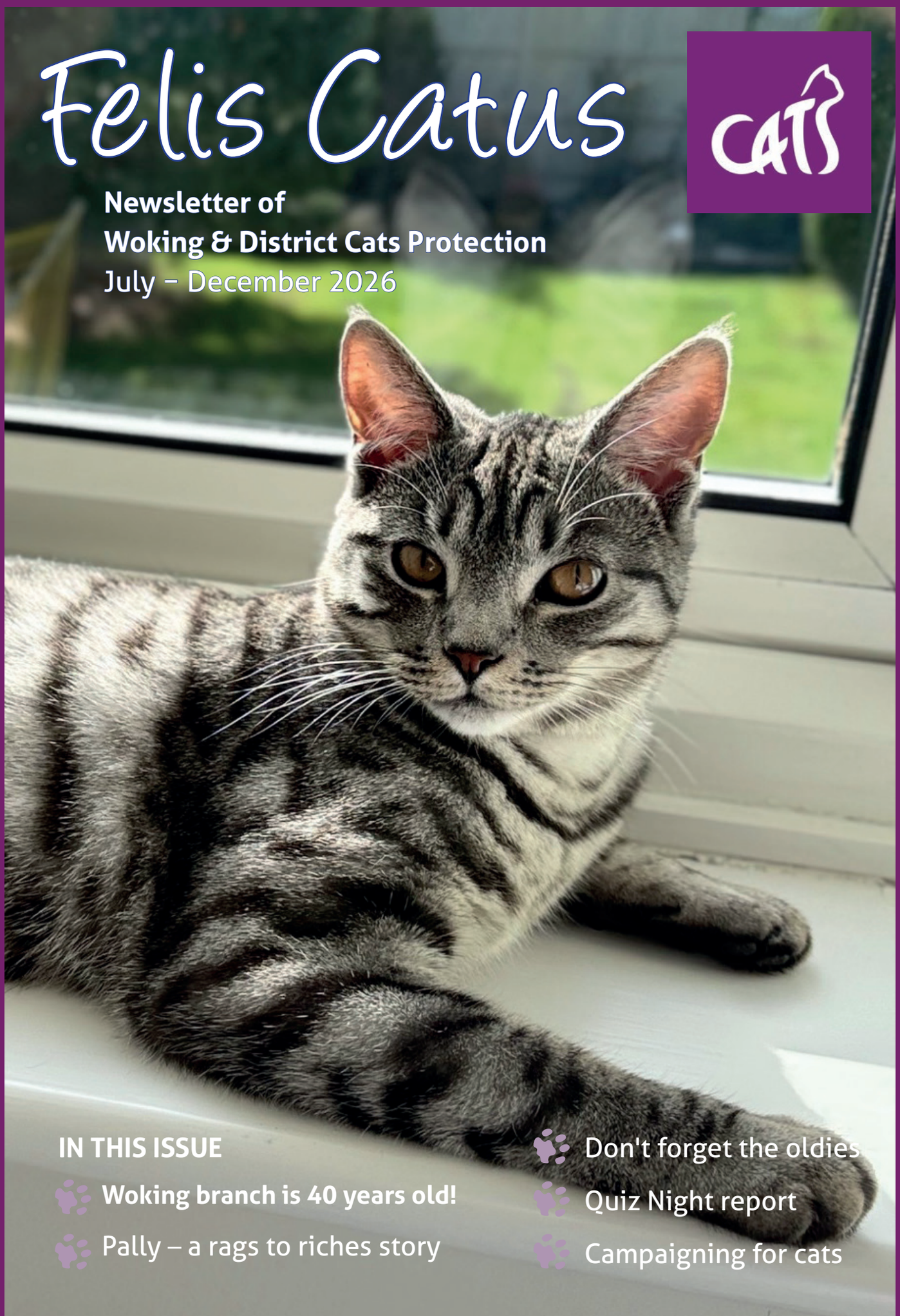
Felis Catus

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Woking & District Cats Protection
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Welcome

Welcome to Felis Catus!

This summer we are thrilled to be celebrating the 40th anniversary of Woking & District Cats Protection! This amazing milestone has been reached through the dedication of many volunteers and supporters over the years, who have worked tirelessly to improve the lives of cats in our area. Heather and Mary, both having a long association with the branch, share their reminiscences on pages 12-14 and our current Welfare Team Leader Kim brings the story up to date on page 15.

As you'll see from all the lovely adoption stories in this issue, a good deal of energy and thought goes into matching cats in need with their forever home. Many cats and kittens are welcomed into homes of all shapes and sizes, but by broadening our understanding of what makes a suitable home, we can maximise rehoming opportunities without compromising welfare. Pally's story on page 24 is a great example of this, and a very lucky one as the clock was ticking and the situation was urgent.

Cats and kittens are taken into the care of our branch for many reasons, sometimes for behavioural or health issues that an owner can't cope with. Poor Juno on page 6 was suffering on both fronts, but after patient care and medical treatment, she's now living her best life. Will you help ensure a bright future for cats like Juno? Please go to cats.org.uk/woking and click on "Support Us".

Wishing you a wonderful summer!



Jane

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Volunteers Matter

Welcome to: Maya Topalova, Becci Trott.

We are always in need of volunteers – please get in touch if you are interested in joining our lovely team. Contact us at: enquiries@woking.cats.org.uk or call us on 01483 928018 (mailbox 4).

Cover star: Beau - see page 9.

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In memory of Casper

In July 2014 the last of my three cats passed away. This left an emptiness in the home and as time passed, I felt it more and more. By September I had decided that there needed to be another cat and I told my daughter I was going to ask Woking Cats Protection if they could help me.

My daughter insisted on coming with me to meet Pauline, who helped to rehome cats at the branch. We visited one very nice cat, but I wasn't entirely sure that she was right for me. I then asked Pauline if there was another cat that might be suitable. She told me that she had a lovely white cat called Casper. I was a little doubtful as I didn't really want a white cat but decided to meet him anyway. As soon as we saw him it was love at first sight and we were absolutely blown away by his beauty and character.



By October Casper had settled in and was completely at home. From then on he was my constant companion and soulmate, always very loving and coming straight to the door to greet me. Wherever I was in the house, that was where he wanted to be. His presence was a great comfort and helped me overcome the loss of my husband, and later on my partner. Cats don't judge us, and their presence has such a calming effect on us.

When Casper became an old man of about 19 or 20 his health started to decline with thyroid issues, weight loss and dementia. Eventually I had to let him go, and in December I said goodbye to my beloved Casper.



I have had many "posh cats", but he will always be remembered as the most loving and the best cat I have ever had. When I told Pauline and the Cats Protection team about his loss, they were so kind and I can't thank them enough for the loving support I received.



Susan

Hello from Ryan – our new Treasurer

Hello, I'm Ryan and it's a pleasure to introduce myself as the new treasurer for Woking & District branch! Firstly, let me say a huge thank you to Gill who shared lots of her time, and a few delicious baked goods, to teach me everything I need to know. She's given so much to the cats in this community over the years so I really couldn't ask for a better example to follow.

Last July I graduated university with a degree in Economics and Finance and whilst struggling to decide how best to use it I had the genius thought of "How can I use this degree to see more adorable cats?" So, when I saw there was an opportunity going as a treasurer for the country's leading cat charity, I knew I had to go for it. So, if you see me around at various events, feel free to come up and say hello!



Enough about me, this is after all a cat newsletter, so allow me to introduce Todd, a 9-year-old tabby. We adopted our gorgeous Todd 9 years ago from the RSPCA and like most cats, he demands only the very best treatment and exactly the right amount of attention. Too much or not enough, and he's quick to let you know! He was an especially feisty little guy when he first joined our family, but he's a lot more relaxed and settled these days – especially if there's a sunny spot for him to lie in.



It's no surprise that Todd was a little feisty as, at just a few weeks old, he was abandoned in a cardboard box at the side of the road along with the rest of his litter – in the middle of December no less! Through the help of volunteers much like our own, Todd received the treatment he needed to pull through, the only one from his litter who was fortunate enough to do so.

It's heartbreaking to know that's how life began for Todd and so many other cats but equally seeing him sprawled out soaking up the sunshine has always filled me with gratitude for the important work of charities such as ours. So, while getting the chance to see lots of cats was enticing, I really wanted to join Cats Protection so that I could be a part of a charity that gives other cats the same chance at the life that Todd is living. For Todd this means the freedom to wake up his owners at 4am for some biscuits or to scratch up the carpet – you know, the important things in life!



Shirley - the icing on the cake

Shirley's story is typical of many cats who are living a precarious life until they find their way into the care of Woking Cats Protection. Young tabby Shirley came to the attention of the branch when she was reported as living rough under a hedge, fending not just for herself, but also for her two small kittens. After much coaxing and building up of trust, the whole family was finally trapped and brought into care.

Shirley's kittens, Bob and Lileth, were already around 10 weeks old and it became clear that it was too late for them to adjust to a domestic home and would need a safe, outdoor setting where they could be looked after at a distance, without too much human contact. Thankfully, exactly the right place has been found so their future is secured. As for Shirley – well she has landed on her paws too!



Bob and Lileth before their rescue

Our Shirley came into our lives towards the end of January. We had started to dip our toes back into the water after losing our beloved boy cat last June, aged 20! We had been looking on various rescue sites and gone to meet some lovely rescues but, being very honest, we just couldn't get the feeling we wanted. My husband spotted Shirley on the Woking Cats Protection website and, after going through all the necessities, we arranged to meet her. As soon as we walked in and saw her at her fosterer's, while she was very quiet and timid, we both knew she was the one. A baby herself, having had kittens and living outside, we just wanted to take her home. Getting a head bump from her while giving her Dreamies – well, that was the icing on the cake.



In the couple of months we have had her, she has grown in confidence so much. She's very affectionate, loves a scratch and is now living the kitten life she didn't have, including zoomies in her mad moments. This week we have just started to let her out in the garden and we were like nervous parents as she legged it over the fence thinking, will she come back? She did and she absolutely loves being outside. Other cats beware, she may be small but she doesn't stand for any nonsense. She has brought us so much joy, we all adore her.



P.S. She's a proper tv addict!

Sarah

Juno...

In need of a new lease of life, a British Blue called Juno was taken into care by Woking Cats Protection because changes at her home had made her very stressed. As is often the case with cats, the stress had resulted in inappropriate toileting behaviour and multiple urine infections.

Even in a calmer environment, Juno continued to suffer from urine infections and generally seemed miserable and withdrawn, but it soon became apparent that this was the result of a sizeable bladder issue that she had probably been suffering from for a considerable time.

Dr Scott, the Chobham Vet, quickly diagnosed bladder stones which showed up clearly on an x-ray. These stones were rough and jagged, and caused bleeding and inflammation as they rolled around inside poor Juno's bladder.

Not surprisingly, this was making her very unhappy with the constant pain and straining to urinate. Surgery was essential: a cystotomy, which is a common procedure to open the bladder and remove the offending stones. Juno's stones turned out to be around 1cm in diameter – quite a size for a small cat.

Within two weeks of her operation, Juno had made a great recovery and really blossomed. A huge difference could be seen, not just to her health but also her wellbeing. She had a better appetite, gained a little weight, was more playful and much happier to be picked up and handled.

All she needed now was a stress-free forever home that could manage her diet and medication to prevent reoccurrence of any bladder stones. And that is exactly what she got – Juno is now living her best life, free of pain.

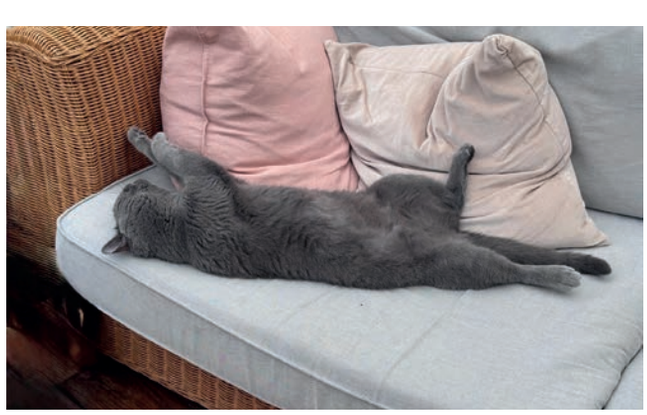
My last cat I sadly lost through misadventure, shall we say. I was devastated, he was a real wanderer and loved being outside and in our local countryside, so he had a good, happy life. I have always had cats since childhood and although only a few weeks had passed without cat, I missed a feline companion and our home just seemed so empty without a cat around.

So, in potential cat-browsing mode, I started looking for a suitable furry friend that would be a good match for us. I found Juno who looked adorable and made the enquiry immediately through the CP website. Shortly afterwards I had a phone call with Juno's foster mum Louise. This was for initial screening to check my home was suitable to adopt.

I learnt that poor Juno had had a really rough time and had major surgery for bladder stones which meant she was on a urinary diet and would need a patient and gentle introduction to a stress-free home. At the time I didn't realise she was a little celebrity and had appeared on YouTube at The Chobham Vet for her surgery!

I arranged a time to see Juno at her foster home, and brought my partner and son too so she could meet the whole family. My partner (who is the more level-headed one of us) said we should meet her first and then discuss and decide if we could match her needs in our home. I agreed.

The moment we met her I knew we could offer her the home she could be happy in – she was adorable. Our meeting went well and she bonded with my son and let him pick her up. She was a little apprehensive but friendly enough.



...a life transformed



Louise thought we were a good match and would be happy for us to adopt her. In a heartbeat I said Yes! forgetting everything about the "discussion" we intended to have after the meeting. I could see us all feeling happy and relaxed with Juno and that was all I needed to know.

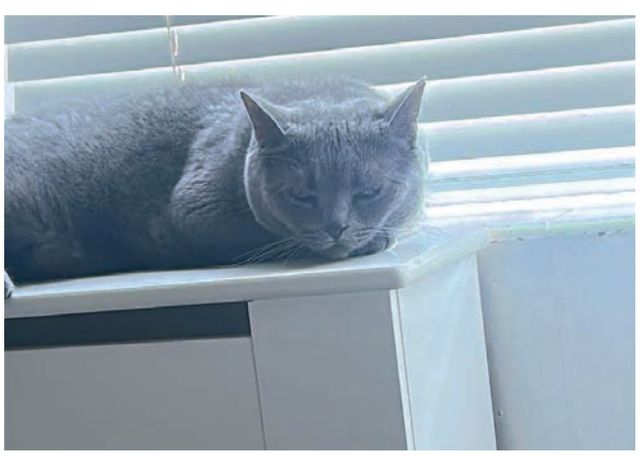
A few weeks later "J Day" arrived! Louise brought Juno to come and live with us in her forever home. I expected her to be nervous and hide under the sofa for a few days but later that afternoon she appeared! Inquisitively, she started looking around the conservatory which was the room we designated as hers to familiarise her with the house. It was a good choice, as she could look out into the garden and see all the birds and wildlife going on around her while she was sitting on the windowsills.



Slowly, after a few days more rooms were opened up and she soon had the run of downstairs. There were no issues and Juno settled into her feed times and toilet facilities well!

Juno has been with us six months now and is so much part of our family. She sleeps on the bed each night and she loves sitting with us and even joins us for larger family get-togethers which I thought would be daunting for her.

I have become an expert in sourcing urinary diet treats for her which she is rewarded with if she lets us brush her. As spring has arrived, she is really loving exploring the garden and the orchards behind, with all the new wildlife and interesting smells, and rolling in the sunshine.



We are all so pleased we adopted Juno, with thanks to Woking Cats Protection for her treatment to enable her to lead a healthy and happy life.

I also believe truly that the "Cat Distribution System" was working when we found her, which means we were fated to be together!

Sam

A tumble of tabby kittens...

Brian & Marge

When we lost our lovely Sammy in March last year, we were absolutely devastated. We'd lost our other cat, Tiger, a couple of years previously and at first we couldn't envisage ever replacing them. Sammy was also a Cats Protection rescue, and had been with us for almost 20 years.

Even though several months passed, the house still felt very empty and we decided the time felt right to consider getting another cat. Having had such a great experience with Cats Protection previously, we wanted to support them again and provide a home to a cat that needed a loving family.

Our initial plan was to get an adolescent female cat, our main criteria being that she was very affectionate and adored cuddles! We spent many hours browsing the website and looking at cats, unable to decide. Then we spotted that a litter of kittens needed homes – not at all what we had in mind but seeing the cute photos, somewhat on impulse, we decided to make an enquiry. After completing the form and doing a home check call, we were able to go and visit the kittens to choose one. There were six in total, a mix of grey and silver, male and female tabbies. We were immediately taken with Brian who came rushing out to greet us and curled straight up on my son's lap. It was at that point that Alison asked if we were hoping to home one or two cats; we'd not really considered this, but I looked at my husband's and son's faces and instantly knew we would be adopting a pair! With Brian being a grey tabby, our first thought was we wanted the other kitten to be one of the silver tabbies. However Alison told us that Brian and Marge (also a grey tabby) were best buddies, and whenever they slept were always cuddled up together. Marge was much more timid and had to be coaxed to come and see us. Alison told us how much they seemed to love each other, so we decided to take both Brian and Marge, as we couldn't bear the thought of splitting them up.



It turned out to be a fantastic decision – they have definitely benefitted from having each other to play and cuddle with. I'd recommend anyone considering getting a kitten to try and get two if possible. They both have different characters. Brian is bigger, braver and more assertive, but also a complete softie and loves a cuddle and lots of attention. Marge has stayed quite petite; she's more confident now and the more playful and mischievous of the two, though thankfully still enjoys a cuddle.

When we first got them, Brian was the boss, not letting Marge in "his" tunnel or on "his" cat tree. Now Marge has become more assertive; she is possessive with her toys, letting Brian know when she doesn't want to share and hiding them from him in all sorts of random places. We also bought a new cat tree that Marge claimed – Brian wasn't allowed near when she was around!

Although now 8 months old they are still very kitten-like and adore playing in the garden. They love to spend sunny days outside chasing bugs and leaves; Marge likes to bring us a leaf as a gift and I find them all around the house! They wear themselves out during the day and by the evening they like nothing more than curling up with us; they are both very affectionate and adore a warm lap.

Brian and Marge have bought so much joy to our lives, we're so grateful to Cats Protection for entrusting us with these gorgeous kitties and for all the work they do.

Lisa, Keith & Joe

...who would you choose?

Maggie

After our old cat, Mungo, sadly died, me, my sister and my Mum wanted a kitten (my Dad wasn't too sure). My Mum found Cats Protection was advertising some kittens for adoption in our area, so off we went to the foster house. When we got to the place where they were, I felt like my dream for a whole fortnight came true – I was face-to-face with a mountain of kittens (yes, a literal pile of cats). The first one who came out was Maggie – small, yet determined and brave. The first thing she did was attack thin air and that's nothing compared to how she loves to attack her toys.

When Maggie's foster carer brought her to our house – complete with a blanket (which she still loves) that smelt of Maggie's family – it took her a while to settle in but she was soon exploring! We had got some kitten bits and bobs from my sister's friend and my granny and grandad – a tube, scratching post and lots of toys. I wasn't there when she first turned up but then I finally arrived back from a party and saw her. My dad put her blanket with me and she laid there.



She has now been with us a few months and is definitely part of the family. She loves cuddles, strokes, sleeping and attacking toys (and feet). I would highly recommend Cats Protection – they love helping people and cats match up. We even went to their Christmas Fair where we got Maggie a wind-up mouse!

William (aged 10)

Beau



Last autumn, we decided it was time to find a kitten for our family. With two children aged 6 and 8, we wanted a cat who would fit in well with a busy home. While looking on the Woking Cats Protection website, I spotted some gorgeous tabby kittens and got in touch straight away to see if any were still available.

The next day, we heard back that there was one kitten left – a little boy called Trevor – and we were invited to meet him. As soon as we met him, we fell in love.

He cheekily ran up my husband's leg and happily played with a feather toy with the kids. He was so playful and such a handsome little silver-grey boy.

Just two weeks later, he came home with us and settled in straight away, enjoying all his toys, blankets and treats. Over the last few months, he's brought us so much happiness and we absolutely adore him.

We've renamed him Beau (although he still gets called Trevor sometimes!). He spends his days playing with the children, curling up on our laps purring, watching birds out of the window and charging around the house doing his hilarious zoomies. He's very chilled out and happily gives the children cuddles, and loves being fussed before snoozing in all the cosiest spots.

Thank you so much to Cats Protection for helping us find Beau – we couldn't be happier.

Georgie

Quiz Night 2026

For the last 13 years our Quiz Night has been a popular fixture in the calendar for many supporters of the Woking branch of Cats Protection. The 2026 event on 21 February attracted over 100 quizzers, armed with food and drink to get them through the evening.

Mark, the Quizmaster, kicked off proceedings by introducing new members of the branch, including Penny our official photographer, and Ryan our new Treasurer. Ryan takes over the role from Gill, who has managed the branch's finances so brilliantly for many years. Mark paid tribute to all her wonderful work over the years and she received a standing ovation from everyone present, but it wasn't a goodbye; we'll still be seeing her on the nearly-new stall at the Spring and Christmas Fairs.

The first round was, as usual, a picture round but in a departure from past years, Mark offered the quizzers a choice: species of Amazonian spiders or musical instruments. It was put to the vote and musical instruments was chosen. Would you recognise a theremin, ocarina or hurdy gurdy if you saw one? It turns out not everyone would and at the end of the round team Catastrophy took an early lead with 7 points.

Next came the audio round. This time Mark went for national anthems from around the world and when the scores were counted, there was a three-way tie for first place with Catastrophy, The Thamesiders and The Clawed Crusaders all scoring a total of 12 points. It's rumoured that during this round, one person (who will remain anonymous) failed to recognise their own country's national anthem, thus making their team a hot favourite for the wooden spoon.

Round Three was multiple choice and this put The Prosecco Cat Fanciers in first place with 20 points, one point ahead of the four teams in joint second: Catastrophy, Auntie Pauline's Posse, The Thamesiders and The Clawed Crusaders. After that we all enjoyed a slideshow, prepared by Andrew, of the many cats and kittens that landed squarely on their paws during 2025, thanks to the efforts of the branch's volunteers and the generosity of our supporters.

It was then time for the video round. Many world landmarks are instantly recognisable from a distance, but could you recognise them from close up? Mark showed ten clips from tourist videos and challenged the quizzers to name the landmarks they were visiting. This was a high-scoring round with no fewer than four teams scoring perfect 10s, but it was not enough to displace The Prosecco Cat Fanciers who retained their one-point lead over their nearest rivals.

Next was the general knowledge round. Can you remember the name of Dick Turpin's horse, or the nickname given to Baron Manfred von Richtofen? Some could, some couldn't. Paws For Thought managed to score a half point for one of the questions in this round, not quite sure how, but it didn't change anything at the top. The Prosecco Cat Fanciers had 37 points but Catastrophy was still only one point behind.

Finally, there was the wipeout round. Five increasingly difficult questions that you don't have to answer, but if you do and you're wrong, you get no points at all for the whole round. Valiant efforts were made by several teams but they couldn't displace The Prosecco Cat Fanciers from the top spot, who became our 2026 champions! A huge thank-you to everyone who attended the evening. A truly remarkable £1800 was raised from tickets, the two games we played and the raffle. We look forward to doing it all again in 2027.



WINNERS: The Prosecco Cat Fanciers



WOODEN SPOONS: The Moggie Minors

A huge thank you to...

Our veterinary supporters
Lynton Vets
The Chobham Vet

...for raffle prizes and for their continuing support!

Susanna MacDonald

...for running the Berlin Marathon and generously nominating Woking Cats Protection to receive her funds. The marathon takes place on 27 September so please visit her Just Giving page and help her reach her fundraising target. https://www.justgiving.com/page/susanna-macdonald-3

Good luck, Susanna!

Vanda

...for the use of the garage.

Everyone who came to the Spring Fair

...you helped us raise a record spring total of £4040!

Curchods, West Byfleet

...for the bottles of wine for our fundraising.

The Golden Grove

...for the raffle prize.

Fiona

...for the lovely cakes you made for Quiz Night.

Emily

...for the Lindt chocolate donation for the tombola.

SaxClub4

...for providing the wonderful live music at Quiz Night.

Thank you, Mink Farm Cat Hotel!

We have received amazing support from Mink Farm Cat Hotel this spring. Rose says, "We recently supported Woking Cats Protection with an Easter Hamper raffle that contained a variety of seasonal treats! The raffle saw fantastic participation and raised £600 to help Cats Protection continue caring for cats and kittens in need. We are always so grateful to everyone involved, whose efforts make a real difference to the lives of cats in their care."



40th anniversary...

This summer we are celebrating 40 years of Woking Cats Protection! Heather Cook, Founder and Co-ordinator for 28 years, looks back at its origins and some memorable moments.

Birth of a new branch

I would like to say that my entry into the furry world of hands-on involvement with Cats Protection was part of a personal development plan or a laudable desire to do good. In fact, it was a mistake.

Back in the 1980s, people were far more relaxed about giving out contact details and the co-ordinator of Guildford Branch had no difficulty in obtaining the phone numbers of Cats Protection members living in the Woking area. At that time, Guildford Branch were struggling to cover as much as they could in the absence of a Woking Branch and it was a pleasant but rather desperate-sounding woman who contacted me and others to see if we could help out with the occasional fundraising event.

I still shudder at the complacency of my response. I explained that I worked full-time in London and felt I was doing as much as I could by paying my subscription to Headquarters and contributing the odd article to The Cat magazine. I realised then that I was in the presence of a superior intelligence. Instead of telling me a few home truths, this dear soul empathised with me until I found myself pleading with her to let me help.

Cat people

From that point on things happened quickly. I met up with other cat people, including Wendy, Martyn, Janice, Hilary and Doris and we realised we had the nucleus of a new branch. We were soon joined by Gill, who in due course took on the Treasurer role – a role which she carried out with supreme efficiency until earlier this year – and Joanne, who did so much for the cats until her untimely passing in 2011. Steve, who is still very involved with the branch, joined us in the late 1990s to help with trapping and fostering and all sorts of things that needed doing.

Notable among our fosterers was Karen, who did such wonderful work with hand-rearing kittens, as well as opening her home and her heart to numerous old cats who could have formed the cast of a feline version of "Last of the Summer Wine".

We were all working, which meant that most of our cat activities were confined to evenings and weekends. Some people inevitably melted away at an early stage, and we struggled to find people able and willing to accommodate the cat pens, which somehow ended up in my garden.

Many people joined us as time went on, including Pauline, who has done so much for the cats and still does, although she talks about "retirement". It's hard to think that "retirement" and "Pauline" will ever appear in the same sentence for long. Alison also remains a long-standing fosterer, her pens are hardly ever empty, with a procession of felines enjoying TLC before they go to new homes.

A lot of our work in the early days involved trapping, neutering and releasing feral cats in and around Woking and arranging to feed these colonies daily. Wherever possible we socialised and rehomed young kittens, but the adults were generally "pedigree" ferals and were happier left on familiar ground. We were desperately busy and short of funds, but there was no shortage of camaraderie and laughter. Even the trapping on cold winter evenings had its lighter side. Having spent several nights watching a young black feral circling round the trap, baited temptingly with pilchards, I threw in some ham and the sweet creature whipped in like a rat up a drainpipe.

Memorable moggies

The homing of cats brought many magical and amusing incidents. One couple phoned and said they loved Persian cats and wondered if we had any waiting for homes. I explained that we tended to deal mainly with the moggy end of the market and asked if they had tried the breed-specific rescue organisation. They asked if they could come anyway to see the cats in the pens. After an hour or so of viewing, a large, black, short-haired cat with a conspicuously long nose emerged rather sulkily from his igloo bed and it was love at first sight.

...of Woking & District Cats Protection!

An occupational hazard of fostering cats is that I seem to remember the cats for years but often can't place the owner. Years after I had homed him, I saw a black and white cat in the vet's waiting room and was certain it was Boston. I had to know, so asked the owner if she had acquired him from Woking Cats Protection. She had – "from some woman in a bungalow backing on to woods." Obviously, she found me every bit as memorable as I found her.

A huge grey and white stray cat was brought to me in pieces by a lovely gentleman who had seen the cat licking ice from his bird bath. I asked if he'd given the cat a name. "I call him Lucky," was the reply. As I looked at the cat's broken jaw and raw, furless paws, I wondered about the appropriateness of this, but in his new life as Malcolm, the cat fulfilled his destiny. He lived for another 12 years, ruling my life and making clear when I married Poor Roger in December 2000 that he did not approve of the new arrangements. Copious helpings of chicken and fish soon encouraged him to take a sunnier view of things.

The Saturday Club

The socialisation of cats and particularly kittens is a vitally important part of cat rehoming, and we were fortunate to have some very dedicated volunteers who would spend quality time with our residents. One of these volunteers was Margaret Hawkins, who many will remember with affection. We also had young volunteers who were working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award and they were a welcome addition to what became known as "The Saturday Club". This developed into something of an institution, with the cats and kittens benefitting hugely from the attention they received and the humans enjoying cat chat and furry biscuits. Jenny, Ruth, Toni and Miranda were always there, come rain or shine – and on one occasion at least, snow.

It has been a tremendous privilege to be involved with so many wonderful cats and people over the years – even if I did get into it by mistake.

Heather





2011: Felis Catus reported on the highest accolade for Heather

40th anniversary...

Mary Morgan, long-standing volunteer and Branch Co-ordinator, shares her memories of her many years with Woking Cats Protection.

Writing this article to celebrate 40 years of the branch I thought, goodness me where do I start? There are so many stories and memories about triumphs, challenges and yes, sadly, tragedies. So many volunteers who have contributed, the list is endless, magnificent people doing marvellous things for moggies of all shapes, colours and sizes, just because they care.

I joined the branch in 2002, at first with general helping and then taking committee meeting minutes, that task not really being my forte, I have to say! I was then asked if I would take on the responsibility of creating a newsletter. My first attempt was in 2004 and then I produced four editions a year right up until 2016, christening the newsletter, *Felis Catus*, that remains today. I was the branch photographer and have hundreds of precious images of countless events, fantastic people and more cats than could be counted.

In 2012, with the "persuasion" of certain volunteers who will remain nameless, I took on the role of Branch Co-ordinator. However, I embraced the challenges, perhaps with a little too much gusto for some at times! What a team they were, and over the years we brought in many new ideas, including the annual quiz night, moving the bi-annual fair to the much bigger hall, purchasing a dedicated van, creating new roles and increasing our presence and engagement in the community with a variety of projects which all helped bring in some wonderful new volunteers to work alongside people who had already dedicated years of selfless work and kindness.

I look back on my 15 years with the branch with great fondness and pride. So many laughs, tears and frustrations but, above all, everything being for the love of cats. I have not mentioned any names other than to remember some dedicated ladies who I volunteered with and who are sadly no longer with us, but all of whom made exceptional contributions to the branch: Joanne, Janice, Margaret and Jenny. Here is a little poem, that I hope will cover you all.

Mary

LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

How many people does it take to care
To make a difference the load to share?
In 40 years, my goodness, who knows
To trap, to foster, to support all the shows
Make posters and postcards, cakes, catnip toys
Neuter the ladies and snip off the boys!
Go to the farm and round up the gingers
Have cat pens in gardens, count pennies on fingers
Deliver the lucky into their new homes
Do spreadsheets, make teas and answer the phones
Put tents up, and sort out the stuff in the sheds
Order the food to keep all the cats fed
Open your gardens and welcome all in
Stand on the corners rattling tins
Stand behind stalls, to sell all our stuff
The chocolates, the jams...not that it's too rough!
Cuddle the cats and the kittens we find
Never give up and leave no one behind
Ensure that the lost ones will always be found
When things got tough, we just stood our ground
Supporting each other through thick and through thin
As tomorrow, the next day there are more coming in!



Volunteer team, March 2014:
Back l-r: Alison, Sarah, Sally, Pauline, Jill, Steve
Middle l-r: Janice, Gillian, Gill, Jenny, Adrian
Bottom l-r: Margaret, Mary

...of Woking & District Cats Protection!

Hitting the headlines over the years



Santa cause is cool for cats

EVERYTHING went purr-fectly at the Christmas Fayre of the Woking and District branch of the Cats Protection charity.

The fair was held at Brook Hall in Brox Road, Ottershaw, with a host of fun and games on offer.

The crowds took advantage of the cake stalls, the tombola and the crafts on sale.

Alison Lancaster, the branch fundraising officer, said: "It was fantastic.

"We raised our second highest total ever, so we are really pleased.

"We took £2,884. Obviously, with the current economic climate, people are being more careful, so it was more than we were expecting."

Pauline Welch, Steve Dunn, Richard Darling, Mary Morgan and Alison Lancaster keep the kitty topped up. Picture: Terry Habgood. (Ref: WK115360-2)



TOP TEAM – The winning quizzers, Kitty Kitty Bang Bang, with their certificates and trophy. From left, Helen and Paul Borrett, Kim and Jeremy Martin and Mark and Cheryl Clements

Animal charity's quiz winners bang on form

QUIZ fans raised £2,000 at a fundraising evening for the Woking branch of a feline welfare charity.

The event, at New Haw Community Centre, had 20 teams of supporters and adopters of Cats Protection.

It was the seventh annual quiz night organised by the branch.

Paolo Orezzi was quizmaster, with the help of media officer Catherine Orezzi and technical support officer Mark Lancaster.

The winning team was Kitty Kitty Bang Bang, who scored 46 points.

During the evening there was a photo presentation of the many cats that found new homes through the branch last year, highlighting the work that it does.

Welfare officer Pauline Welch said: "A huge thank you to everyone for buying raffle tickets, bidding on the auction prizes and for taking part in the heads and tails game."

The branch's next fundraising event is its spring fair at the New Haw Community Centre, in Woodham Lane, on Saturday 30 March, from 10.30am to 2pm.

Charity's struggles as families abandon cats

A CAT CHARITY is struggling to cope with the number of animals in its care because more and more people are deciding they no longer want their pets.

The cost-of-living crisis has seen energy bills rocketing and the price of food rising, which has led to people giving up their cats because they can not afford to feed them or pay expensive medical bills.

Other reasons people are choosing to give up their cats include a change in living situation or the addition of a new dog or puppy.

Cats Protection says the situation at the moment is horrendous and it has a waiting list of more than 30 people wanting to surrender their cats.

Kim Gibson, the charity's welfare team leader, said: "We have more than 20 cats in our care and a huge waiting list.

"We also have a lot of people who have said their situation has changed and they're moving house and their new landlord won't accept pets.

"Another reason is people get dogs and then they decide to get rid of the cat because it's not settling well with the new dog or puppy.

"I would always urge people to seriously think about their situation long-term before they consider taking on a cat.

"Pet insurance is also a must so you can cover any medical bills that come up."

Many people have also headed back to the office and are back to their normal routines following the Covid-19 pandemic and no longer wish to be tied down by pets.

Kim added: "People aren't at home as often as they were during the pandemic, so we are having to deal with the fallout from that as well."

Many of the cats currently in the care of the Woking charity's branch are senior cats which can get overlooked because people would prefer a kitten.

But the benefits of having an older cat often outweigh those of getting a kitten, which can be far more boisterous.

"Kittens are hard work," Kim said. "An older cat is far more established and will often be a lot easier to take on.

"We have some beautiful cats in our care at the moment who are desperate for a good home."

Cats Protection is also urging people to get their cats neutered and is offering vouchers to help with the cost.

The recommended age to get a kitten neutered is around four months.

If you would like financial assistance with neutering, or you would like to adopt a cat, please call the charity on 08453 721 200 or email info@woking.cats.org.uk

Look at me! Eight-year-old Hugo



Feline fillip for shoppers

SHOPPERS were given purr-fect advice when they stopped by the Cats Protection promotion bus.

Parked at the Lion retail park in Maybury on Saturday and Sunday, the bus was manned by volunteers from the Woking & District Cats Protection branch.

Every year the branch helps more than 500 cats.

Mary Morgan, branch co-ordinator, who helped man the stand, said: "We were talking to people and giving advice on pets and showing them what cats we have for homing. We also talked about microchipping and neutering. Raising awareness is important."

The branch has an open garden on Sunday June 23 at 24, Slade Road, Ottershaw from 11am to 4pm. Cream teas, cakes, a plant stall and light lunches will be available. For information visit www.woking.cats.org.uk.

Pauline Welch, Catherine Orezzi (kneeling), Mary Morgan, Steve Dunn and Jeremy Ingoe man the Cats Protection promotional bus. Picture: Chris Whitcomb. (Ref: WK133895-2)

Forty years down the road, our wonderful branch is growing faster and staying busier than ever before! It is a beautiful milestone, and we owe it all to the incredible loyalty of our selfless volunteers and passionate supporters.

Put simply, without your big hearts, our branch would not be here today. Every single ticket bought at our quiz nights, every treat purchased at our fairs, and your continuous generosity ensure that we can keep protecting our local cats for another 40 years to come.

Even when the world turned upside down during COVID-19, our mission never wavered. Following strict safety guidelines, we kept right on rescuing and rehoming cats in need. Some of those clever pandemic adjustments proved so helpful that we still use them today, like our handy virtual home checks!

However, the post-pandemic world has brought a few new hurdles. With the rising costs of vet care and cat food, more sweet cats and kittens are finding themselves in need of our help, just as finding suitable, loving homes has become a little harder. To meet this challenge head-on, we launched an exciting new partnership with our friends at the Isle of Wight branch (which you can read all about in issue January – June 2026 of *Felis Catus*). This initiative has been a massive success, allowing us to combine forces, share resources, and ultimately change the lives of so many more cats and people.

Of course, our vital fieldwork never stops. We are still hard at work caring for our local feral population through our essential trap, neuter, and return (TNR) programme. At the same time, our dedicated teams are on the ground responding to a high number of reports regarding stray, abandoned, unchipped and unneutered cats. It is a big job, but with a community as compassionate as ours, we know we can give every cat and kitten the bright, safe future they deserve.

Thank you for walking alongside us for forty amazing years!

Kim

Don't forget the oldies!

Just like humans, cats are living longer and healthier lives than they used to. So, if you are looking for a new companion, please don't dismiss an older cat. Kittens may be cute, but older cats also have a lot to offer.

Sadly, when older cats come into care, the expectation is that they will be with us longer than other age groups as they are often overlooked, despite them potentially making calmer, more relaxing companions who might spend more time at home.

As with all our cats they will have a health check and often will have geriatric blood tests to check for any age-related problems. They will sometimes need some dental work as well. This means that when they are ready to be adopted we have a full picture of their physical condition, and if there are any issues then this is fully discussed with potential adopters.

Senior cats may come in because their owners can no longer care for them, may have gone into care themselves, or have sadly passed away. For the cat this may have been the only home they have known, so will understandably be feeling very unsettled about the change in their circumstance. Where possible it is lovely to be able to foster them in a home setting rather than a pen, although this isn't always an option.

I love fostering our golden oldies. They may be set in their ways as to how life should be, especially around what food they like or what litter they will use and I sometimes feel like a detective trying to find out what makes them happy. We don't always know much about their history, but we always strive to help them settle. We may have been told that all they do is sleep so it is lovely to see how once they have settled in care they start to find that playful spirit and start engaging with toys again.

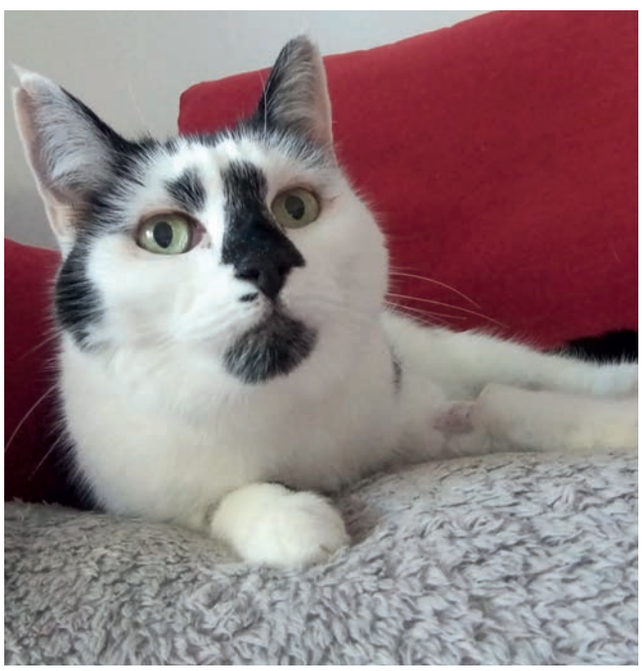
Sometimes, as with Lucy, an adopter comes forward who specifically wants to rehome an older cat. It has been lovely to see Lucy so settled and happy with Liz, and very clearly enjoying her retirement home.

Caroline

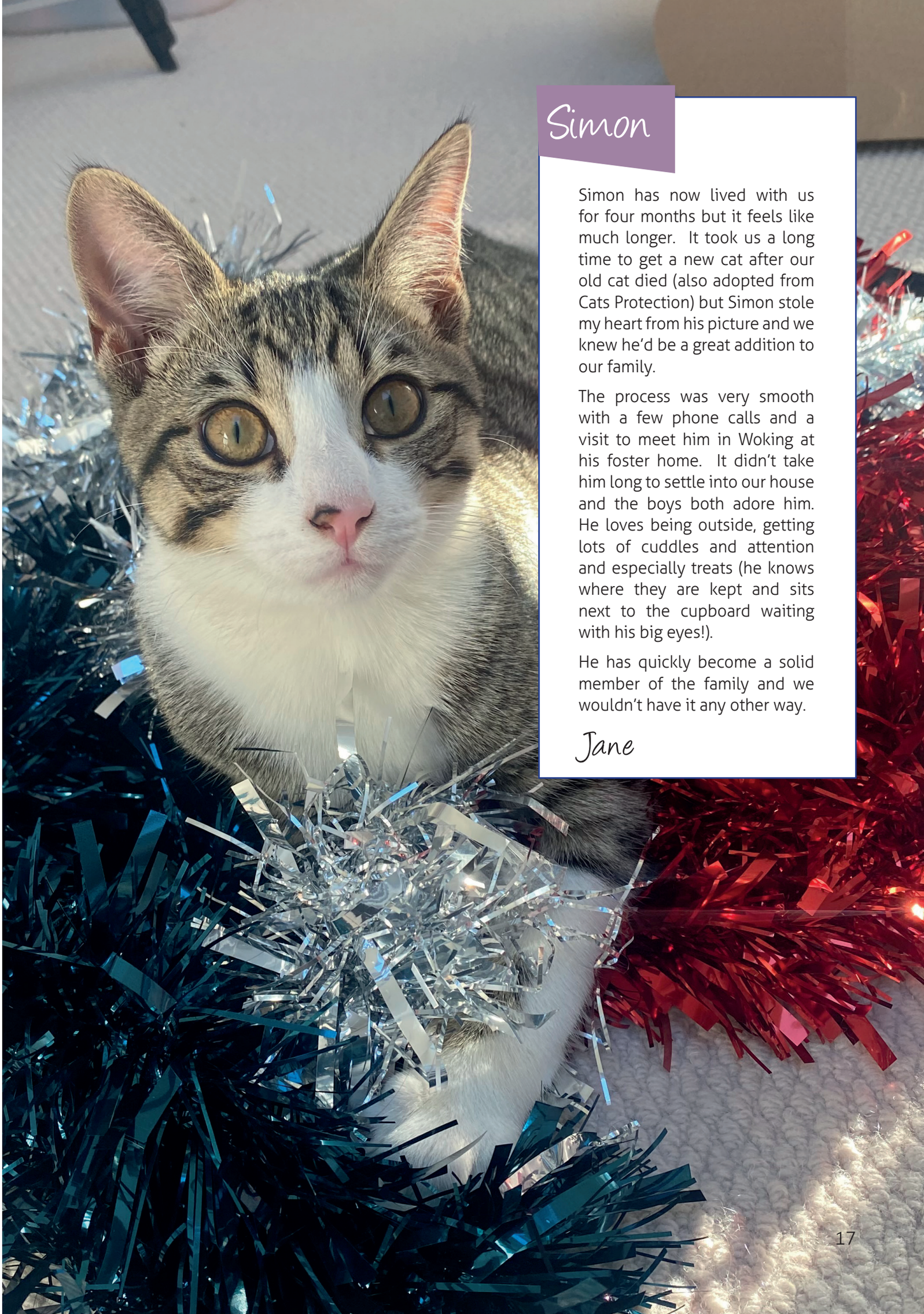
Lucy

I lost my last cat in November 2024 at the estimable age of 21, so I know how older cats just have that special appeal – but are hard to rehome. Since then, I think I was subconsciously waiting for the King of Cats to do his thing and know the exact right time to put the exact right cat in my path... and that's how Lucy arrived in my life. She is a *grande dame* of 15 with a very soft, striking, black and white "paint splodge" coat, wise, bright eyes, and gorgeous chunky paws. She is full of personality, endlessly curious about her new surroundings, wonderfully chatty and incredibly loving.

Lucy and I are settling into a cosy life together. I work from home most days and I will suddenly feel a tail swishing around my legs and wanting fuss. She jumps onto my bed every night with a "brrrrp!" and immediately curls up to sleep next to me. It is a big responsibility giving her a fresh start after the trauma of losing her previous owner, but it really feels like we've found each other at the right moment.



Liz



Simon

Simon has now lived with us for four months but it feels like much longer. It took us a long time to get a new cat after our old cat died (also adopted from Cats Protection) but Simon stole my heart from his picture and we knew he'd be a great addition to our family.

The process was very smooth with a few phone calls and a visit to meet him in Woking at his foster home. It didn't take him long to settle into our house and the boys both adore him. He loves being outside, getting lots of cuddles and attention and especially treats (he knows where they are kept and sits next to the cupboard waiting with his big eyes!).

He has quickly become a solid member of the family and we wouldn't have it any other way.

Jane

A brighter future for Tilly & Daisy

Tilly

Our previous cat, Fred, had left us a couple of years ago, after nearly 17 years of love. We all felt a deep loss but eventually we were ready to have a new family member and adoption matched our values.

A friend who had recently adopted a lovely kitten recommended Woking Cats Protection. This personal recommendation was very reassuring, and having talked through our preferred characteristics we were soon contacted with the news that a potentially suitable 4-year-old cat was in need of a home.



I first visited Tilly whilst she was still rearing her beautiful kittens, and was struck by how calm and affectionate yet alert she was. A couple of weeks later she was introduced to our children who took to her straight away. From that point onwards the adoption process was simple and smooth.

We had been told that it was unclear how Tilly would act around human food, and the first couple of weeks were interesting! Within two days she had opened a cupboard and eaten a doughnut, and refused to be anywhere other than on the dining table when we ate. However Tilly soon started to settle once she understood her own routine around food, and that she would definitely be fed!

The six months since adoption have gone incredibly quickly and we are so happy to have Tilly as part of our family.

Alex, Maya & Marek

Daisy



I approached several cat rescue centres and found Woking Cats Protection to be efficient and helpful without skipping due care and checks. I'd had rescue cats before but when I saw Daisy I couldn't resist – I'd never seen a calico before and she was such a pretty cat.

We got on well and went from there. To start with she was super nervous and bolted her food. Now she's a proper cat and is extremely particular, changing her mind every few days about her dietary desires! To start with she didn't play at all, now she hares around the house and chases ping-pong balls and laser pointers! She's an affectionate cat and fast becoming my best buddy. Thanks to your team for their ongoing advice and support.

Matt

Campaigning for cats

An update from the Advocacy, Campaigns & Government Relations Team

Action on cat welfare and breeding regulation

Earlier this year APGOCATS (a group of MPs, Peers and associate organisations with an interest in feline welfare aiming to promote and further feline welfare) held an event in Parliament calling on the Government to confront increasingly prevalent and harmful breeding practices. The event had over 20 parliamentarians pledging their support. This was followed a month later, when on 14 April staff, volunteers, supporters and MPs gathered in Parliament Square to call on the Government to urgently address the abandonment of cats from their recent Animal Welfare Strategy. The event highlighted the growing and largely unregulated trade in kittens and cats which is putting thousands of animals at risk.

A petition was also delivered to 10 Downing Street with more than 60,000 signatures urging the Government to introduce regulation of cat breeding in England.

Johanna Baxter MP



Cats deserve the same protections as other animals, and we urgently need clear commitments to close these welfare gaps and prevent further suffering. We are urging the Government to commit to regulating cat breeding to prevent harmful and extreme breeding practices. Without regulation, underage, sick or genetically compromised cats will continue to be bred and sold.

You can add your voice by signing the Open Letter to the Government at www.cats.org.uk.



Renters' Rights Act becomes law

From 1 May 2026, private renters in England now have the legal right to request permission to keep a pet. This is a major milestone for Cats Protection, after nearly a decade of campaigning for an end to blanket "no pet" policies.

Landlords must respond to a request within 28 days and cannot unreasonably refuse, with government guidance confirming that requests for a single cat should almost always be approved. This brings an end to "pet privilege", where pet ownership has been predominantly enjoyed by those fortunate enough to own their homes, and we're optimistic that this change will help more renters adopt and keep cats safely.



Meet Gwen

Meet Gwen: she is extremely playful, loves to watch TV (very closely!) and often has fun investigating the bookshelves. She's got a wonderful habit of nuzzling into your hand when you pet her which makes you feel like the luckiest human in the world. She's a beautiful cat with a lovely way about her and we couldn't be more thankful to have found her.

After Gwen arrived, we thought it would take a long time for her to get to know her new surroundings but after lots of initial sniffing and general investigation, she settled in no time and seemed to like us. The feeling is most definitely mutual. As soon as we saw her and her spectacular green eyes, we fell in love. She was gentle, friendly and curious to meet us. We were thrilled when Alison called to say they were satisfied with all the safety checks and would be happy for us to rehome her.

We're so grateful to Cats Protection and especially to Alison, who was kind, helpful and happy to answer any questions we had along the way. Our experience through this remarkable charity has been second to none so if you happen to be thinking about adopting a cat or know someone who is, we can't recommend them enough. We hope your furry friend brings as much happiness to you as little Gwen already has to us, and we hope to give her the loving life all cats deserve too. We'll do everything in our power to protect, love and nurture her. Her new life starts today!

Penny & Paul







Rays of orange sunshine

Dexter

We've had cats all our lives and were deeply upset when we lost Harry in June 2025. Harry was an old ginger mog who adopted us and treated our house as his retirement home, enjoying three years of love, cuddles and a huge garden to play in. When he got his pussy-cat wings, we left it for a while before we even considered getting another cat, but we were pretty sure that our next one would be female, and ideally tabby or black and white. However, the best laid plans... we saw Dexter on the Woking Cats Protection website, ginger with the cutest face, who was looking for his forever home. We were smitten.



We visited him at Siobhan's, his foster parent, and fell in love with him. He's like a little boy, not even two years old when we saw him for the first time. Dexter hasn't had the easiest start in life, with the vet saying the bald patches on his head, back and thigh are, sadly, more than likely burns inflicted on him when he was a kitten. People can be very cruel.

So, is Dexter perfect? No, but since he moved in with us he has gone from a timid, anxious cat who hid behind a chair on his first morning with us, to a cat who is loving life, enjoying being looked after, playing with his toys, enjoying cuddles on the sofa and, as Harry did before him, enjoying being out in our garden, finding new places to explore, hiding in the flowerbeds, and finding cool, shady places to sleep away a sunny afternoon after lunch. Dexter is making new, happy memories in our home, and he is very much a member of our family. And we all love him to bits.

Vicki

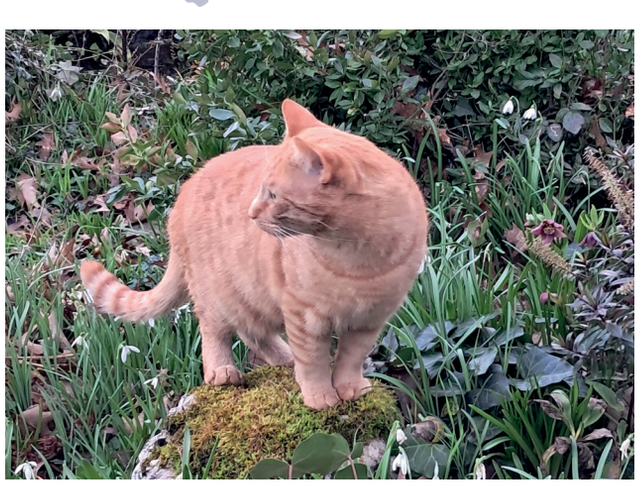
Marmalade

In Spring 2025 Jasper, our lovely 17-year-old black rescue cat, passed away after a long and happy life. He left a cat-sized gap in our family and so at the end of October we adopted Marmalade from Woking Cats Protection who smoothly guided us through the process.

Marmalade is a real character. He is large and lovely but no respecter of carpets! He loves to help me with my floristry work and will lounge around on my workbenches. He will jump into one of my boxes or a basket and his doughnut bed is always a lovely place to curl up at the end of the day.

We have a big garden and when the weather is warmer Marmalade spends lots of time out there. He often gets involved and tries to help when we are gardening!
Full of mischief, fun and cuddles – Marmalade is a welcome addition to our family.

Vivien



From uncertain to utterly besotted

Declan & Dennis

When our family first started talking about getting kittens, it wasn't something we were entirely sure about. Life is busy, and we weren't certain it was the right time to introduce two small, energetic personalities into the mix. But as it turns out, sometimes the best decisions are the ones you don't overthink.

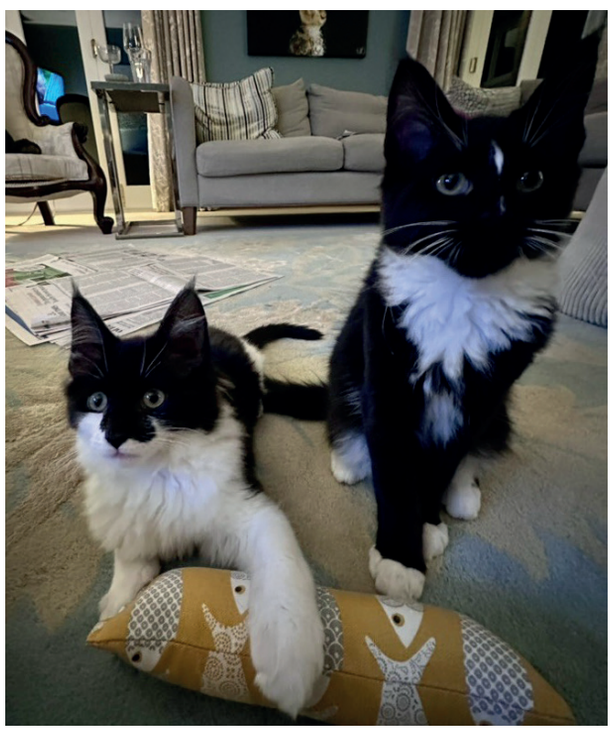
The idea actually came from our daughter, Esme, who suggested kittens as a birthday present for my husband, Spencer. Now, if you know Spencer, you might not immediately picture him as a cat lover. He can be quite hard to read and doesn't always wear his emotions on his sleeve – but with cats, it's a completely different story. He's what we jokingly call a "cat whisperer."

We chose to adopt through Woking and District Cats Protection, partly because we were looking for kittens at a time of year when they're not usually easy to find. Not only did they have kittens available, but Spencer had one specific request – they had to be (mostly) black!

Esme found Dennis and Declan and made the initial contact. When Spencer and I went to meet them, we told ourselves we would be sensible, take our time and not rush into anything. That lasted about five minutes. They were irresistible. Curious, playful and completely charming – we were besotted almost immediately.



Ten weeks on, we genuinely can't imagine life without them. Dennis and Declan have brought so much joy into our home. They are endlessly entertaining, always ready for a cuddle or a game, and have quickly made themselves part of the family. They love exploring the garden, chasing flies with great determination, and curling up by the log fire.



They've even developed a fondness for watching football – fitting, as they're named after Arsenal heroes!

What really made the experience special, though, was the support and care from Woking Cats Protection. From the first contact to bringing the kittens home, the process was thoughtful, reassuring, and clearly centred around the wellbeing of the animals. It gave us confidence at a time when we weren't entirely sure what we were taking on.

Looking back, what started as a slightly uncertain idea has turned into one of the best decisions we've made. Dennis and Declan have filled our home with warmth, laughter, and a lot of mischief – and we're so grateful to everyone involved in helping them find their way to us.

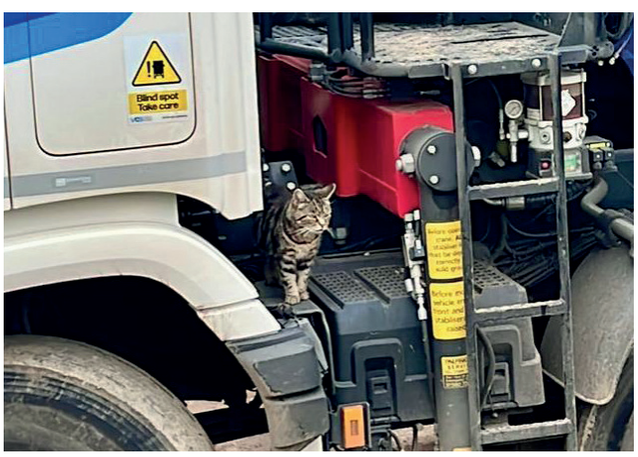
Juliet

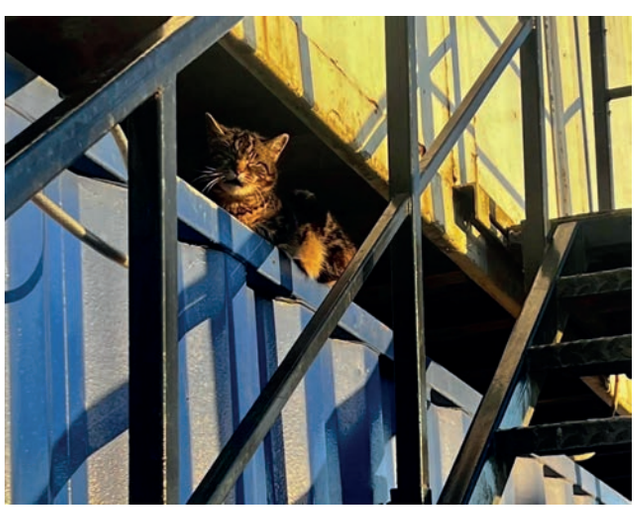
One determined cat...

Every cat is unique and so is every home. While many of our cats find loving homes in traditional households, others thrive in more unusual settings. Pally's story is a great illustration of how a cat often knows exactly how it wants to live and just needs a little help to get there. A huge thank you to Tyler and George whose kind efforts and concern for a cat's welfare have resulted in a secure future for her.

How it started

Around July 2023 in our aggregate yard in Weylands Treatment Works at Hersham, we had a visitor who we used to call Felix. Little did we know that she would then become a full-time yard cat – and she was actually called Pally. She spent most of her days lazing around, on top of containers in the sun or perched beneath cabins or lorries if it was raining.





She was wary at first but got braver over time and allowed herself to be stroked occasionally and ate the food we put out for her.





Sadly, the yard was due to close for re-development in March 2026 and we were worried that we would have to abandon the cat, so called Cats Protection for help.

Pauline rushed over and was able to get close enough to scan Pally for a microchip. Surprisingly, it was discovered that she came from only a mile or so up the road! Initially everyone thought this was a blessing as she could be reunited with her owner, until she turned up again a few weeks later, making a lot of noise announcing her return! I don't think I've seen a cat so happy as when she arrived back in the yard – which was lovely on the one hand but still left us with the problem of finding a safe place to relocate her to.

Despite being kept in by her original owner to re-acclimatise her to her old home, Pally knew what she

...a rags to riches story!

wanted – and that was to be living in the open, with human contact on her own terms and no other cats around.

She had originally been feral, adopted at nine months old with her siblings, so clearly felt more comfortable outdoors with space and choice than in a domestic setting which is why she returned to the yard. At this point her owner agreed that a new secure home needed to be found and was happy for Cats Protection to arrange this.

However, the situation was now urgent with the imminent closure of the site. Thankfully, at the eleventh hour Pauline, together with Colin and George at General Demolition and Northumberland Estates, managed to find Pally an amazing forever home – empty barns with a mouse problem!

Tyler



From here...



...to here!

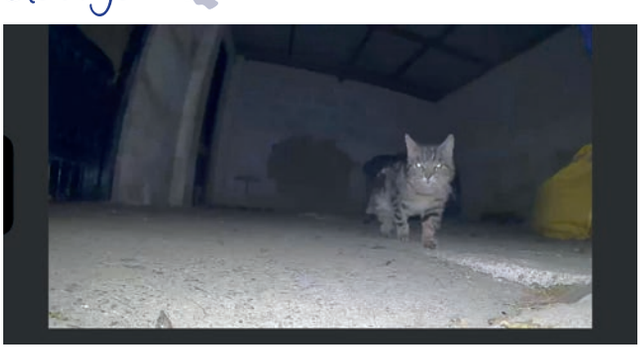
Much to her disgust, Pally was quickly trapped, taken for dental checks, given worming, tick and flea treatment, checked for FIV and vaccinated so that she could be transferred to her new home as soon as possible. To begin with she stayed within a barn in her own cosy shelter, before being released to explore further.



How it's going

Although we have not managed to see much of Pally since opening the barn for her to roam in her new natural habitat, it is very reassuring to see that she seems happy and healthy on the camera view. We are looking forward to her getting used to her new, calm environment and relaxing. She's as beautiful as she is fired up, so it's like having our very own tiger. Hopefully Pally can keep a check on some unwanted visitors coming in from the fields – and eventually will be comfortable enough to make an appearance during the day! Thank you very much to Pauline for all her help transporting Pally to her new home.

George



More happy-ever-afters

Handsome Hector

The day we met Handsome Hector it was love at first sight. With his chubby cheeks and wonky ear, he stole our hearts.

When he arrived he went straight to the bookshelf where he hid for a while, but within an hour or so he was on our laps snuggled up and purring. A lap cat – purrrfect!

As Hector's confidence grew he started to explore and he has now settled in really well. Food is a huge motivator – maybe "Hungry Hector" is a more appropriate name! At first he hoovered up his food in seconds, understandable as a former stray, but now he knows he'll always be fed meal times aren't quite so manic!

Hector loves to play. His favourite toy is his wand toy. He will chase and chase, jumping high and hiding between our legs waiting to pounce. He's definitely a hunter although he hasn't brought us any "presents" yet.

It's taken him a while to master the cat flap, but he does love exploring the garden, especially when we're outside with him. He's a great climber although he's really quite clumsy and not so confident getting back down.

We adore him and we think he quite likes us! He brightens our lives and makes us laugh every day.



Thank you, Cats Protection, and Kim for looking after him whilst he waited for his forever home.

Jane, Phil & Emily



Jasper & Joey

It is Jasper's world and we are just living in it and nobody understands this more than JoJo Bean!

It took them a little while to settle in but they are now very much part of the furniture. They enjoy chasing leaves outside and they still love chasing their springs.

Sarah

Ways to help



Christmas Fair 2026

7 November, 10.30am - 1.30pm
Come and join us for our fun and festive Christmas Fair!

New Haw Community Centre

Take a look at our Wishlist!

A gift from our Amazon Wishlist can help us care for one of the many cats we look after, or enrich a cat's time with its fosterer until it finds its forever home. Please visit https://tinyurl.com/3uputjv2 or scan the QR code to purchase a gift for a cat in our care.

Get in touch!

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Mailbox 2 - If you need to rehome your cat
Mailbox 3 - Lost & Found
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General email: enquiries@woking.cats.org.uk
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