



KIT-E-MAIL

News and events from Cats Protection
Hemel Hempstead & Berkhamsted Branch

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www.cats.org.uk/dacorum

Hello,

I hope we have finally seen the last of the snow and can now look forward to some spring sunshine.

Well, we have had our first pregnant mum come in and only just in time by the looks of her, we anticipate birth very soon. At least she can have these babies in a secure, warm place with food on tap. Mum (Summer) is very young and shouldn't be having babies, she should be enjoying her own youngster time. Again this shows the importance of neutering. You can neuter your male and female kittens from four months of age. Please call us we can help, call Ali 01442 251536.

We have been inundated with calls to take in cats, we have a list that is prioritised daily. We try to help and advise but we need your help too. If you are moving and are unable to take your cat/s with you, please, please give us as much notice as possible as we may be able to home them straight from home which minimises stress to the cats and yourself. Ask about our Home to Home Service.

Mollie (featured in the previous newsletter) is doing very well and the skin continues to grow. She is now with a Fosterer so has all the home comforts. We would like to thank everyone who has donated it really does help us to continue helping the cats that need us.

Debbie

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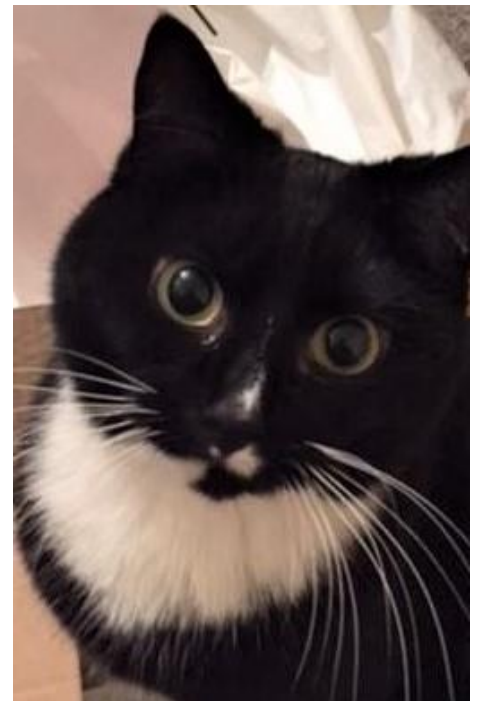
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Lola is only 3 years old but has suffered a few changes in her young life and is now looking for her forever home. She has an independent side but loves company, cuddles and is very loving. She is a little bit cheeky when she wants your attention and usually gets what she wants! She is happy indoors but may like to wander in a secure garden later on when she is used to her new home, but there would be no rush for her to go outside. We feel she would be happier in where someone is around in the daytime and as an only pet, keeping all the love to herself!!



If you can offer a loving home to a cat please contact the branch

03453 711851

or mail

debs.catsprotection1@outlook.com

Fundraising

Sallie's Army

Sallie and her army work very hard at many events trying to raise money for the cats in our care - it's about time these guys and girls got a mention!. We all have great fun at the jumbles and market stalls which is so very important but the work that goes on to run an event like that is perhaps taken for granted. Sallie does so much before and after these events that she deserves a huge pat on the back. She's not one to ask for thanks or indeed mention the back-breaking number of bags, crates and boxes she lifts and sells on afterwards or the number of trips to various places to sell unwanted jumble items. To add to that organizing transport for the volunteers who need it, collecting and storing items for sale, cleaning and polishing all our donations takes time and effort. Please keep up the great work without your tenacity we really would be lost! We all appreciate everything that you do for us Sallie, so a huge thank you to you and your army.

Ebay

Caroline reports that takings are down, the main reason is that I am just not getting as many items to sell. Simple! I did get a call from a lovely lady (you know who you are!) as a result of my request for more items in the last newsletter so I thank you very much for those. Your items did raise a tidy sum. She thought they were jumble, I thought otherwise and so raised far more on Ebay that we would have been able to get on a stall or at a jumble. If you are in any doubt, as to whether things will sell, just ask and I'll let you know but usually I will give them a go anyway because if they don't sell on Ebay they will go onto a stall or into the jumble so you have nothing to lose.



Caroline needs more things to sell on our behalf. Please could you help to keep the sales up by turning out your cupboards, garages and attics to find anything suitable to sell on Ebay towards our constant need for funds. Thankyou!

Contact Caroline at caroline@wwsl.co.uk (for ebay please mark your email with subject 'CP eBay item for sale') or call 01442 230874. Her user ID on ebay is 99kittykats if you're interested in buying.

Help Cats Protection Hemel Hempstead and Berkhamsted Branch raise money by using easyfundraising.org.uk every time you shop online.

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Robyn is approx 9mths old and came into CP care as a stray. She is a lovely character with lots of bounce! She is a pleasure to look after and quite content to be on her own for a little time in the day but she does like company. She is quite shy on first meeting and likes the security of her bed but after a while, when she has got to know you, and knows there are strokes to be had she will come out. She is not a lap cat as yet, too busy playing, but likes to be with people and relax beside you. She is a ping pong wizard and she has just discovered paper - you will need a lot of energy to keep up with her! We feel that an older family would suit her best where someone may be home for part of the day. We are not sure if she would get on with another cat, but would need to be a very slow introduction, as advised by her fosterer; tho she is happy to be the only one getting all the cuddles! Ideally access to a secure garden once she is really settled in.

Fund raisers

If you can help with any of the following please have a chat with Debbie on 01442 217480

1. To help at stalls and jumbles
2. To help with street collections
3. To help transport goods to events
4. Donate unwanted items that are in good condition, bric- a - brac, unwanted gifts, cat related goods etc. Bubble wrap, wrapping paper.

Speak up for cats

Our volunteer speakers have the important and exciting role of raising awareness of Cats Protection. They deliver pre-prepared talks, help spread messages around feline welfare and act as the voice of cats in their local communities. They also deliver talks to both adults and children in a variety of settings. Interacting with children is especially important, as they are the cat owners of the future, and by building their understanding and knowledge we can make the world a better place for cats. If you are interested in finding out more about volunteering as a speaker or in other roles contact Debbie. 01442 217480

Let Sleeping Cats Lie

If you 'own' a cat it will probably be no surprise to hear that cats tend to sleep an average of 16 hours a day, on and off, which might be why your cat seems to do little else. Kittens in particular do need uninterrupted sleep.



It is said that that by the time the cat reaches the age of 9 it will only have been awake for 3 years of its life! They tend to wake up at the slightest touch or sound ready for action, an important survival mechanism as the ability to wake and become alert quickly helps them escape daytime

predators – a trait inherited from their wild ancestors.

We like to call it a cat nap, or as we humans often claim for ourselves - a power nap! If your cat is resting on your lap, it might be best to stop stroking them so that they can sleep peacefully. Most cats that are woken suddenly by stroking from their owner will realise what is happening. However, others may react defensively to a perceived threat.

The Paws to Listen grief support service is a free service from CP with a confidential phone line, where anyone can talk to one of our trained volunteer listeners. While we are unable to offer counselling, the volunteers on the service provide a listening ear for the callers. The service's phone number is 0800 024 94 94 available on weekdays 9am-5pm.

Would you like to support CP's valuable and rewarding service and be a home-based volunteer listener? If so please contact pawstolistenvolunteer@cats.org.uk for more information.

Frankie

This handsome character is 5 year old Frankie.

Frankie came into our care as a stray. At first he wasn't too keen on this rescue stuff, but when he realised he gets fed and warmth he decided it wasn't so bad. He still eats like it's his last meal for a while and will grab you if he thinks you're going to take it away. As soon as he sees you he calls to you, normally for food, but he does love a good old tickle under his chin and around his head.



Frankie's ideal home would be with access to a garden once he has wrapped you around his paws. He may be okay with another cat if introduced slowly, but no dogs. Frankie would like an older family as a young child may be unsure about his grabbing you.

We have more handsome cats and kittens who would love to meet new owners. All they want is somebody to love them. If you are willing to offer any of our lovely cats a forever home and want to know more call 03453 711851. There may be others in foster care who are not shown on the website so please do register your interest www.cats.org.uk/dacorum

WHAT'S ON IN 2018



Sometimes event dates have to be changed or even cancelled in bad weather but at the time of writing these dates are scheduled in and we may add more events later. Our website will be updated as and when we have further information.

April 7th Saturday: Berkhamsted Market stall

Sallie is running a stall selling bric a brac, jewellery and other interesting items and needs help with the stall or collecting donations so if you can spare an hour or two please contact Sallie 01442 256545

May 7th Bank Holiday Monday: May Fair Aldbury

Aldbury Village, near Tring, Hertfordshire, HP23 5RT from 12noon to 5pm. A traditional May Fair in the charming village of Aldbury on Bank Holiday Monday. A great day out for everyone including Maypole dancing, Morris Men, delicious food and drink, craft stalls and activities for all the family. CP stall with toy tombola and goodies for sale. Please come and support us,

May 12th Saturday: Jumble Sale CANCELLED DATE at Potten End Village Hall Potten End, HP4 2QG

PLEASE NOTE THIS JUMBLE DATE IS CANCELLED

June 9th Saturday: Berkhamsted Market stall

As above contact Sallie 01442 256545

June 23rd Kings Langley Fete all day

CP will be having a stall at this all day event for all the family. Stalls along the High Street and on KL Common. Please come along and support us

June 30th Saturday: Jumble Sale NEW DATE at Potten End Village Hall Potten End, HP4 2QG

Sept 15th Saturday: Jumble Sale

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Doors open 11.30, close about 1.30pm. Entrance 50p. Raffle and refreshments. Come early or you will miss out. After bagging your bargains sit down and rest your feet and elbows while you enjoy a lovely cuppa, a bacon roll or other refreshments.

October 13th Saturday: Berkhamsted Market stall

As above contact Sallie 01442 256545

Future editions of kit-e-mail news:

Contact j.taylor0402@ntlworld.com to be added to the mailing list. If you want to receive it by post call Janet on 01923 400520. We need a contribution of stamps towards post and printing (6x2nd class). We do our best to get the newsletter out at regular intervals but sometimes it is late, for which we apologise. We try to have spare copies available at events if possible.

**THE MAIN BRANCH CONTACT NUMBER TO USE FOR CAT REHOMING ENQUIRIES OR GENERAL ENQUIRIES IS
0345 3711851**

PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE AND WE WILL RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

You can also see information about our branch at
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We make every effort to ensure event dates and times are correct but there may be last minute changes or cancellations for reasons beyond our control such as bad weather or other circumstances. If in doubt please phone the event contact. You can also check our website www.cats.org.uk/dacorum