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Hello,

Welcome to July's newsletter. We have had some really hot days and I hope you are your pets have coped ok.

On a general note everything is very much the same. We are really busy with fundraising, with some days having 3 events on simultaneously. It's great to be out and about and meeting up with our friends, supporters and new people.

As you will see from our homing reports, we still have Doug and Banjo in care from last year. Surely, their homes must come up soon. In the last couple of months, we have only managed to rehome 8 cats.

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.









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.





Kali

Kali is a very sweet 10year-old girl. Kali has come from a lovely home but sadly family circumstances have led to her needing to be rehomed. She is a little timid and really not keen on children.

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







Cats Homed

Since our last update we have managed to rehome 8 cats. Unfortunately, the cost of living increases has 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

We can't understand why it took so long for pretty little Flossy to find her forever home. This friendly young lady was only just 1year old when she came into us as a stray in January and she was with us for nearly six months before being adopted but she now has a fabulous new home with owners who will give her the love and attention she deserves.



Squishy Shady

Squishy and Shady on the other hand were both adopted as soon as they became



available. We keep all our cats for 14 days before offering them for adoption. During this time, they are assessed by their fosterers as to their temperament, this helps the Homing Officer match the cat to the best potential adopter for their needs. The cats are also vetted during this time. They are neutered (if required), microchipped, vaccinated and have flea and worm treatment. All our cats are also blood tested to see if they have FIV and FeLV. Cats over 10 years old also have



a full blood test. The vets also check their skin and teeth. The 14 day period also acts as a quarantine period.



Victor and Posie are two more cats that have been homed. These two gentle, placid cats were in adjoining pens and their fosterer says that they were both a delight to look after.





Pete and Tinks were only 4 months old when they came into us but they already had a deep bond. Thankfully we were able to find them a home where they could stay together. I only have a picture of Pete. Doesn't he look like a little rascal?

Houdini was the other cat that we homed but unfortunately I've no picture of him. He was the last of the three cats we helped to rehome after being found living in a home with 24 other cats.







Events

With many thanks to all those who give up their valuable time to help us make all our fund-raising events such a success.

6 th May	Craft Fair, St Teresa's	£ 50.00
13 th May	Car Boot, Charnock Richard	£136.00
13 th May	Table Top, Lytham Methodist	£ 40.50
13/14 th May	Gift and Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre	£ 78.00
20 th May	Animal Charity Fair, Hoghton Village Hall	£108.00
27th May	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall	£551.00
3rd June	Warton Table Top	£ 34.00
3rd June	Car Boot, Charnock Richard	£106.00
10th June	Table Top, Lytham Methodist	£ 22.60
10th June	Penwortham Gala	£266.00
17th June	Leyland Festival	£293.00
24th June	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall	£458.50
24/25th June	Gift and Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre	£ 75.50













Upcoming Events

8th July	Car Boot, Charnock Richard	9.00 am to 1.00 pm
	Park Hall, Charnock Richard	
8th July	Lostock Hall Carnival	
15th July	Happy Cats Spring Fair, Windynook Centre	11.00 am to 3.00 pm
	Royds Street, Accrington	
22 ^{tnd} July	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall	11.00 am to 12.00 noon
	Marshalls Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA	
22/23rd July	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre	10.00 am to 4.00 pm
	Fairhaven Lake, Lytham FY8 1BD	
29th July	Car Boot, Charnock Richard	9.00 am to 1.00 pm
	Park Hall, Charnock Richard	
5th August	Car Boot, Charnock Richard	9.00 am to 1.00 pm
	Park Hall, Charnock Richard	
5 th August	Freckleton Memorial Hall Table Top	9.00 am to 12.30 noon
	17 School Lane, Freckleton PR4 1PJ	
12/13th August	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre	10.00 am to 4.00 pm
19th August	Car Boot, Charnock Richard	9.00 am to 1.00 pm
	Park Hall, Charnock Richard	
	Fairhaven Lake, Lytham FY8 1BD	
26 th August	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall	11.00 am to 12.00 noon
	Marshalls Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA	
nd	CAT EXTRAVAGANZA	
2 nd September	St Leonard's Church Hall	
	Marshalls Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA	2.00 pm to 4.00 pm









Lots of great ideas for starting early on those Christmas presents





Get your Christmas card and calendar orders in early



And when you have finished, take a seat in the tearoom and have catch up with everyone and enjoying cuppa with a slice of homemade cake







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.







Sponsorship and Pen News

We currently have 7 pens available: Isobelle's pen, Alfie's pen, Isobelle's pen, Lucy's pen, Shadrack's pen, Becks 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 are at Shirley's house. Alfies pen is currently home to Lila and Ninja, our latest cat, is in Isobelle's pen. Ninja ia a 10 year old neutered and chipped tabby girl. We have tried to contact the lady she is registered to without success and therefore she will be up for adoption in the next couple of weeks.

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 Imogen, a beautiful white cat who came into our care heavily pregnant. We will have more news on her kittens in our next newsletter.

Shadrack's pen is with Emma and home to our longest stay cat, Doug. We moved Doug from his first foster pen so he has had a change of scene, but he is really fed up of being confined.

Beck's pen is with Cheryll and her family. They are currently fostering Missy and Molly who are 6 year old sisters.

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



<u>Ninja</u> is a 10year old tabby girl. She was left behind in Preston when the people who were feeding her returned to Eastern Europe. However, Ninja is microchipped and her original owner lived in Bamber Bridge.

Ninja will stay with us a little bit longer before she will be vaccinated and vet checked and put up for homing. She is very sweet.

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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"Spudescapades number 11

June 2023/July 2023

Here we are again and I have got some fab show news for you! I WON an Olympian, this is a very high award and I just need one more now to get a new title. I also won all my other classes at that show in Kendal in June, so had what they call a red card day. Mummy was VERY proud of me. The rosette for the Olympian was fab – it's the great big one in the photo.

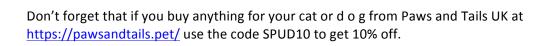




The Animal Charity Fair on 20th May went really well and I enjoyed meeting lots of people and one of my "aunties" even came all the way from YORKSHIRE to meet me, how good was that! AND she spent money on "purrchandise" so APF benefitted too. My next meet and greet is at the Happy Cats Hyndburn summer fair at the Woodnook Community Centre in Accrington on July 15th. If you are local, why not come and meet me and see my "purrchandise" - APF also have a stall there.

Sadly, I haven't had any more modelling jobs this year and mummy and I have left one of the agencies we were with due to underhand dealings and activities by them trying to put a rival out of business. We just couldn't be associated with anything like that. It's sad but we only want to be with ethical partners.

Hasn't it been hot! I have been chilling out in the "catio" on our sun lounger and generally taking it easy in between shows and meet and greets. It's too hot to do much else!





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/ and of course I have my own my website at www.spudthecatwithatash.co.uk if you want to keep up with me in between newsletters.







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.







