## Who are we?

The St Albans and District Branch of Cats Protection was founded in 2001 and is one of about 250 branches in the UK who operate under the Cats Protection charity. We are all volunteers who give up our free time to get involved in rescuing, neutering and re-homing stray and unwanted cats.

# Where does the money come from to do this?

Most of our funds come from donations, tin shakes, fetes, sales, bazaars, raffles and other events. Membership fees and donations from our St Albans and District Cats Protection members are also appreciated, bringing in welcome funds.

## How can you help us?

Fostering - We are in need of people to foster abandoned cats and/or kittens. The more fosterers we have; the more cats we can help. Fostering involves either dedicating a room in your home solely for this purpose or, having one of our specially designed cat pens erected in for use in your garden. All day-to-day expenses and vet bills for the cats looked after are paid. We take great care to ensure that all it will ever "cost" you is your caring and your time! If you are interested, we have a Q&A leaflet that we give out to all prospective fosterers so that you are fully aware of what is involved. It doesn't hurt to ask!!

<u>Fundraising</u> - We rely solely on fund-raising to help the cats in our care. We are looking for people who are willing to spare some time (almost always on a Saturday every 3-4 months) to help with our events and tin shakes. Alternatively, if you want to get more involved planning different events for our Members, you might be interested in joining our Fundraising Committee.

<u>Collection boxes</u> - Could you keep a collection box at work to encourage donations of small change?

<u>Tombola prizes</u> - As well as the above we have literally run out of goods for our stalls and tombolas and would ask if you could have a look in your drawers and cupboards for things that you would be happy to donate. <u>The sort of things we are seeking are</u>: unwanted gifts, ornaments and decorative items. **SORRY**, we cannot take electrical items, clothes, books or anything broken or in need of repair.

Quizzes - Could you run or take part in a quiz?

<u>Cat Food and supplies</u> - If your cat is anything like ours there will be one flavour of food in the box that it won't eat. If you would consider letting us have those sachets, collect them together and when you have a bag or box full donate them to us. We have cats that will be only too glad of it! Also any unused bedding or scratching posts!! We can collect if necessary.

<u>Other skills</u> - If you have publicity, marketing, advertising or website experience there are also other ways you can help us. Interested? Why not come and see how you can help in one of our informal gatherings.

<u>Do you drive</u>? Driving/delivery may appear to be a "minor" task but it is a vital part of our set up from driving cats to the vets or taking them to one of our pens\*; collecting donated goods; collecting and helping unload goods during our Saturday sales. All this helps us to function and fundraise - your help would be greatly appreciated at any time.

\*This could be at fairly short notice

There are many ways to get involved that would suit YOU and the time you have to give. If you want to know more or have ideas about how you can help, contact us as above.

Join us today!

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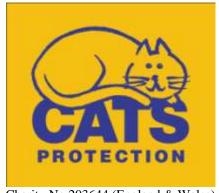
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Annual Membership: Adult £7.00 - Under 18's £4.00
Please return this form with payment (cheques made payable to St Albans & District Cats Protection) to

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# Membership, Donation & Volunteer Form



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