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Hello,

Welcome to our March Newsletter.

It was our Spring Fair on Saturday and we were honoured with the appearance of the Mayoress of South Ribble.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the event. We made a smashing £809 and I hope everyone who came to support us enjoyed themselves.

We are very busy with lots of fundraising events booked over the summer with the car boots at Park Hall and our usual fetes. If you feel able to help at our events, please do get in touch. It's lovely to see new faces.

Could I please appeal for un-used toiletries and soft toys? If you are able to donate any, please get in touch. Our phone number is 07752 772852.

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

*Best wishes  
Shirley*



## Cats Needing Homes

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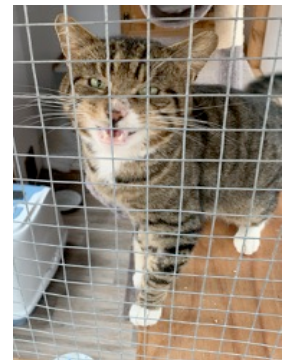


### Doug

Doug is a great cat. He was a stray living between two gardens in Preston. Both homes reported him to us and we knew him to be the same cat as one of the guys had him neutered and microchipped before we collected him. He is a larger than life cat who loves his food. He is super friendly and well ready for his new home.

### Charlie

Charlie is a friendly 2 year-old neutered male who has had a rough start in life. He was one of a number of cats taken from a hording situation so he is used to other cats. He is a lovely big cat and very vocal.

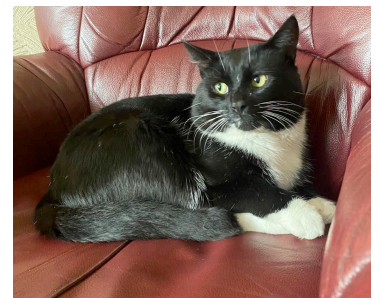


### Smudge

Smudge is a super friendly boy. He loves cuddles and will be a wonderful companion for the person lucky enough to adopt him. He is 4 years old.

### Banjo

Banjo is only about 18 months old. He found it hard in care initially but has now settled with his fosterer.



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## Missy and Molly

Siblings Missy and Molly are 3 years old. They are lovely friendly girls and although it would be great if we could home them together, it would be possible for them to be homed separately



## Shadow and Diamond

Shadow and Diamond are 4/5 year old girls who came into care when their owners circumstances changed. They are very friendly girls and it would be nice to home them together but not essential.



## Flossie

Flossy is a really nice young cat, but definitely not a fan of other cats. As long as she is an only cat, she is a very friendly girl. She's only 12-18 months old.



## Tulip

A lovely friendly 18 month old girl looking for her forever home

## Victor

A good looking boy just come in and ready for a home



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



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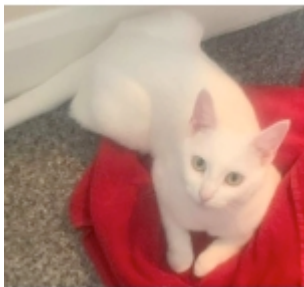


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## Cats Homed

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So far this year we have homed 19 cats including 4 kittens Sooty, Sweep, Nala and Mabel. Mabel came to us from a large TNR (Trap, neuter and return) project we have been undertaking in central Preston, where with the help of local residents, we have been able to trap and neuter 18 feral cats. However, we realised that Mabel, who was approximately 10 weeks old when trapped, was a friendly little girl who would be suitable to be rehomed. When she was with us she loved to snuggle down in her comfy bed.



Over the last few months we have had a large increase in the number of requests to rehome multiple cats. Whilst we do our best to help, it is proving difficult to find homes where the cats can go together. We have recently been able to rehome two sets of cats. Siblings Harry and Tom, who came into our care following the death of their owner, have gone together to a new home in South Ribble and Mother and daughter Ruby and Pearl have also gone to their new home. (pictured - A settled Ruby)

Unfortunately, Ruby and Pearl came in with two other cats Diamond and Shadow who are still waiting for their new home. We have had some lovely cats in our care recently. Super friendly and very loving. They really were a delight to foster. Thankfully we have been able to find homes for these wonderful cats.

Darwen, Millie, Flo and Storm (a white and black) have also all found their loving forever homes together with our timid boy Murphy who was adopted on New Year's Day. This was fantastic start to the year.



Finally, our fabulous tabbies Tolkien and Tolstoy have also moved to their new homes. We wish them and all our other newly homed cats and their new families a long and happy time together.



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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. The following is the Penwortham Town Council report about the visit to the Spring Fair:

“On Saturday, 4th March, the Mayor of Penwortham, Cllr Angela Turner, visited the Spring Fair held by ‘A Purrfect Friend’ at St Leonard’s Church.



‘A Purrfect Friend’ is a registered charity based in Preston, who specialise in taking in stray and abandoned cats, and finding them new homes. They hold a regular fundraising jumble sale at St Leonard’s, which is always worth a visit. Their bumper Spring Fair was even bigger and better, with cake sales, plant stalls, a tombola and all varieties of paw-some merchandise.

The Mayor was pleased to meet special feline guest, Spud, and his chums and Shirley Chisnell from ‘A Purrfect Friend’.

More information can be found on the website and Facebook page here:

<https://purrfectfriendcatrescue.org/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/people/A-Purrfect-Friend/100071324109285/>



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14 <sup>th</sup> January	Table Top, Lytham Methodist Church	£ 60.00
21st/22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Gift and Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre	£ 24.00
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Jumble Sale, St Leonard’s Church Hall	£624.00
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Table Top, Warton	£ 79.00
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Table Top, Lytham Methodist	£ 80.50
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Jumble Sale, St Leonard’s Church Hall	£537.00
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Fair	£809.00



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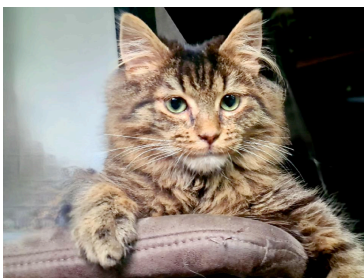
## Upcoming Events

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2023

18th March	Car Boot, Charnock Richard Park Hall, Charnock Richard	9.00 am to 1.00 pm
25/26th March	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre Fairhaven Lake, Lytham FY8 1BD	10.00 am to 4.00 pm
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Table Top, Warton Village Hall Church Road, Warton PR4 1BD	9.00 am to 12.30 noon
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Table Top, Lytham Methodist Park Street, Lytham FY8 5LU	9.00 am to 12.00 noon
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre Fairhaven Lake, Lytham FY8 1BD	10.00 am to 4.00 pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall Marshalls Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA	11.00 am to 12.00 noon
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Happy Cats Spring Fair, Windynook Centre Royds Street, Accrington	11.00 am to 3.00 pm
23rd April	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre Fairhaven Lake, Lytham FY8 1BD	10.00 am to 4.00 pm

### Adoptees Corner



*A good looking Otis who seems to have made himself very much at home*

Heidi looks as if she has made herself very much at home



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## Supporting our cause

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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: 'kitonepurrone', kathryn1804, apurf-0 & 'shirleyc4534'.
- Finally, the food bin at Penwortham Booths and Penwortham Tesco continues to be well supported by customers

## Newsletters and Donations

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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](mailto: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

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Alfie's and Isobelle's pens at Shirley's house. The current occupants of Alfie's pen are 2 year-old Charlie and Houdini who came from a dreadful boarding situation. They are both lovely cats but very greedy probably due to them having to fight for their food in the past. Charlie is tabby with white and Houdini (so named as he gave us the run-around in the beginning) is a beautiful black boy.

Isobelle's pen has Sassy and Jess in at the moment. Sassy is a delicate 4 year-old tortie girl and Jess is a tiny white and black girl aged 2.

Lucy's pen is with Louise and the current resident is Smudge, a super affectionate big black boy. We don't know where the name Smudge came from, as he doesn't appear to have a smudge.

Marybeth and Marybeth 1's pen are both at Deborah's. Marybeth's pen is the current home of Billy who has been causing us some concern of late with his eating and balance. It seems he has a mild case of wobbly head syndrome and will need a special indoor home when we are happy to put him up for homing. In Deborah's other pen is Victor. Victor was a stray in Preston for a while as we tried to trace his owners. He was chipped but the details were not up to date. He is a handsome 3year-old tabby and white boy.

Shadrack's pen is with Emma and home to pretty 18 month old tabby and white girl with the lovely name of Tulip.

Beck's pen is with Cheryl and her family. They are currently fostering a mum and her four kittens that were born in our care on Valentine's Day.

Beck's pen is also available for sponsorship so please get in touch if you can help out.

### DONATIONS:

Do you have any items to donate to us? Unused gifts, toiletries and soft toys are always welcome.

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

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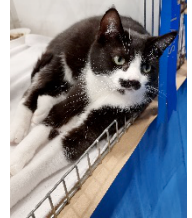
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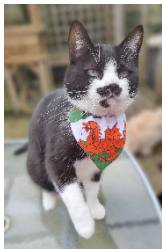
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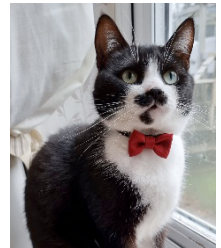
I have had a busy couple of months. In February I went to 2 shows in one, I was in HUGE Olympian classes – 10 and 12! I didn't win either of them but I did get placed 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> which was good and mummy was very proud of me! I also won every other class I was in so had a good day and was very chilled out as you can see.



I did my first meet and greet of 2023 at A Purrfect Friend's Spring Fair on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March. It was great fun again and I met lots of people including the Mayor of Penwortham! How good was that! Mummy had our new purrchandise out for the first time and we took £100 on the stall! I loved being in my new red pen and I wore one of my new bandanas which is red too so it matched. I met lots of people as well as the Mayor and really enjoyed my afternoon. Anyone local please make a note of the next one and come and meet me.



Mummy got me some new bandanas, you can see one of them in the fair photo above but I loved this one for St David's Day too! Oh I I got a new bow tie as well, how posh do I look! I DO like my bandanas and ties and I am building up quite a collection!



Well that's it for now, I haven't had any photo shoots yet this year though my friend Angel has done one so mummy was able to hand over a donation from her fee ☺. By the time the next newsletter is due I should have been to a few more shows so will have more - hopefully good - show news for you.

Lovely to meet all of you who came to the fair and hope to see more of you later in the year. A date for your diary – mummy is running an animal charity fair in May at Hoghton Village Hall. It is on the 20<sup>th</sup> from 10.30 to 3.00 and A Purrfect Friend will be there – as well as me of course!

As always, I am on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Spud-the-cat-with-a-tash-102068554670424> and Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/spudthetashcat/> as well as visiting my website at [www.spudthecatwithatash.co.uk](http://www.spudthecatwithatash.co.uk) to keep up with me in between newsletters.



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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.



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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