

Tales from the Riverside

Newsletter March 2017

Downham Market Adoption Centre



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Welcome to the Newsletter of Cats Protection Downham Market Adoption Centre

This month we shall be promoting the benefits of rehoming a mature cat.

Older cats still have so much to offer. They can be homely and extremely generous in their affections, and just want a comfortable, safe, loving home in which to enjoy life.

Sadly, these qualities are often overlooked and older cats can become long-term residents in our care.

Across the UK more than six times as many kittens are being adopted instead of their more elderly friends.

Across the charity, very young cats often only remain in care for up to 10 days in comparison to older cats who are left behind for up to 59 days.

Improvements in cat care have greatly raised the quality and life expectancy for cats across the UK and many household moggies are now living into their late teens and early 20s in good health.

Adopting an older cat has many benefits that people often overlook:

- older cats tend to stay closer to home so make great companions,
- their characters are fully formed so you know what to expect,
- they are generally less demanding than younger cats, and
- they are less likely to scale the curtains or knock your ornaments off the shelf!

This is Lily, a gorgeous 14-year-old girl.



She is a mature and gentle lady who deserves a quiet and loving environment to spend her twilight years but, at her age, we are worried for her prospects of finding a new home.

Lily would make a great companion for a mature person who won't see her age as an issue, as she doesn't ask for much. A warm spot on a comfy sofa or a sunny spot in the garden is all she needs.

Lily could do with a few home comforts and a few tasty treats to build up her strength. If you're looking for an easy going and loving feline friend, then please consider an older cat like Lily, don't write them off, they need and deserve a home too.

You can be confident that our vets have given all our cats a thorough health check, so you will have an up-to-date record of their health from the moment you choose to adopt them.

Also, our cats all come with four weeks free pet insurance with PetPlan, which is guaranteed to continue regardless of your cat's age, if you so wish. Many other insurance companies do not insure older cats, which is why we chose PetPlan as our partner.

When you take out insurance after the initial four weeks, you will receive another four weeks free, plus the Adoption Centre will benefit from a percentage each time you renew your policy. So in some small way you are still continuing to help the charity and the cats in our care.

So please, don't walk past an older cat. They have a lot of love still to share.

Neutering

We do not have too many kittens in at the Centre at the moment, but kitten season will soon be upon us, which is why we really recommend neutering your cat. Here is some useful advice:

Why should I neuter my cat?

Getting your cat done is good for them... and you! Why? Read on...



Want to know more?

Neuter your cat at four months of age or younger.
Visit www.cats.org.uk/neutering or speak to your vet for advice.

Text Donations

Did you know that you can now make a donation to the Centre via text? When kitten season is in full swing your donation could help provide the best possible care from birth to homing.

To donate £3 text CAT17 to 70660 or to donate £5 text KITTEN17 to 70660.



Thank you for helping us to make a difference.

Texts cost donation amount (£3/£5) plus standard network charge. Cats Protection receives 100% of your donation. You must obtain the bill payers permission before texting.

Events

We are attending a few events over the next couple of months which we hope to see you at (see diary date section below), but the first major event which we are organising ourselves this year is coming up in May.

Totally Animals is an animal based fun day which is being held at Watlington Village Hall and field and we already have many animal related charities attending, there will be pony rides, birds of prey to hold, bouncy castle, dog groomer and pet shop. There will also be games stalls, information stands and animal related craft stalls.

We are however still on the lookout for more, so if you would like to have a stall at this event, then please contact the Centre.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Time	Description
Sat 4 th March	10 - 4	Craft Fair Stowbridge Village Hall
Fri 10 th To Sun 12 th March		Pets at Home Event, Hardwick Retail Park King's Lynn
Sat 1 st April	12 - 3	Clenchwarton Preschool Easter Fair, Memorial Hall
28 th & 29 th April		Suffolk Skydive Beccles Airfield
Sun 21 st May	10 - 2	Totally Animals Fun Day Watlington Village Hall
Sun 19 th Nov	10 - 2	Christmas Craft Fair, Town Hall, Downham Market

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The Centre is open 6 days a week, closed Tuesday's.

