



A PURRFECT FRIEND

CAT REHOMING CHARITY IN THE PRESTON AREA

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It's our 1st Anniversary

It's amazing to think that A Purrfect friend came into being 12 months ago. We are extremely proud of what we have achieved, thanks to so many people. Thank you for your part in our success and long may it last.

Welfare report from Janice:

We have helped a total of 108 cats.

We took in 101 cats.

We found 88 homes for 85 cats (3 cats were returned to us and homed again).

Sadly 4 very sick cats died in care.

We returned 4 cats that were microchipped to their owners.

We currently have 11 cats in care.

Cats needing homes

Simba

Simba is 6 years old, he is a lovely cat, very easy going and is very confident. He is used to living with other cats.



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Mr Darcy

Mr Darcy came to Purrfect Friend as a stray and is approximately 7 years old. He was found to have slight kidney issues, which is being treated with daily medication. He can also be a bit unsteady on his feet at times due to an old fracture. Because of this he is now on daily pain medication to manage his injury, and is showing great signs of improvement and building up strength in his legs. Despite any pain he is in, he is the sweetest boy who loves a fuss and playing. He is great company, and spends most time snoozing.



He loves looking outside, but due to his mobility issues would need a home with an enclosed garden - as he can't run, and has difficulty jumping. He would be best suited to a pet free and child free, quiet home. Ideally someone who will be home a lot, as he loves company. He also needs someone who will keep up with his medical needs, and work with the vets to monitor his conditions. All medication is just applied straight to his food - so very easy to do and manage. His medication and occasional blood tests can be paid for by A Purrfect Friend providing he attends Withy Grove Vets (PR5 6QR).

Bellatrix

Bellatrix is a pretty girl. We believe she is an older cat and she likes to sleep and sunbathe! She has been in our care since January and we would love to find her a new home now. As an older lady, Trixie isn't very good on one of her legs, she is a little deaf and is quite noisy at times which may be a sign of dementia. Trixie needs a quiet home to live out her life, preferably with a space in the sun. She is unlikely to venture far. We also think she would like to be an only cat.



Felix

Felix is ready for a new home now, he is only just over a year old and already has had two homes. We must try and ensure his third home is his last. He is really friendly and playful but he needs an experienced owner as he can bite if provoked. No young children please.



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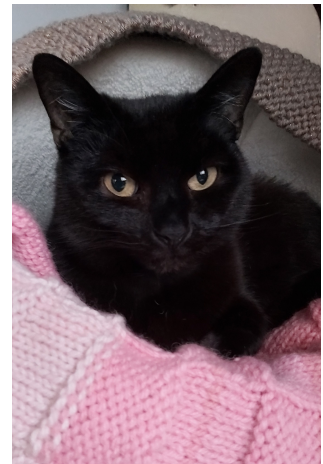


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Sparky

Sparky has been in our care for a while now and is waiting so patiently for her forever home. She is such a gentle, placid affectionate little girl. She is not overly playful, but loves being stroked. She likes lying in the sunshine or a nice warm lap to curl up on. She will be a fabulous companion. Sparky would suit an indoor or outdoor home with no young children or other cats. She ideally needs a quiet, peaceful home as the only pet.



For more details of these cats, please visit our website or get in contact via our social media or email



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Why cats are banned from pirate ships



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A Purrfect Friend - Financial Review for year to June 2021

At the end of June 2021 A Purrfect Friend completed its first year of fundraising and cat rehoming. A lot has happened in the last 12 months and the Trustees thought you would be interested to know how the year has turned out in financially.

In summary the key results are as follows :-

<u>Income generated</u>	£
Donations, subs and sponsorship	13,262
Sale of donated goods	5,730
Events and raffles	2,648
Adoption fees	4,380
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<u>Costs</u>	
Vets fees	19,264
Fostering supplies and other costs	1,051
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Cats homed	73
Average cost per cat	£278
Adoption fee per cat	£60

The income generated in our first year is a great achievement, particularly given the challenges the pandemic has brought, considerably reducing the ability to fundraise from larger events eg shows and fairs. We are very dependent on donations from all our kind supporters as adoption fees do not cover the costs we incur in ensuring the cats are fit and healthy for rehoming. Clearly vets fees are our main expense despite the discounts Withy Grove Vets allow us as a charity.

Hopefully in the next year we will be able to expand our fundraising activities as pandemic restrictions ease. We have applied for full charitable status with the Charity Commission but are still awaiting confirmation from them as they are experiencing high levels of charity applications as a result of the pandemic. Once registered we will apply to HMRC to claim Gift Aid on donations and reclaim VAT on our costs, both of which will help our revenues.

The Trustees would like to thank all our supporters for their generosity and a huge thank you to all our fosterers whose volunteering enables us to rehome so many cats with income we generate.

We look forward to the coming year and helping more cats to find their forever homes.





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Supporting our cause

There are a number of other ways in which you can support our cause:

- We also have a dedicated Facebook marketplace page called 'A Purrfect Friend Fundraising Group' If you would like to sell anything to raise funds for us, please get in touch and we can add you to the group.
- We are also on Vinted, selling men's, ladies and children's clothes. Find us at: <https://www.vinted.co.uk/member/7004861-annekelleher> and <https://www.vinted.fr/member/58906269-apurrfectfriend> and <https://www.vinted.co.uk/member/7526145-carole3591>
- We have an Amazon Wishlist to buy supplies for our pens. You can access this via our Facebook page.
- Check out our eBay pages: 'knitonepurrone', kathryn8704 & 'shirleyc4534'.
- Finally, the food bin at Penwortham Booths and Penwortham Tesco continues to be well supported by customers

Newsletters and Donations

Our bank account is with HSBC called 'A Purrfect Friend'. The sort code is 40-37-25, and the account number is 34512731. You can set up a standing order, pay online or send a cheque/ cash to:

Anne Kelleher, 3 The Crossings, Hoghton, Preston, PR5 0DH.

We also have a couple of options available to you if you would like to support us on a regular basis.

If you would like to continue to receive the newsletter via email, and you haven't already done so, then please let us know through our email address apurrfectfriend@gmail.com. If you would prefer to receive the newsletter via post, then please return this form to our Treasurer at the address given. However, please note that we do ask for £15 a year to cover postage costs, this can be paid by cheque or bank transfer.

If, in addition to receiving our newsletter, you would like to make a regular monthly donation (a minimum of £5 per month please) then you can sponsor one of our cat pens. We currently have 8 pens available: Isobelle's pen, Jennie's pen, Alfie's pen, Lucy's pen and Pringle's pen, Shadrack's pen, Marybeth's pen and Osiris and Chloe's pen. For a minimum of £5 a month, you will receive updates and pictures of cats housed in your sponsored pen, a tag on the pen to show your sponsorship, a bi-monthly (once every two months) newsletter, a special gift, and a membership card. Currently Rocky is in Shadrack's pen; Kitty is in Marybeth's pen, and Heathcliffe in Marybeth2's pen Bellatrix is in Pringles pen, Lara is in Chloe/Osiris's pen, Simba is in Isobelle's pen and Charlie is in Alfie's pen.



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Our fosterers and other members of the group, in memory of special cats or people, name our pens. Here is one story of how a pen was named: Thank you to Jean Ashurst for telling us about Isobelle.

Isobelle

I've always loved cats, but there were various valid reasons why I couldn't have one. From being small, my Mother and I would cross over to the other side of the road to greet and maybe stroke a friendly feline [I still do, to the amazement of non-cat friends]!

The night before my Mother died (quite unexpectedly), she said we'd get a cat, a tabby girl and that I should hand in my notice at School so I'd be there to care for them both!!!! We couldn't decide whether to have a kitten or an older cat. In a moment of definite weakness, my Grandmother had allowed Mum to adopt a tabby girl from a neighbour, but poor Topsy was soon rehomed to Trafford Street Co-op as a Pest Controller!

It took me 2 months searching for a tabby girl, there were lots of boys, greys, blacks and torties, but I had to have a tabby. A friend of a friend helped at a Rescue in St Annes, where there were two 9-week old tabby sisters - Anna and Belle. I went to see them and was told I could have the 'feisty one', Belle. She differed from her sister in that she had a distinctive inverted triangle of cream on her nose.

When I rang the Microchip people with her change of address, I was asked to spell her name; thinking of 'isotherm' and 'isohyet', I spelled Isobelle - which really was quite unique for a special girl!

She was a one-woman cat - we enjoyed 8 years together, during which Isobelle specialised in hunting mice, defending her territory, basking in the sun, avoiding visitors, allowing only one other feline, Boo Cat, to share her pots of catmint in the garden!! After frequent bouts of sickness, kidney failure was diagnosed and the Vet gave her only a few weeks to live. I cancelled my holiday to the Dutch Bulb Fields and promised her no more visits to the Cattery. But Isobelle was a fighter and we were together for another 3 years before she submitted to the horrid disease.



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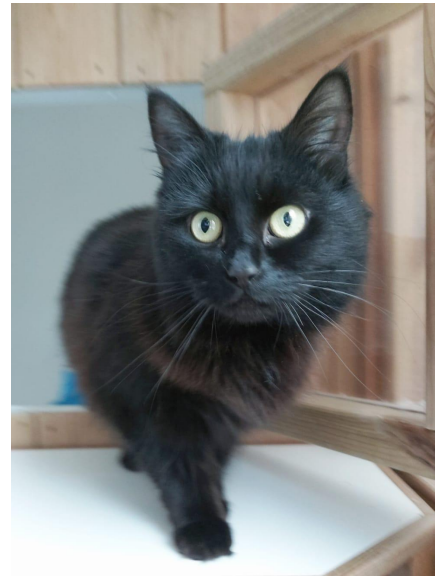
Some of the Cats Homed since our last Newsletter



Abigail



Anthony



Matilda



Frank



Tallulah



Sunee



Maverick & Rose



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Upcoming Events

Please support these events if you can. It will be all hands on deck for our Cat Extravaganza, so if you are available to help, please come along from 12.30 on Sat 4th Sept.

17 th July	9am – 12 noon Car Boot, Park Hall, Charnock Richard, PR7 5LP
31 st July	Tombola Stall at Much Hoole Village Fair
7 th Aug	10am- 3pm Craft Stall at Grimsargh Village Hall
14 th Aug	11am-12 noon Jumble sale St Leonard's Church Hall Marshall's Brow Penwortham PR1 9JA
4 th Sept	2pm – 3.30pm Cat Extravaganza, St Leonard's Church Hall, Marshall's Brow Penwortham PR1 9JA
11 th Sept	11am-12 noon Jumble sale St Leonard's Church Hall Marshall's Brow Penwortham PR1 9JA
11 th Sept- 24 th Sept	Online Virtual Charity Cat Show. Following the success of last year's event, Carol has very kindly agreed to run this event again for us. It's run through a dedicated Facebook page but if Facebook isn't your thing, we can still post your photographs if you get in touch nearer the time.

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Cat Welfare Officer	Janice Vaughan
Treasurer	Anne Kelleher
Homing Officer and Secretary	Deborah Murphy
Fundraising Team Leader	Phyl Pearson



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Scanning

For anyone that may be feeding a stray cat (or trying their best not to feed it as you think the cat may have a home), please feel free to get in touch as we have several volunteers who have micro-chip scanners who may be able to come out to scan the cat. Please consider how great it would be to re-unite the cat with its owner, especially if he or she has been missing for weeks, months or even years. Cats cannot tell us where they have been or how they came to be outside your home. I have heard people say the cat has left home for a reason, it has been abandoned, the owners don't deserve the cat, all sorts of supposition. In many cases, we just don't know, but if the cat is chipped, we can get a long way down the line to finding out some history and hopefully re-uniting he or she with their family.



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