



## KIT-E-MAIL

News and events from Cats Protection  
Hemel Hempstead & Berkhamsted Branch

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Hello,

Hope everyone is enjoying the hot weather we are having. The cats on the other hand are desperate to find cool places to hide in the shade. We have been inundated with calls on missing cats, this could be due to being un-neutered, wandering and getting lost, or the weather being so hot that they are seeking out cool places to snooze, please keep a constant check in your sheds, garages and outhouses. Here are some tips for keeping your cats cool.

- Provide access to shade and cool spots around the house, eg tiled floors
- See what your cat likes – a fan? Iced water? Check that there is always fresh water available indoors and outside, in different locations
- If your cat enjoys being brushed it can help to remove any loose, excess fur
- If your cat is panting, drooling, lethargic, feverish, vomiting, these could be signs of heat stroke – get veterinary help

If your cat is not already microchipped please get it done sooner rather than later, then if your cat goes missing it gives you a better chance of being reunited and could save a lot of heartache.

**Debbie**

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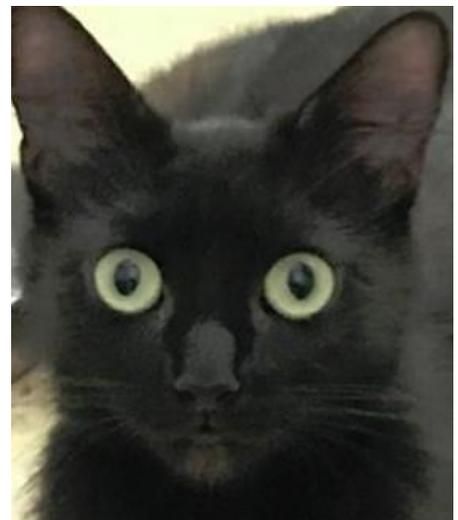
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Just a kitten herself at 11 months old **Venus** came into CP care with two kittens in tow. She has been a good mum considering her youth and now she needs to find her own forever home. She is black and fluffy with a bottle brush tail and the most beautiful eyes. Chatty and affectionate, she also has the loudest purr! Venus loves to be with people and is happy to receive loads of cuddles. She loves routine and regular food times! She is still a kitten herself really; now she is ready to have her time to play.



We feel she would be quite happy in a family where someone has the time to play and to just be there for her so she can feel loved and safe. She may like to share her home with another cat but a slow introduction would be required. She would love to have access to a garden once she has had her settling in period. If you feel you have the room for this adorable girl give us a call.

Some kittens may be available soon but please note that in general we do not home kittens to families with young children, as kittens have needle-like teeth and claws and are liable to scratch and bite, especially when poked and prodded by little fingers! We DO however home adult cats to families with small children as many adult cats will usually tolerate children quite happily.

We also do not home individual kittens to people who work full-time, as they require a lot of attention when they are tiny, and don't like to be left on their own. They could feel very insecure and frightened.

If you have never owned a cat before we can give advice and support – just give us a call.

## Ebay

*Well the sad news is that E-bay is simply not selling as much as it used to - well at least not for 99kittykats. I'm unsure if this is the same for all sellers or if people are either selling items themselves or just not buying due to changes of circumstances.*

*However I do know it's a bit of a numbers game. The more you can list the more chance you have of selling.*

*Recently I was donated quite a lot of lovely items which is fabulous but I can never have too many items. I've said it before but I try to list 5 items every day - that's 1825 a year - a lot to ask for but anything you think might sell that is in good condition is appreciated. If everyone can donate a few things it soon adds up.*

*Books do not sell well, unless rare, signed or first editions. Kiddies clothes and toys are also pretty poor sellers and men seem only to like new clothes, if in fact they buy any!! We women, apparently do not mind second hand, good conditioned clothing, especially good brands but also from Primark/Matalan etc. Smellies, jewellery, ladies shoes (used and new), some ornaments, photo frames, new jigsaws, handbags - all sell.*

*Anything that doesn't sell on E-Bay will be taken to another event and hopefully sold there.*

*Your continual support and donations are very much appreciated and necessary.*

Caroline



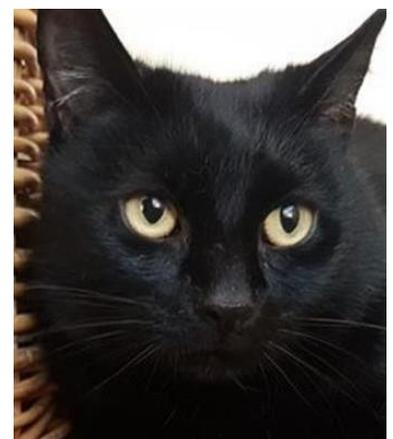
**Caroline needs more things to sell on our behalf. Please could you help to keep the sales up by turning out your cupboards, garages and attics to find anything suitable to sell on Ebay towards our constant need for funds. Thankyou!**

**Duke and Charles** came into CP care as strays and will be homed together as they are pals. Having been independent for some time they are a little shy of people but when they get used to you they relax and they are quite happy to be with you. They need someone who is used to cats and can give them all the time they need.



Duke, ginger & white, about 5yrs old

Both male, Duke and Ginger formed a bond together while being looked after temporarily by their finder who wanted them to have a chance of a new home and all the love and cuddles they deserve. They would be ideal for a mature family or single person household where they can be encouraged to come around in their own time and feel safe. They will like to have access to a secure garden, quiet location, after an extended settling in period. If you feel you can give these two lads their forever home, then give CP a ring today - you won't be disappointed.



Charles, black, approx. 8yrs old

Contact Caroline at [caroline@wwsl.co.uk](mailto: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](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) every time you shop online.

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The CP Quiz is reborn! Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June saw the first – of many we hope – quizzes at the Gatecroft Sheltered Housing Residents' Lounge, in Hemel Hempstead. A lovely venue and we are indebted to the residents for the use of this most convivial location. This is a move from our usual Northchurch quiz venue.

We had a 'full house' and a fun, lively evening it proved to be. Congratulations go to team, "Dumber Than Drummer", champions by the end of the night. Lots of thanks too, to Asda & Ocado for providing some tasty snacks, and S A Law (St Albans) for providing the winners' liquid prize! And to "John and Bzzz", ironmongers in Bennetts End who supplied a lovely garden cat ornament raffle prize. Plus special thanks to the volunteers who compiled and hosted the Quiz, prepared the food, and, those who provided raffle prizes especially a beautiful cake raffle prize - which fed many I am told!

All being well we will be back for another in the Autumn – so keep a look out for information here and on our Facebook Page and website. Finally, it would be good to say a huge, belated Thank You to Colin and Vanessa who organised all those fabulous quiz evenings at the Northchurch venue over the years. We will do our best to emulate their standards. Hope to see you at the next one.  
Ali

Sallie is running the hugely popular toy tombola at the October conker festival in Hemel Hempstead. The stall attracts a lot of children as they have a good chance of winning a prize but Sallie needs lots of good prizes, mostly soft toys but also other toys (clean and in good condition please!) Contact Sallie if you can help 01442 256545

A plea from the Editor on behalf of other creatures, in addition to cats, in this extreme weather – if you have a garden or any other space outside please provide a shallow bowl of water and keep it clean and topped up, in case a passing hedgehog or any other creature is in desperate need of water. If you can put a shallow bowl of water on a higher level that will also help the birds who may in their turn help you by eating aphids and other bugs in your garden.

**Frosty**, all black, is approx. 2yrs old. When he came into CP he had problems with his back legs/hips. After being on cage rest for a while he is fine and flies around with no problems; but does have a distinctive wobble when he walks! He has been so good through all his cage rest, he is a very special boy. Due to this issue he will be homed as an indoor cat. He is quite content to receive all the strokes/cuddles you want to give, he just wants to have a home where he is loved and he can feel safe to while away the time looking out the window and talking to the birds!! He does love being with his foster mate Robyn so it has been decided to home them together.

**Robyn**, is black and white, only about 1 yr old. She has a lovely character and lots of bounce. She is also 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 comes out of her shell and loves cuddles and will relax alongside you. They both love a good play with ping pong balls or any toy they can get hold of and will play for ages together. They enjoy a game of chase!

We feel they would be happier in an older family/mature family home environment as they are nervous of noise/quick movement, where, ideally, someone may be home for at least part of the day. Robyn was a very young stray, she has never shown an interest in the outside world so will be quite happy to be indoors with her friend where she feels safe.

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  
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## **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.

### **Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday: Bank Court Stall Marlowes, HH**

Please contact Janet 01923 400520 if you can help or mail [j.taylor0402@ntlworld.com](mailto:j.taylor0402@ntlworld.com). There will be a stall as usual selling bric a brac, knitted items and other pretty hand made things, calendars and Christmas Cards (sorry to mention the C word already!) cat related items and other goodies, and there will be a street collection so collectors are needed if you can spare an hour or two. Please don't wait to be asked!

### **Sept 29<sup>th</sup> Saturday: NOTE CHANGE OF DATE 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 cuppa, biscuits or a bacon **NB changed from the 15<sup>th</sup> Sep due to circumstances outside our control - apologies**

### **October 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday: Berkhamsted Market stall**

Near the entrance to Tesco's Car Park. Please come along and support us. Sallie is running her ever popular bric a brac and jewellery stall and needs help with collecting donations so if you can spare an hour or two please contact Sallie 01442 256545.

### **October 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Conker Festival**

Black Bird Moor Boxmoor opposite St. John's Church, Hemel Hempstead. Sallie will be running a toy tombola stall at this annual festival, family activities, charity stalls and refreshments.

### **November 17<sup>th</sup> Saturday: Charity Christmas Stall**

The Court House, Church Lane, Berkhamsted HP4 2AX 9.00am.- 1.00pm. Janet will be running a stall at this annual charity event and will be selling CP Calendars, Christmas cards, wrapping paper and other goodies.

### **December 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Adeyfield Christmas Fair**

Adeyfield Community Centre, The Queen's Square, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 4EW. 1-4pm Christmas fair - lots of stalls and lots of bargains!

### **Future editions of kit-e-mail news: Contact**

[j.taylor0402@ntlworld.com](mailto: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.

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