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About Cats Protection ...

The Cats Protection was founded in 1927 and is the oldest national charity devoted solely to the welfare of cats.

Cats Protection helps cats by:

- HOMING Finding good homes for cats in need
- NEUTERING Supporting and encouraging neutering
- INFORMATION Improving people's understanding of cats and their care

The Stockport branch of Cats Protection was founded over 20 years ago and is run solely by volunteers and funded by donations.

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Cats Protection Update

Dear Friends ...

It is just 12 months since we

relocated to the new site where we now have our pens. Looking back, it's difficult to believe that the months preceding the move were so stressful and so full of uncertainty. It actually 'feels' like we have always been here.

The cat proof fencing, of course, isn't quite as effective as Angie and I imagined. We have a resident band of daily escapees, who return in various ways. There is the giant leap from the fence to the shed roof, followed by what can only be described as a herd of elephants thundering across the tin roof as others join in the chase; to a roll over along the top of the fence followed by a graceful slither down the inside.



Snip has taken on the role of 'meet and greet' cat, sitting for most of the day on top of the outside meter cupboard, waiting for anyone passing to stroke him. This can range from the walking club, to joggers, to small children. His unpredictable ways seem to be a thing of the past. Houdini and Tabitha Ham no longer make the journey back to the farm across the golf course to visit Trish. The garden cats all seem happy and settled and have divided up the territory most amicably. Outside, there is a choice of 'the mushroom', 'the summerhouse', various log piles, a tree house, and other cat 'equipment' designed to accommodate their inquisitive natures. Everything has been kindly (and lovingly!) made, designed and donated by Dave.

Our main problem continues to be the poo! Despite having a choice of litter trays and an area of peat to dig in, all well used, the cats just love to use the garden and long grass. So, 'poo pickers' by the dozen would be welcomed. Rubber gloves, scoops and bags will be provided.

I was dreading the winter but it wasn't nearly as bad as the past two have been. Only once was the gate lock frozen and that was following a day of heavy rain. Thankfully, the giant lighter, provided by Jenny Giltrap, proved its worth, freeing up the lock in an instant. Having said all that, when the wind blows across the fields it's fairly grim, the sunshine does come from the Sahara though!

Homing during the past 12 months has been very slow again, although at the beginning of this year suddenly everyone wanted cats, homing 11 during one of the weeks.

Our main focus over the past year has been neutering. Headquarters were offering a scheme which allowed cats to be neutered in Greater Manchester for £5. To qualify, the owners had to be in receipt of benefits or on low incomes. This came to an end last August, and was moved to another part of the country. Since most vets in Manchester charge £68+ to have a female neutered, and the PDSA is inaccessible for many people either because of postcodes or lack of transport, there is a desperate need to help people have their cats neutered. Consequently we decided to continue the £5 neutering, as our vets in Gatley do not have such high neutering fees. A most generous donation enabled us to carry on to the end of last year and we now have access to HQ vouchers again,

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which helps towards the cost too. Since September 2011 we have neutered over 500 cats for members of the public. Quite a high proportion of those were taken to the vets for owners, who had no transport, otherwise they just wouldn't get done.

Last year we spent over £40,000 on vets fees. That was in addition to the £12,000 neutering costs!! However, unless we have an unexpected 'windfall' we are unlikely to be able to maintain this level of expenditure throughout 2012.

Figures:	2010	2011
Homed	87	73
Treated	127	115
PTS	14	15

The 115 cats treated were in our care which included several long-term treatments. Katie came to us with an untreated mouth condition which took months to bring under control. A couple of the cats had viral symptoms which required endless visits to the vets for tests, Lucia had to have her remaining eye removed. Buzby had a thyroid operation. We were able to help 30 cats belonging to the public who were injured. 73 cats are fed daily in various locations. These are usually cats that have been neutered and returned to gardens. We could not do this without the food collecting bins in Morrisons Cheadle Heath and Somerfield Cheadle Hulme. At the end of 2011 we had 34 cats/kittens waiting for homes.

Andrea Reynolds has taken over the role of Fun Day Co-ordinator. Please give her as much support as possible, especially on the day. It can't surely rain another year - can it?

Coffee Mornings - Jane has decided to concentrate on other areas of fundraising. On behalf of all the cats who have benefitted from monies raised, over the years, an enormous THANK YOU - very very much appreciated.

Volunteers needed: cleaning at the pens; occasional vet runs; washing cat bedding; cat cuddlers; car boots/festivals.

In memory of Brenda and Carole Naylor. It is with great sadness that I said goodbye to Brenda and Carole. For more years than I can remember they transported cats to the vets for neutering, concentrating on the Wythenshawe areas. The animal kingdom has lost two very dedicated ladies who devoted their lives to creatures with no voice, and no choice.

Thank you to **Lin Dutton** for taking care of Polly - their very special cat.

Thank you Constance and your 'team' for holding another successful coffee evening. Very much appreciated.

Anne Robinson has decided that after 20 years of placing our fundraising adverts in the paper she'd like a well earned rest. Thank you Anne, for your commitment, dedication and help. Never once did you forget!

Welcome, **James**, who has volunteered to take over the role.

Thank you to the **volunteers from Gorvins Solicitors** who spent the day painting at the pens. What a difference a coat of paint can make. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: I am hoping to hold a **Race Night** some time in September at Poynton Working Mens Club. I need help, please, collecting sponsorship and raffle prizes. Volunteers please - 07900 415674.



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OPEN DAY: You are invited to come and visit our cats on Sunday 9th September 12noon to 4.00pm. Various stalls: books, cat goods, cakes and raffle. Parking is limited. NB There are no toilet facilities.

Finding us: *from Hazel Grove* - turn down Chester Road from Dean Lane end (towards Woodford) after 1 mile turn right towards the kennels. We are on the left before the kennels. *From Woodford* - turn down Woodford Road (towards Hazel Grove) up over the railway bridge, turn left towards the kennels.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has helped in whatever way, be it small, or large, financially or with time. The past year has been difficult, uncertain where we were going to be, group members who were ill, worrying about funds. We are always staggered by the generosity of people who keep sending donations, quite often anonymously. If it's YOU, then thank you again. Please support our Fun Day and make Andrea's day a fabulous one! The dog show gets bigger each year, maybe Maria will hold classes over the Sunday as well!

Love and Purrs

Jacky Goodman

What to do if you are unfortunate enough to find a dead cat

Take the cat to any vet who will scan for a microchip. The vet will dispose of the cat, should no owner be found. Notices can be put up in nearby shops, giving information regarding the vets used. Many owners want their cat back and vets will usually keep the cat for a few days.

What to do if you find an injured cat

Contact either the RSPCA or your local vet (or 24 hour emergency vet if out of hours) who can administer pain relief until the owner can be located. Put notices up in nearby shops giving information regarding the vets used.

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Fundraising **Events & Fairs**

2012 FAIRS	A A	
7 JULY	HAZEL GROVE United Reform Hall, Commercial Road	
4 AUGUST	HAZEL GROVE FAMILY FUN DAY TORKINGTON PARK 11am-4pm	
1 SEPTEMBER	CHEADLE Trinity Church, Massie Street	
9 SEPTEMBER	OPEN DAY off Chester Road, SK12 1ED 12noon - 4pm	
6 OCTOBER	HAZEL GROVE United Reform Hall, Commercial Road	
3 NOVEMBER	BRAMHALL/DAVENPORT Trinity Methodist Church, Trinity Gardens, Bramhall Lane	
1 DECEMBER	WOODLEY Civic Hall, Hyde Road	
CAT SHOWS	are 10am to	
SEPTEMBER	MANCHESTER CAT SHOW GH Carnall Leisure Centre, Kingsway Park, Urmston	
DECEMBER	TRANSPENNINE SIAMESE & ORIENTAL CAT SHOW Masonic Guildhall, Stockport	
OTHER EVENT	'S	
16 JUNE	DIDSBURY FESTIVAL Didsbury Park	
30 JUNE	HEALD GREEN FESTIVAL Outwood Public Hall, Outwood Road	
AUGUST	SUMMER FAIR, EST MANCHESTER Green Fold, Abbey Hey (Elizabeth Svendsen Trust for Children & Donkeys)	

We also organise many other fund raising events throughout the year such as **Fashion Shows** and **Quizzes**. Please contact us for latest events. If you would like further information about any of our events, please contact: Stockport Cats Protection on T **0161 439 1274** (evenings & weekends)

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Once Oreo

In 2011 we were looking after

our neighbours cat for a couple of weeks and fell in love with her. We decided we could offer a rescue cat a good home.

My neighbour put us in touch with Cats Protection Stockport.

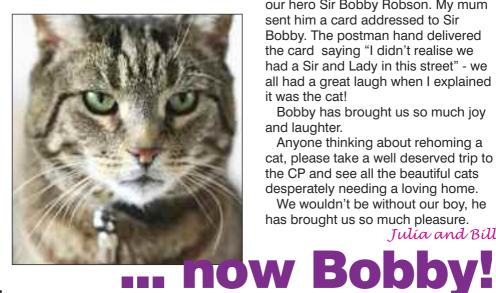
My husband and I went to CP in Bramhall to look for a cat.

I knelt down to stroke a cat when 'Oreo' literally 'plonked' himself on my knee, and looked at me as if to say "please take me home". Well - that was it - he had chosen us!

This little cat has changed our lives. we love him so much.

He's a bit of a character though, and thinks nothing of tapping our faces at 4am for a bit of a cuddle and attention!

He loves nothing more than to sit on our knees being stroked and tickled, he purrs like a Rolls Royce engine very loudly!





We decided to call him Bobby after our hero Sir Bobby Robson. My mum sent him a card addressed to Sir Bobby. The postman hand delivered the card saying "I didn't realise we had a Sir and Lady in this street" - we all had a great laugh when I explained it was the cat!

Bobby has brought us so much joy and laughter.

Anyone thinking about rehoming a cat, please take a well deserved trip to the CP and see all the beautiful cats desperately needing a loving home.

We wouldn't be without our boy, he has brought us so much pleasure. Julia and Bill

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Good Homes Needed urgently!



Hutch is under 2 years old and turned up as an unneutered stray with a foot injury. He has a great personality and is curious and playful. He is now looking for a home that he can call his own.



Tosca is a stunning 8 year old who needs a new home due to her owners change in circumstances. She is very, very vocal! She loves rolling on her back and playing with drinking straws. Tosca is a family cat, she is used to children of all ages and tolerates other cats but not dogs.



Jess is a young female who has had a rough start to life. She came in as a victim of cruelty case as she was thrown out of a block of flats. She is friendly and is looking for somebody patient and understanding who will give her time to settle in a home where she can have the attention she deserves.



Rio and Oliver are brothers and were found as kittens in a garden. They are friendly but are shy on meeting new people. They would love a quiet and understanding home together with an experienced cat owner, as they will need ongoing medication.



PJ was abandoned and had been living as a stray for a while. He was found lame with infected bite wounds and had been walking on 3 legs for some time. PJ is a real softie, he is friendly and very laid back and would love for someone to give him the chance to be happy in a loving home.



Flower is 2 years old and has had a few changes of circumstances. She is friendly and would be happiest in a home without small children and with an experienced cat owner, who would give her the time to build up trust and regain her confidence and blossom.





Agatha and Violet are under 12 months old and were found living in an entry. They are friendly but as they are still quite timid they would be best suited to a quieter environment with someone with a little patience to give them time to build their confidence up and adapt to their new home.



Midnight and Jonah are mother and son. They do everything together and cuddle up to sleep, Midnight is very protective over Jonah. She is friendly but on her own terms as she likes her space and loves being outside. Jonah is very affectionate but a little worried at first meeting. They are inseparable and are still looking for that special home, they would need somewhere quiet and with no other animals.

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AC was found abandoned in a garden when her owners had moved. She is a friendly cat that loves to have fuss and attention but on her terms. AC loves the outdoors and likes company but can be wary of other cats. She is looking for a safe and loving home, away from busy roads and without any young children.

Ella is under 12 months old and has had a rough start to life. She came in through social services and had been used for breeding and her kittens sold. At present she is being mum to her 5 week old kittens but she will soon be ready for a new home. She would need somewhere peaceful where she can feel safe and have the attention she deserves, with time to recuperate from her ordeal.





Olivia and Lukki Fluff are sister and brother and were found as kittens in a garden. They are friendly, like company and are completely devoted to one another. They are looking for an understanding and experienced cat owner as they will have ongoing medication intermittently and will need daily grooming. Olivia & Lukki are hoping that someone can give them a chance of a quiet, loving and happy home.

ALL OUR CATS ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF LOVING, CARING NEW HOMES. PLEASE TELEPHONE 0161 439 1274 IF YOU CAN HELP

CAN YOU HELP US DISPLAY OUR BOARDS?

We rely on our display boards to help home our furry friends. If you have an area or event where we can display them, please contact 0161 439 1274. Thank you.

Mia and Inca ...



I adopted Fred and Joey not so long ago from Stockport Cats Protection. I am wishing that you may place their beautiful photographs in your next edition magazine.

I decided to change their names: Fred is now called Mia and Joey is called Inca.

What can myself and partner say about the duo. They are indeed absolutely adorable. They are happy, gentle and loving little cats with so much personality. They certainly keep me and Craig entertained. They are no trouble, just fun, fun and more fun.





They love to play for hours with tie raps which is great as it gives me time to do some study!!!!!!! We feel very lucky to have them both in our lives. I have enclosed some photos of them both. All our friends love them. They are still very tiny but in time they may build a little muscle especially as they eat M&S chicken!!!! They love to watch the pheasants and other birds in the garden but what they really love is the constant cuddles and kisses they get from me.

I would recommend anyone who is passionate and caring to adopt. It is so easy and they fill our lives with so much pleasure. I would not part with them for anything!!!!

My warmest regards

Susie Sutton-Lloyd



FOSTERERS WANTED URGENTLY!



All you need is 1 spare room, and lots of love (food and litter supplied). We are in desperate need of fosterers for our cats and kittens. If you can help, please ring 0161 439 1274

How to home a cat ...

If you are interested in homing any of our cats, then please contact us on 0161 439 1274 or email us at stockport.cp@hotmail.com Our website is updated regularly with cats that are ready for homing. You can visit us at www.stockport.cats.org.uk





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The deadline for articles for the next Magazine is **19th OCTOBER. Please email** articles and pictures to sara@lithaprint.ision.co.uk

Thank you

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Letter from Stockport's Scottish Outpost

One of our volunteers - Ginnie - moved to Scotland some years ago, along with several of the cats she cared for. Now she has a variety of animals and the cats keep us up to date!

Spring in the Borders – freezing cold! The swallows returned on the 1st May, very late, and the sheep are still demanding food every day.

We are plodding on, taking one day at a time. Jack became very ill and collapsed just before Christmas, and was put on a drip. The vet was not very hopeful. They x-rayed and found that he had an enlarged heart and lots of fluid had accumulated in his chest. However, he came home, and after another big dip he has stabilised and put on quite a lot of weight. He has a problem of leaking urine but they have reduced his steroids and he is having acupuncture from Morag and that seems to be helping him. Fingers crossed. Harriet also became very poorly at the same time and we found that she has a nastv cancer in her mouth. She is on steroids and other medication and as long as she seems to be enjoying life we will keep on as we are. She just has to have guite a mushy diet and lots of fuss.

The annual frontlining and worming is going on at the moment. We draw the line at monthly or 3 monthly treatments and we can be none too cooperative at the annual session. I do a good line in jumping forwards – or backwards or sideways – just as Ginnie has found the right spot at the back of my neck, and flicked the fur away ready to dot the stuff on the skin. As for wormers, well I don't do tablets, and I won't eat the granules no matter how much smelly tuna you put it in, so she'll be back to the spot ons and me leaping forwards, backwards or sideways at the critical moment! Happy days.

We've still got Smokey the 21 year old – she spends most of the day in the house sitting in a doorway and swearing at anyone who comes too close. If you don't want anyone ccming close to you, don't sit in a doorway, is my advise. I think we are stuck with her now.

We had a plague of mice in the house in February. (The cheek of the little beggars!) You could hear them marching round the skirting boards, and they nested in the cupboard under the sink, using chewed up vellow foam pads for bedding. They also found the bird food in the next cupboard along, so they were really quite cosy. We met two of them one night, but Jo dispatched them. Ginnie and Rob finally set up the humane trap and night after night could be seen transferring the trapped mice to a holding box ready to be taken two miles down the road in the morning, and released outside someone else's house. I bet the people in that house were a bit surprised when the troop moved in. There must have been at least a dozen. Anyway it's quiet here now. We await the bats.

Love Mísca

Stockport Cats Protection FUN DAY

Summer is fast approaching and the Fun Day is on its way! We'll be back in Torkington Park in Hazel Grove on Saturday the 4th August at 11am and what a year we're planning! Have you got your pooches primed and ready to play? Are you picturing your win on the Teddy Tombola? Is it the sweet taste of success as you Beat the Goalie drawing you to the fair? Or will you be winding your way to the Cake Stall and indulging as you watch the world go by?!

2012 is a big year for everyone and we're going to celebrate the Olympics and the Queens Jubilee with a Red, White & Blue theme at the fair, feel free to join in and if you've got any wee ones with flair we've got a fancy dress lined up for them to showcase their 2012 outfits and head for 1st place in the Fun Day way!

We've all the usual stalls to explore...the Crafts, the Lucky Dips, Tombola, Bric-a-Brac, Cat Goods, Bottle Stall and Books to name but a few. You will get to say hello to the firemen as they man their Fire Engine with a smile and wave at the St John's Ambulance team as they take good care of us all as they do every year. You can play on the Lolly Game, Name that Teddy or have a go at Soccer Made Simple, or come and see what new weird and wonderful ideas the team have come up with to keep you amused this year!

Whatever it is that draws you back we are really looking forward to seeing you again. The Fun Day is always one of the best dates on the calendar and it's great to see so many friends old and new come back year after year and meet up to join in the festivities.

It goes without saying of course that we love the more-the-merrier philosophy so remember to spread the word, bring your friends & family, or hop onto the website and drop across an e-mail if you can put up posters in work or at school or at your local club, or even if you'd like to volunteer on the day! Here's to an amazing 2012! See you there!

Andrea

Why not visit our website?

Another way to make sure you keep in touch is by checking out our website! It contains the most up to date information on events, cats up for homing and the latest news. It's updated on a daily basis and is filled with photos and is bright, colourful and easy to use.

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LUCIA update

Lucia has now been with us for

about three years.

After originally coming to our attention at 6 months old, simply as a neutering job, we soon realised that her eyes were in an appalling state because of untreated Cat-flu and she was virtually blind.

One of her eyes was removed within a few months but the other eye (which was also very very damaged) was given regular check-ups to make sure that Lucia was not in any pain and discomfort.

Lucia managed extremely well with hardly any eyesight, we guessed that she could just about make out shadows and the occasional very bright light and her remaining eye seemed stable and unlikely to rupture. However, last year things changed suddenly and sadly her second eye had to be removed.

We were at first very dubious about caring for a cat with no eyes but Lucia, in her usual style, took only a few days to recover and was soon doing all the things she had done before, including chasing (and catching) flies and running around the room after a ping pong ball. Recently she has even made her way into the garden to try and stalk our chickens!

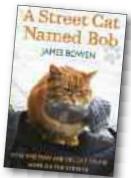
I think it may take a special kind of cat to go through all the things that Lucia has done and come out happy and contented (well most of the time anyway!), she certainly is very determined and brave and it has been a pleasure to look after her.



Book Review A STREET CAT NAMED BOB

I am not a huge reader of books but this one I could not put down. A Street Cat Named Bob is a fantastic book – uplifting and emotional, a true story of how a cat befriends a street musician and how it changes both of their lives.

James is a recovering drug addict living in a hostel in central London. He finds Bob in the entrance to his flats and there starts a true friendship. James realises that this cat needs him and the depth of their bond gives him the strength to give up drugs and change his life. They share their days in London with James busking and Bob by his side, curled up in his guitar case or wrapped around his shoulder. They travel on the bus together, they walk the streets together, they mean the world to each other.



The story is heart-warming and

inspirational. It is simply written and would appeal to so many people, not just those that love cats. It's a book that touches the emotions and is an incredible story of trust and friendship.

I would really recommend you read it and hope you enjoy it as much as I did.



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Fostering news River & Phoenix

It was late Friday afternoon and I had just sat down with a cup of tea after a busy week when I had a call from my boss Deb from Petpals South Manchester.

Whilst out walking dogs in Reddish Vale park Sarah from Petpals Stockport had found two kittens about 6 months old who had obviously been in the river. One of them was in the branches of a tree overhanging the water and the other was sat on the path next to the river wet through and shivering. After tying up her dogs she managed to pick up the cats as they appeared to be in shock but handleable and put them in her jacket, she then carried them back to her van and put them in a towel.

Although we had limited space, we just couldn't leave these two little cats.

Sarah very kindly dropped them off at my house soon after and I was shocked to see how small and thin these cats seemed to be but as they were still wet I didn't examine them closely, just got them inside and set up a keepcage with a litter tray and blankets in my back room. Even though they were still very wet and had been through the trauma of being in the river both cats were very friendly and inquisitive.

Both cats seemed very keen to use the litter tray and when they did it was clear that they had very very badly upset stomachs and we would need to get them straight to the vets or they were in danger of becoming very poorly.

I managed to get a vets appointment within the hour so off we went, both cats much drier now and cuddled up together in the basket. I had decided to call them River and Phoenix even though at that time I had no idea what sex they were but they needed names straight away for the vets records.

First out of the basket I decided was River and she was a girl, we weighed her and she was just 2kg - very very thin, then I felt under her tummy and was shocked to feel that her teats were enlarged, could she be pregnant I asked? Then it dawned on me that she would need to be heavily pregnant for her teats to



be that large which she obviously wasn't OR she had recently had kittens. Was the other cat possibly the father. I took Phoenix out of the basket to find that she too was a female and that she too at just 6 months old and weighing just 2kg also had milk in her teats. I was speechless - it seemed that someone had taken these two beautiful, friendly young cats and possibly their TWO litters of kittens and thrown them into the river, the mums had somehow survived but the kittens would not have stood a chance in the fast running river.

We left the vets armed with flea treatment, wormer, sensitive food and medication for their upset tummies.

I discovered after I left the vets that Sarah and Deb from Petpals were on their way back to the park to search by the river just in case there were any more cats on the river bank so I was able to tell them that they needed to look for very young kittens but sadly there was no sign of any of them.

River and Phoenix have been here a few days now and are doing well, they have had to be fed little and often as they are so thin but so hungry that they are manic whenever their food is down and eat it as though they might never see another meal. Their tummies have settled down nicely and they are so friendly and trusting it is hard to believe that they have been through so much but still have so much love to give

I look forward to getting them fit and healthy and finding them their perfect forever home so the rest of their lives are happy and safe.

Rainbow Bridge





Twinkle and Casper

We very sadly lost two of three cats within 7 weeks of each other.

Casper came to live with us in 2007 and was the most laid-back cat we've ever had, settling in quickly with masses of confidence. We had an amazing 4.5 years of living with 'Mr Caspy' and there was never a dull moment as he loved to have adventures. He regularly returned to our house covered in dirt, engine oil and battle scars as his aim was always to be top-cat on our estate. Unfortunately in Jan 2012 he was hit by a car close to our house and the vets were unable to save him. We lost an affectionate cat with masses of personality. We'll always miss you Casper.

Twinkle came to live with us in 1999 when we had just bought our first house after several years of living in rented accommodation which didn't allow pets. Throughout her time with us she was a happy, affectionate and healthy cat. Unfortunately she was diagnosed with Feline Gastrointestinal Lymphoma at the age of 16. We've had thirteen happy years with Twinkle. We miss you so much Twinkle.

Jackie & Chris

Dear Missy ... We always thought Missy would be 'homed'. Quite a contrary miss, but a very loving girl towards the end. Very much missed by four and two legged friends.



Touchy and Hamish

We had to say goodbye to both Hamish (aka Amy) and little Touchy in February. It was quite unexpected with both of them. Touchy had always been a picky eater who stopped eating at the drop of a hat, and she got a form of rhinitis so she couldn't smell the food – even when warmed. She was a truly sweet little girl without a cross word for anyone, who loved nothing better than to lie upside down in Rob's arms.

Hamish went downhill suddenly after seeming to recover from an operation to remove a post thyroid lump. I had to say goodbye to him at the vet's which I hate doing, although they gave him all the love and comfort they could.

Our love goes with you, Touchy and Hamish, till we all meet again.

Ginnie & Rob

Stella

Thank you to Anne Mabbley for the love and care you gave, and Barbara and Ian who had such plans for her future.



Our lovely Hooby ...

A grand old gentleman who loved sitting in the sun. We think 19 years is a fair guess. Sadly, Hooby developed an inoperable tumour.





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