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A Because it's easier than walking!
Q What goes dot, dot, dash squeak?
A Mouse Code!

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MESSAGE FROM SUE JONES BRANCH COORDINATOR

Thank you everyone who has donated to us by renewing their membership, making an additional donation or by way of a regular standing order. These funds will go a long way to helping us look after the cats and kittens in our care who, due to the current situation will be with us for longer than usual.

In order to safeguard the public, volunteers and staff, Cats Protection has wound down its face-to-face activities. Unfortunately this has meant that we are unable to take in or re-home any cats for the foreseeable future.

All the Organisation's Charity Shops have also closed until further notice. For us this means our largest fundraiser, our shop in Finchley, will not be generating income for us. So again, thank you to everyone who has donated.

While our shop is closed, I would ask that you hold on to any donations you would normally take there, ready to bring them in when this is over. Wendy, who drives round picking these up should also be back on the road and available for collections.

I'm very sorry to say that we have **CANCELLED** the quiz which was due to be held on the 25 July. Hopefully things will have improved by then, but it was felt that this was the safest course of action.

I hope that by the time of our next quiz, due in November, the situation will have improved and we will be able to meet. In the meantime, look after yourselves and those around you. Take care and above all be safe.

A Notice from the Psychiatric Association

Dear Citizens

During this **QUARANTINE** time it is considered normal to talk to your walls, plants and pots.

Kindly contact us only if they reply!!

Meet foster kitten Reuben – very needy likes lots of cuddles and attention. Not very good at keeping himself amused so had to buy more interactive toys from Amazon.



*ITALIAN STYLE
COURGETTE
SOUP*



Diana Lamont one of our committee members shares another of her favourite recipes





Ingredients

- 60ml/2floc extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsc chopped garlic
- Handful basil leaves (preferably Italian), chopped
- Sea salt and ground white pepper, to taste
- 1kg/2¼lb green courgettes, cut lengthways into quarters then into 1cm/½in slices
- 750ml/1¼ pint chicken stock
- 60ml/2floc single cream
- Handful flat leaf parsley, chopped
- 50g/2oz freshly grated parmesan, plus extra to serve

Directions

1. Heat the oil in a heavy-based pan over a medium heat.
2. Cook the garlic, basil, salt and courgette slowly for 10 minutes, or until the courgettes are lightly browned and softened.
3. Add white pepper, to taste, then pour in the stock and simmer for 8 minutes, uncovered. Remove from the heat.
4. Put three-quarters of the soup mixture into a food processor and blend until smooth.
5. Return the mixture to the pan and stir in the cream, parsley and parmesan.
6. To serve, ladle the soup into a bowl and season, to taste, with salt and freshly ground black pepper.
7. Sprinkle over more parmesan, to taste.
8. Serve with crusty bread and a green salad.

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The Rainbow Bridge

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge. When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge.

There are meadows and hills for all our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food and water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable. All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigour; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by.

The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing: they miss someone very special to them who had to be left behind. They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. The bright eyes are intent; the eager body quivers. Suddenly the pet begins to break away from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your beloved pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

"Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together....."

Anon

Cat Guardians

Cat Guardians is the free service provided by Cats Protection, aimed at giving peace of mind to cat owners concerned about what might happen if they were to pass away before their cat.

Our promise

We know how much your cat means to you. Should something happen to you, you'll naturally want to make sure that someone is there to care for the cat or cats you love.

Through our Cat Guardians service, individuals can plan for their cats' future so that in the event of their death, we'll take their cats

in to one of our branches or centres and try to find them a loving new home.

Cats Protection promises never to put a healthy cat to sleep, so you can feel assured that we will give your feline friend all the love and care they need until we can find them the new home they deserve.

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The logo consists of the lowercase letters 'e', 'q', and 'w' in a simple, sans-serif font. The 'e' and 'q' are positioned to the left of the 'w', and they are all in a dark grey or black color.

CHARLIE by Janet Warren

In November 2018 a black and white male cat was taken to our vets and signed over to Cats Protection for rehoming.

When the cat was examined immediately upon seeing him it was obvious why the owners had handed him over and rushed out so quickly - Charlie was very sick and in a terrible state.

The vet and nurse had to gown-up and wear protective gloves to examine Charlie - it was suggested that he could have the calicivirus and was, no doubt, highly infectious.

As there was nowhere that would take an infectious cat, vets or cattery, a branch volunteer set up her summerhouse at the end of her garden for Charlie. The summerhouse had electricity so it was heated in the colder months.

Precautions had to be taken when in contact with Charlie such as wearing protective medical clothing (looking like someone out of a TV crime programme) and using animal sanitisers at all times when feeding and handling him.

Over quite a few months of being medicated and then vaccinated Charlie spent his time with CP between the summerhouse which got the sunshine during the day, (Charlie loved to sunbathe), and the cattery. Along the way he had various treatments and surgeries.

As time went by he became a handsome, healthy-looking boy, as you can see from the photo, and quite a character.

When the cattery closed last November Charlie was transferred to one of CP's Homing Centres. He was loved by everyone there and often got up to mischief.

At the end of January he finally went to his forever home where he settled in immediately, exploring every room and bed in the house, and is adored and spoilt by his human family.

So that's Charlie's heart-warming story. A long history (15 months) of ups and downs for him, but with such a lovely, happy ending.

Have a wonderful, happy life Charlie you deserve it!!

