



KIT-E-MAIL

News and events from Cats Protection
Hemel Hempstead & Berkhamsted Branch

registered charity 203644 (England & Wales) SCO37711 (Scotland)

Tel: 03453 711851 Winter 2017-18

www.cats.org.uk/dacorum

Hello,

I'm sure we are all a little fed up of the cold weather now and are looking forward to warmer months.

Last year we homed 111 cats, 100 through our care and 11 through our Home to Home Service. If we do not have any spaces to take in your cat/s, we can offer our Home to Home Service, this means your cat/s stay with you while we try to find them home, this can be less stressful for the cat/s, we do appreciate that this is not always ideal as you sometimes have short deadlines, but it is worthwhile enquiring if you have to re home your cat/s as we may have people looking for particular cats.

I think we all need to be vigilant with regards to the UK cat/animal killer, there was word a few weeks ago someone had been caught, this is not the case. Cats Protection has always advised to keep your cats in at night, please, please keep them safe!

We look forward to hearing from you.

Debbie

Branch Co-Ordinator, Homing & Welfare Officer
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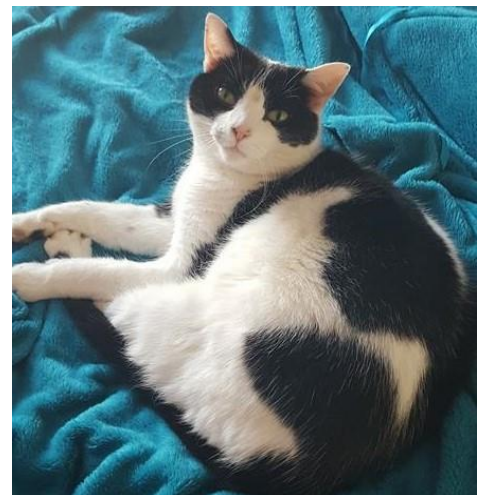
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Charlie is approximately four years of age. He is quite an independent lad and just likes to know you are around for him and will love and care for him. He will curl up near you and likes being in company but he isn't at the moment a pick up/lap cat but we are sure that will come with the right person who is patient. He would love a garden to explore after his settling in period. We feel that Charlie would be happier in an older family/mature family/single person environment where he can just be himself and know that you are there for him with no extra demands. He is looking for his forever home due to changes in his family circumstances.



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

03453 711851

or mail

debs.catsprotection1@outlook.com

The importance of neutering kittens and cats

If you have a new kitten moving in you must have it neutered in good time or you will find yourself landed with more than you bargained for, more kittens, more costs. Many cats are neutered too late in life which unfortunately contributes to the number of unwanted cats in the UK. Cats as pets are highly popular and we support and encourage that but we also wish for every cat to be a wanted cat. CP's vision is a world where every cat is treated with kindness and an understanding of its needs.

CP recommends that your pet cat is neutered at four months of age or younger but your vet will advise you on the appropriate time. It is important that the procedure is done before the cat begins puberty, preventing any unplanned pregnancies. Puberty usually occurs at around five to eight months in cats, although it can happen as early as four months. We recommend neutering both male and female cats from an early age. It is not true that a female cat needs to have a litter before being neutered.

Modern anaesthetics and pain relief mean that the process is quite painless. Many vets also operate using a tiny incision on the left side of the cat, reducing pain in comparison to the equivalent procedure in dogs or humans. Vets will also give the cat pain relief injections covering the period after surgery. If you are unsure, please speak with your vet.

The neutered cat will be less likely to wander, stray, call (if female), spray (if male). It reduces the chance of contracting some infectious cat diseases and many other illnesses. Male cats in particular will improve in physical body condition and their urine will smell less pungent!

Contact Ali if you would like neutering information 01442 251536

Ebay



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.

Cats Protection Hemel Hempstead/Berkhamsted Branch Fundraising Ideas/easyfundraising.org.uk

Don't blame Lulu!



Lulu is another black and white cat looking for a new home through no fault of her own. This lovely lady is 13 years young. She loves to be around people, in people's company and to curl up on a lap. She will have the odd play with her toys when you have the time. She is a very content little lady and is only after your time and love. We feel she would need a home where someone is around most of the time as she does love to be with people, to feel secure and know someone is always there for her. She may like to go out into a secure garden occasionally when you are around, after her settling in period. We feel she would be happiest in an older family/mature family/single person environment. She would need to be homed as a single pet no other cats or dogs.

Gwen Goodway.

We received very sad news at the end of January to say that Gwen Goodway had passed away at the age of 94. Gwen was a volunteer for our branch for many years, often to be seen at jumble sales, and her cheerful help was much appreciated. The service is at Garston Crematorium on February 20th at 1pm. We offer our condolences to her family.

Legacy Process & Will wording

If you would like to leave a gift to Cats Protection in your Will the following wording is designed to help you do this; your professional legal advisor will be able to help you fill in the details to fit your wishes.

*I give to Cats Protection, National Cat Centre, Chelwood Gate, Haywards Heath RH17 7TT, Registered charity number 203644 (England and Wales) and SC037711 (Scotland), the sum of and I express the wish but without creating a binding legal obligation that the legacy be used for the benefit of the **Hemel Hempstead and Berkhamsted** branch and the receipt of the proper officer of the charity shall be sufficient discharge for my Trustees.*

This wording is designed to make clear that our Branch is named as the beneficiary of the legacy whilst still ensuring that, should the Branch cease to exist, then the proceeds of the legacy will still be available to fund the work of Cats Protection.

There is no obligation to tell us that you have left a gift in your will and any pledge you make is not legally binding. However, if you would like to let us know that you have remembered Cats Protection in your will, we'd love to hear from you so that we can thank you for remembering the charity in such a personal way.

What is Gift Aid?

If you are a taxpayer and a donor please will you consider completing a Gift Aid form if you have not already done so. Gift Aid is a simple and effective way of giving to charity. It allows Cats Protection to claim at least 25p back from the Inland Revenue for every £1 you give, as long as you are a UK taxpayer. eg If you give £10 to CP and "Gift Aid it" the Inland Revenue will add £2.50 to the value of the donation, at no extra cost to you, bringing it up to £12.50.

All you need to do is give Cats Protection a Gift Aid declaration, in writing, electronically by e-mail or orally. For your convenience and for quicker administration we recommend giving us your Gift Aid declaration in writing. Please remember that you must pay income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the amount that we will reclaim on your donations. Gift Aid can cover donations that have been made in the last four years.

Contact Ali if you would like further information 01442 251536

Molly the Miracle Cat

At 6 months old Molly has been through a horrific ordeal. She was brought into our Vet dehydrated, exhausted and in terrible pain from lesions over her legs. It is thought she may have been trapped in some kind of rope noose for many hours. In her desperation to escape she ripped away much of the skin on one leg in particular, necessitating surgery to sew the open wounds on her legs. After a few days it became clear that the remaining skin was dying so it had to be removed.



Every day the wound is swathed in Manuka honey and bandaged. In the early days poor Molly suffered such pain she had to be sedated each time. However nothing short of a miracle is happening, her wounds are healing and she's no longer receiving pain relief medication and there are signs of re-growth, though she may not recover some of her fur. Molly remains at the Vets for constant monitoring where she is a firm favourite with everyone.

This intensive treatment is costly so we are appealing for donations towards the cost of healing Miracle Molly. You can see updates on our Just Giving page and make donations on line or contact Debbie if you want to donate but do not have internet access. If we get more money than we need for Molly, rest assured it will all go towards helping the other cats in our care.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dacorum-cats-protection2>

WHAT'S ON IN 2018



Sometimes event dates have to be changed 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.

March 3rd Saturday: Jumble Sale **at Potten End Village Hall Potten End, HP4 2QG**

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.

March 3-4th Pets at Home Weekend

The national annual CP/Pets at Home weekend, this is being organised locally with support from CP Head Office. If you can help please contact Debbie 01442 217480

March 10th 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

April 7th Saturday: Berkhamsted Market stall

As above contact Sallie 01442 256545

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

as above
Doors open 11.30, close about 1.30pm. Entrance 50p.

June 9th Saturday: Berkhamsted Market stall

As above contact Sallie 01442 256545

Sept 15th Saturday: Jumble Sale **at Potten End Village Hall Potten End, HP4 2QG**

as above
Doors open 11.30, close about 1.30pm. Entrance 50p.

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*

UK ANIMAL KILLER IS STILL ACTIVE

If you see anyone luring, kidnapping or harming an animal, please **dial 999**, quoting **Operation Takahe**.

If you see anyone loitering suspiciously around an animal without good reason, please **dial 101** and provide a **description** and any **vehicle details** to the police. Police will make a decision around whether to come out based on the information provided.

If you find any mutilated bodies, call **SNARL** on **07961 030064** or **07957 830490** who will ask you a set of questions to rule out road traffic accident victims/ other types of incidents before providing you with contact information for RSPCA/ Police/ Council etc.

If you have any information on who might be committing these offences, call the **Croydon Serious Crime Squad** on **020 8649 0216** (do not call them for suspicious sightings or harming events, use the numbers above) or **Police** on **101** or **Crimestoppers** on **0800 555 111**.

#UK ANIMAL KILLER #ENDTHISNOW

SNARL stands for South Norwood Animal Rescue Liberty.

The group has been the driving force behind the campaign to catch the killer and its Facebook page contains daily updates and tributes to victims.

Members have been working with the police and vets looking into the spate of deaths, and raising money for forensic post-mortems.

<http://snarl.org.uk/>