

Cat Chat

Harlow, Epping Forest & District

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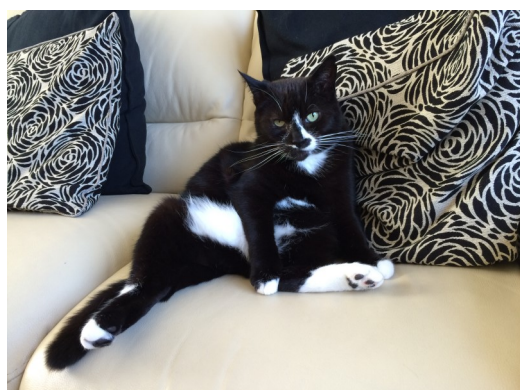


Dear Supporters

We - and Peter, our Homing Officer, especially - have been even busier than usual with all manner of cat-related problems. I hope we have given you a flavour of some of them in this issue of Cat Chat.

On a lighter note, Jackie reports on the Quiz Night, which was a thumping success.

We've already emailed about the fundraising Paw-some Afternoon Tea on 26 May and one or two are taking part already (google Kitty Litter Cake for an, er, interesting recipe) but it's not too late to sign up. If you do so, make sure you specify our Branch to receive the money raised.



You might be interested in Cats Protection's new Behaviour Hub which has a wealth of information from the experts on how to fathom out what's going on inside their tiny little feline minds. See <http://www.cats.org.uk/cat-care/cat-behaviour-hub>.

There is an excellent new Behaviour Guide which you can download. If you would like a copy but don't have internet access, you can probably get one via the helpline on 03000 121212. Failing that, please contact me.

Sue Harris
Coordinator

Remember, on 8 June:



FOR YOUR DIARY



- 📅 Sunday, 21 May
- 📅 Friday, 26 May
- 📅 Sunday, 2 July

- Tesco store collection, Edinburgh Way, Harlow
- Paw-some Afternoon Tea events
- Epping Town Show

FUNDRAISING

Hi Everyone

It now seems such a long time ago that we held our first ever Branch Quiz Night on 25 March at Canons Brook Golf Club. I would like to thank everyone who attended for coming along and making our evening a lot of fun and a great success.

Over £720 was raised through ticket and raffle ticket sales, which is a huge amount of money and, as you know, goes towards the welfare of the cats and kittens in our care.

We all had such a good time that we are thinking about holding another later in the year! I shall keep you posted on that.



Paw-some Afternoon Tea

Celebrate your love of cats and raise money for our Branch by hosting your own Paw-some Afternoon Tea on **Friday 26 May**, or another date soon afterwards. For more details and to sign up, see www.pawsometea.org. If you don't have internet access, please contact me.

I love having afternoon tea with my friends and family, with only one rule - it has to be a proper brew, none of that fancy herbal tea (it doesn't taste good with a nice chocolate cake anyway).

This year I shall be hosting a Paw-some afternoon tea party in my garden and hoping to raise some money for the Branch. I shall ask guests for a nominal donation and probably hold a small raffle too. I would encourage as many of you as possible to become involved (see website above) - simply invite your pals, bake some goodies and raise money for our cats.

Up-Coming Events

We are short of volunteers for the **Tesco store collection** at Edinburgh Way, Harlow on 21 May, so if anyone can spare an hour or two, please contact me asap.

*Jackie Horrigan
Fundraising Officer*

ONE IN THREE REQUESTS WE GET TO TAKE CATS IN RELATES TO HOUSING PROBLEMS

We contributed to a wider Cats Protection survey on the extent to which housing problems - properties not allowing pets, people going into care, people moving and abandoning cats, etc - were behind requests to us to take cats in.

It may not be more generally applicable, but over recent months our figures show that about one-third fall into this category.

Let's hope Cats Protection and other animal charities can work on this massive problem of hostility by landlords and freeholders to pets as valid members of the family.



Sue Harris

PEPSI'S PROGRESS



Well, the big day has arrived at last. May 1st - my big ONE-O birthday. Here is my official birthday portrait. Kathy said "you shall only have your birthday tea if you sit still for the photoshoot".

So, here I am sitting waiting patiently. I had lots of cards and a big blue balloon!! Well actually, I have to confess, it is not a balloon but a RUBBER BALL!! The reason for this is that many years ago I pounced on a balloon and I discovered that they make a very loud BANG which made me leap up as far as the ceiling. I have avoided them ever since.

You may notice that I am not alone in this photo. Yes, Kathy's latest idea - three tiny goldfish in a huge jar of water! I don't mind them, as long as they keep swimming round minding their own business. I don't think they are actually meant to be part of my birthday present, although I might just dip my paw in the water to see if they would like to join me for my birthday tea!!

Yum Yum.

Pepsi

SAD NEWS FROM HARLOW

Our volunteers Susan and Nigel Eggleton were devastated to find their rescue cat Bobby had been attacked, either by a fox or by a neighbour's rogue dog; they think the latter.

It seems that Bobby will not need to have his fractured leg amputated as feared, but he may lose a toe or two.

The police were not very helpful when it was reported to them, and Susan and Nigel have leafletted their neighbours to warn them.

There is not much else anyone can do unless the culprit is caught in the act....

We wish Bobby, who sounds a feisty lad, a speedy recovery.

Sue Harris



'A Musical Interlude' is by one of my favourite artists, Henriette Ronner-Knip, a Dutch-Belgian 19th Century painter. She is best known for painting cats. After 1870 she painted her most famous works featuring long-haired often playful cats in bourgeois settings.

Susan Eggleton

SOME CATS WE HAVE CARED FOR.....

We are pleased to say that long stayers **Sasha** and **Frodo** have both found fantastic new homes.

Frodo (renamed Joe) has gone to be part of the cool North London scene in Stoke Newington and Sasha's new owners promise to keep her to her strict diet.



TILLY - fostered by Peter.

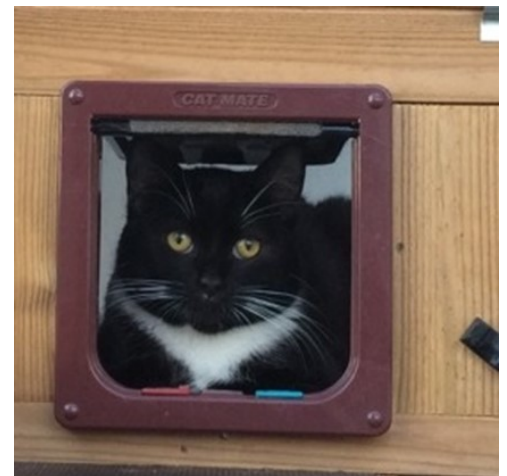
We are still looking for that special home.

She is a playful, lively young lady but due to her impaired vision she will need, on the recommendation of the eye specialist, a residence with a totally escape-proof garden or a large enclosed "catio" that she can wander about in.

BUSTER - fostered by Carolyn.

This dapper chap was not with us long. He is a friendly young purry boy once he gets to know you, but he did not see eye to eye with the other five cats in the house where he was living, so came into our care.

He's now been homed. .



SOME CATS WE HAVE CARED FOR..... (Cont'd)

JOSEPH - fostered by Lissa.

When his former owner had housing problems, Joseph had to move in with relatives, but their dogs were attacking him. This gentle boy is now leading a peaceful life in his new home.



CHARLIE - fostered by Anne-Marie and Simon.

If only he could talk! Charlie's story is a long-running one and a bit confused, but he was living rough when the people who seemed to be his owners washed their hands of him.

He's coming round slowly, although he is still quite nervous, but we hope to be able to persuade him soon that he wants to go to see the nice Vet Man or Lady to have some needles stuck in him!

..... AND WORK IN PROGRESS

We also have some interesting cases in hand:

- ☛ A Persian (Iranian) cat whose owners no longer want her back after an enforced four month quarantine arising from deficient import documentation.
- ☛ Abandoned/stray kittens, some only a few days old (all now reserved), including four dumped at Kew Vets.
- ☛ Ben - a cat who was left at a vets in Buckhurst Hill when his owner could not afford the bills - he's had to have his eye removed and is recovering in Peter's care.
- ☛ Marley - an RTA victim, assumed to be a stray, with complex but not life-threatening injuries which have been operated on by Bishop's Stortford Vet Hospital. He will need cage rest with us for a few weeks before finding his new home.
- ☛ Cats, some in poor condition, from a couple of evictions in Harlow. We are working with the Housing Department and The Scratching Post rescue on these, and two of the cats, Smudge and Poppy, are already at Lissa's getting medical attention and a lot of well deserved TLC.

Sue Harris

NOTICEBOARD

Deadline for the next issue is 10 July. Articles etc by post or e-mail to Denise Williams (see below).

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If you have any unwanted gifts, collectibles, jewellery, toys, scarves, shawls, bags, cat goods, china/glassware that we can offer for sale, please contact Jackie Horrigan on 07914 819474.

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