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Hello,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2023. I must apologise profusely for my failure to email out November's newsletter. I.T is not my strong point and time ran away with me I'm afraid.

2022 was an interesting year for everyone and I hope this newsletter finds you in good health. We have an abundance of events planned in 2023 and sincerely hope to help even more cats (close to 150 in 2022). We have been working on 3 feral colonies and we will that resume that work as soon as the weather is kinder.

The statistics for 2022 are below on our annual report.

Thank you for your continued support, it really means a lot (especially to our furry friends!)

*Happy New Year
Shirley*



A Purrfect Friend - Financial Review for 6 months to December 2022

Following a successful year of fundraising and rehoming to June 2022, the last 6 months ending December 2022 have continued in the same vein. In summary the key results are as follows: -

<u>Income generated</u>	£
Donations, subs and sponsorship	8,471
Sale of donated goods	2,000
Events and raffles	6,929
Adoption fees	3,640
	21,039

Costs

Vets fees	(7,230)
Cost of events	(1,458)
Fostering supplies and other costs	(2,403)
	(11,091)
<u>Net income</u>	9,948

Cats homed 61

Average cost per cat homed £183

Adoption fee per cat £60

The income generated so far this year is up £4k compared to the prior year with events this year continuing to be particularly successful. We are still greatly 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.

We are now regularly claiming Gift Aid from HMRC and have been registered for VAT since July 22 which means we can reclaim VAT on our vet fees and other vatable expenses.

The Trustees would like to thank all our supporters for their continued generosity and a huge thank you to all our fosterers whose volunteering has enabled us to rehome 61 cats so far this year

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Cats Needing Homes

Doug

Doug is a lovely chunky white and black boy. He is super friendly but doesn't like dogs



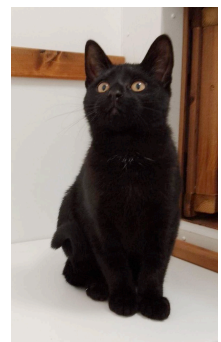
Sooty and Sweep



Sooty came into our care with his brother Sweep.

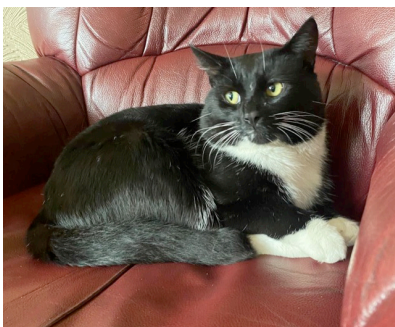
The brothers had been left in box labelled "free to good home". A very kind man took them home and gave them excellent care until we could take them in. When the pair arrived, they were really bonded but since then they have had a serious spat.

They may be ok living together in a larger property or they could be homed separately.



Banjo

He is about 18 months old. He was a stray for a while before coming into our care. It took him a couple of weeks before he was friendly with his fosterer. He will need a patient owner,



Tiddles is about 6 years old. Sadly, his owner passed away. He is extremely friendly and loves being stroked and fussed. He would make a wonderful companion.

He's a gentle boy and doesn't seem to mind other cats.



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



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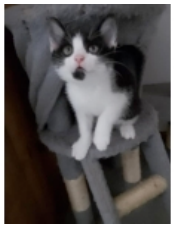
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Cats Homed

Since our last newsletter we have homed 27 cats.



Kitten season is slowing down now although we do still have young kittens in our care. Spud, Pop, Pepsi and Misty are four of the fifteen kittens we've homed recently.



Thankfully we were able to find a home where gentle, bonded 3 year-old siblings Cleo and Gizmo could stay together Black Beauties Pearl and Treacle also found new loving homes

Young ladies Betty and Storm are also now much loved members of their new families.



Seven-year old siblings Peggy and Pearl were homed together. Unfortunately, I've not got pictures of them. Our beautiful ginger stray Ginge has also got a new home and Bumble was adopted by his fosterer.

Sadly, one of our cats died in our care. Death is part and parcel of being involved with cat rescue but it is still devastating to all of us involved with A Purrfect Friend and is especially difficult for the fosterer who has come to know and care for the cat.



But I've saved the most exciting new till last.

Bella our longest stay cat who has been with us for over 6 months has a new home for the New Year. We wish Bella and all our other cats and kittens a long and happy life with their new families



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Events

With Special Thanks to all those who have given so much help to make our fund-raising events such a success.

1 st October	Table Top, Warton Village Hall	£ 27.00
	Craft Fair, St Theresa's Parish Centre	£ 10.00
8 th October	Table Top, Lytham Methodist Church	£ 72.00
	Happy Cats, Autumn Fair, Accrington	£ 90.00
15 th October	Toy Table Top, St Paul's Church Hall,	£ 6.00
22 nd October	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall	£461.50
5 th November	Table Top, Warton Village Hall	£ 61.00
5/6 th November	Gift and Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre	£ 51.50
12 th November	Table Top, Lytham Methodist Church	£ 78.00
19 th November	Christmas Fair, St Leonard's Church Hall	£1,353
20 th November	Craft Fair, New Longton	£ 36.00
	Indoor Car Boot, Brockholes	£ 21.00
26 th November	Gift and Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre	£ 21,00
	Craft Fair, Longridge Civic Hall	£ 37.00
3 rd December	Craft Fair, St Theresa's	£ 56.00
3 rd December	Table Top, Warton	£ 80.00
4 th December	Craft Fair, Fairhaven	£ 88.00
5 th December	Kingsfold Christmas Market	£211.00
10 th December	Table Top, Lytham Methodist	£ 93.00
10 th December	Songbird Christmas Fair	£ 6.00
11 th December	Middleforth Christmas Market	£126.00
14 th December	Penwortham Christmas Market	£247.00
16 th December	Winter Wonderland, All Saints, New Longton	£212.00

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Upcoming Events

2023

14 th January	Table Top, Lytham Methodist Park Street, Lytham FY8 5LU	9.00 am to 12.00 noon
21 st /22 nd January	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre Fairhaven Lake, Lytham FY8 1BD	10.00 am to 4.00 pm
28 th January	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall Marshalls Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA	11.00 am to 12.00 noon
4 th February	Table Top, Warton Village Hall Church Road, Warton PR4 1BD	9.00 am to 12.00 noon
11 th February	Table Top, Lytham Methodist Park Street, Lytham FY8 5LU	9.00 am to 12.00 noon
25 th February	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall Marshalls Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA	11.00 am to 12.00 noon



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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', kathryn1804, apurf-0 & '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.

Our telephone number is: 07752 774852.

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 online or by cheque.

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, Alfie's pen, Lucy's pen. Shadrack's pen, Marybeth and Marybeth1 pens, Pringle's and Beck'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.



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Sponsorship and Pen News

Alfie's and Isobelle's pens are at Shirley's house. Since our last newsletter, the occupants of Alfie's pen have been Otis, an 18-week old little tabby boy. He is absolutely stunning and I want to thank Jools and Tallulah for looking after him from birth until he came into our care. He was part of a litter of 5 but 3 of the kittens sadly didn't make it. Tallulah has kept his brother and Otis's mum has gone to the person who originally notified us of her plight. Otis has now been homed and renamed Star.

Isabelle's pen was home to Ginge who now has a new home and a new name, Solomon.

Pringles pen is currently occupied by Banjo, a very handsome boy, patiently waiting for his new home.

Lucy's pen is with Louise and for several weeks the residents have been Millie and her 5 kittens. Millie is also lucky enough to have been offered a home by the lady who made us aware of her situation and the kittens all have new homes to go to.

Marybeth and Marybeth 1's pens are both at Deborah's. Marybeth's pen had been Bella's home from 11th June until 28th December! Our longest stay cat has a new home at last. Nala, a 6 month-old little girl is in the other pen but we intend to move her to an outdoor home as soon as the weather improves. She is super friendly, but unfortunately her inappropriate toileting is an issue that we have been unable to resolve.

Shadrack's pen is with Emma and her foster cat Storm (Emma calls him Mischief) has waited for a new home for several weeks, but he too has found his forever home.

Becks pen; Cheryll and her family have looked after a litter of 4 kittens, all of whom have been homed and they currently have Sooty and Sweep. It's interesting that we have had so many kittens at this time of year and please be assured we consider very carefully when they can go to their new homes.

DONATIONS:

Do you have any items to donate to us?

If so, collection can be arranged, please contact Phyl on 07866 943574 or 01772 612202

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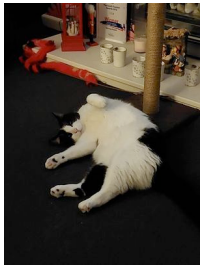
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Misty letting us know how much she is enjoying her new home.

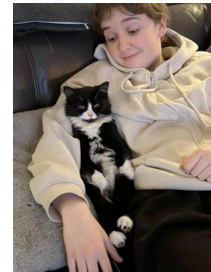
Sam - "wonder what I can get up to next. You weren't supposed to catch me trying to wind up my new friend!"



Bella in her new home.



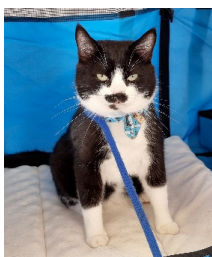
Two of the kittens making the most of their new home.



"Spudescapades October 2022/January 2023

Here we are with "Spudescapade" number 7 and number 8

I hope everyone is well and enjoyed the Christmas Fair and thank you to everyone who bought off mummy's stall that Auntie Shirley ran for us. I am SO sorry I couldn't be there but I was booked into a cat show with mummy and Cookie and my sisters, well, mummy wasn't booked in, she wouldn't win anything, but you know what I mean. I do hope you enjoyed my Spudcasts that Auntie Shirley played. I had fun doing them over the last few years and I still do the odd one on my *Facebook* page if you want to follow me.



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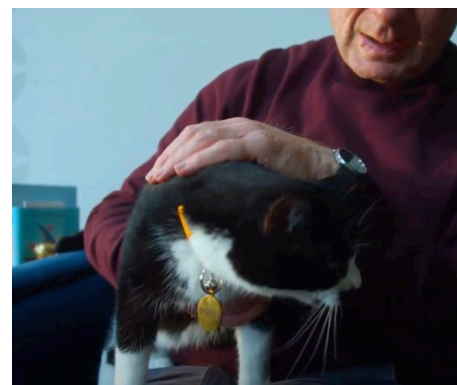
We missed being at the Fair but we had a nice day at the show – I did REALLY well, won all my classes except one, I also won Best Non Pedigree then beat a lovely Bengal for Overall Best Household Pet so it was a fab finish for my last show of the year! Even though I didn't win my Olympian class I DID get one for my Overall Best in Show so I now have two! Just another 3 to go! I won food and treats and toys for me and mummy was happy 'cos I won Toblerone for her!

I haven't had any more photo shoots but I have made a few public appearances – at the Happy Cats Autumn Fair in Blackburn and the Sunbird Autumn Fair in Darwen. I enjoyed my meet and greets and, because I agreed to go, mummy was allowed to have a stall at both so she was able to raise more money – sending £310 each for A Purrfect Friend and the other 2 cat charities we support so that was very good ☺. I also wore my special Halloween bandana and had a Halloween blanket for the Sunbird fair, how smart was I!



It was my last public appearance of the year at the Sunbird Christmas Fair in Darwen on the 10th December It was dead good, there were coloured lights and music playing and I even hopped up onto the stage to look at the Christmas tree. Then Auntie Shirley took me for another one later and as mummy was packing up Auntie Marina took me for one too and we ended up at the bar!

You may remember me doing a top secret photo shoot in August and it's now out and is a little video. It was for the Yorkshire Building Society and you can see it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UdSqR9Un6mQ>. I am there in the middle, not for long, but I was playing Erik's real cat, called Pattie (yes, a GIRL!) who was too scared to do it so they had to have a proper cat actor doing it, and that was ME! I don't know yet if I am also on any leaflets or posters but mummy is going to try to find out.



BIG news is that I now have my own website! I have put the link below if you want to have a look. I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and I hope to see you again next year at the Purrfect Friend fairs – I even have a posh new fold up pen ready ☺, until then, as always,

I hope that you all have had a happy, safe and loving Christmas and the very best for the New Year and I hope to see you again in 2023, until then, as always, you can follow me on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Spud-the-cat-with-a-tash-102068554670424> and Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/spudthetashcat/> to keep up with me in between newsletters.

Scanning



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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.



Pets at home have included A Purrfect Friend on their lifelines scheme. It's huge for us, the scheme is very generous to charities. If you would like or already have nominated a charity for the lifelines scheme, you can now change your affiliation to A Purrfect Friend. To do it, go on the PAH website, select Your lifelines and the option should come up to support a local or a national charity. Click on local. Our charity is listed under the Preston Store, so if your card is registered to any other PAH, for example Capital Centre, please change that to Preston and you will see our charity at the top of the drop down list. It will now make any difference to yourself which your local store is down as, but it will be a huge help to us. We have received our first payment from Pets at Home (£10) which will go towards our next order of food and litter. Thank you.

On behalf of all our cats and kittens can we say a huge thank you to everyone who donates to our food collection bins at the Penwortham branches of Tesco and Booths.

They continue to be a lifeline for us. Thank you.



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