

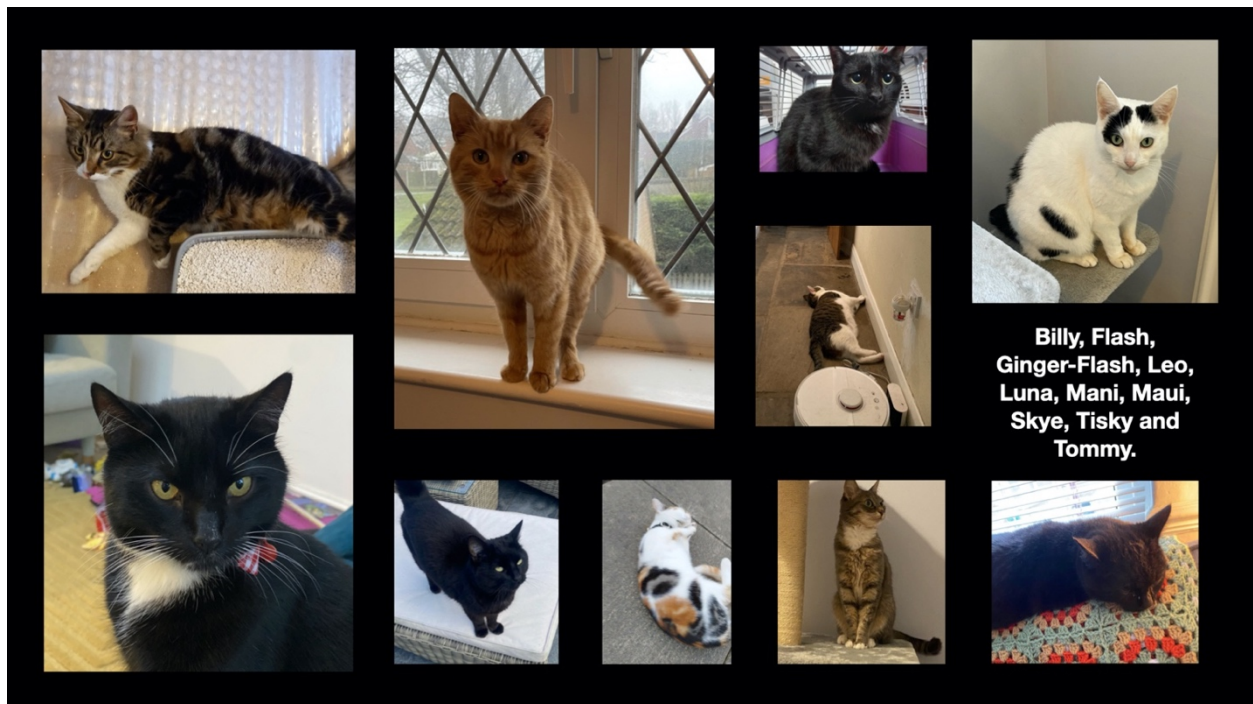


# Our News

## Cats Protection Harrogate and District Branch August 2023

### Welcome back!

We are delighted to announce that Cats Protection Harrogate and District Branch is now back. After a brief absence, our team has expanded and with new volunteers we look forward to supporting cats in our community. Since our relaunch, earlier this year, we have rescued and rehomed ten cats.



Thank you to our team of volunteers who have supported these cats find their new forever homes and thank you to the new owners for offering them a loving new home.

We have been busy over the summer with some volunteer recruitment and promotional events. We are always looking for new volunteers, so we would love to hear from you if you would like to join our team. There are many different roles, with something for everyone, but we are particularly keen to expand our team of fosters, so that we can help more cats. One of our fosterers Kat, explains what the role as fosterer involves.



## Fostering for Cats Protection

*“When you become a fosterer for Cats Protection you temporarily become a mum or dad for the cat you are asked to care for. Your duties towards the cat involve feeding, cleaning, and playing, as well as giving them love and care, administering medication and preparing them for their new home. It is also important to realise you will get a variety of different cats, with different personalities and some of them may even have disabilities due to accidents or certain medical conditions that you will need to pay attention to. There are times that you will need to help a cat regain its confidence and faith in humans.*

*I was fully prepared by the team at Cats Protection for what I might face when I became a fosterer and whilst you may sometimes find it overwhelming you are continually well supported. As you continue*

*to care for your foster cat you can witness it change from a shy and scared cat to one that is happy and confident. You can say to yourself ‘I did that. I brought a cat or kitten out of its shell and restored its faith in humans. I helped a cat find confidence again.’*

*I have enjoyed my time as a fosterer. You will sometimes feel sad when the time comes for the cat to be re-homed, but you have experienced things that the new owners will not have seen. You will have seen the cat transform into a better version of itself and prepared them for their new home to the best of your ability and for that you will be deeply touched.”*

*Fosterer Kat*

## Great Yorkshire Show

We had two lovely days at The Great Yorkshire Show, sharing a stall with the Gildersome Adoption Centre. We were joined by Fiona Baxter, the Cats Protection Regional Fundraising Manager and were able to promote our branch, the work we do and raise interest in volunteering.



We had some Cats Protection items for sale including small cuddly cats, notebooks, fridge magnets, coasters and key rings.

We had a 'Guess the name of the Kitten' game, where people paid to choose a name from a grid of names, which they thought would suit the cuddly cat. If their choice of name was drawn at the end of the show, they won the cuddly cat, along with some other Cats Protection prizes. We also had a lucky dip which was full of small balls. If a coloured ball was pulled out, a prize was won.

Our popular hand knitted cat nip mice sold out on Tuesday, so we had to quickly knit some more for Friday.

Until next time, thank you for all that you do for Cats Protection.

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