



KIT-E-MAIL

News and events from Cats Protection
Hemel Hempstead & Berkhamsted Branch

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Hi All,

It does seem like this year has gone rather quickly.

We have still been inundated with unwanted kittens. This year we have seen an increase in kittens being dumped. They were either in boxes in a car park or just left at the roadside to fend for themselves. All the kittens were rescued, some with mum, all very well socialised so we know they were not feral! Happy to say they have all found lovely homes and are thriving.

For us to continue helping local cats and kittens we need fosterers, you would need a spare, secure room and we provide the rest. It is very rewarding to foster and see these cats/kittens blossom and ready for their new home. We also need fundraiser to help raise much needed funds for the branch.

Please contact **03453 711851** for more information.

Take care

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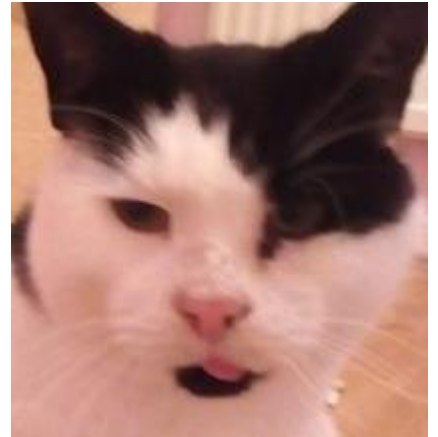
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Jay Z



Hi I'm Jay Z and my foster mum decided to call me that, as when I was living in a lady's garden I'd prefer to stay under an umbrella (even though I was offered a proper shelter).

Even after what has happened to me I love human company. I like to be stroked, brushed and to be picked up for a cuddle. I enjoy a comfy lap to snuggle in, hopefully it will be yours, I can help keep you warm in the winter nights. I meow and purr away because I like a good chat and I'm always happy to see you. I definitely love being around people. I sometimes even stick my tongue out but I'm not being rude I promise. My ideal home would be with person/people who will love me and enjoy the love I have to give. I would like a secure garden but happy to be close to home.

Some of the cats in our care may not yet be on our website. If you are looking for a feline companion, please contact us on 0345 371 1851

Ebay



Please could you help to keep the sales up by turning out your cupboards, garages and attics to find anything suitable to sell on Ebay towards our constant need for funds. Thankyou!
Well here we are again

I'm thrilled to say Ebay sales have now topped £40,000 over the years. Things have slowed down a little as more people are selling for themselves but I continue to get lots of fabulous items from all over. People are very generous with their donations and cats in our care are the benefactors so a huge thank you to everyone who is kind enough to help us.

If you don't have any items to donate help can also be given with packing materials which are always welcome - bubble wrap, large padded envelopes or polylopes, sellotape, parcel tape polystyrene chips etc.

*Top 3 of the hit parade recently - Doc Martens (£50)
Leather Skirt (£40) Cowboy Boots (£16)*

*Happy Christmas and New Year to one and all!
Caroline x.*

Contact Caroline at her new email tootie10@googlemail.com (for ebay please mark your email with subject 'CP eBay item for sale') or call 01442 230874. Her user ID on ebay is 99kittykats if you're interested in buying.

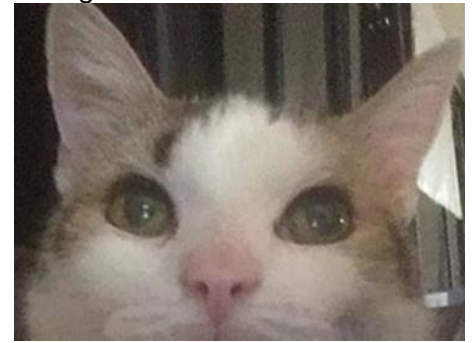
In 2019 Jumble sales raised £2703 and the stalls over £1000. Your gifts and donations are really important to us for sales on ebay, stalls and jumble sales. Please think of us when you are de-cluttering,

If you wish to make a donation and if you are a tax-payer please consider Gift Aid which gives us an extra 25% of your donation For example, £10 would be worth £12.50 to us - and £100 gives us £125 ! Speak to Ali on 01442 251536 for information.

Help our Branch to raise money by using easyfundraising.org.uk every time you shop online.
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/catsprotectionhemelhemstead/>

Chloe

Chloe is a mature cat now looking for her forever home due to changes in her circumstances.



She is a very affectionate character who loves cuddles. She is happy indoors but would love access to a secure garden, away from major roads, We feel she would be happier as an only pet in a mature family environment where she can curl up and keep you company.



Arnie has come into our care as a stray. A lovely couple have been looking out for him, feeding him and made him a shelter. This gorgeous boy is so friendly and just wants his own home. He loves nothing more than human company and being fussed and loved. His ideal home is an indoor home with lots of fuss. He needs to be the only cat, with an older family. He's approx 10 years old.

If you think either Chloe or Arnie might complete your family don't hesitate to give us a ring today.

Neutering

It is one of the key aims of Cats Protection to promote neutering as a safe and painless way to control the cat population. Unneutered males can develop habits such as wandering away from home, urine spraying and fighting. Unneutered females can be very vocal when they come into season, they can become pregnant early in their lives, and repeatedly, sometimes resulting in cats and kittens being abandoned. It is a kind act as it prevents unwanted behaviours and unwanted kittens.

It is also an effective way to reduce your household costs - caring for a mother and kittens is becoming increasingly expensive. There are thousands of unwanted cats and kittens in the UK and neutering is the only effective way to reduce this growing number. CP works with partner charities such as PDSA and Dogs Trust as well as local authorities to promote the benefits of neutering.

The cost of the operation varies depending on the vet practice that you use. However, the average cost to get a male cat neutered is around £40-£80 and the average cost for neutering a female cat is around £50-£100.

If you need financial assistance for neutering your cat, Cats Protection may be able to help through our means-tested neutering scheme.

Please contact our Neutering Officer on 01442 251536 to see if you would be eligible for help.

Cats make wonderful pets. In a remarkably short space of time they become a core part of our families, bringing us laughter, affection and companionship. But did you know that cat owners are less likely to suffer from stress and are known to relax more and have greater life satisfaction? Cats keep their owners feeling young and active, and learning to care for a cat is great for a child's self-esteem, social skills and sense of responsibility.

There are lots of benefits in owning a cat, it is just a question of finding the right one for you. All cats that come to us have a medical check and are assessed for their personality. They will be micro-chipped and neutered if necessary. Our home visitor will evaluate your needs and try to ensure that we find your perfect puss.. All that we wish for is that you'll be together for a very long time! **If you are looking for a feline companion, please contact us on 0345 371 1851**

Quiz

Since the last newsletter we have had not one, but two Quiz nights, one in July and more recently in November, in our cosy new venue, the Gatecroft Lounge in Hemel. This was our fourth outing at Gatecroft and we're building up a loyal fan base of Quizzers.

And, even better, this latest one raised even more money than before - over £400! So, a huge thank you goes to our generous supporters, not forgetting the residents of Gatecroft who, as always, made us most welcome.

As usual Trevor was Quiz MC for the evening, with support from Matty, and Maggie did her usual terrific raffle.

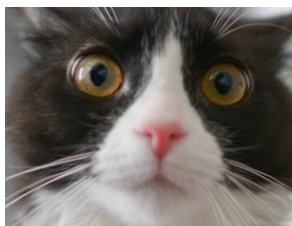
Next one will likely be June/July next year. We'd love to see you so look out for information next year.

Marlowes Street Collection

The street collection and stall under Bank Court in Hemel Hempstead was held in September. Sales were very slow to start, not many people about, but picked up eventually and we raised more than £800 in total through the stall and collection of donations. Those on collection duty raised just over £160 and the rest came in from the stall, including £70 in advance sales via Di. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day and for all the work done in advance and to those who stayed on to clear up afterwards.

Many of us volunteers are getting older (and perhaps rarer!) and we need more physical help if we are to continue running events like these, especially muscle power to shift and set up tables. If you can help please contact Sallie 01442 256545. Please don't wait to be asked we'd love to hear from you!

WHAT'S ON



Sometimes event dates have to be changed but at the time of writing these dates are scheduled in and we may add more events later. Our website will be updated as and when we have further information so please keep checking.

Dec 7th 2019 Saturday: Pat's Christmas Party Ho Ho Ho ! **Hemel Hempstead tel 01442 247848**

Pat invites all CP members, friends and helpers to a festive get-together at her house 10-12.30pm approx. Refreshments, including mince pies, sausage rolls, Punch, raffle and cat chat – Do pop in and you will be sure of a warm and festive welcome.

For fifteen years Pat has been offering a warm welcome as a thank you to CP volunteers but, regretfully, this will be the last occasion on which she will be able to host this special event. Pat said "it has been a pleasure and fun to host this over the years in all weathers, alongside various resident cats. Thank you for all your support. I look forward to seeing you on 7th December".

Thank you Pat, we do appreciate the work you have put into making this event so successful over the years

We have some prospective dates for jumble sales in 2020 at our usual venue in Potten End but these may be subject to change so please check our website for updates.

15th February
16th May
26th September
21st November

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0345 3711851**

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