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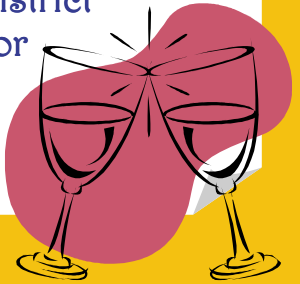
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Postage for this newsletter is donated by Heather Cook with a toast and good luck wishes to us all at Woking & District Cats Protection for our future.

Thank you Heather!



Membership renewals are due this month. Renewing your membership is a great way to keep supporting us with our work for local cats. Your renewal form is enclosed?



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Editor's Paws

Goodness me, can this really be the first 2012 newsletter? Every year the branch grows from strength to strength and in no small way this is due to the fantastic efforts of our dedicated volunteers. So, on page 4 there is a tribute to all our "Unsung Heroes." We welcome Sarah Cameron and Catherine Orezzi to the team as our newest recruits and look forward to more joining us in 2012.

As ever, there are some wonderful articles but it was an easy task for me to choose my  for this edition. James, Mathew & Sam Wavish recently adopted Rosie and Jim and I am sure you will agree with me that these two kittens have been blessed to find a wonderful home with the three boys.

If you are a Facebook fan then do visit our page, Ruth is doing a really fantastic job with our Website and Facebook but we need you to help spread the word. During 2011 we have increased our profile by attending more community events and Alison our Fund-raising Officer has more ideas and plans for 2012; more details will appear in future editions of Felis Catus. We have decided to extend our **FREE NEUTERING** campaign as the response has been extremely disappointing. Please help us by letting people know, it is the most effective method in reducing the many unwanted kittens that are born. This with the pressures of the economic uncertainties we are all facing at the moment is putting more and more pressure on the branch. We have a special feature on page 11 in the hope that we can find new homes for **Bella, Jack, Speedy and Charlie**. These four cats are desperate to find new homes. We never give up and know that there are people out there somewhere who will give each of them the love and security they deserve.

I hope you have all enjoyed a Happy Christmas and wish you all as much as you wish for yourself in 2012.

Best wishes
Mary
 Newsletter Editor

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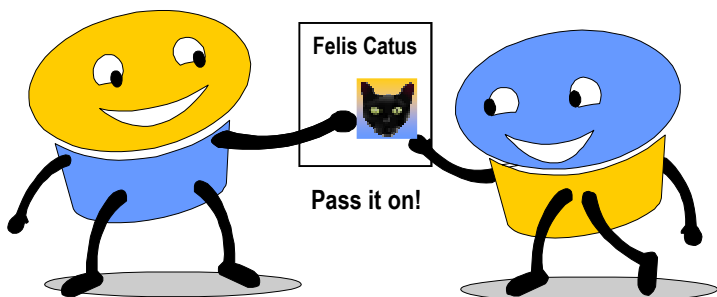
Please leave your message in the appropriate mailbox.

- Option 1** Deals with enquiries about cats in our care waiting to be homed. This is also the place to leave a message if you need to find a new home for your cat.
- Option 2** Deals with lost and found cats.
- Option 3** Deals with possible help with vets' bills, including spaying and neutering and any other enquiries.

New Text Number Now Available
07923 064 110



This is exactly what we are about. This tiny little miracle is being hand reared by Karen, one of our wonderful fosterers.



Please note that articles that give out facts are written using the most accurate information available at the time of publishing. Also views expressed are individual and not necessarily the view or policy of the charity and its supporters. We cannot be held responsible for any incorrect information inadvertently published.
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Love is Priceless from Roo & Dabby

By Molly White and Martin Arch

Martin and I adopted Roo and Dabby from Woking & District Cats Protection last January; they are brothers and just over 2yrs old. They had never been outside before and it took them a while to get used to it, but now there's no stopping them from exploring. Over this last year they have both developed in to such different characters, it's quite fascinating to watch.

Dabby, the black one is very adventurous and will stay out through the night and in all weathers, usually bringing us a wood pigeon by morning. He's always up to something and loves playing in the washing basket. Whereas Roo, the black and white one would rather curl up in a comfy chair or the laundry pile and sleep all day, although he is quite the master at catching tiny mice. (Which we much prefer). Both of them love to climb our Oak trees and when they play with each other it's priceless.

We are very grateful to Cats Protection, the work they do is fantastic and we'd be lost with out our boys.

The Wild Side of Life

Could YOU help do something about it?

Feral or Wild Cats are the forgotten members of the cat family. They are more vulnerable than domestic cats and are often found hiding in bushes or in old buildings, sheltering and scavenging for food.

Although some are born wild with generations of wild forebears, many have been forced to live wild after being dumped by callous owners wanting to rid themselves of animals that are no longer a novelty and to avoid neutering and spaying bills. This seems to happen especially around any holiday period, when last year's kitten becomes this year's unwanted pet – quite possibly dumped in favour of another kitten. Through no fault of their own they are left to fend for themselves and possibly to starve to death.

But we can do something about it. Do you possess that special haven? We often need safe lodgings for ferals within the Woking and District area.

Locations such as stables and garden centres make ideal places for feral cats, providing there are no man-eating dogs and the premises are not located near busy roads. In return for keeping down your rodent population, our ferals would like to be fed daily and to have someone around who will keep an eye on their general health. They also need a shelter to keep warm and safe; a cosy corner in a barn would be just fine. Woking Branch would ensure the ferals had been neutered and given a general health check prior to being rehomed.

Boots and Socks go well with Denim Jeans for Matt

By Matt Allen

As everyone knows whose beloved cat has died, it was a very sad when Samantha (Sam) went into the garden, lay down under a shrub and went to sleep, for the last time. She has been buried where she chose to lie down. She was a very special tabby cat known to all our neighbours down the road, in and out of gardens and back again. If I lost sight of her by the time we got to the end of the road and didn't come when I called, she was always waiting for us when we got home.

I wanted two tabby kittens and now, thanks to Woking & District Cats Protection, we have two lovely little bundles of mischief. Tabby and white Socks with a white nose and Boots, both with little white paws. They soon put Billy our Westie in his place, as cats do, so he keeps his distance, even though they are only six months old.

They have taken over the household like little delinquents, vandalising everything. Things go flying to the floor – if anything is missing or not in the usual place we know who is responsible! They used their litter tray from day one, no trouble to look after. We love to watch them as they race about chasing each other playing with their toys. Their favourite is a little white furry mouse.

I knew what having kittens was like as we've had kittens before, but only one at a time; so now it's double trouble! Denim jeans are essential to protect us when they run up our legs.



The Gift of Time

Every charity relies upon their volunteers and supporters and without them it would be impossible to succeed. Woking and District Cats Protection has many people who generously give their time, expertise and knowledge to support the Branch. "Unsung Heroes", is a term often used to describe people such as this. Well, I can't think of a better one...so to all our "Unsung Heroes" here is a roll call in our gratitude, for the thousand's of cats and many people who's lives you touch.

From Fostering to Fayres
Selling bric a brac bears,
The trapping of Cats
And advising the facts.

Listing of cats gone out on the roam,
Lost but found then returned to their home.
The newsletter written with all of our news,
Plus tails of your cats to delight and a-mews!

For the website and homings
Late nights - early mornings.
The jams and the cakes
And egg "sarnies" you make.

The visits to vets on so many days,
Feeding and grooming and cleaning of trays,
Pricing the gifts and setting up stalls,
Making the teas and taking phone calls.

Counting our pennies to balance the books,
Chec new owners to see how they "looks!"
Taking the minutes and sending them out,
Sending us stories - what your Cats' all about.

Donating and making some wonderful gifts,
All in a way that our spirits it lifts.
Chairing the meetings and driving the van,
All of these jobs, there's someone that can.

Calling the raffle and manning the door
Placing the orders for gifts and lots more.
Painting of portraits, all this we share,
Done for our love of the cats and their care!

Sponsors, donators and those who adopt,
We all work together for cruelty to stop.
The Cats in our care deserve so much more,
And that's what this list of supporters is for!

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<h2 style="text-align: center;">Our Unsung Heroes</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">(In no particular order!)</p>	
Mary Chant	Catherine Orezzi
Ruth Wood	Toni & Mark Porter
Jenni Mitchell	Karen Rye
Roxanne Garnett-Flynn	Carol Irvén
Julie Kibblewhite	Alison Lancaster
Sue Bowen	Auntie Pauline
Pauline Welch	Kathy Chipperfield
Chris Archer	Margaret Hawkins
Jenny Tucknott	Paul and Katrina Elsbury
Simon Booth Mason	Ruth Dabney
Carol Hillman	Belinda Thornton
Gill Parker	Mark Lancaster
Janice Aubury	Mary Morgan
Amanda Benstead	Hilary Thompson
Sue Lavis	Richard Dorling
Jenny Ingoe	Sarah Cameron
Gill Trevor	John Carn
Steve Dunn	Heather & Roger Cook
Mary Forman	Tracy Ingram
Steven Cannadine	<i>Your name in 2012?</i>
<p>And to all those people who support us as loyal members with their subscriptions, come to our fayres, make donations, all heroes as far as the cats are concerned.</p>	



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Shuffle & Beat drum up quite a story

By Yo Yo Taylor

One day about a year ago, a litter of 5 kittens was found abandoned in a fish hut at Wraybury. They were stunning tabby boys, 3 fluffy long-haired & 2 short-haired. Cats Protection soon rescued them and gave them a shelter at Mrs Cook's, who has homed thousands of pussy cats.

Me, Yo-Yo and my hubby John decided to adopt a new kitten shortly after one of our beloved cats sadly died. Mrs Cook told me she had new-born kittens to be homed, so we could visit her to have a look at them and choose which one we wanted. We are rather fond of short-haired moggies, so it was a question of choosing out of the 2. However, the short-haired tabby boys were totally identical twins, and it was impossible to choose just one. Therefore, we decided to adopt both of them so they could keep each other company as play-mate brothers.

I thought I heard them chatting the other day.....

Shuffle: "Amazing it's been a year since we've been adopted by John & Yo-Yo; people now call us "fine young men!"

Beat: "Wow, I don't quite know what that means, but it sounds good."

Shuffle: "It means we are not kittens anymore."

Beat: "Oh, OK, but John still calls me "very kitteny", because I still love all of my toys."

Shuffle: "Don't worry, brother, you will soon be like our Colin the Big Papa!"

Beat: "Really? That's cool. Colin told me that Mrs Cook also fostered him after he was found on a farm with 2 other kittens, but he was the only survivor, and adopted by John & Yo-Yo."

Colin: "That's right, young fellows! When I used to stay at Mrs. Cook's, I was so tiny that I could hardly hear or see."

Shuffle & Beat: "Sounds like us. We were like that."

Colin: When I first came here, there were 3 other residents all grown-up old ladies. They told me they were also rescued cats adopted by John & Yo-Yo."

Beat: "I know! And the black & white lady called Cleo took on the role of your step-mum, right?"

Colin: "That's right; she was such a sweet lady that she told me how to clean and groom, where the cat tray was, and even slept with me on chilly days."

Shuffle: "John says he's so glad that you've accepted us as your step-sons, always taking care of us"

Colin: "It's a pleasure as we are all originally from the Cats Protection, where there are many pussy cats like us."

Beat: "Is it true that there are still many more pussy cats who need new homes, but not as lucky as we are?"

Colin: "Hmmm, so I've heard. You should appreciate the hard work of Mrs Cook and mellow-hearted John who never told you off for tearing the sofa Shuffle!"

Shuffle: "Awe, me? Well, John said I could have fun with the old sofa as much as I wanted until they buy a new sofa! It's not because I'm naughty the sofa is falling to pieces!"

Colin: "OK you told me that before."

Beat: "But I know you're always troubling Yo-Yo on her bed, she whispered into my ear complaining you jump on her tummy with your big weight all the time, and pin her down under the duvet when the electric blanket is on!"

Colin: "Did she say that? Hmmm, I thought she asked me to keep her warm."

Beat: "She said, you are keeping her warm, but not quite sure about using her tummy as a trampoline!"

Shuffle: "What is a trampoline, it sounds very interesting?"

Beat: "It's like a bouncy cushion."

Then my husband John came home.....and the boys all line up for their ritual evening with him chat which sends them all mewling madly.

John: "Hellooo, pussy cats! Have you been behaving yourselves? Are you happy pussies? Have you got any complaints?"

Colin, Shuffle & Beat: "Yes, would you please tell Yo-Yo to buy us more fresh salmon?"



Colin in his kitten days

**FREE
NEUTERING**

We cannot express enough to cat owners just how essential it is to have their cats neutered.

Perhaps as you are reading this newsletter, we are preaching to the converted! However, if you can help us to spread the word about the importance of neutering and let people who have un-neutered cats know that the Woking Branch will pay for neutering their cat.

We did a flyer drop recently that quite frankly did not reach our expectation of success. We are therefore doing this again in the hope that people receive our message and act upon it.

How many other things in life are free and with no catch?

94% of cat owners don't know female cats can get pregnant at four months!

It's not just about the girls, it is just as important to have your Tom cat neutered.

Neutering vouchers are available from us, please get in touch

TODAY

01483 721700

wokingcats@hotmail.co.uk

**You can now text us
07923 064 110**



The tail of a dog and two kittens ~ introducing 2 kittens to a dog

By Kat Hobbs

In my experience the idiom, "to fight like cat and dog" does not always ring true. I have known many households where cats and dogs have lived harmoniously and I had no reason to believe why my household would be any different.

I recently acquired two gorgeous 10 week old kittens, Eddie (Yoda) and Richie (Chewbacca) from Cats Protection. Prior to their arrival, our household consisted of my partner and me plus our three year old Border collie named Patsy. Patsy is a very energetic and spirited dog. However, Patsy is also a very obedient dog (she should be - I am a dog trainer!). She has also lived with cats previously, so I was not concerned about how she would react to the newcomers. My biggest concern was in fact how the kittens would settle in as Richie was the most timid from the litter. However, we hoped that his braver little brother Eddie would help to coax out his confidence.

When the kittens arrived Alison their fosterer immediately popped them into the crate which I had prepared for them. The crate contained everything they needed and was sprayed with Feliway to help relieve any anxiety. After about half an hour we let Patsy (who had been waiting patiently in the conservatory) into the room. As she sniffed the crate her tail was wagging and we told her, "good girl" to reinforce her good behaviour. Eddie seemed to take to Patsy immediately. This was a sign of things to come as Eddie is fearless of pretty much everything! Richie on the other hand was not so pleased to meet Patsy's acquaintance and he would hiss whenever she came too close. Fortunately Patsy understood Richie's request for space and she immediately backed off and looked the other way. Nonetheless there was definitely some work to be done.

Over the next few days, we carefully supervised all interactions between Patsy and the kittens. We always ensured that Patsy did not chase or behave boisterously towards them. We did this by either putting her in a down-stay, by asking her to 'leave' or by distracting her with a toy. Patsy was rewarded with verbal praise and treats for behaving appropriately around the kittens. We also made sure the kittens had high up places that they could jump up to and out of Patsy's reach. This included the sofas (as Patsy was only allowed up there when invited) and also a cat tree (which the kittens love!)

To help the animals become familiar with each others' smell, we inter-mingled their scent by stroking one and then the other. We also swapped their bedding around so that they would associate pleasant things such as relaxing and sleeping with the other animals' scent. To help desensitise the pets (especially Richie) to the presence of one another, we used chicken and other tasty food treats. Starting with the pets a few metres apart, we began to feed them tiny pieces of chicken. We gradually fed the pets closer together until eventually both kittens were eating pieces of chicken off of Patsy's paw! This procedure was repeated many times during the first week, until we were satisfied that the kittens and Patsy were comfortable with each other.



Everything was going great, apart from the fact that every time Patsy barked the poor kittens would retreat behind the sofa. To overcome this, some more training was required. Again with the help of tasty chicken, we fed the kittens whilst asking Patsy to 'speak' (she knows how to bark on cue). Fortunately for the kittens, feasting on chicken seemed to far outweigh worrying about some cacophonous canine and after a few short sessions, the kittens barely reacted to Patsy's bark.

After just one week, both kittens were completely relaxed in Patsy's presence and did not seem phased by her melodramatic barking. The photo was taken 10 days after the kittens moved in. My advice to any dog owner considering getting a cat or kitten would be to first brush up on their dogs' general obedience. It makes life much less stressful for all species if you have a dog that readily responds when you ask her to sit, lie-down, stay and leave.

Stumpy Malone Tells All

Sorry – I’ve just been looking through another pile of applications forms but I’m with you now. I put one teeny weeny advert on the internet inviting applications for the post of Godmother to a little black kitten born with no back feet (that’s me, silly!) and I’ve been deluged.

Anyway, here I am in residence in the Special Needs Unit at Tresta Towers, and I have to tell you that ‘Special Needs’ doesn’t even come close. For a start there’s Bonnie Bun-Bun – a tabby coat-hanger that could well be Methuselah’s mother – and Portia Patch – an arthritic tortoiseshell who looks more like a man in a cat suit than a man in a cat suit. Then there’s Miss Elizabeth – an old tabby and white number who was born with paralysed back legs and still walks like she’s done something in her knickers, and that silly black and white tart, Miss Isabelle, who had some teeth out about five years ago and still can’t get her lips to do the same thing at the same time.

It took me a while to realise that the heap of fluff in the igloo was in fact an elderly Persian called Bella. You’ve got to feel sorry for anything that’s smacked into a wall that hard; I wonder what was left of the wall? Then there’s Benjamin Wobble – a huge ginger dollop who walks like John Wayne might after several days in the saddle, and apparently suffers from brain damage. This is the cat who had a brain scan and they found nothing, so there’s a flaw in the argument somewhere.

Most worrying of all are the humans who have adopted me. There’s the Earth Mother – a woman of uncertain age and language – and Poor Roger – a kindly soul who has become an expert on the moisture retaining properties of puppy pads since the Persian decided that using a dirt tray was against her religion.

But there’s no need to worry because I’m actually very happy here. Dear Auntie Karen, who fostered me for so long, knew I’d fit in here and be running the place in no time. I scoot round the lounge and climb up the scratchy tower, plopping down on the sofa next to old Lizzie in time to catch the full benefit of her lemon sucking expression.

Another favourite game is ‘steeplechase’ which involves all the cat beds being placed end-to-end on the wooden floor; I leap in at one end and jump from one to the other, slipping and sliding and screaming all the way. I’ve got more toys than you could throw a stick at and have discovered when old Bun-Bun has her secret cat milk allocation in the morning (move over, sister!). I can tell you that having no back feet is a definite plus when it comes to getting yummy treats and lots of cuddles – not to mention Godmothers.

Christmas Fayre 29 October 2011

What a bumper Christmas Fayre we had last year! The money you helped raise was our second biggest amount ever, all this despite the economic challenges facing everyone.

So much work goes on behind the scenes, before, during and after our Fayres. Alison, our Fundraising Officer works tirelessly to make every event a success. All those wonderful Cats Protection gifts that you purchase are organised by Margaret and Auntie Pauline, Sue and Chris never fail us with their home made snacks and hot drinks. If you enjoy the sausage rolls, then Hilary is the master of those creations.

As usual we had a great and varied selection of stalls, this time Tina sold her delicious home made jams. My jar of Apricot jam is almost empty!

31 March 2012 is the date for our next Spring Fayre....get it in your diary



THANK YOU
“Pop it in our Bin”
was such a
fantastic
success that we will
include it at all our
Brox Road events.

An Invitation from Ruth



If you ever wondered what Woking CP was all about then a visit to our website is the perfect way to find out at www.woking.cats.org.uk it might help to answer any questions. In addition to details on what we do and how to contact us, there are special feature pages and news items which keep you up to date with success stories, fundraising events and information about cat welfare. More importantly, we have the details of cats and kittens that are looking for a new home. This year has been particularly busy and there are some residents who, for one reason or another, seem to be overlooked. Their sad histories can be found on the Feature Pages of the website alongside the success stories. If you can help to change the luck of these lovely cats please don't hesitate to contact us. We would love to add to the success pages. **Bella, Charlie, Jack & Speedy**, you can see them all featured on page 11.

No less important is the Lost and Found section which advertises cats and kittens that need to be reunited with their worried owners. So far, we have almost 1000 visitors to our website each month but if you could spread the word and encourage more people to visit there might just be another purrfect match just a click away.

If you are a Facebooker you will be pleased to know that in addition to the Woking CP site, we now have a Facebook page where you can keep up with news on a regular basis. We invite you to join us [facebook.com/wokingcp](https://www.facebook.com/wokingcp) and click on 'Like' to show your support.



We regularly advertise Lost and Found cats in addition to those who are in need of a good home. By connecting to our Facebook page and sharing the posts with friends we can reach more people and increase the chance of success.

Ruth
Website & Facebook Editor

2012 Diary Dates

Saturday 31 March ~ Spring Fayre
Saturday 27 October ~ Christmas Fayre

10am till 1pm

Brook Hall, Brox Rd, Ottershaw



Members of the committee spent the day at Pets at Home on Sunday 11 December to promote our neutering campaign and advertise some of our cats looking for new homes.

Winter Cold ~ Winter Cold ~ Winter Cold

Ethylene & Diethylene Glycole Warning

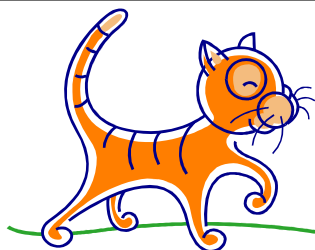


Cats and dogs are often attracted to pools of antifreeze because it is a clear, sweet tasting liquid. Items like anti-freeze and screen-washes are hazardous to cats, and can cause renal failure and even death. Cats Protection advises people to thoroughly mop up any pools of antifreeze that are spilled or left on the road after working on their cars. Please store any containers filled with antifreeze well out of cats reach. Once containers are empty it is a good idea to place in sealed up bags before putting in the bin. Symptoms of antifreeze poisoning include dizziness, loss of co-ordination and vomiting. It is the toxin, ethylene glycol, that makes antifreeze lethal. Ethylene glycol has a sweet taste to it; because of this, an animal will consume the liquid in quantity before the aftertaste becomes apparent and causes it to stop. By then, it is too late. It does not take a significant amount of ethylene glycol to cause fatal damage to the system; one or two teaspoons, of antifreeze is sufficient to poison an animal. Antifreeze poisoning affects the brain, liver, and kidneys.

If your pet shows any of the signs below please take it to your local vet immediately.

- ◆ Drunken behaviour
- ◆ Euphoria/delirium
- ◆ Wobbly, uncoordinated movement
- ◆ Nausea and vomiting
- ◆ Excessive urination
- ◆ Diarrhoea
- ◆ Rapid heart beat
- ◆ Depression

There are now antifreeze products available that use the safer **propylene glycol** as an agent. Look for antifreeze with this ingredient instead, to keep animals safe from accidental poisoning.



An Ailurophile Rambles

Two more kittens have survived my fostering attempts and have been delivered to a lovely family. They will be living with a boy who will give them all the attention they need and the mother was very level headed so the games should not get too boisterous. It was my first experience of 'selling' kittens and I was nervous for the girls. I need not have worried as they both scampered around chasing the fish on a rope for the kids and allowed themselves to be picked up and petted by the adults.

My Peter has a new trick for embarrassing me. Tristan and Willomena are happy to run away as soon as I appear as though I beat them every day but Peter has decided guests should be greeted with a fishing kiss on the lips. If only he would keep his favours for my cat loving visitors but this sign of affection was met with "It's a bit soon for that isn't it?" I hope you will share your embarrassing cat moments by writing into Felis Catus. Send them to: cats@mjmorgan.plus.com

The autumn fair was a great success. Those of you who were able to come along will have seen a lot of new stalls and plenty of goodies to buy. I managed to get my Christmas cake, a blue-tooth headset, cat toys and a couple of shelves of books. Thank you to everyone who donated goods-helped out and came along to join in the fun.

Richard, Branch Co-ordinator



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LOVING HOMES ~ LOVING HOMES



Bella



Jack



Charlie



Speedy

NEW YEAR ~ NEW HOMES ~ NEW LIFE
 Could it be with you?

Charlie & Jack need to stay together

NEEDED URGENTLY

These four cats are all very special, why? Because they have all been waiting for loving new homes. Each one has a story and each one, through no fault, of their own has been left homeless.

Although we care for every cat which comes to us, this is no substitute for a stable, secure and loving home they can call their own.

We never give up on any cat and know that eventually the right person for each one will find their way to them.

Bella, Jack, Charlie and Speedy have all been waiting longer than is usual, so we hope some very special people are going to take them into their hearts and homes.

Please get in touch with us or look on our website if you would like to know more about any one of them.

They are waiting for YOU, with patience, with love and with the biggest desire to find somewhere they can call their own.

Woolfie and Demelza

Pets As Therapy, is a fantastic charity which brings an enormous amount of comfort, joy and love to people. Some of you may know that I am the Volunteer Services Manager for Woking & Sam Beare Hospices. Our volunteers come in all shapes and sizes, some with four legs and fur!

Woolfie and Demelza are two of such kind. They made visits to our Day Care and although not everyone has a love of cats, those patients that did, loved to see them. The extraordinary effect that animals have in their ability to connect, calm and reach out to people is one of the things in life that I believe very strongly we should cherish.

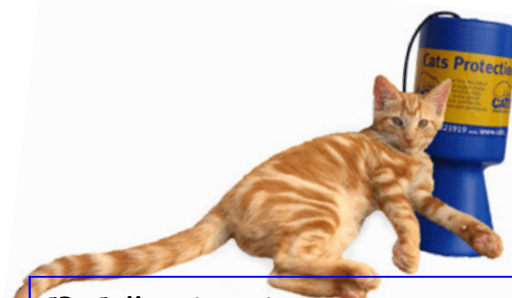
Elderly people who are lonely and isolated, in residential homes or patients who might have lost their ability to communicate using spoken word because of their illness can find an enormous therapeutic benefit from spending time with an animal. Woolfie and Demelza are two of the most beautiful huge Maine Coon cats. They sat on some laps of our day care patients who were clearly delighted to be smothered by such huge bundles of joy. Words were surplus to requirement on this occasion as the smiles spoke volumes - so we don't always need them.

If you have a cat or dog that you think might have the right temperament to become a Pets As Therapy animal then contact the Pets As Therapy Registration office on **01844 345445** or visit their website:

www.petsastherapy.org for more information.



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CP Collecting tins are a great way to increase our profile and can also help considerably with the raising of funds. If you know a shop, pub, club or public place that we could approach to have one of tins, please let us know. Even better if you could take on the responsibility of placing a tin and collecting it when full it would be even better.



Rosie and Jim ~ make the "Wavish Wishes" come true

Excited, but nervous the special day of my life had come. We were going to choose our great kittens. The first cat I spied sitting on a chair with wheels, was as black as soot with a chest as white as snow. The second cat, as black as the winter night was ready to pounce on the unsuspecting Popeye in its tank.

We had chosen the two that we wanted. Up & down, twirling round, backwards and forwards went Rosie as she chased a toy squirrel. But Jim just backed away not sure of all the people. Like humans - make sure that they have healthy food, cool water to drink and lots of love! As soft as silk, as fluffy as wool, I'm always happy to see them. Rosie and Jim.

By James Wavish (age 10)

We had wanted cats for a long time. But my mum had kept on saying "after the building work has finished", as we were having an extension built. Then finally the day came when the building work had finished. My mum contacted Woking & District Cats Protection and soon after two women came round our house to inspect. At the time I didn't think we were going to pass but then they phoned my mum and said we were ok to have cats.

Then we went to another woman's house to have a look at two different pairs of kittens. It was a very hard decision but eventually we all agreed on a pair called Cuthbert and Dibble. They are now known as Rosie and Jim as they are brother and sister. Jim has grown a huge amount but Rosie still has to grow. They are great fun, chasing one another all over the house and getting into all kinds of mischief.

By Matthew Wavish (age 12)

Once upon a time there were two little cats called Rosie and Jim. They were as black as the night sky. They are kind and thoughtful but when the owners are not around they are as naughty as monkeys.

One day when Sam went to school the cats went outside by themselves for the first time ever. They were terrified but excited too. "Rosie, can you hear that rustling sound at the bottom of this big green thing?" asked Jim." Let's go and see what it is". So they did. They sneaked along the big green thing and when they got to the bottom they saw a big d.d.d.og from next door! The big dog had sharp teeth with blood on them. So Rosie and Jim ran as fast as they could but they couldn't see the house. The dog chased after them. Rosie and Jim were in a corner hissing at the dog. Sam was just coming home from school, looking forward to playing with Rosie and Jim. Mum opened the door with the key but where were Rosie and Jim?

"Rosie! Jim!" called Sam but they were not to be seen. Just then Sam looked out of the window and saw the dog in the garden. He rushed outside and shouted at the dog. The dog ran back to his house. Sam rushed over to Rosie and Jim, picked them up and gave them a big cuddle. Rosie and Jim were so pleased to see Sam that they started purring noisily. Sam took them back into the house where they all lived happily ever after.

Facts about the real Rosie & Jim: They are 5 months old and very cheeky!

By Sam Wavish (age 7)