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CAT REHOMING CHARITY IN THE PRESTON AREA

Registered Charity: 1195439

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Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter

Since our last Newsletter in July, we have now been granted Registered Charity status. It is something that we are really proud of and allows us to claim gift aid on cash donations. Homing of our cats has been quite slow over the last couple of months but we are absolutely delighted to have news on our longest stay cats.

We thought we may have lots of kittens in over the summer, but there hasn't been. We have found that a high percentage of the cats we have taken into care have needed neutering and there have been health issues, but I am very pleased to say it has been manageable. Our fundraising is back on pre-Covid track, so our weekends are busy again.

We have had a Cat Extravaganza, a couple of jumble sales, car boot sales, craft fairs and we have just launched our second Online Virtual Cat Show. Entries for that close on 25th September, more details to follow.

Cats needing homes

Lara

Lara is a lovely very sleek black 7-year-old cat. She is an extremely friendly cat, and though she craves attention, she cannot take too much. She is quite vocal, wanting attention and lets us know she doesn't like being in the car. She needs two litter trays, one for urine, with litter in it and a second without litter in it for the other. Unfortunately she does occasionally soil outside her trays. We do think she is a cat who prefers outside to do her toilet, in which case, once she is homed and kept in for a few weeks, she will use outside. However, we cannot promise anything. The other thing is, she doesn't tolerate wet food or treats well, but she's has no problems with dry food and plenty of water to drink. She would really be better in a home with older children, who understand playing with her, but to know when to stop. She also is not too keen on being picked up. She really is a lovely girl and extremely friendly, so, if you are the one prepared to put up with her little idiosyncrasies, she's the girl for you.



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Rocky

Rocky is approximately four years old and ready for his new home. He was living as a stray and being fed by a lady who was moving house and couldn't take him with her. He was extremely nervous at first but after a month or so decided foster care wasn't so bad and now allows himself to be stroked and brushed every day. He doesn't seem to mind other cats but we don't think he would be comfortable in a home with young children as he can be a little temperamental. It will be very rewarding when he decides he likes you. We are looking for a patient owner to give Rocky a home



Felix

Felix is around 18 months old. Sadly, Felix has had 2 homes already in his young life which haven't worked out through no fault of his own. He is looking for a fresh start and new beginnings. Felix is a big softy at heart and loves attention, fuss and sitting on a nice comfy knee. He does however have a feisty side on occasion and is quite boisterous. He can playfully bite and scratch but he is learning everyday and his Fosterer thinks in time this will stop. He only does it occasionally but it would suit Felix to have a home with no other pets or children and in time a garden to explore. He is a loving cat who just needs a bit of time and space to relax and gain someone's trust.



Scallywag

Message from Scallywag our five-year-old stunning neutered Male. "Can anybody find me somebody to love? I'm really shy; I don't like noisy places and am very nervous around people until I get to know them. If I could just find one person to trust I would be very loving. I would give that special person lots of nuzzles and like them to stroke and brush me as much as they want. I would show my appreciation by purring very loudly and giving them all my attention. I am a gentle cat and really well behaved. Could you be my special person to love? I'm waiting for you to come and find me.



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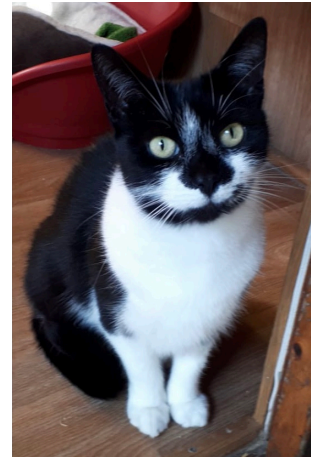
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Buddy

Buddy is a very friendly 3-year-old neutered male who came into care after his owner moved to a house not far from his old house. This created confusion for Buddy who kept returning to his old home and didn't want to stay at the new home when returned. After several attempts to settle Buddy his owner decided to rehome him. This confident little chap is very friendly but not a lap cat he would like somewhere he can explore and play safely. Buddy is not keen on very young children or dogs.



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

Cats homed since our last newsletter

Mr Darcy was brought into care as a stray last November. Thankfully he spent the majority of his time with us in an indoor foster home. He has mobility issues, we think from an old injury and the vets found his kidney function wasn't great. After all this time he has a lovely new home in Grimsargh.

Sparky has also found a lovely home, and she moved in with her new family a few weeks ago in Freckleton. Sparky had been with us since March and has kidney issues but her new owners will give her all the care she needs.

Beautiful tabby and white **Katey** also has a new home and she has gone to live in Blackpool where we know she will have all the love and attention due to her.



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Bellatrix also found a home in Leyland, but sadly she escaped as soon as she saw an opportunity and sadly is still missing. We have every hope that someone has taken her in and she is being well looked after.

Simba wasn't in care very long before he was chosen and now lives in Penwortham. Be happy Simba.

There are three adult cats we have found homes for **Heathcliffe** and **Brie** and **Beatrice**.

Beatrice came into care with 5 gorgeous kittens, **Peaches**, **Jellybean**, **Theodore**, **Betsy** and **Barnaby**. They soon found homes within days of being "ready".

One of our volunteers attended a trapping job in Preston. There was a stray mum, 4 black kittens and a black and white. Needless to say, the lady who reported the group to us got quite attached and mum was spayed, blood tested and returned to her. I'm positive there will be more cooked chicken for mum from now on.

The five kittens have all been homed now and their fosterer is missing them terribly! Don't worry Cheryll, there will be more for you to look after I'm sure.

Angelica

When Angelica came to us, we suspected she may be pregnant. Time proved otherwise. She is a beautiful young lady aged around 2-3 years. She loves to be the centre of attention and is very playful, however, she can get over excited at times, so we are looked for a home without young children. She also isn't very keen on sharing the limelight so will need a home where is the only pet.



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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:
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- 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; Angelica is in Marybeth's pen, Buddy is in Pringle's pen, Lara is in Chloe/Osiris's pen and Kirk is in Isobelle's pen.

Gift Aid

As we are now a registered charity, we are allowed to claim gift aid on cash donations from our supporters. If you are a UK taxpayer and would like to sign up for Gift Aid, please contact Anne Kellerher, her details are on the bottom of this newsletter. I have attached a form at the end of the newsletter.



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Previous Events

17 th July	Car Boot, Park Hall, Charnock Richard,	raised £150
31 st July	Tombola Stall at Much Hoole Village Fair	raised £106
7 th Aug	Craft Stall at Grimsargh Village Hall	raised £60
14 th Aug	Jumble sale St Leonard's Church Hall	raised £243.20
4 th Sept	Cat Extravaganza, St Leonard's Church Hall	raised £837.85
4 th Sept	Craft Stall at Grimsargh Village Hall	raised £41
11 th Sept	Jumble sale St Leonard's Church Hall	raised £345
18 th Sept	Car Boot, Park Hall, Charnock Richard	raised £116

Forthcoming Events



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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. Its £1 per photograph entry fee and our raffles are £1 per ticket. The facebook page is called A Purrrfect Friend Cat Rescue Virtual Charity Cat Show 2021	
2 nd October	Car Boot, Park Hall, Charnock Richard,	9am-1pm
3 rd October	Stall at Hesketh Bank Light Railway event	11am-3pm
9 th Oct	Jumble sale St Leonard's Church Hall	11am -12 noon
16 th Oct	Car Boot, Park Hall, Charnock Richard	9am to 1pm
30 th Oct	Car Boot, Park Hall, Charnock Richard	9am to 1pm
6 th Nov	Craft Stall at Grimsargh Village Hall	10.30am to 3pm
20 th Nov	Christmas Fair St Leonard's Church Hall	2pm to 3.30pm
27 th Nov	Stall at East Lancashire Cats Christmas Fair Woodnook Community Centre Accrington	11am to 1pm

Scanning

In August our scanning team was called out to scan 10 cats to see if they were microchipped.

Three of the cats were chipped and reunited with their owners.

Four cats were unchipped. One has been brought into our care and another is now on our waiting list. The other two cats have been kept by the people reporting them to us.

Unfortunately, the other three cats were dead. One as the result of a car accident. The cat was chipped and although it was very sad we were able to let its owner know what had happened. The two others were kittens found dead together by the roadside, neither was chipped.



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The Scanning Team are a vital part of A Purrfect Friend. We do try to go out to every cat that is reported as a stray to us. It helps us and more importantly the cats in a number of different ways. Obviously, if we can get out and scan a cat and it is microchipped, they can be very quickly reunited with their owner or sometimes the owner does not want or is unable to have their cat back and we can organise it to be brought into our care with their consent. Scanning prevents wasted vets appointments. It is also an opportunity for us to assess the cats for their temperament and to ascertain if they have any urgent medical issues.

If you need someone to scan a cat you believe to be a stray please contact apurrfectfriend@gmail.com (we do not charge for this service), alternatively, if you are able to take them, any vet will be able to check for a microchip free of charge.

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