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Fundraising

So far this year we have managed to raise £4,891.36 through our fundraising events

- A HUGE THANK YOU to the fundraising team for all their hard work

Lichfield Tin Shake

We raised £77.16 on Saturday 10 August at the tin shake in Lichfield. So many volunteers were on holiday that week so a big thank you to those CP volunteers who helped at this event

Fradley Fete

Big thanks to everyone who helped at Fradley fete yesterday afternoon Stall cost only £5 as this was only open for a few hours and we are charity. After we paid for the stall we made just under £40.Thanks everyone

Catton Hall

Thanks to everyone involved in making our stall at catton hall a success today, much appreciated We raised just under £150 after we paid for the stall. Well done everyone

Whittington Fayre

We had a great day at Whittington Fayre this year, the weather was kind for a start and our stall was directly opposite the arena so we saw all the action with the classic cars, the dog training show and the birds of prey. We raised £197.70p less £15 for the stall. Thanks to all the volunteers who came to help.

Derby Adoption Centre Open Day

Derby Adoption Centre held their annual Open Day and we were invited to have a stall there. It was a quiet day but it was lovely to see all the cats and kittens ready for homing. We managed to raise £29.55 even though it was a very quiet day. Thank you to Linda and Louise for giving their time up to man the stall, ***and No Louise you can't take all the kitties home with you!***

Huddlesford Heritage Gathering

Thanks to everyone who has helped over the weekend to make our 2 day's at Huddlesford Canal Festival a success. We took £174.33, paid £18 for the stall so made £156.33

AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND COMEDY

"Just Us" are a local amateur dramatics group who have very kindly offered to provide their services to our charity for free.

On Friday 29 November we are hosting "AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND COMEDY"

This is a must see show so come along, bring your partners or why not make it a Christmas Party Event. **Tickets are £12.50 per head** and include a cold supper which will be served prior to the show. There is a licensed bar and there will be a raffle too.

Tickets can be purchased from **The Garrick Online, the Box Office** on 01543 412121 or by post to **Lichfield Garrick Theatre Limited, Castle Dyke, Lichfield, WS13 6HR.**
Tickets can also be purchased from Cats Protection Event Line on 07873 484664

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Our vision is a world where every cat is treated with kindness and an understanding of its needs.

CATS PROTECTION

Rogue's Gallery

Here are a few of the cats that are ready for homing



Jemima

Jemima is a young, pretty black & white cat. She is very friendly, loves a fuss & is quite chatty! She is currently caring for her litter of kittens so will be available for homing at the end of September once she has been spayed and had her first vaccination. If you would like to offer Jemima a home please contact us on 0845 371 2741 or lichfieldcats@gmail.com

Jasmine

Jasmine is about 6 months old and was found in a car park in Tamworth so we have no details on her previous life. She was very nervous when she came into the branch, but she now trusts her fosterer enough to allow herself to be picked up and she loves having her tummy rubbed. She does run and hide if anyone else goes in the pen, but is getting better. She uses her litter tray and is not a fussy eater. Jasmine is now ready for homing and is looking for her new family.





Jemima's Kitten

Jemima's kitten is a black male and is very friendly and very active! If you can offer this little kitten a loving home for life then please contact us on 0845 371 2741 or lichfieldcats@gmail.com



Lottie's Kittens

These are Lottie's adorable kittens. There is a tabby boy (reserved), a tabby and white boy, a white girl with grey patches and a white girl with grey and ginger patches (reserved). These kittens will be ready for homing mid October.

Rogue's Gallery

Wigwam



"Wigwam is a beautiful friendly black and white female cat aged approximately 6 years old who has had a tough 6 months before coming into Lichfield and Tamworth Cats Protection care. We believe due to stress and inactivity, Wigwam was over grooming and had lost all the fur from the back end of her body and some muscle waste in her back legs. She was also very shy and nervous of new people, quick movements and loud noises. After lots of TLC and a course of tablets we are pleased to say that Wigwam has improved greatly. Most of her fur has now returned to normal, with just a little still growing back. Now Wigwam is moving around a lot, the muscles in her back legs are returning to normal too and she is becoming more outgoing as each day passes. Wigwam will never be the most confident of cats and because of this we would like to home her in a quiet place with no other animals or children. She would be best as an indoor house cat because if she becomes spooked by someone or something, she tends to run very quickly and hide and this could be dangerous for her if she were outside. It is important for Wigwam to have daily interaction but in a peaceful environment, she is very friendly when she has got used to you and if you are gentle with her you will get a lot of affection back. Wigwam loves to be combed and have an occasional play with her toys but mostly she is happy either having a fuss, snuggling in her bed or watching the birds through the window. Wigwam is fully vaccinated and micro chipped and ready to go to her new home. If you are a patient person looking to give a loving and friendly cat a permanent home, Wigwam would be delighted to come and live with you! "

Pip

Pip as in 'Pipsqueak' because she squeaks instead of miaows, is a black and white female approximately 12 months old. She doesn't like to be held for long but lie down and tap the floor and she will lie next to you and want her tummy stroked. Best suited to a home with no other pets and no young or boisterous children. Pip enjoys quiet and relaxation.

Callie

We have a lovely young calico (white with black and orange patches) female available. She is very friendly once she gets to know you and can be quite vocal.

Lottie

Lottie is a very friendly black and white female, approximately 1 year old. She has recently produced a litter of four adorable kittens and will be ready for homing mid October when her kittens are weaned.

If you live in the Lichfield or Tamworth Area and can offer any of our cats or kittens the loving permanent home they deserve please contact us on 0845 371 2741 or email lichfieldcats@gmail.com Not all the cats in our care are ready to be rehomed, if you would like information on all our cats please call our Welfare Officer on the above number. Also why not visit our website on www.cats.org.uk/lichfield

All adoptions are subject to a successful homing visit

Lost and Found

LOST

Name: Jacob



Jacob is a black domestic short hair cat aged three, he is neutered and has been chipped but doesn't have a collar. He has a few white hairs on his chest and at the moment he has a little tuft of fur missing next to his ear after a fight a few days ago, he is quite a large cat, and weighs around 4.8kg. He was last seen around midnight on the 13th August in Gorsey Bank Road, Hockley, Tamworth. He is new to the area and has only been here a month so doesn't know the area very well. He is quite timid so will probably be hiding somewhere as he is probably very scared.

Name: Mandy



Mandy is a very pretty feline with ginger and brown tabby markings on her back and head, with a white lower face, chest and tummy and her legs are a mix of both tortie and white markings. She is 1 year and 5 months old, very friendly and often quite vocal. Mandy is microchipped and neutered. She has been missing from Broadlee, Wilnecote, Tamworth since the evening of August 19th. Please could anyone in that area check their sheds and garages in case she is shut in anywhere.



Name: Jeff

Jeff is an entire male tabby who has gone missing from Hopwas 10 days ago. He has no collar and is not chipped.



Name: Zorro

Zorro is a white male cat with ginger markings on his head and back. He is chipped but is not wearing a collar. He is 8 years old. He normally lives in Burntwood, but was being looked after, and escaped. He was last seen on Wednesday 21st August at Chadsfield Road, Rugeley.

If you see any of these cats please contact the Welfare Officer at Lichfield & Tamworth Cats Protection on 0845 371 2741 or email lichfieldcats@gmail.com

Lost and Found

LOST

Name: Toby

Toby went missing on Sunday 25th August from Cockspur Street in Birchmoor, Tamworth, B78. He is a short-haired tabby male with a white chest, he has a small tear on his right ear and he wears a green collar with a tag. He is neutered and microchipped, he is really friendly, never hisses or scratches.





Name: Maxi

Maxi is 2 years old, black and white, has been neutered and micro chipped but is not wearing a collar. He lives in Chester Road, on the Birches Estate in Rugeley and has been missing for just over 1 week now. Please check your sheds and garages in that area. Maxi's owners are offering a £100 reward if Maxi is found.

Name: Pasha

Pasha he is a very friendly 1 year old and has been missing since Saturday September 7th from the Lichfield Road area in Tamworth . He is smokey grey in colour and very silky . Any info would be great as we are so worried and miss him so much and offer a reward ,



Name: Bruce

Bruce is a 1 year old black and white cat who has gone missing from his home in Peel Court, Peel Drive,, Wilnecote since 6th April. He has a very distinctive meow which sounds like he is saying nooooooooooo.



Name: Unknown

16 week male tabby kitten has gone missing from his home on Sunday 4th August, last seen in the garden and is very friendly. He has believed to have wondered off from the B79 7QJ area of Tamworth, close to bottom of Lichfield Road near to Riversmeade Vets.

Name: Darwin

Darwin is a 16 year old black and white male who has been missing in Whittington for two weeks. He is not chipped and was not wearing a collar.

Name: Unknown

There is a grey female, aged 10, missing from Chester Road, on the Birches Estate in Rugeley.

You can check out all the new Lost and Found cats on our website - www.cats.org.uk/lichfield

Lost and Found

LOST

Name: Angus

Angus Went missing on Sunday in the Irwell, Belgrave Area - Tamworth and hasn't been seen since. He has a yellow collar with a bow and bell, he is neutered and microchipped. He is barely a year old. Please can you help find him as he belongs to a very upset 8 year old girl.





Name: Unknown

This tabby went missing from Purcell Avenue, Lichfield yesterday. He is not yet neutered and is normally kept indoors.

FOUND

Name: Unknown

Myself and my partner live in Kettlebrook, Tamworth. For the last week we have had a young ginger cat hanging around our area. We have been feeding him and making sure he is ok. He is very friendly and seems in good condition if a little frightened and wary.



Name: Unknown

Hi this cat has been found at the caravan park at Fradley Junction. He's being looked after by some holiday makers but they are due to leave soon. More details to follow.



Name: Unknown

This lovely tabby male neutered cat has been found in Nethersole Street, Polesworth, Tamworth. He has appeared in the last couple of months and someone has kindly been feeding him. He is a young cat and very affectionate.



Name: Unknown

An all black cat, thought to be male, has been found in the Boley Park area of Lichfield.



Lost and Found

FOUND

Name: Unknown

A female Tortie has been found two days ago in mile Oak, Tamworth. She is not wearing a collar and is not microchipped. If this is your cat please ring 0845 371 2741 or email lichfieldcats@gmail.com

Name: Unknown

A female Tortie with white paws has been found 3 days ago in Water Street, Chase Terrace. She is wearing a collar. She may have been a stray for a few weeks as she is very thin. If this is your cat please ring 0845 371 2741 or email lichfieldcats@gmail.com

Name: Unknown

All black, young female, no collar, not chipped but has been spayed approx 8 weeks ago. Found at Curborough Craft Centre, Lichfield. If this is your cat please ring 0845 371 2741 or email lichfieldcats@gmail.com

Name: Unknown

A female cat, white with ginger patches has been found in Fradley Village. She is limping so it would seem she has a problem with one of her legs. If this is your cat please ring 0845 371 2741 or email lichfieldcats@gmail.com

Paws for Thought

A Plea for a Cat









Would you care for me, as I care for my cat?
Oh, I know she is treacherous
and her thoughts go no higher
Than mice and milk
and a place by my fire;
She is getting old and fat.
But when I sit alone in my evening chair,
I stroke her fur
I like to know she is there
and to hear her purr.
Of course, you could not care for me
Like that!
I can not purr as flatteringly
as a cat.

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How to Groom Your Cat

Most cats will spend a significant part of their day grooming.

Their bodies are incredibly supple and can bend and flex to enable them to reach all parts with ease. The cat's tongue is covered with backward-pointing spines, perfectly designed to groom coats effectively, removing loose hair and dirt.

Domestic cat's fur is generally made up of three types of hair: down, awn and guard. However, some pedigrees have their coats made up of a different proportion of these three types of hair giving them their distinct coat types. Moulting will occur, to some extent, all year round and through grooming, the helps to remove the loose hair, much of which is be swallowed. Such hair becomes impacted and either passes through the cat's digestive system or is vomited up as a hairball.

Grooming performs several important functions for your cat:

- Removes loose hair and smooths the coat to help insulate the body more efficiently
- Regulates temperature in hot weather by spreading saliva across the coat that subsequently evaporates, cooling the cat down
- Keeps the coat waterproof by stimulating glands at the base of the hairs
- Spreads sebum along the coat, producing Vitamin D when exposed to sunlight which is subsequently ingested by the cat
- Spreads your cat's own scent across its body
- Removes parasites
- Maintains strong social bonds when cats groom each other

Grooming your cat, irrespective of its coat type, has a number of benefits:

- Improves muscle tone
- Stimulates the skin to produce oils, giving the coat a healthy shine
- Your cat will remove a large amount of hair itself when grooming but if you get involved on a daily basis, particularly when your cat is moulting, you can remove the majority of the hair and prevent the formation of hairballs

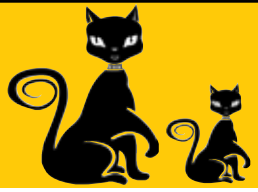


- Provides the opportunity to give your cat a quick physical check, looking at ears, eyes and mouth and checking for fleas, ticks, ear mites or any lumps or bumps
- The whole process can be very therapeutic for both of you and should be a positive way of reinforcing the bond between you

When you first acquire a kitten you should get it accustomed to being groomed from a very early age. Gradually build up the amount of time you spend grooming your kitten until it is quite happy to allow you to brush it. Eventually a lot of kittens may enjoy being groomed all over and will come to see it as part of its daily routine. To begin with, some kittens and also adult cats may be much more tolerant to be handled and groomed than others, and it is important that grooming and (most importantly) general handling tolerance is built up gradually, without it being a negative experience for either you or the cat. A cat should never be 'forcibly' groomed or stroked without the option to escape if they are finding the experience stressful. When, as a kitten, your cat is used to being handled it makes it easier for the veterinary surgeon to carry out an examination and the experience will be a lot less stressful for your cat. Your cat will know what to expect and there will be no nasty surprises.

Grooming shorthaired cats

You will need some equipment, such as a fine-toothed flea/tick comb, a bristle brush, a rubber grooming pad or a mitten. Always begin your grooming session when your cat is relaxed and happy. Plan to groom your cat at least once a week, using the flea comb first to check for flea excreta (tiny black comma-shaped dirt that runs red if a drop of water is added to it). If you find any, speak to your veterinary surgeon about effective flea control. You can use your fingers to loosen the dead hairs in



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your cat's coat by massaging against the hair growth in the direction of its head. Gently brush or comb your cat's hair, using strokes towards the tail starting from the head region, in the direction that the hair grows. Use the bristle brush to sweep up the coat in the direction of the head if your cat will tolerate it, and then smooth it down again (many cats might not like this bit if they are not used to being brushed in this way, and some may just find the sensation too unpleasant). This will bring all the loose hairs to the surface so that you can then use the rubber grooming glove or pad from head to tail, removing dead hair and stimulating the blood supply to the skin. Any loose hairs lying on the surface of the coat can be removed with a damp cotton or rubber glove to produce the final glossy finish. These sessions should be as short or long as the cat is comfortable with, and should be ended before the cat shows any signs of discomfort. They should also aim to finish on a positive note, with treats and praise.

Grooming longhaired cats

The equipment you will need should include a wide-toothed comb and a rubber mitten or pad. Longhaired cats need to be groomed at least once a day but careful attention should be paid to the current tolerance level of the cat and time spent grooming should not exceed this. Again, as for short haired cats, always choose a time when your cat is relaxed and happy to begin grooming. Massage the skin thoroughly before grooming commences by gently rubbing with your fingers against the hair growth from tail to head. As the hair is lifted check for flea excreta (see above). Using the wide-toothed comb, groom from head to tail to remove dead hair and take particular care with areas under your cat's 'armpits' and between its hind legs, as the skin is very thin here and extremely sensitive. It is also an area of friction where knots are common. If you do come across a knot (known as a matt), tease it apart gently using your fingers. This needs patience as you work slowly from the root towards the end of the hair. Don't be tempted to use scissors; it is extremely difficult to see where the skin ends and the hair starts when it gets really matted and you will inevitably cut your cat at some point. Another common area where matts can form is between the toes and pads, so check each time you groom and tease out any accumulated debris gently. Once this process is completed, use the rubber mitten or pad to remove more dead hair and do a final sweep over the coat with a damp cotton or rubber glove to remove any loose hairs that remain. Finish off with the comb if your cat is being patient and enjoying the attention. If grooming is a struggle, it should be stopped. Start again at a time when your cat is relaxed and aim to have smaller goals for each grooming session,, these being goals that your cat can easily tolerate. Always reward relaxed behaviour with praise and food treats throughout the grooming sessions. There are numerous grooming products on the market, particularly for longhaired cats, for example rakes, slickers and detangle sprays, many of which claim to make grooming as simple and safe as possible. What works for you and your cat can be a very personal thing so it's worth investing in a range of equipment until you find the combination that does the job and causes the least amount of stress for all concerned.

Dematting

Through daily grooming, cats should not become matted. Preventative grooming is key. However, if a cat comes into your care that exhibits matts, it is important to remember that these can be extremely uncomfortable (put a clump of your hair in a tight elastic band that constantly pulls at the scalp and you will an idea of what this feels like). You may find a professional cat groomer who would still be able to groom manually but most severe matts need to be shaved off by your vet. This will require at the very least sedation but, in reality, it is usually done under general anaesthetic. You will then find that your cat will end up with fur on his tail, head and lower legs and nowhere else until it all grows back.

Bathing your cat

If your cat is healthy there is no reason to give your cat a bath. Most do not tolerate it well.
Key behaviours to look out for when grooming or stoking cats

The following are some of the more subtle indications that the cat may be feeling uncomfortable. Interaction should be stopped when any of these signs are visible.

- Skin rippling or twitching
- Tail swishing, thumping or twitching at the end
- Sharp turn of cat's head to face your hand or the brush
- Cat suddenly freezes or becomes tense
- Cat's ears flick or rotate backwards
- Cat swallows or licks lips
- Cat's shakes it's head
- Cat performs a short lasting but rapid burst of grooming to body
- Cat growls or hisses

Article taken from International Cat Care (Formerly Feline Advice Bureau)

True Stories

Cat “Arrested” for break-in at Brazillian prison

A cat has been detained in the grounds of a jail in Brazil with contraband goods for prisoners strapped to its body with tape. The white cat was apprehended crossing the main prison gate. The incident took place at a jail in Arapiraca city, 250km (155 miles) south-west of Recife in Alagoas state. The confiscated items included drill bits, files, a mobile phone and charger, plus earphones The cat was taken to a local animal centre. The jail holds some 263 prisoners.

A prison spokesperson was quoted by local paper Estado de S. Paulo as saying: “It’s tough to find out who’s responsible for the action as the cat doesn’t speak.”

Officials said the items could be used to effect a means of escape or for communicating with criminals on the outside.



The incident took place at New Year, but the photo has only recently been released.

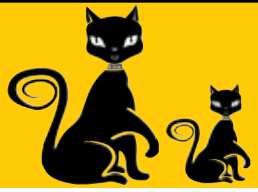
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Cat survives journey from Cairo to London stacked in a plane’s luggage hold



This is a cat who has certainly used up one its nine lives - after it survived a 3,400 journey from Egypt to the UK when she was accidentally packed in her owner’s suitcase. Mervat Ciuti only realised her mistake when she was called by relatives in Cairo as she sat in a taxi in Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire, on her way to visit her sister. She was so convinced her beloved pet Bisou, a seven-year-old Persian would be dead that she had to get the taxi driver to check her luggage. But when he opened the case they found that Bisou was happily curled up along with her clothes and enjoying a cat nap. Vets said it was a ‘miracle’ the animal survived after its long journey in the cargo hold of a plane. But Bisou has not yet been able to return home as he has been put in quarantine for six months.

For full story see the Daily Mail website



True Stories



Miracle cat reunited with owner

Polly, a 2-year-old tabby, survived a journey of 1700 miles trapped in the undercarriage of a diesel train. She was found with an infected, fractured leg, that was subsequently amputated. Thanks to her microchip, Polly was reunited with her owner — a former train driver — after a 3-week absence.

Cat hero saves sleeping owner

Despite the opportunity to flee, a cat from Brixington, Devon, chose instead to stay in the house to wake her 72-year-old owner who had slept through the smoke alarm.

Guide cat for blind dog

Terfel, an eight-year-old blind dog now has his own guide, a former stray cat called Pwditat who uses her paws to guide him. The two are inseparable and even sleep together.

10 Amazing Cat Facts

- Cats cannot taste sweet things – they do not have the taste buds for ‘sweetness
- When a cat rubs her cheek against you – she is not only greeting you, she is also marking you with her scent.
- Cats can see and spot movement in almost total darkness.
- Unlike dogs, cats do not pant. Indeed, cats prefer not to mouth breath at all.
- Cheetahs are the only species of cat that cannot retract their claws.
- The average cat sleeps 18 hours a day.
- The cats’ skeleton contains 230 bones compared to human’s 206.
- The cat’s heart beats 110-140 times a minute – a third faster than humans.
- The cat’s backbone has five more bones than the human spine making it very flexible.
- A cat’s world is less colourful than our own. It is full of dull shades of blue and green.

All articles taken from International Cat Care (Formerly Feline Advice Bureau)

True Story

Carmen the Earless Cat

Carmen, a 9 year old rescue cat, lost her ears to tumor, but was given a second chance at life thanks to those who saved her and never gave up on her.

“Nine-year-old Carmen was first spotted by one of our adopters, Angela, who saw her trying to cross a busy street in traffic, oblivious to the honking horns. Once she got her safely inside, she saw the fungus growing in her ears, which our vet said had to have been there untreated for years, making her deaf and causing her great discomfort,” Cat Town wrote on Facebook.

In order to save Carmen’s life, her ears had to be removed. “We made the difficult decision to go ahead with ear ablation surgery.”

After the surgery, her journey to recovery began. They put her on medication and help her rehabilitate.

Carmen is learning to adapt to the changes, and she is really coming along. She purrs every time there are people around and loves to be loved. Even though she can’t hear, she is not bothered by it and is so happy to have a safe place to live.

“It’s been bit of a rough ride but so worth the effort! She’s lovely,” said Daria.

She was given a lot of care and love during her recovery. Daria, Carmen’s foster mom, built stairs for her to walk up to her favorite chair.

Jarvis the resident cat is there for Carmen when she needs a friend

They gave her a big cuddle buddy to snuggle with.

Carmen has touched everyone who has gotten to know her. Though she can’t hear, she is very happy and loved.

Carmen’s story via Cat Town, a volunteer run, 501(c)(3) animal rescue organization (follow them on Facebook). Photos by Daria K and Furrtagrapher.



Carmen before the surgery



Carmen and the Snuggle Bunny





Jarvis is a good friend



Stairs to her favourite chair

Paws for Thought

Getting To Know You

If you have a wayward feline
who may just to go astray.
Ensure that he is micro-chipped
in case he's lost his way.

A simple scan will sort him out
his i.d will be shown.
He'll be back home by tea -time
as his details will be known.

The microchip is easy
just a small embedded bead.
A scanner can locate it
his minutiae shown at speed.

So come guys, it's worth it
It's a really vital thing.
Imagine losing kitty
and the heart ache it may bring!

Teresa Harrison-Best Catawall.com



Do you know how much things cost?

Vet bills, food and shelter cost an awful lot. Could you become a 'Feline Friend' and donate £3 a month to help support and rehome kittens like us?

Email us at lichfieldcats@gmail.com
www.cats.org.uk/lichfield

Success Story

Barney

Success stories are not just for cats that have been recently homed. We would like to hear from all the people who have adopted a cat from us, irrespective of how long ago it was. We recently received this letter from Megan who adopted Barney in January 2012. This is what she has to say:



“I’d like to include my cat Barney in October’s newsletter as a success story.

We got him from Lichfield cats protection in January 2012 when he was 4 months old, and he just turned 2 in September (2013).

He is a gorgeous cat with a lovely personality and has made our house a proper home! He absolutely loves attention, sitting on laps, and where possible, chasing birds - although we’ve thankfully not had any on our kitchen floor for a while now!

Kind regards,
Megan”

This is a lovely success story.



If you would like to write in a letter enclosing a photograph of the cat we rehomed with you, then please send it to Lichfield & Tamworth Cats Protection, PO Box 6821, Lichfield, WS14 4HP or email it to us at lichfieldcats@gmail.com and we will try our very best to put it in the next publication.

Success Story

Florence

I just wanted to drop you a line to say thank you for arranging for us to adopt a kitten recently. We took one of five kittens from a lady called Lee – their mum was called Patsy. The little girl that we took is called Florence, she was called Blaze before but we thought Florence suited her. I have attached a recent picture of her. She's settled in really well, has become obsessed with my big 9 year old male cat Dennis and follows him everywhere. He's being very patient and kind to her. Our other cat Nadia (also 9) also has developed a nice peaceful and tolerant relationship with her. She has a lot of energy and plays with her toys, and whatever else she can find, constantly. We're really enjoying having her around and there is never a dull moment.

Thanks again,

Kind regards
Stephanie Knipe

Could you sponsor a cat?



£3 a month goes a long way to looking after a cat in CP care. If you feel you would like to sponsor a cat please email us on lichfieldcats@gmail.com

This newsletter is sponsored by Bromley Hayes Cattery

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Holly Cottage, Common Lane, Riley Hill, Bromley Hayes, Lichfield, Staffs, WS13 8HR

www.bromleyhayescattery.com

Success Story

Jipsee Rose

Jipsee Rose came into Branch care and was fostered by Denise until she could be homed. What a surprise to find that Steve, Denise's partner, decided that he had to keep the mischievous little tinker. What a lucky kitten she turned out to be. Mind, she is rather cute isn't she!









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2014 CALENDAR

CATS PROTECTION

All cats featured were successfully re-homed by Lichfield and Tamworth Branch in 2012/2013

ON SALE SOON









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Paws for Thought

The New Kitten Story



A shivering scrap edges from the cat basket,
and vanishes behind the sofa.
“Poor little soul,” they say,
“Perhaps a little plaice, a little milk.”
“Don’t startle her.”

By morning she has scattered food across the kitchen.
Established a bed in the linen basket.
Removed the vegetables from the rack.
Shredded a roll of toilet paper.
Climbed the lace curtains - to their detriment.
Walked milk into the passage.
Used her box - with a vigorous displacement of the litter.
And fallen asleep on the stove.

She wakes and beams at the first person down.
“I like it here,” she signals.
“How about a game of string?”

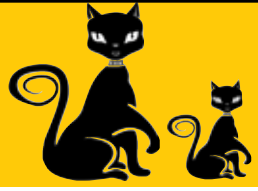
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Let Sleeping Cats Lie

A poet’s cat, sedate and grave,
as poet would wish to have,
was much addicted to enquire,
for nooks to which she might retire,
and where, secure as mouse in chink,
she might repose, or sit and think.
I know not where she caught her trick,
nature perhaps herself had cast her,
in such a mold philosophique,
or else she learn’d it of her master.
Sometimes ascending, debonair,
an apple tree or lofty pear,
lodg’d with convenience in the fork,
she watched the gard’ner at his work;
sometimes her ease and solace sought,
in an old empty wat’ring pot,
there wanting nothing, save a fan,
to seem some nymph in her sedan,
apparell’d in exactest sort,
and ready to be borne in court.

William Cowper (1731 - 1800)





“Cat Quotes”



Which is more beautiful, feline movement or feline stillness?

Elizabeth Hamilton

What greater gift than the love of a cat

Charles Dickens

Cats are connoisseurs of comfort

James Herriot

One cat leads to another

Ernest Hemmingway

A cat is a puzzle for which there is no solution

Hazel Nicholson

A cat is always on the wrong side of the door

Anonymous

The cat has too much spirit to have a heart

Ernest Menaul

Dogs have owners, cats have staff

Unknown

I have studied many philosophers and many cats. The wisdom of the cat is infinitely superior

Hyppolyte Taine

Cats always know whether people like or dislike them. They do not always care enough to do anything about it.

Winifred Carriere

There are two means of refuge from the miseries of life, music and cats

Albert Schweitzer

Animals are such agreeable friends, they ask no questions, they pass no criticism

George Eliot

Purring would seem to be, in her case, an automatic safety valve device for dealing with happiness overflow

Monica Edwards (B 1912) English writer

Loneliness is comforted by the closeness and touch of fur to fur, skin to skin, or - skin to fur

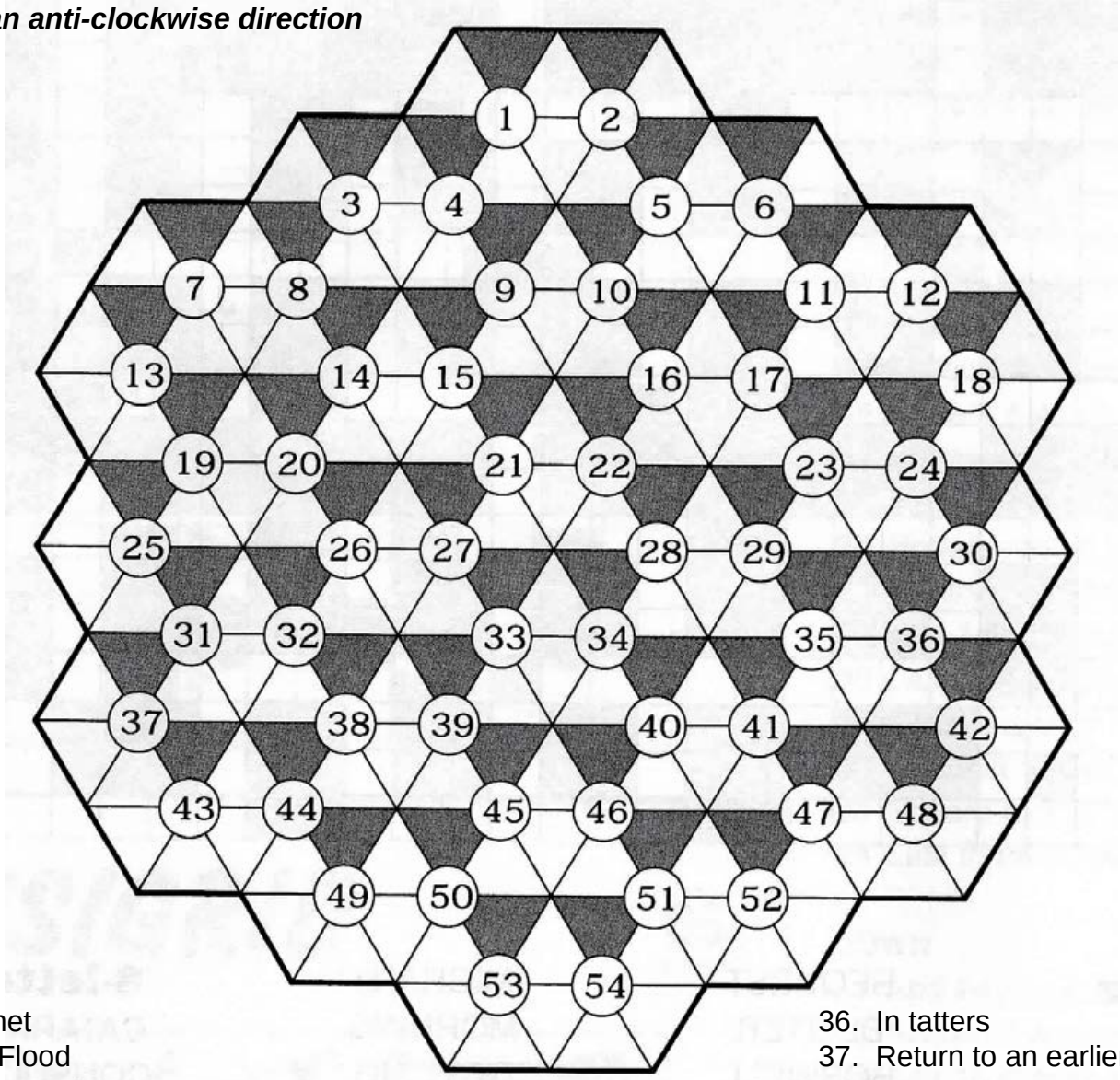
Paul Gallico (1897-1976) American writer

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Fun Time

Honeycomb

All the answers are six-letter words. Each answer is entered in a circle around its clue-number. The first letter of the answer is entered into the shaded triangle immediately above the clue number. If the clue-number is even, enter the answer in a clockwise direction. If the clue-number is odd, enter the answer in an anti-clockwise direction

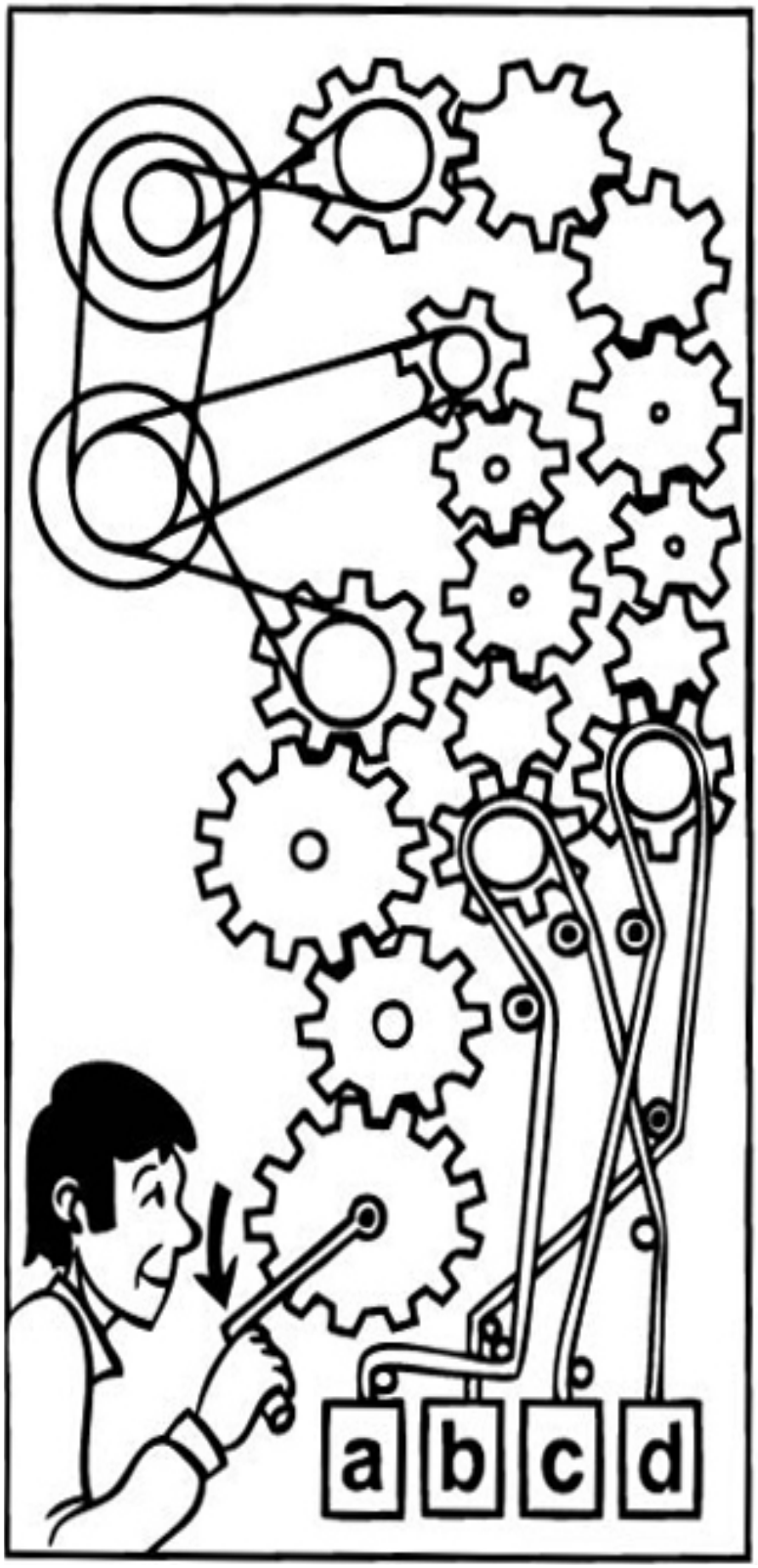


1. Plummet
2. Great Flood
3. Humble, unassuming
4. Not fair
5. Zambia's capital
6. Northernmost US state
7. Second showing
8. Overcome
9. Rainforest
10. Riding seat
11. Permission
12. Purpose
13. Satisfy
14. Useless, ineffectual
15. Spice
16. Drenched
17. Origin
18. Long angry denunciation
19. Wisely
20. *The* ____ *Lads,* classic sitcom
21. Badge
22. Think highly of
23. Infant's bed
24. Drag one's feet
25. Full set of chromosomes
26. Martial art
27. Large wooden container
28. Theatrical company
29. Approximately
30. Warlock
31. Cement
32. Tooth deposit
33. Wore away
34. Turned fruit to pulp
35. Looked after
36. In tatters
37. Return to an earlier state
38. Brownish apple variety
39. Ejected from office
40. Distant
41. Negligent
42. Generous, kind
43. Cooking directions
44. Break free
45. Study of morals
46. Subjects for discussion
47. Figure of speech
48. Agile
49. Hurtle
50. Loftier
51. Languishing
52. Coal industry
53. Spectres
54. Periods of darkness

Fun Time

Cogitate

Can you work out which weights will rise and which will fall when the man turns the lever as shows?



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Are holding a

Tin Collection

in

Lichfield Town Centre

on

Saturday 12 October

to raise much needed funds to assist with the welfare of cats and kittens in branch care



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Saturday 16 November

10am-3pm

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