carpet remnants.

**All those lovely members and supporters** who have donated to us, during such difficult times.

**Our fabulous volunteers** that give hours of their time, that makes the branch the success that it is.

**Pets at Home VIP Club** for their generosity, giving us several hundreds of pounds worth of vouchers quarterly.

**Vanda from Pinewood Cattery** for fundraising for us, selling 'cat stuff' online.

All those that have donated via our Amazon Wishlist

**Our amazing hands free adopters**, who have given our cats their forever homes.





Traddles

I adopted Traddles (previously Noodles) in July 2020 after my cat Clover died in April 2020, he is my new wonderful companion! I'd always wanted a large tabby with a 'fat' head and it was as if it was meant to be as he came in just when I was getting very depressed and lonely! He took several weeks to settle down and even now hides behind the sofa in the lounge if the doorbell rings or I have visitors.

Traddles is very strong, stubborn and bossy, when it is breakfast or dinner time he shouts at me and head-butts me until I feed him. He then jumps onto my large window sill in the lounge until I come and sit on the sofa where he then joins me. At night if I peek at him behind the curtain he will sometimes hiss – I think that this is due to the 6 years that he was a stray and he'd had a very hard time whilst

living on the streets. When Woking Cats Protection took him in and was checked at Lynton Vets they found 4 air pellets in him. They were able to remove the ones in his jaw and tail but had to leave the ones in his shoulder and forearm, luckily they do not seem to bother him. When it is bed time he follows me in to my bedroom and jumps on to the bed for lots of strokes and more head-butting before falling to sleep.

Traddles has shown no interest in the garden or going outside – he prefers his home comforts after his life on the streets. He is a wonderful companion full of character and I wouldn't swap my gentle, fat head Traddles for anything.

Mei Lee

Can you help cats like Traddles to avoid becoming victims of cruelty? Sign our petition today, to support the introduction of the licensing of air guns - for more information see article on the next page.



# The Time is Meow!

## The Advocacy Department, National Cats Centre.

Speaking up for cats and the people who love them is a big part of what we do at Cats Protection, and over our many years of campaigning, we've already been able to make the world a little better for our feline friends.

However, there is still much more to be done, as despite being the nation's most popular pet, cats continue to be victims of cruelty, neglect and poor welfare. That's why we've launched our new action plan calling for politicians at Westminster to support key issues facing cats and their owners.

Here are just a few of the important topics we want the government to take action on. To find out more and to see the full list of topics, visit [www.cats.org.uk/timeismeow](http://www.cats.org.uk/timeismeow)

### Compulsory microchipping for pet cats:

Microchipping is the best way to identify lost cats and reunite them with their owners, but currently over 2.5 million owned cats in England (27%) are not chipped<sup>1</sup>. At Cats Protection we regularly see cats come into our care without a microchip, and despite our best efforts to find their existing family we may end up rehoming them because their loving owners can't be identified. To prevent this unnecessary heartbreak, we're calling for microchipping to be made compulsory for all pet cats in England, just as it is for dogs. To support our campaign, visit [www.cats.org.uk/microchippingcampaign](http://www.cats.org.uk/microchippingcampaign)

### Licensing of air guns

England and Wales are the only UK nations currently without air gun legislation, and in 2019 press reports showed that 94% of air gun attacks on cats took place in these countries. Sadly these cruel attacks frequently leave cats with life-changing or fatal injuries, not to mention causing a great deal of stress and grief for their owners. This is why we're calling for sensible and safe laws on air gun ownership in England and Wales, to prevent these lethal weapons falling into the wrong hands. To sign our petition, visit [www.cats.org.uk/airgunspetition](http://www.cats.org.uk/airgunspetition)

If you have been affected by any of our campaigning issues recently (last six months) then case studies are always helpful so please send them to [campaigns@cats.org.uk](mailto:campaigns@cats.org.uk)

### Encouraging private landlords to allow pets

Landlords not allowing pets is one of the top five reasons cats are given to Cats Protection for rehoming, and as increasing numbers of people now rent their homes, the problem is likely to get worse. 'No pets policies' are forcing tenants to make these heart-breaking decisions, as well as denying them the chance to have a much-needed cat companion. Our Purrfect Landlords campaign promotes the benefits of renting to cat owners but now we want the government's help to encourage more private landlords to have pet-friendly policies. Find out more at [www.cats.org.uk/purrfectlandlords](http://www.cats.org.uk/purrfectlandlords)

### Help us speak up for cats!

You can get involved by supporting our campaigns to give our feline friends the protection they deserve.



Jalapeno sadly lost his eye after being shot with an air gun.



# Cats Reunited...



In November last year our beautiful Coco went missing. After 5 months of not finding her we gave up hope of ever finding our Coco. Then out of the blue I received a call from Cats Protection informing me that they had found her alive and well (well a bit dirty and smelly!).

It turns out that Coco had been living at a rubbish tip a few miles away from her home so our only guess is she hopped into somebody's car and couldn't find her way home. The men at the tip had been looking after her until they picked up the phone to Cats Protection.



Had I not microchipped Coco our story would of ended another way and we are so so grateful that we have her home where she belongs. Now we can enjoy her daily cuddles and purring once again!

Thank you Cats Protection Woking for completing our family again.

*Grace*

Within three days of us moving house my cat Timmy escaped, never to be seen again.

This was last January, I was so sad, he had been my cat since I was 2 years old.

Then last Monday I came home from school and my mum told me there was a surprise for me in my bedroom.

I searched everywhere and couldn't find my surprise. It wasn't until I looked under my pillow and there to my surprise was Timmy.

I couldn't believe my eyes, I burst into tears.

My Dad passed away in June and I cannot thank Woking Cats Protection enough for finding Timmy, it's the first good thing that's happened to me this year.

*Katya (Age 10)*



Timmy was reported to us as a stray back in October, so we went out to scan him. Fortunately, he was microchipped, which enabled us to find his owner and reunite them.

Watch Katya be reunited with Timmy here: <https://youtu.be/moZDgX-dfEc>

With World Spay day on 23rd February, we would like to remind you of our fabulous campaign!



## WOKING CATS PROTECTION WILL PAY FOR THE NEUTERING OF YOUR CAT

Cats Protection generally recommends that cats are neutered at around 4 months of age.

Neutered cats live longer, healthier lives and it is the most humane way to stop unwanted pregnancies.

Neutering also prevents some cancers, reduces straying, fighting and spraying.

**PLEASE BE A RESPONSIBLE CAT OWNER AND GET YOUR CAT NEUTERED!**

Contact us today for **FREE NEUTERING**

*We'd love to hear from you xx*

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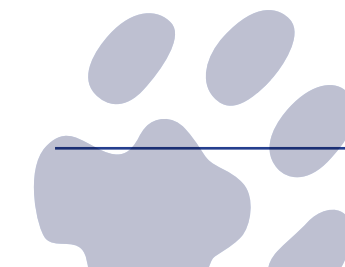
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Nine of the UK's animal welfare charities will join forces on February 23rd to promote World Spay Day 2021 to encourage cat owners to have their cats spayed. Spaying protects cats from getting pregnant. Cats Protection generally recommends that kittens are neutered at around four months of age - although your cat can be neutered at any age.

Male cats should be neutered too, to protect them from catching diseases and getting nasty injuries from fighting - a male cat which hasn't been neutered is much more likely to fight over a female mate. Neutering can also help to stop male cats from spraying indoors - which can be really smelly. He's also more likely to stay close to home as a neutered male cat is less likely to stray.

Cats Protection believes that getting your cat neutered before it can breed is an essential part of responsible cat ownership and neutering is one of Cats Protection's three primary objectives. Cats are very effective breeders and the number of kittens they produce increases in line with the amount of food and shelter available. Without neutering, the UK's cat population can quickly get out of control. Overpopulation increases feline infectious disease, stress-related disease, feline conflict and compromises cats' welfare.





# Pixie's Stray Story...



Summer 2019 was very traumatic for me - I wasn't able to return to the house where I had lived for years, so I ended up living outside. I'd lost lots of weight because no-one was feeding me. I found my way to the railway line and started living there - it was noisy and frightening when the big trains went past. I visited a garden nearby and tried to scratch around for bits of bird seed on the ground because I was so hungry. I was scared all by myself, was losing weight and my fur didn't look good. Then in the garden with the bird seed, bowls of food and water kept appearing every day. So I kept returning there to eat. The lady in the house would try to come near me if she saw me but I was very scared because I didn't know if she was going to hurt me, so I kept running away. Most of the time I crept in to eat the food at night so that nobody would see me. After a little while, the food was put inside a big long black box. I wasn't sure why but I was so hungry, I kept going in there to eat. Then one day the box shut on me with a big BANG!

I was only trapped in the big black box for a short time but I didn't like it at all. I was carried into the house and released into a room with lots of windows. I just wanted to get back outside again because I didn't know what was going to happen to me, so I kept scratching at the windows and meowed. The lady spoke very quietly to me and gave me some nice food and treats. I had everything I needed in the



room but I spent most of that night hiding in the litter tray. The next day I was put in another box and taken somewhere called Lynton Vets, where they waved a strange object over my head.

Then I returned to the big room with windows. After a while, I was let out into some other rooms and I found out that there were two other cats already living in the house. I hissed at them because I needed to defend my new territory, otherwise I would end up living outside again with no food. Now I am settled and happy living here. I get food every day and it is nice and warm. There are lots of toys to play with too. The other two cats don't seem to mind me too much now. We all eat together and share treats. I don't think I need to defend my territory anymore because we can live here altogether. I like relaxing on the sofa or on the blanket behind it, next to the radiator, where it is lovely and warm. My fur has all grown back now and I have got a bit of a belly! I didn't like being hungry all that time so I am making up for it. I don't know why I couldn't go back to where I lived before, but I'm glad I have found this new house.

Thank you to Cats Protection Pauline for all her help and for the loan of the trap and to Lynton Vets for scanning Pixie for a microchip and the initial health checks.

*Cathy*



## Vacancies

### Fosterer Volunteer

Across the UK, many of our feline friends are cared for by volunteer fosterers who provide a stable, safe and loving environment in their homes or in purpose built pens in their gardens. They provide vital hands on care and accommodation to stray, abandoned cats or cats whose owners could sadly no longer keep them, and are part of a dedicated team of volunteers committed to finding new homes for cats in need. The role includes:

- Maintaining minimum veterinary and cat care standards
- Cleaning and looking after the cats environment and equipment
- Feeding, grooming and administering medication (such as flea and worm treatments)
- Spending time enriching the cats experience in care including; play, exercise and stroking
- Introducing the cat to prospective owners.

We are looking for someone with:

- Basic knowledge of cats, cat care and understanding their needs
- An appreciation of cat welfare and hygiene standards
- Good interpersonal skills
- Patience, commitment and empathy
- Willingness to be part of a team
- A spare room in your house or space in your garden for one of our pens

### Social Media Volunteer

This is a volunteer role that can be done from home, on the train or even from the sofa! Our social media volunteers directly help our feline friends by helping raise awareness of Cats Protection and use their passion and knowledge of social media to promote the activities of local volunteer groups and teams through various channels. The role includes:

- Promoting the work of Cats Protection through various social media channels.
- Preparing content to share via social media.
- Gathering information around; rehoming, neutering, welfare, fundraising and volunteer recruitment to share on social media.

We are looking for someone with:

- A passion for social media and experience of social networking.
- Knowledge of the advantages and disadvantages of using social media.
- Experience of using IT.
- Interpersonal and communication skills.
- Willingness to be part of a team.

To find out more about these roles and volunteering for the branch, please contact us at: [info@woking.cats.org.uk](mailto:info@woking.cats.org.uk) or call us on 01483 721700 (mailbox 4).







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We know your cat means the world to you, which is why Cats Protection promises to be there for them after you're gone.

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## Gifts in Wills

It is thanks to the wonderful kindness of supporters who remember Woking Cats Protection in their wills that we are able to carry out much of the day-to-day work that we do. These donations and gifts fund over 50% of all the work we do to re-home cats to wonderful new families and are vital to our foremost mantra:

*"No healthy cat will ever be put to sleep"*

We rely on gifts in wills to follow this goal and provide abandoned and unwanted cats with a new start and we are incredibly grateful for every gift we receive, regardless of the size. Even little gifts can provide food, a warm bed and veterinary attention to a cat in need, all very important steps to getting our cats into their loving new forever homes. We've been able to refurbish our pens, buy new carriers and even provide ourselves with a van to transport us to our next cases with previous donations. We continue to offer our free neutering programme, and it continues to be successful, all through the generosity of people remembering us in their will.

For more information on what gifting is, please visit:

[cats.org.uk/get-involved/support-us/gifts-in-wills](http://cats.org.uk/get-involved/support-us/gifts-in-wills)

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