

Felis Catus



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Welcome

Welcome to Felis Catus!

Thank you as always for all the lovely updates and photos – it's such a pleasure to see happy cats in loving homes. In this issue there are black cats, ginger cats, tabby cats – and hovercrafts! Let me explain...

As the waiting list of cats needing help is always growing, a fantastic partnership has been established between our branch and Cats Protection Isle of Wight. On page 5 you can read about the teamwork that is transforming the lives of cats needing forever homes and freeing up foster spaces in Woking.

In the last six months the branch has rehomed many kittens as well as strays and mature cats. Needing special care were four kittens suffering from Swimmer Syndrome but who recovered remarkably, thanks to our volunteers and the Chobham Vet, Dr Scott (page 24).

But what exactly do kittens think when they arrive at their new home? An enthusiastic report from Artie and Remy (page 14-15) imagines that they are Cats Protection field agents, encountering an exciting new world of slippery wooden floors, potted plants and feathered toys!

Sadly, not all cats are able to be placed in domestic homes but there is hope for them too, as the branch can advise and support people who find cats living rough (page 26). All this is possible because of the generosity of our members and supporters, raising a record sum at the Christmas Fayre. We can't wait to see you in the spring, but in the meantime if you fancy giving a cat in care an extra gift, please check out our Amazon Wishlist – details on the back page.

Jane

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Volunteers Matter

Welcome to: Megan Baker, Sara Farooq, Penny Haskell, Ryan Morrow, Beverley Walker.

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: Henry - see page 23.

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Introducing our new Team Leader!

I'm absolutely delighted and excited to introduce myself as the new Team Leader for Woking & District Cats Protection. It's a genuine privilege to step into this role and join such a remarkable team of selfless volunteers, renowned for their expertise, care and dedication to the welfare of deserving cats in our community.

Born in Cork, Ireland, I grew up in Belgium then moved to Southampton to begin a four-year teacher training course. After qualifying I settled in Surrey where my teaching career took off in mainstream primary education. It was not long before I found my true vocation with children with special educational needs.

After a few rewarding years, I took a career break to follow a passion to visit Africa and consequently spent some time volunteering at the Naankuse Wildlife Sanctuary in Namibia. It was here that I got my first introduction to working with cats, albeit with the slightly larger and wilder variety; the magnificent cheetah and the mighty lion! Following this incredible experience with animals, and after some further voluntary work in Zanzibar, I returned home to not only continue with my career but also, unknowingly, to meet my future husband.



John and I met on an activity holiday in the beautiful mountains of northern Italy. We married in 2012 and not long after this we decided that our home needed a four-legged furry friend with whiskers. Given that John had grown up with cats from The Cats Protection League (now Cats Protection), it was the obvious avenue for us to take! Pauline introduced us to a pretty tabby cat, and we soon welcomed Ruffles into our lives (named after crisps that we had enjoyed on honeymoon!). Sadly, Ruffles was a little too adventurous and was with us just under a year. Despite leaving a big hole in our hearts, her absence reminded us that there were many more cats out there in need of a second chance and a loving home.



It was Christmas 2014 when Alison introduced us to a very special Tuxedo cat. Jazzy, now a bright-eyed 15-year-old, rules our home with a firm but fair paw! Over the years we have been keen supporters of the branch and have come to regard the wonderful volunteers as extended family for Jazzy!

And so here I am, embarking on this exciting new chapter! I'm currently taking my first steps, learning as much as I can from the incredible team around me and gaining experience as I go. Outside of my new role, I balance flexible working with keeping active, appreciating the wonders of nature and spending quality time with family and friends – and of course having plenty of feline "fuss" time!

Thank you so much for continuing to support this truly worthy charity that is so close to my heart. I look forward to meeting all our incredible volunteers, members and supporters in the months to come.



Sarah 

Treasurer's annual report

After volunteering with the branch for some 37 years and serving as treasurer for around 35 years, it is time to hang up my abacus and pass the reins onto Ryan who will be stepping into the role. Welcome Ryan. I will continue, however, in my other role within the neutering team and also help on the fundraising side of things. We all seem to wear a variety of hats within the branch – sometimes you only try the hat for size but find yourself still wearing it years later!

As for most people, costs rose significantly for the branch during 2025. One of our largest outlays has been on neutering, with a massive increase in requests from owners being dealt with by Fiona, and a high number of stray and feral cats being trapped by Pauline, assisted by Helen, and then neutered. Our neutering costs this year for owned cats is, at the time of writing, around £32,000 and the cost of neutering for cats in care, ferals and strays exceeds £20,000.

Many of the strays that we come across are taken into care and then go on to loving homes.

It's lovely to see photos of the initially timid and scared cats blossoming in the care of Kim's team of fosterers. I still get that "hug in a mug" feeling when an adoption fee comes through and I know one of them has been chosen.

The Christmas Fayre was, as many of you will know, a great success again (see page 10). Thank you to all who attended and helped out, and a special thanks to Tesco at Addlestone and Petra in particular. The fayre, and especially the drinks tombola and the new/nearly new stall, would be a much poorer show without their help.

I'd also like to thank "Bob the Box" who helps our many kittens with a regular supply of kitten food. Hardly a week goes by that Bob doesn't turn up at the gym with boxes of kitten food. If I don't see him at the gym I find them on my doorstep. Thank you, Bob.

It just leaves me now to wish you all a happy and peaceful new year.

Gill 

Spotlight on volunteers – meet Sara!

I'm Sara and I am a cat sitter. Looking after cats is a big part of who I am. For me, it's not just about feeding and cleaning the litter tray - it's about understanding their personalities, earning their trust and keeping their surroundings as comfortable and enriching as possible while their owners are away.

Every cat is different, and that's one of the things I love most about what I do. Some are confident and curious from the start, while others take time to warm up. It's about recognising what each cat needs, whether that's company, a play session or simply patience while they learn that you're safe.

I've wanted to volunteer and help cats for a long time and then I met Amanda, another volunteer, who kindly passed on my details. Since then, I haven't looked back. As a socialiser, it's so rewarding to see a shy cat gradually build confidence. The cats have honestly done more for me than I could ever do for them. They've taught me patience, empathy and the joy that comes from helping them feel safe and loved.

Sara's cats:



Achilles and Kenji

A faster route to loving homes

38 cats find forever homes through the Isle of Wight partnership

What started as a simple idea has blossomed into one of our most heartwarming success stories of the year. Our partnership with Cats Protection Isle of Wight Cat Centre has transformed the lives of 38 cats who were waiting for their perfect match.

The maiden journey began with Alison boarding the hovercraft with precious cargo – cats in carriers, ready for their journey to new possibilities. They were met at Ryde Hover Port by Isle of Wight Cats Protection staff waiting to welcome each feline. The next two journeys saw Helen boarding the hovercraft with precious cargo.

The magic is in the details. Every cat arrives travel-ready: vet-checked, neutered, microchipped and fully vaccinated. But we go further, as each cat travels with a carefully-prepared profile of their personality, plus a labelled bag with their favourite toys and blankets. It's like packing a suitcase for a holiday, ensuring they feel at home from day one. The results speak for themselves: all 38 cats found their forever homes within just four weeks. Even Mittens, who had been searching for the right family for eight months, finally met her perfect match on the island!

Packed and ready to go...



...to new homes on the island



As the collaboration was so successful, the operation evolved. Kim and Alison sometimes meet Mark, a wonderful Isle of Wight volunteer, at Surrey Cats Centre for smooth handovers. In two recent transfers, twelve cats in one trip and eight in another made their way safely across the water by hovercraft or ferry to the Isle of Wight. Recently, Kim and Pauline have made two trips over to the Isle of Wight with twelve cats.

This partnership creates a beautiful cycle of hope. By freeing up our foster spaces, we can help more cats in Surrey while giving cats faster routes to loving homes. Our heartfelt thanks go to Wightlink Ferries for a free return crossing, and especially to Mel, Jo, Zan, Mark and the entire Isle of Wight team for making this collaboration such a triumph.

Kim 

Myla and her kittens

Myla

We met Myla late in August; she was a young mummy with her two kittens, Coffee and Toffee. We loved her outgoing and affectionate nature straight away. We brought our five-year-old son to meet her about a week later which went well, as Myla was already used to grandchildren. We were excited to be approved to adopt her.

She was brought to us within a week, once we'd had a chance to buy her a few new bits. We knew that her kittens had both been adopted around the same time, which was so good to hear. We set up our spare room for her, where it would be quiet and comfy for a few days, and were so pleased that she took such a short time to show us her calm and friendly personality. We were super-impressed at her house trained-ness from the beginning, her good appetite and how well she took to being self-sufficient in the house on our longer work/school days. She reverted to kitten-like craziness in her first few days while exploring all of our house, but she (incredibly) hasn't damaged anything. Her foodie ways have surprised us – she's tried olive ciabatta and a gingerbread man (not with our consent!).

There have been lots of magic moments already. It's been even more special than I expected watching my son love her right away, have someone to play with, and try so hard to behave well with. She likes sitting on his bed at story time every night. My husband and I had to



wait longer for her to sit on our laps, but it was worth the wait. A feather wand is her favourite toy. After six weeks we're still getting her used to her cat flap and our garden, with the wind, rain, super-sized pigeons and extremely loud magpies being something of a deterrent.

We're so grateful to Cats Protection for helping us find Myla and continuing to support us to settle her in. We feel very lucky to have her as a family member for the years to come.

Kim 

Robbie

We lost our beloved family cat, Sammy, aged 20 and the house felt sad and empty. After lots of deliberation we decided to get another cat and applied to adopt a gorgeous 10-week-old male tabby kitten called Coffee.

Coffee arrived into our lives mid-September. A bundle of fun, joy and mischievousness. We decided to rename him Robbie; he is growing into a beautiful, faithful and lovely-natured, handsome cat. Our house is full of happiness and we love him to bits. He is exploring every corner of the house and we will soon have to be brave and start introducing him to the outside world which feels very daunting. Given his personality and the way he plays with his toys we are pretty sure he will be bringing home live presents – it's a good job I have a husband who isn't afraid of catching mice! We both feel very lucky to have had the opportunity to adopt such a beautiful kitten and give him a loving home with the support of Cats Protection.



Jane 

- a trio of tabbies

Stanley

Just under a year ago, our family faced a heart-breaking loss when our beloved cat Joshua passed away shortly after turning five. He'd been with us since he was a tiny kitten and we expected to have him for many years, but during an annual health check it was found he was born with a kidney defect that took him from us far too soon. Losing Joshua left a huge hole in our hearts and for a while, the thought of welcoming another cat felt too painful to even consider.

As time went on, the absence of gentle purrs and playful mischief reminded us how much a cat meant to our family. When we began our search, I knew I wanted another tabby boy kitten, someone we could grow old with! My hope was to find a kitten who could bond with all of us – and especially with Arthur, our three-year-old Labrador, who had adored his cat brother Joshua.

A friend suggested a rescue cat and I recalled Cats Protection adverts on TV. When I began exploring the website, I saw many lovely cats needing homes and I couldn't believe that on nearly the last page were two gorgeous tabby kittens, Coffee and Toffee, and their beautiful young mum Myla. Toffee's mysterious little face drew me in, and I was delighted to learn he was still available.

One concern I had was the mention of "no dogs" on several listings. Despite this, I decided to enquire anyway. Our dog Arthur is a gentle soul, calm and loving, and has always been wonderful with cats. I explained this to Cats Protection from the start, and they asked thoughtful questions about our home and lifestyle to ensure that we were a fit for Toffee (now named Stanley) and that he was the right cat for us.

Cats Protection went above and beyond to ensure our compatibility. Alison spent time talking through our needs and concerns, especially about Arthur and the dynamics of having a dog and kitten together. She arranged a relaxed WhatsApp walkthrough and later a home visit, checked our house was kitten-safe, and shared advice tailored to our situation. The support continued with help for neutering, and a wealth of tips for caring for Stanley as he grew. The dedication from all the volunteers truly impressed me, especially the effort made to ensure every adoption is a lasting success.



It didn't take long for Stanley's personality to shine through. Mischief is definitely his middle name – he's already toppled three plant pots and managed to smash an ornament or two! "Stanley the Destroyer" as he is nicknamed now, although cheeky, is the sweetest, cuddliest little lap-cat when he's not plotting his next adventure.

Arthur took to Stanley instantly. They play tug of war together (Stanley is convinced he's a dog), and if Arthur's around, Stanley's never far behind. Sometimes Arthur gives us a look that says, "Can I please have five minutes' peace?" but the bond between them is truly special. Stanley's settled in beautifully – he walks round purring to himself and can entertain himself for hours with the tiniest scrap of fluff and an Amazon box, even though he has a ton of toys!

Now, with Stanley at the heart of our home, our family feels whole again. We're so grateful to Cats Protection for helping us find the perfect addition to our family. We can't wait to watch Stanley grow – and no doubt cause a little more delightful chaos along the way.

Jo 

New beginnings for abandoned strays

Alfie

Adventurous, affectionate Alfie came to share our home after our 20-year-old tabby passed away.

Initially he was very anxious and hid away in his den which he made under a bed with his favourite toys. After spending time lying on the bedroom floor talking and gently stroking him, it was clear to us that he wanted to be loved – just as Kim at Woking Cats Protection had told us. We suspect that he has been kicked in the past as, even after five months, he is still wary of anyone wearing any type of shoes or socks, but this is improving slowly. He does not like being picked up but he has gradually realised that nothing bad has happened and he gets a few treats afterwards so will tolerate it for a short time; he's very food motivated!

Once he felt more confident, we discovered how much he enjoys playing. He is a very athletic two-year-old and had been a stray. Being kept inside was stressful for Alfie but since he has had the freedom of being outside, he has been much calmer. He loves exploring, climbing our small tree, stalking and chasing birds, moths, flies and squirrels and has brought in two mice to date which, much to his displeasure, I rescued and released. Sometimes he tries to follow us on our daily walk so I



have to go back in, put some treats down and quickly leave. It's been a bit of a journey gaining his trust, but now he's a fun, gentle and affectionate member of the family. Alfie makes us laugh doing crazy cat things like sitting on the top of a door or banister watching us, climbing in the clothes airer and trying to get into everything.



He's never complained, even when I try to manoeuvre my keyboard out from under him when I'm working, stop him drinking the milk on my cereal and sharing my dinner.

He snuggles next to me on the sofa loving the attention, purring and making biscuits. He even enjoys having his pads tickled – very unusual in my experience.

Alfie had a vet check-up, vaccination, teeth de-scale, and flea and worm treatment before he arrived so we could concentrate on getting to know him. A big thank you to the team at Woking Cats Protection for guiding us through his adoption and after-care.

Carol 

What greater gift than the love of a cat

Otto

I was looking to adopt a young black male cat. I had been browsing the Woking Cats Protection website, had enquired about a couple of cats, already reserved, then Tommy, a four-month-old black male, was suggested.

The adoption process was very efficient. We discussed what to expect with Tommy as he had been abandoned at 10 weeks. I met him at his foster carer's – he went from hissing to playing in the blink of an eye. The adoption team did a video call so they could see our house and garden. The date was set and I was given a list of recommended cat items to purchase.

On his arrival, he came with his bed, toys, a bit of his cat litter and some food. We opened the basket in his room and left him to settle in. The paperwork was all explained: Tommy was neutered, fully vaccinated, identichipped, in good health, with a month's free pet insurance and all for only £120.

Tommy has now become Otto. He has settled well, exploring the house and welcoming new people. He might have been dumped and found in a bush but with all the care that he received from his fosterers, Otto has gone from being semi-feral to a house cat.



Curious and playful, he sometimes spooks himself, resulting in epic zoomies! He watches garden birds through the windows, chattering to himself and he follows me about the house, always wanting to see what's going on. When he's relaxing, he loves to stretch out fully on the bed with me, has a gentle snore and he purrs forever. He is a truly magnificent beast.

Anna 

Bobby



Somehow, it's already been three months with our darling Bobby and he's completely taken over our lives (and our hearts). Adopting our first cat was very exciting and Bobby has made it feel like the best decision we've ever made. Everyone who meets him agrees how Bob is the sweetest soul – gentle, affectionate, and just a little bit dramatic (in the best way).

He's my full-time shadow and insists on being no more than two feet away at all times – preferably while getting a belly rub and a chin tickle. Bobby is also very chatty, he will happily tell you all about his latest garden adventures and what he'd like for dinner. Nothing beats the moment he sees you and sprints over like you're the best thing since tuna. He keeps us endlessly entertained – whether he's sitting like a little old man with his legs out, chasing wildlife on the TV, or giving us his signature grumpy face when the quantity of snack time doesn't meet expectations. We're so lucky to have him.

Clare 

Fundraising update



Christmas fayre 2025

A staggering £6279 was raised at the Christmas Fayre in November! This is an amazing boost for all the cats and kittens who can be helped as a result of everyone's generosity in planning, cooking, stallholding, donating and turning up to enjoy the games and shopping on offer. Here are some of our fantastic volunteers in action!



Thank you!



Summer fundraising

The summer fayre in Lyne in June raised £160 from the sale of cat carriers, cat beds, catnip knotties, kickers and a range of other cat toys and blankets. We also had our lucky dip for children to win a prize for their cat. It was great to meet lots of visitors and help with their questions, ranging from stray cats to neutering. A stall at two car boot sales made £450 - very respectable for a couple of hot summer mornings by the A3!

Alison and Ruth at Lyne Summer Fayre



Whatever happened to the Runnymede cats?

Back in 2019 a stray cat and her four kittens were discovered in a poor condition underneath what was then the Runnymede Hotel. Their luck was in – two members of the hotel's staff, Sue and Luisa, decided to look after them, providing food and keeping an eye out for them. However, a few weeks later, the mum disappeared and by sheer chance was found in a neighbouring garden, having given birth to another litter of four kittens.

At this point Sue contacted Woking Cats Protection and a rescue plan was formulated, with branch volunteer Pauline successfully trapping mum and her second litter of kittens. For those of you who keep all your back issues of *Felis Catus*, you can re-read their story in the second issue of 2020! New homes were found for all of them and we hope that Pippin, Lyra, Alfie, Maddie and Maisie are living happy lives with their adopted families.

But what happened to the first litter? They had formed a small semi-feral colony, closely bonded with each other and their environment. Taking them into care and rehoming them in a domestic setting would have been very stressful for them, so they were trapped, neutered, checked over and returned to the hotel to be looked after by Sue and Luisa.

There they thrived in the extensive riverside gardens and were popular with the team and guests alike as they are not only beautiful but also have great characters. Sadly, Gizzy disappeared after a couple of years but the other three – one boy and his two sisters – have stayed together as family: Pretty One, White Socks and Big Boy. Recently the hotel changed hands and due to a variety of circumstances the feline trio needed to be relocated. This was never going to be easy as they had been born and raised in a semi-feral environment and only knew one home. However, with the help of Pauline again and a local vet, the trio were successfully trapped, micro-chipped, checked over and found to be in excellent health. And in the nick of time Sue and Luisa found a large ground floor flat in extensive grounds near parkland where the trio could be moved and cared for by Luisa.

Sue could not care for them as she has her own little rescue cat called Kara who is fifteen years of age and would not take kindly to three boisterous kids but she visits the feline family daily.

Woking branch would like to thank Sue and Luisa for all their fundraising help over the years, and for their dedication to the Runnymede cats.



The trio enjoying their new home

Energetic brothers land on their paws

Jesse

When I was a girl I always had cats in my life and I adore them. I have such great memories of my childhood cats so when my son also started to fall in love with cats I knew it was time to adopt our own.

I saw the kittens on the Cats Protection website and Jesse's face beamed up at us, I just couldn't resist. The whole process was lovely and everyone was so diligent about ensuring that we were the right fit for a kitten. Helen, the kittens' foster carer, put their welfare front and centre of every consideration and we were thrilled to be invited to visit the kittens.



All five kittens were gorgeous but Jesse really stood out as a playful, loving little guy and he clicked with my son straight away. It was obvious that Jesse had chosen us and we couldn't wait to bring him home.

Jesse settled in very quickly. He has made the house his own, sitting in all the sinks, learning how to open cupboards and claiming his spot on the bed. Jesse is now enjoying the garden, after being a bit reluctant in the beginning. He was stung by a bee on his paw on his first weekend of freedom but still insists on chasing them around the garden! He practises pouncing by hiding in bushes and sits on the chicken coop, fascinated by the strange creatures inside.

He also has a very refined palate and will do anything for smoked mackerel, which is handy when we need to call him inside. He comes straightaway if there's some fish in it for him.

Jesse is the missing piece in our family and although we have only had him for a short time, I couldn't imagine life without him. I'm very grateful to everyone at Cats Protection for the work they do and the support they gave us, ensuring that we were able to give Jesse the home he deserves.

Gemma 

Winston

We got a kitten from Woking Cats Protection because one of my Mum's friends had recently got one of his siblings and recommended this litter. We chose Winston because he was so enthusiastic and friendly. He fits in well because his energy matches our family's personality and he is so happy and a bit bonkers sometimes, that is why we love him so much. He is seven months old now but when he was three months old he bounced all around and ran all around his room (he still does though). And when someone left the house he would stand at the door and meow very loudly, like "Where have you gone without me?". We love him very much and can't imagine life without him. Thanks to Helen and Emma for caring for him while he was a little kitten and entrusting him into our home.



The Leonard Family 

A fresh start for a family of five

Parsley

Parsley was found on Chobham High Street with an ulcerated eye. She was taken into care and with expert veterinary treatment her eye was saved. Shortly afterwards, Parsley's four kittens were discovered in a walled garden and happily all five of them have found forever homes – with two of them, Artie and Remy, taking on "special agent" roles (see page14)!

Having sadly lost our cat Nutmeg earlier in the year, I contacted Cats Protection as they had been so helpful in finding her and our previous three cats. We contacted Kim and following a look at the website and a visit, we have adopted Parsley. She has been with us for four weeks and is settling in well.



Parsley spends much of the day asleep but comes to life about 5pm when she is ready for supper and then rushes around the house chasing her toy mouse. She is very quick to learn and very friendly, and obsessed with the television, particularly cookery programmes and football – we only hope she is supporting the right team!

Once firework season is over we will let her out to explore the garden, which she currently enjoys looking at from the comfort of the windowsill. Dreamies will no doubt be required for the cat flap training.

Jan 

Archie & Angus

Saying goodbye to Alfie in August broke my heart. He'd been with me for six wonderful years – and every moment was full of love, laughter and a touch of mischief. Alfie wasn't just a cat, he was a companion with a huge personality. Losing him to heart failure left an empty space that felt impossible to fill.

But in time, I knew I wanted to give another rescue cat a home. One afternoon, while scrolling through the Cats Protection Facebook page, I saw a photo of a handsome tabby named Ambrose. Something in his eyes caught me instantly. I arranged to meet him, and when I arrived, I discovered he wasn't alone – he had a brother, also called Alfie.

It was love at first sight. Watching the two of them together, so close and bonded, I knew I couldn't possibly separate them. A week later, both brothers came home with me, and I renamed them Archie and Angus.



It's been just three weeks, but they've already turned the house into a playground – and my heart into a home again. They're still finding their paws, still learning to trust, but every day brings new little victories: a purr, a stroke, a curious nose nudge. They eat like there's no tomorrow and perform daring "zoomies" around the bedroom, with no thought for health and safety regulations, as only cats can.

At night, I sometimes catch them on the kitty cam, tumbling and chasing shadows and I can't help but smile. I miss my first Alfie terribly, but I know he'd approve of the joy Archie and Angus have brought back into my life. My family feels whole again.

Suzy 

Field report from Agents Artie & Remy

Day 1: Deployment. We have been tasked with studying human behaviour, and inserted by our handler Kim into a house with two adult humans. We have decided that Agent#6 (Artie) will play the role of “cute and approachable” while Agent#8 (Remy) will be “hard to get and nervous”, to observe how humans deal with this. We have adopted one room upstairs as HQ and found that the humans have put in what seems like a good selection of toys and cosy beds. It’s quite late by the time we get here, and we’re tired, so we decide to go to bed and be fresh for initial patrols next morning. To match our adopted personas, Agent#6 chooses a bed on top of a bookcase, Agent#8 hides under a desk.



Agent#6 settling in at HQ

Day 2: Investigating HQ. Despite our caution as professional agents, we have to admit that HQ is well fitted-out. There are some good toys here. We have some balls which roll around tracks, some very tall things which we can climb, two litter trays (we investigated and tested both) and a very intriguing stick with a ribbon attached, on the end of which is a small fluffy feather. We seem to be confined to one room at the moment but hope this will improve.

Day 3: Exploring further. We now have access to the area outside HQ (the “landing”). There was a brief crisis this morning when Agent#8 became too enthusiastic while playing with the stick-and-feather toy. He managed to get the feather part stuck to his claws, panicked and switched to Evasion mode, sprinting off across the room towards the door. Of course the feather, ribbon and stick stayed attached, and Agent and toy clattered halfway down the stairs before the two separated and order was restored. In future we will be careful of this toy, but the humans made a big fuss of Agent#8 and his confidence returned by bedtime.

Day 4: Sometimes the humans open the door into the room where they sleep and we can go in. This room smells of them and we like it very much. Also if we start running out of the door of HQ and go faster and faster across the landing and down the passage to the sleeping-room then we are going really fast by the time we get there. We have never got up such a speed before and it makes us feel quite giddy. We have learned to be careful because our claws do not grip on the floor (it is “wooden” apparently), making it tricky to stop quickly or turn corners. Agent#6 was the first to discover this because he ran into the wall and hit his nose, making him feel a bit silly as cats are supposed to be cool and sophisticated.

Day 6: We have a major security problem. The humans have discovered a foodstuff – the container says “Thrive Chicken Treats” – which causes Agent#8 to entirely forget his hard-to-get persona and become what I can only call completely goofy, miaowing and rolling on his back and head-butting the humans. I have had stern words with him, but he claims the food must contain powerful drugs and he can’t help himself. I have tried the Treats and have to admit he has a point, they are very good, so we have decided that the best approach is for him to gradually become more friendly in exchange for continued snacks, an approach which seems to work for both us and the humans.

Day 10: Downstairs. We have been allowed downstairs and into a zone where the humans spend a lot of time. It is very large and contains more toys and, to our delight, another litter tray. This one is circular and even has a large scratching post in the middle of it with a toy on top. Agent#6 decided to test it – since we had just had breakfast – but had only got as far as digging a small hole when the female human became extremely agitated and advanced on us, saying “Not in my pot plant!” and other words which I recognised from the Kitten Field Manual, Chapter 6 (Human Language), Section 4 (“Words which indicate you should leave the vicinity rapidly”). Agent#6 exited the litter tray, leaving a trail of soil (causing more words from the humans) and we returned to HQ as quickly as possible.

Day 11: The new litter tray has gone. Also the humans have become very sneaky and sometimes pretend they are holding a chicken treat when they are not, to make Agent#8 be friendly. I tell him if he wasn’t so greedy this would not be a problem, but he ignores me.

Mission code name "Brackenwood"!

Day 14: There is another Agent in the house! We have only seen him from a distance and Kim had mentioned that we might encounter another cat but we hadn't appreciated how much larger he would be. Yikes. We will need to exercise extreme caution.

Day 17: Agent#6 attempted to observe the other cat at close range but was spotted. There was a brief standoff but we have discovered that if we are respectful and do not try and play with him yet he is okay with us being in what he obviously considers his house.

Initial discussions under way



Day 18: Negotiations with the other cat are proceeding well but hit a snag when we followed him out of the kitchen into the hall and in a fit of enthusiasm (and in my opinion complete dimness) Agent#8 decided to engage further by nipping him on the tail. I know the Kitten Field Manual does indicate that large cats "can move quite quickly", but I have to say this section needs updating because it is understating things. There was a loud spitting noise and when I opened my eyes a second later Agent#8 was on the far side of the hall with very large eyes and the other cat had doubled his normal size. His tail was huge. We crept away slowly to discuss this development at HQ.

Day 20: The large cat is friendly! We didn't see him yesterday (the human female said something about "letting the dust settle") but today we approached him VERY respectfully and he let us touch noses and talked to us. It seems he is also a CP Agent who came to the house two years ago and liked it so much he asked to be permanently stationed here. His code name is "Manny",

he is a marmalade tabby and is telling us lots about the house and the world outside it. He still seems quite moody – sometimes he actually wants to play with us, which is quite scary because we both remember the tail-nipping incident, and other times we get growled at. When we are back in HQ each evening, before we go to sleep, we talk about all the things we've found and we realise that working out how another cat is feeling just by looking at it is something we really need to learn, especially when the other cat is three times bigger than we are.

Day 28: We are four weeks into our mission. We are pleased with how well the humans have adapted to us – the female is definitely more organised than the male, and feeds us and gives us lots of treats, whereas the male is quite forgetful. But he seems calmer and has a nice way of scratching Agent#6 between the shoulder blades. The large cat is still being very helpful and we are learning to play with him a tiny bit – it's quite scary, but we are getting better at it and he is teaching us how to behave with other cats. We have started copying him, like lying down when he lies down, which feels nice.

Overall the mission is going well, so even though we miss Kim, we have requested to stay on here! The large cat says wait till we're allowed outside, it is amazing and there are mice to catch – proper ones which are not tied on strings but actually squeak and run away from you. We can't wait.



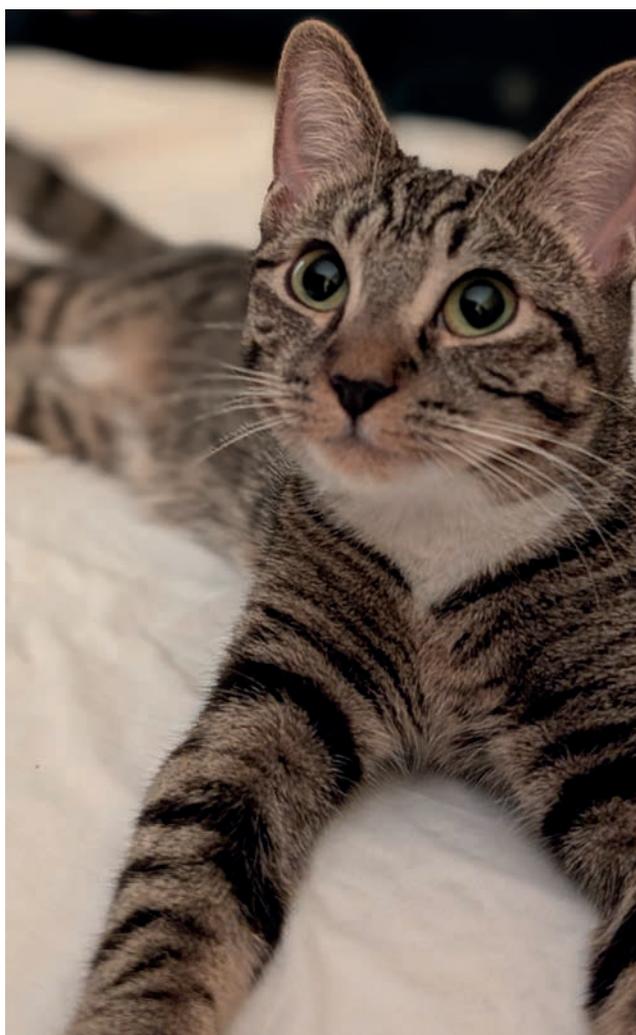
End of report on first four weeks by:

*Agent#6 (Artie) 🐾
Agent#8 (Remy) 🐾*

Pippin loves her pigeon feathers

It has been just over two months since we adopted Pippin and the journey has been a string of unfolding delights. She may be small but she is long. She does like to stretch out to show off her full length, usually with a twist of the body that would have us calling for an osteopath.

As she is developing her trust in us so she is growing in confidence to express herself more fully, which usually means getting into increasing amounts of mischief (which we thoroughly enjoy even when it results in breakages). She is a very affectionate cat, wanting to be in physical contact much of the time, especially when we are all resting together. In the hot weather, this tended to be more of a paw touching each of us. When it was cooler she would curl up, leaning on one or both of us, or stretching out in contact for her full length.



To start with when she was nervous she would retreat into the igloo that came with her from her fosterer's. Later, her safe place was her room containing her food and water dishes, litter tray, scratch posts, igloo, toys, etc. For a short while it was the whole of upstairs. Now she has the run of the house and the back garden and regularly goes exploring into the neighbours' gardens on all sides. The only time she retreats is when the Hoover makes a very loud noise and she covers in our home offices, occasionally venturing out to sneak a peek at the source of the noise.

It is reassuring to know that if we cannot find her and start to panic, she will always come running from wherever she is at the sound of her bag of treats being shaken.

She has a few operational modes: resting, zoomies (no transition between the two), grooming, hunting (her ancestry must contain a tiger somewhere). The only thing she has caught thus far has been insects – including a bee that stung her on the paw. This has not stopped her seeking out every bee in the garden. She enjoys climbing trees and has brought us many presents, including a different pigeon feather every day over the past week. One might think she's trying to reconstruct a pigeon one feather at a time!

Before she was allowed out of the house, she took a close interest in the fox that comes into the garden most days. More often than not, Pip can be found playfully chasing the fox around the neighbourhood. The funny thing is, the vixen manages to ditch Pip in someone else's garden and she strolls back into our garden.

We are thoroughly besotted with Pip and are delighted to have her grace our lives. Thank you.

Naz & Gary



Ziggy - everyone's friend

We welcomed Ziggy to his forever home in April last year and we couldn't be without him now. When we went to meet Ziggy at Kim's, we knew he was the cat for us. The four of us went together and both of the children fell in love with him, as did we. Our daughter in particular shares a beautiful bond with Ziggy, and she uses him as somewhat of an emotional support cat! He is so wonderful. He is playful and energetic, but also ever so dopey and cuddly all in equal measure. He wakes us up each morning with purrs and licks, goes off outside, and then ten minutes later totally disregards his cat flaps and returns through the window to wake up his big brother and sister every single day.

When he hears the car returning from the school run, he races us back to the front door and will sit awaiting all the fuss he can get. He's made friends with the neighbours, and even many of the regular passers by now know him by name and stop to say hello and fuss over him on the driveway. Children walking back from school play with him daily too!

Out in the back garden he's more like a dog sometimes and it makes us laugh. He waits for the balls to be thrown and then chases them and brings them back again. We often find him relaxing with both paws in a slipper or shoe that's been left out. Ziggy is such a character. He's absolutely the best decision we've made.

*Becky, James,
Arlo & Mila*



Mimi - a very chatty cat

We adopted Mimi in May 2025 following the very untimely and unexpected death of Bailey, a Birman-cross rescue cat who we had adopted six months previously. Bailey left a large hole in our family as he was such an affectionate cat. So, while we were still in mourning, I started to browse the rescue cats available online and stumbled across Mimi at Woking Cats Protection.

Mimi jumped out at me as she was a long-haired Ragdoll, not too dissimilar-looking to Bailey. Then unknown to the rest of my family I submitted an online expression of interest, making reference to our recent loss and explaining that I was looking for a long-haired cat with a similar nature. I was called back the following day and asked for more information about our home and cat experience. A day later I received a call from Pauline at Woking Cats Protection who discussed our interest and then arranged a house visit to assess our home. After that there was a visit to Mimi at her foster home with Joanne, who was very welcoming and gave my wife, daughter and me some time on our own with Mimi. Mimi was really playful and cute and full of beans and we all fell for her very quickly.

We were very happy that our application was accepted, in part because we had experience of looking after a long-haired cat. The only potential fly in the ointment was that we were due to go on a week's family holiday to Scotland to spend time with my mum and sisters, and although we had a great cat sitter who would visit twice a day, we



felt it would not be fair to leave Mimi on her own so soon after coming to our house. This is where Pauline and Joanne were so helpful and offered to keep Mimi at her foster home until we returned from our holiday.

Mimi was shy at first, but five months later she has really settled into our family and we have come to love her cute little habits, which include pouncing on our toes through the duvet when we are in bed, and of course the zoomies as she dashes between rooms and up and down the stairs (sounding like herd of elephants!). She is waiting by the kitchen door every morning to greet us when we get up and rolls on her back asking for a stroke.



If one of us is out and she hears the car returning in the drive, she will be waiting for you by the front door. When I return from work she follows me around from room to room, up and down the stairs. She particularly loves to chase flies and spiders (which my wife really appreciates!) or anything else that moves. She is also a very chatty cat making little squawking noises to express her pleasure or displeasure (eg when picked up for a cuddle!). In the evenings she will generally sit close by us while we watch TV and every now and again she will jump up and sit between my feet on the sofa and go to sleep.

All in all, we are delighted with Mimi and my wife and I would like to say a big thank you to Woking Cats Protection for choosing us for Mimi.

Peter & Ruth 

Campaigning for cats

An update from the Advocacy, Campaigns & Government Relations Team

Renting with cats

We are delighted that the Renters' Rights Act is now law. Cats Protection has been campaigning against the use of blanket "no pets" policies in rented homes for many years. Refusing pets without consideration has meant that many people who rent their homes have been precluded from owning a pet and experiencing the joy and companionship they bring.

The Renters' Rights Act contains a clause that will enable tenants to request a pet and require the landlord to grant permission unless they believe the request is unreasonable. This will make a huge difference to so many people in rented accommodation – as a request for a single cat should almost always constitute a reasonable request.

The Government has yet to publish a full timetable for when the Act will be implemented, but we very much hope that provisions allowing pet requests will come into force early in 2026. Please keep an eye out for updates including information from our central team to help with ensuring as many cats as possible can be adopted into loving homes as a result of this new law.



Fireworks Impact Coalition

The unpredictable nature of loud noises and flashes from fireworks can be terrifying for cats. The CATS Report 2025 found that 65% of cat owners say that their cat has been affected by fireworks.

Cats Protection is a member of the Fireworks Impact Coalition, which brings together over 15 charities. The Coalition hosted an event in Parliament on 12 November 2025 to express our collective concerns regarding current regulations surrounding the use and sale of fireworks. The event called on the Government to review existing fireworks legislation, accounting for their impact on both human and animal welfare and invited parliamentarians to support our call for a review.



MPs Support The Fireworks Impact Coalition



Cats Protection was pleased to take part in this important event to highlight the harmful effects fireworks can have on vulnerable people, animals and pet owners. By working together with other charities, we collectively urged the Government to better regulate the use of fireworks to limit the unnecessary distress that can be inflicted on people and animals during fireworks season. It was brilliant that over 80 MPs attended – captured in the photo above!

A new chapter for old and young

Koko & Pixie

Koko and Pixie, two much-loved female cats, experienced a significant change in their lives when their owners made the decision to move from Surrey to London. Having spent approximately fifteen years together the owners were, with great sadness, unable to take Koko and Pixie with them to their new home. Recognising the importance of ensuring Koko and Pixie would continue to have a safe and loving environment, their owners reached out to Cats Protection, in the hope of finding a new home where the cats would be well cared for in the next stage of their lives.

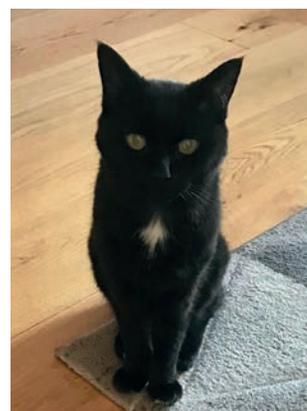
We became aware of Koko and Pixie's situation after recently losing our own cats, Billie and Florrie. As the saying goes, a house is not a home without cats and we were drawn to meet Koko and Pixie, upon which, we instantly felt a connection with them. As dedicated cat lovers and volunteers for Cats Protection, we fully appreciate the attention and affection that older cats need, and we were delighted to formally adopt them.

Aurora & Tabitha Crumpet

When we said goodbye to our 17-year-old Cats Protection cat, Harley, I had every intention of not getting a cat too soon but quickly realised the house is not the same without a cat or two. I looked at the Woking Cats Protection website and saw a gorgeous white, ginger and tabby kitten with her tabby sister.



Since joining our family, Koko and Pixie have quickly settled into their new surroundings. Koko is vocal and has a mischievous streak – so much so that we even considered renaming her Jinx. Pixie, on the other hand, is more reserved, but both cats are certainly not shy about demanding attention, especially when it comes to lap cuddles. We are truly delighted to have them in our lives, and we are already well acquainted with their wants, needs and unique habits.



Suzi & Gary

I quickly phoned up to register my interest and before long we were invited to meet them.

It was love at first sight, and after a few days and several trips to Pets at Home and Amazon deliveries we sat eagerly awaiting their arrival. The kittens were very different to our sedentary old cat: in the early days toilet rolls had to be kept under lock and key otherwise they ended up as confetti all over the house!

Aurora and Tabitha Crumpet grew quickly and were soon big enough to be spayed which was organised by Cats Protection at the Chobham Vet. The girls were a bit wobbly when I picked them up in their post-op pink onesies, but they soon recovered and have continued growing in personality as well as size. They are now eight months old and are growing into beautiful cats.

Susan

Antics of Felix

I have had a cat in my life ever since an alley cat adopted me and used to sit in the bottom of my pram when I was about two years old. After him, I had two black and white cats. However, more recently I had not had a cat for a while so decided to start looking for a new furry friend.

It took a while to find a suitable cat, but then Woking Cats Protection contacted me about three brothers that were being fostered: two black and whites and a black with a white tail tip. These were called Felix, Mickie and Saint. I arranged to go and visit them the following weekend. I must admit, it was a hard decision to decide which one to adopt. In the end I was drawn to Felix and about three weeks later I adopted him.

Felix settled in almost immediately. I thought he may have been reserved at first and miss his two brothers, but he seems not to. He likes exploring the house, getting into cupboards, opening doors and getting into general mischief. I had forgotten what it was like having a black and white cat. His favourite toy is a wand with a feather on it, which he takes everywhere. He likes to drag it up the stairs and then let go so it slides down, upon which

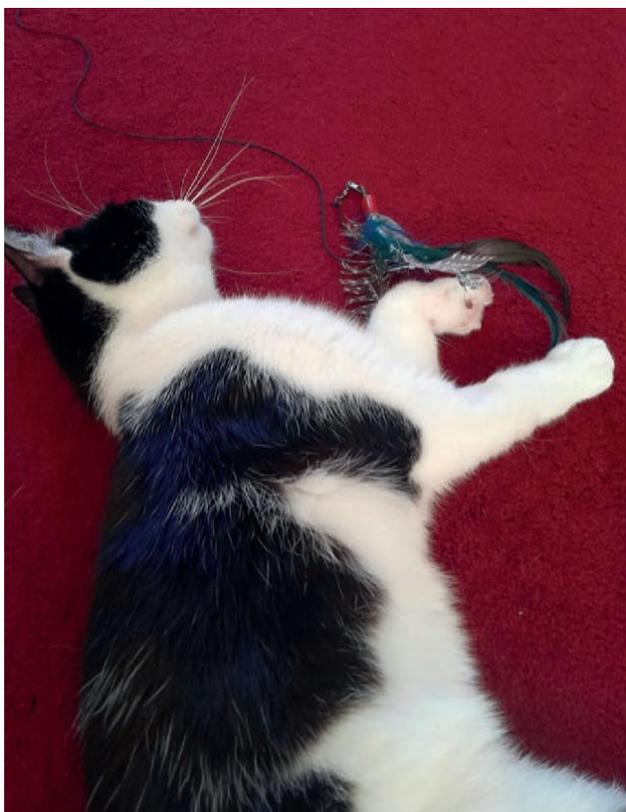


he chases it and then takes it back up to start again. His other favourite pastime is being brushed – as soon as he sees the brush he comes running and starts purring.

It is only in the last couple of weeks Felix has been allowed to venture out. I am not sure if he had ever been outside much, if at all, as he gets excited when he goes out. Prior to going out he had to learn to wear a collar, and we had many games where he would hide it as he did not like wearing it. I have tried to teach him to use the cat flap, but as yet I have failed on this task. I have to leave the back door open for him and if I close it, he will bang on the kitchen window to come in, even though the cat flap is open!

He is very good when he is out as he does not stray too far, likes climbing my wisteria and chasing bees and other insects. I am not sure what he is building, but he brings in twigs, garden canes, stones and leaves, which I find in the kitchen or living room. He has settled in very well – it is as if he has always been here, even though it is only two and a half months.

Jon



More tails of success

Freddie

After our two beloved cats, Luke and Lily – both adopted from Woking Cats Protection in 2007 – sadly passed away, my wife Susan and I waited for a few months before we started thinking of adopting another cat. As a lifelong cat lover, I knew I would want one. I saw some likely prospects in ads from Cats Protection and forwarded some to Susan and to our son Liam who lives in London and visits us often. They both liked the idea and we expressed interest in one of the cats for adoption. That one, we were told, had already been spoken for, but we should consider Freddie, a six-year-old male who everyone said was very friendly.



We went to meet Freddie at his foster carer's home and knew right away he would be good for us; he was lively, friendly and obviously liked people. A couple of weeks later Freddie came to live with us and settled in very quickly. Within a few weeks he was comfortably exploring our house and garden. The first time Freddie went out for a walk and did not come back right away I was concerned he would get lost, but one of the volunteers at Cats Protection assured me not to worry, and sure enough he came back that evening, safe and looking for food.

Freddie has now been with us for three months, has fully settled in and lets us know how he wants things done. He is big, strong and confident, and one of the friendliest cats I have known. He is always happy to be petted and likes to climb into someone's lap or snuggle on a sofa. We are very happy to have him in our family.

Kevin 

Luna

I'd wanted to adopt a cat for a long time. A friend of mine suggested I try Cats Protection and that's how I was introduced by fosterer Caroline to the lovely Luna. I was over the moon when I first saw her. I looked into her beautiful yellow eyes and we bonded immediately.

When Luna arrived at my house she was very shy at first and hid for a while, but it was interesting to watch her the first day – just the two of us getting to know each other. After a few days of releasing her into the rest of the house she was in her element, racing up and down the stairs, looking into every nook and cranny. Day by day she is feeling more confident and at home.

It has been a great learning experience for me as she is the first cat I've ever had. Luna is such a lovely, affectionate and interesting character. She loves being stroked under her chin and on top of her head and lies on her back, constantly wanting her tummy rubbed. I could not imagine life without my Luna and I want to thank Cats Protection for my delightful companion.

Mary Jane 



Living happily ever after

Henry

We welcomed Henry to our home in June 2025, and for the first few weeks he firmly believed the lounge was the only safe zone on Earth. Venturing beyond it? Absolutely not! Too risky! But after a couple of weeks, once the sun went down... cue the midnight zoomies. Silent house? Not on Henry's watch!

Several bold sneaks later, he realised there was an entire world beyond the sofa! After some stealthy missions, he gained access to *The Great Outdoors* and now enjoys chasing pine cones, tennis balls, invisible enemies and occasionally his own tail.

He's not quite brave enough to explore too far outside the garden just yet but he's working on it! His favourite hobbies include basking in the sun, sleeping in his "house" (a chair under the table, obviously), and demanding tummy rubs like the royal he is.

Henry may not be the bravest boy on the block (he once hid from a falling leaf), but he's now started cautiously welcoming guests into his home. He thinks crying babies are banshees and that humans walk like elephants, but he's slowly warming up to the chaos and is on his way to becoming the star of every family gathering.

Henry is a gentle, loving soul who's slowly coming out of his shell – and with the help of the underfloor heating and plenty of attention, we're excited to see him fully embrace his majestic cat life.

Anita & Andrew 



Leo



After losing our two elderly sister cats within just two weeks of each other, the silence in our home was deafening. We'd adopted them from Cats Protection back in 2009 when they were just seven months old, and their absence left a huge void. One quiet Saturday morning, curled up in bed with a cup of tea, I found myself browsing the Cats Protection website to see who might need a new home. Tentatively, I mentioned to my husband that I'd spotted a cat who seemed just right for us. To my surprise, he replied, "Is it the young tabby male, about two years old?" He'd been looking too – because he knew I would be – and we'd both chosen the same cat: Leo.

We contacted Cats Protection straight away and began the adoption process. When we went to meet him, Leo climbed onto my lap for some attention. That was it – he'd chosen us.

Leo is a sweet, affectionate boy whose world revolves around mealtimes. As a former stray, he was constantly asking for food, so we now divide his daily allowance into four meals. He's settled into a routine and knows exactly when each one is due. He's also taken to garden life, spending hours outside whenever the weather's dry. But one shake of the biscuit box and he's sprinting back up the garden!

Playtime is another highlight of Leo's day. He adores his scratching box and goes wild for the laser dot toy. He thrives on attention and affection – and we truly can't imagine life without him.

Stephanie 

The "Swimmer" kittens...

A female cat and her four kittens were recently found living rough and brought into care at Woking Cats Protection. Each of the kittens was suffering from a rare condition called Swimmer Syndrome, where the ligaments on their back legs are not developed properly and they splay out like a frog's. This condition is a likely result of the mother suffering from malnutrition during pregnancy.

The kittens were taken by volunteers to Dr Scott at The Chobham Vet, who carefully bound each kitten's back legs together. This allows the kittens to start to put weight on their legs, building up strength in their muscles and ligaments, with the aim that in time they will be able to walk normally without the bindings. To give them their best chance it's essential that the kittens get proper nutrition and lots of care from their fosterers. They need daily physiotherapy to flex and extend joints, and leg massage to stimulate blood flow.

Happily in this case, after only one week, two of the kittens were much stronger and, although the other two needed several more weeks of recovery, eventually all four were able to climb, run and jump like any other healthy kittens: a little miracle brought about by Cats Protection volunteers, in partnership with The Chobham Vet. Then they found their forever homes....



Tigs and Tux

We welcomed our two snuggle monsters into our family at the end of October. When they came to us they were very shy so we left them to settle for a bit after saying hello and putting out their own things. When we went in a little later they were playing with their toys. After that they had their first meal at this house and they ate like queens. They went to bed tired but settled and the next day they started to explore the next room and we played with them.

Tigs is the very snuggly one, but also quite devious! She spends half her time working out how to get her sister in trouble. She will also snuggle with anyone that sits down long enough. Lying on her back in your arms having her belly rubbed is her favourite, often purring herself to sleep.

Tux is the more independent girl, until she gets picked up by her 9-year-old boy Henry, then she turns into a gentle, snuggly, purring fluffball. She's strong, resourceful and cheeky. She also purrs like a tractor when having a chin rub.

Two weeks after they arrived they needed to go to be neutered. Both girls came back sleepy and wobbly in their pink vet-supplied onesies. By the following morning both had got out of their onesies!

Thankfully the back-up grey ones were accepted and stayed on for the allotted time. Our biggest challenge was restricting the parkour adventures which restarted in earnest on day three post-op.

Now fully recovered, they're gradually getting access to more and more of the house and showing us all the places they can investigate and occasionally get stuck. Both are also now teething so all the cardboard boxes now have holes punched through them!

They're absolutely hilarious as they run around everywhere. Playful whenever anyone is free. And very affectionate – the first to comfort when they find anyone who's sad. And they love making friends with everyone, particularly Henry's friends.

Clare, Geoff & Henry (aged 9)



...make a remarkable recovery

Tilly & Olly

My brother and I always wanted a cat. After a lot of begging from us, our parents gave in and said that we could have a kitten. We wanted to rescue a cat because there are lots that need a home. We decided to have two because then they could keep each other company. One morning, we looked online at the cats that the local rescue charities had. First of all, we went to meet two brothers – one was ginger and one was black – but they were quite scared of us and we were worried that they wouldn't like children. Then the lady from Cats Protection said that they had some new kittens that we could see.

We went over to Kim's house one evening, and we met Pippy with her four kittens. They were all very cute and fluffy. Octavia was the only shy kitten and she wouldn't let anyone cuddle her. The other three were braver and very adventurous. My brother fell in love with Oliver, my mum liked Octavia, I liked Orla because she fell asleep on me, and my dad liked Odette! We just couldn't decide which ones to have so we came back the next day to see them again and decided on Octavia and Oliver because they were slightly less crazy than the others.



Tilly in her "onesie" after neutering



It felt like a very long two weeks until Octavia and Oliver came to live with us – we were sooooo excited! Kim, who had been looking after them, arrived with them in a carrier. First they checked out their new home and were very timid – they hid in the corner of the room a lot. Slowly they got more confident and started playing with us. We renamed Octavia as Tilly.

Now, Olly and Tilly never hide in the corner because they feel at home. They have been here about five weeks and they feel like part of the family. Tilly follows me around the house and she likes to hang out in my room with me. They don't like being picked up and still don't sit on our laps but they like to be stroked and they purr a lot, especially Olly.

In the past, I would sometimes feel a bit lonely in my room. But now Tilly is normally up there with me. I love them both.

Anna (aged 8) 

Supporting feral and abandoned cats

Woking & District Cats Protection is fortunate to have the expertise to be able to help groups of feral cats by trapping, neutering and returning them to their colony, at the same time giving them a health check and assessing the possibility of socialising them for domestic homes. Sadly, some cats are born feral and, without human contact at an early age, are likely to be very stressed if brought into a normal home so they are best neutered and returned to their familiar environment. Others have been abandoned by owners through no fault of their own and can be carefully encouraged to re-establish trust on their own terms. Here we share a few examples of the support given by the branch's volunteers to cats living rough and the people who have found them.

"I was really worried about a stray mum cat and her kittens who were living wild in the cold and rain. Immediately from my first call to CP Woking, an action plan was agreed, and within a short time, mum and her babies were captured and now have safe and secure futures. I can now breathe easy, knowing I did the right thing in contacting CP Woking."

– PAT



"In early July we discovered a family of cats living in an alleyway at the bottom of our garden. There were eight in total and probably covered three generations. I contacted CP and over the next week or so, traps were set and eventually all were trapped, neutered and returned. One very friendly female has been rehomed."

We now care for the rest of the family, who spend most of their time in our garden and we feed them and have set up a bed with water and food supplies in our shed, which they can freely access. We will continue to care for them and ensure they are well fed, and have shelter over the winter months. In future we will encourage them to come in, with the door open, on their own terms."

– DEIRDRE

"We were incredibly fortunate to have CP come to the rescue of our street, which had become home to 15 stray cats and kittens. With their expertise, they set up humane traps and coaxed the kittens inside, speaking softly to reassure them and carefully covering the traps with towels to help soothe their nerves. I felt such relief knowing these little animals were being cared for by people who understood and respected them."

Every single cat and kitten was taken to be neutered, giving them time to recover in a safe environment before returning them to familiar territory. Half of them were placed in loving fur-ever homes and for the more feral cats who

remain on our street, my neighbours and I have continued feeding and gently socialising them, under the guidance of CP volunteers. We will keep going, with the hope that homes may be found for them too."

– GEORGIE



Ways to help



Dates for your diary 2026

21 February - Annual Quiz Night
21 March - Spring Fayre
7 November - Christmas Fayre

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