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Hello,

Hello and welcome to our May newsletter.

As I write this, the sun is shining and the birds are singing. Let's hope summer is on its way.

We have been very busy with fundraising over the last couple of months and are very pleased with how that is going. Thank you to all who have contributed and to our tireless volunteers!

What isn't going quite so well is out homing of our lovely furry friends. Doug has been in our care since 11th October 2022. He is an independent type of cat. As he has been in a pen since then, he is bored and would prefer his fosterer not to leave the pen. When someone does arrive to adopt him, he is likely to be grumpy but he hasn't had a home suitable come to our attention. I would adopt him in a heartbeat, but there would be a great deal of friction with my own 2 males. We know his home is out there, we just need that one enquiry to be the right one for him.

Please continue to support us, it is very much appreciated.
Thank you

*Best wishes
Shirley*

Cats Needing Homes

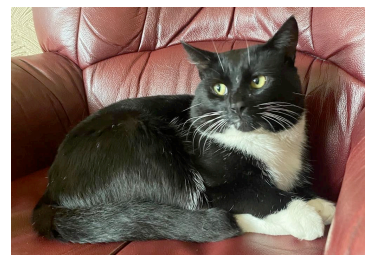


Doug

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.

Banjo

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



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 owner's 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. long as she is an only cat, she is a very friendly girl. She's only 12-18 months old.



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Victor STOP PRESS Victor has been homed

A good looking boy looking for a loving home



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Houdini

18 month old Houdini came into our care from an horrendous hoarding situation. Sadly, he has been in care for almost 5 months and he still will not let his fosterer touch him. He is a beautiful black cat who eats anything, is super clean and there is no aggression in him at all. He is just extremely timid but is learning to allow us to stroke him. He is fine with other cats too.



Sassie and Jess

Sassy and Jess came into care together and are 4 and 2 years old respectively. Both are really nice cats and we are looking for a home for them together.



Bob and Bert



Grey brothers Bob and Bert are beautiful natured cats. They are only 11 months old and we are looking to home them together. When Bob came into our care he was suffering from stress cystitis, which has cleared up nicely with medication. It may possibly recur when he goes to his new home, but can be easily treated.



Posie

Posie is a 5 year-old black girl who loves a fuss but isn't too keen on being picked up. She likes to potter around garden but also enjoys home comforts. We believe Posie would be happiest in a quiet home with no other pets.

Tinks and Pete

Tinks and Pete are a delightful pair of kittens. Tinks is 4 months and Pete is five months.

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



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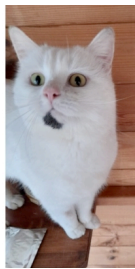
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Cats Homed

Since our last update we have homed 11 cats and kittens. The four little rascals (Ivy, Orla, Tiny Ted and Hugo) were born after their Mum Kiwi came into our care following the death of her owner. Kiwi has now also got herself a good home.



Beautiful boy Billy was found living rough in a shed. Not only had this little man to fend for himself but it was quickly discovered that he had Feline Cerebellar Hypoplasia often termed wobbly cat syndrome. It is a neurological disorder that causes sudden jerky movements, uncoordinated motion and loss of balance. Luckily he quickly found a new home with one of our supporters who has had previous experience with cats affected by this condition



Also homed were two boys both called Charlie. Tabby Charlie came into our care with two other cats after another rescue appealed for help. Charlie was found living in a home with 24 other cats.

Tulip, Smudge (see below) and Sweetie Pie were also found new homes.



As the cost of living increases we are being increasingly asked to take in cats whose owners are unable to provide them with the basic essentials they need. Unfortunately, it has also led to a marked decrease in the number of enquiries we are getting from people looking to adopt. If you know of anyone looking for their Purrfect Friend do tell them to contact us either by phone 07752 774852 or email apurrfect@gmail.com

The benefit of micro-chipping, from Phyl Pearson

Not so long ago Shirley gave me a scanner in case I needed it. Well within a few weeks I had my first scanning job. Lovely ginger cat found in Longton which to my delight was microchipped! After speaking with the owner it lived in Barnoldswick! Turned out it had jumped into her brother's car when he visited and so came home with him to Longton! Her brother was unaware that the cat had jumped out when he got home. He kept seeing a cat wandering around his front garden and thought "that looks like my sister's cat". Fortunately, the cat stayed nearby and was able to be reunited with a delighted owner.

Then a few weeks ago I went to scan a stray cat found in Clayton Brook. I was pleased to find it was microchipped! I contacted a stunned but delighted owner to find it had been missing 4 years! Only lived 2 miles away!



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Events

With many thanks to all those who have helped so much to make our fund-raising events such a success.

4 th March	Spring Fair	£809.00
4 th March	Table Top, Warton	£ 27.00
11 th March	Table Top, Lytham Methodist	£ 37.50
25 th March	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall	£478.00
25/26 th March	Gift and Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre	£ 66.00
1 st April	Table Top, Warton	£ 50.00
1 st April	Car Boot, Charnock Richard	£ 78.00
1 st April	Craft Fair, St Teresa's	£ 33.33
8 th April	Table Top, Lytham Methodist	£ 43.00
10th April	Egg Rolling, Avenham Park	£211.00
22 nd April	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall	£478.00
22/23rd April	Gift and Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre	£ 57.50
22 nd April	Happy Cats Spring Fair, Windynook Centre	£ 40.00
29th April	Car Boot, Charnock Richard	£185.00

Upcoming Events

13 th May	Table Top, Lytham Methodist Church Hall, 6 Park Street, Lytham	9.00 am to 12.30 pm
20 th May	Animal Charity Fair, Hoghton Village Hall Blackburn Old Road, Hoghton	10.30 am to 3.00 pm



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ANIMAL CHARITY FAIR

Saturday 20th May 2023, 10.30am to 3.00pm.

Venue - Hoghton Village Hall, Blackburn Old Road, PR5 0SG

Easy access and plenty of free parking.

Admission 50p, children under 16 free.

Special guest appearance by Spud, The Cat With a Tash, star of Facebook and Instagram. Come and buy his unique branded goods, not available in the shops - all profits go directly to three small, local, independent cat charities.



You can also meet Spud's friend, Obi, the magnificent Maine Coon!



20 stalls selling a wide range of gifts, crafts, bric-a-brac, new goods, also tombolas and a raffle, all raising funds for animals including cats, dogs, rabbits, mice, hedgehogs, exotic pets, guinea pigs, lost and found etc.

There will be light refreshments (crisps, cakes & small selection of sandwiches etc) and hot & cold drinks, and you can treat yourself to speciality Thai ice cream rolls from 'The Rolling Monkey', who will also have bacon and sausage rolls available.



27 th May	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall Marshalls Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA	11.00 am to 12.00 noon
3 rd June	Car Boot, Charnock Richard Park Hall, Charnock Richard	9.00 am to 1.00 pm
10 th June	Table Top, Lytham Methodist Church Hall 6 Park Street, Lytham	9am to 12 00 noon
24 th June	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall Marshalls Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA	11.00 am to 12.00 noon
1 st July	Warton Table Top, Warton Village Hall Church Road, Warton	9.00 am to 12.30 pm



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Adoptees Corner

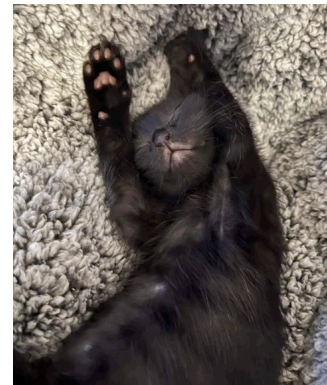


Archie investigating his new patch

making himself

Kiwi's kitten Freddie

At home



TUB (from a former adopter)

Tub came to us some 10 years ago. He's called Tub because we found him on top of our hot tub on a cold winter day when there was snow on the ground.

My wife had just had our first child and was suffering from severe stomach pains and everything that goes with child birth. Now I've been allergic to cats my entire life and would normally ignore them but he presented himself as an opportunity to distract my wife from her pain. I called her and she came to look. It worked! To keep things going I decided to feed him some tuna. After that act he never left! After a few days I could see he was sick and contacted a local charity who put us in contact with a vet.

Tub was micro-chipped but it seemed that his old owner had passed away. The vet kept him for a few days as he was quiet poorly then called us to collect our (??) cat and he advised us he was about 10 years old. I begrudgingly collected him and set him up in the garage.

We live in a rural location and mice and rats are regularly seen. Tub quickly started work and became a one cat pest control unit! It was almost like he was working to thank us for a second chance. He settled in with the whole family and made his spot by the front door where he sits everyday like a little ginger guard dog even to this day.

He changed my mind so much about cats that 6 years ago we took another rescue cat called Simba. He learnt the ropes from the old boy and can be seen regularly patrolling his patch. We've now had Tub over 10 years making him the ripe old age of 20 so we are now starting the search for a third rescue cat to learn the old boy's wisdom. We consider Tub retired from work and he spends his days taking it easy.

From someone who would have never considered a cat I now see them as faithful friends taking care of business for me. The kids love to pet them and when I get home from work they both come running to welcome me home.



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If you're considering getting cat don't give it a second thought to take on a rescue – they repay you in so many ways.

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

We currently have 6 pens available: Isobelle's pen, Alfie's pen, Lucy's pen, Shadrack's pen, Marybeth and Marybeth1 pens. 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.

Alfie's and Isobelle's pens at Shirley's house. Houdini who came from a dreadful hoarding situation is still in Alfie's pen and Squishy, our latest cat, is in Isobelle's pen. Squishy was a stray and social media didn't manage to find her owner. Squishy is a big tabby with white girl.

Lucy's's pen has beautiful 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. We thought they could be homed separately but it seems Sassy really needs Jess's company.

Marybeth and Marybeth 1's pen are both at Deborah's. Marybeth's pen is the current home of Bob and Bert and 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 3 year-old tabby and white boy. Shadrack's pen is with Emma and home to Doug. We have moved Doug from his first foster pen so he has had a change of scene.

Beck's pen is with Cheryll and her family. They are currently fostering Mia and Lilo who are 8 and 6 respectively. We are looking to home them separately as they are not bonded by any means.

Thank you to all our pen sponsors, regular incomes are great.

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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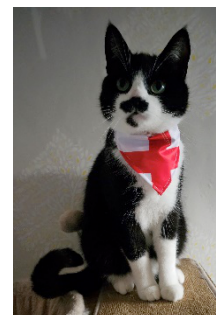


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Spudescapades number 10

April 2023/May 2023

Can't believe it's that time again and that we are on number TEN! So, in April I did a double show, I was placed in both my Olympians and won some classes but not others but I still had a good time and as it was St George's Day I wore my specially made bandana. Mummy didn't get a good one of me with it at the show so here is one she took at home in the evening, don't I look smart!



On May 6th it was a very special day, it was the new King's coronation! I wore my special King Charles III bandana for that! Do I look fab or what! We all watched it on the television, what a spectacle, no one does pomp and circumstance like us Brits!

No meet and greets since the last one but if you want to come and meet me (and my friend, Obi the Maine Coon) then put this date in your diary! **Saturday May 20th at Hoghton Village Hall, Blackburn Old Road, Hoghton, PR5 0SG!** Mummy and her friends are running a special animal charity fair with lots of stalls all raising funds for lots of different animals and I WILL BE THERE with mummy and the purrchandise stall raising funds for my 3 charities, including A Purrfect Friend who also have a stall there. It is open from 10.30 am to 3.00 pm and it's only 50p to come in.



Finally, I have been taken on as an ambassador for a pet toy and accessory company, how good is that! I get to model stuff for them AND I have an exclusive discount code for all my friends. The website is <https://pawsandtails.pet/> and if you use the code SPUD10 you will get 10% off. We have a fab toy from them and are giving mummy our Christmas lists already!

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 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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