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Hello everyone,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

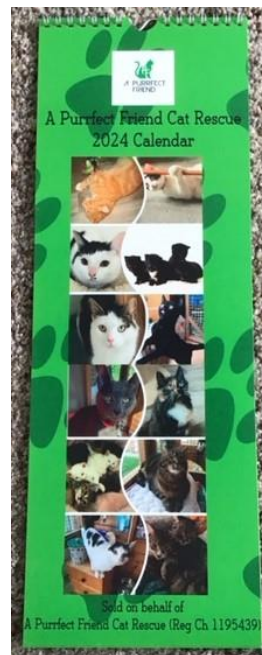
Our charity is going from strength to strength thanks to all our supporters and volunteers. This summer has been challenging to say the least due to the number of pregnant and nursing mums with kittens we have been presented with. On the plus side, finance hasn't been an issue thanks to continuous donations and fundraising.

All our fosterers have been amazing, each one going above and beyond. At one point we had 26 kittens in care, that's unprecedented in my 31 years of cat rescue. Anyway, what do they say, keep calm and carry on, so that's the plan!

Our calendars are available now at £5 each from our events or direct from Shirley.

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

Thank you

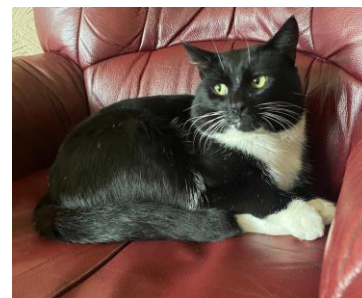


*Best wishes
Shirley*

Cats Needing Homes

Banjo

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

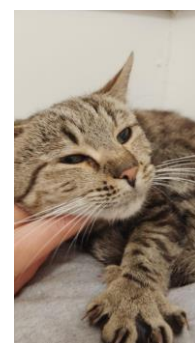


Athena

Athena came into our care as a pregnant stray. At only 10 months old, she was only a baby herself. She has been a wonderful mum to Tokyo and Sophia who have now been homed and Athena is now looking for a loving home.

Nala

Nala is a beautiful pale tabby girl who came into care with 2 of her kittens, via a Preston vets. Sadly, we know there were more kittens but only 2 survived. She was being tormented and didn't have the safety of a home. She is very wary of men, a little timid, but when she knows you she is very friendly.



George



Gorgeous George is 16 years old and very easy to look after. He just needs some home comforts for his remaining years. He does have thyroid issues which is controlled by medication on his food. The cost of this medication will continue to be covered by A Purrfect Friend. He doesn't like other cats unfortunately or I'm sure one of us would have adopted him.

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



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Cats Homed

Following a few quiet months, we have had a wonderful late summer with an amazing 20 Cats and kittens being adopted.

But the best news of all is that all our longest stay cat Doug has now found a permanent home. It is so sad that three-year old Doug, who came into our care last October, has had to spend such a long time of his young life in a pen but that's behind him now and he's the rest of his life to spend in a loving home.



It is always more difficult to home cats in pairs rather than singularly and if cats come in together and are obviously bonded then we try our best to keep them together. We managed to successfully home three pairs of bonded cats. Jess and Sassy, Shadow and Diamond and the beautiful grey brothers Bob and Bert



We've also homed Roman and her kitten Sienna. Even though she had a lovely, comfy bed Sienna preferred to sit in the dustpan.

The other adult cats who found new homes were Robbie, Martha, Kali and Ninja.

Kitten season is in full swing once again. It never seems to go away. We have successfully found homes for 7 kittens from two litters, although we do still have both of their Mums available for adoption. The Viking clan Ragnar, Rollo, Flooki, Siggy and Torvi have all now gone to their new homes.



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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.

8th July	Car Boot, Charnock Richard	£88.00
8th July	Lostock Hall Carnival	£62.00
15th July	Happy Cats Spring Fair, Windynook Centre	£48.50
22 nd July	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall	£514.00
22/23rd July	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre	£64.50
29th July	Car Boot, Charnock Richard	£100.00
3rd August	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre	£22.00
5th August	Car Boot, Charnock Richard	£15.55
5 th August	Freckleton Memorial Hall Table Top	£50.70
10th August	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre	£30.50
12/13th August	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre	£26.50
17th August	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre	£11.00
19th August	Car Boot, Charnock Richard	£76.50
24 th August	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall	£582.50
24/25th August	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre	£12
31st August	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre	£25
3rd September	Cat Extravaganza, St Leonard's Church Hall	£840.65
2nd September	Freckleton Memorial Hall Table Top	£34.60
9 th September	Lytham Table Top	£66.00
9 th September	Car Boot, Charnock Richard	£182.85



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Cat Extravaganza 2023

Despite the excessive heat there was a really good atmosphere at this year's Extravaganza. As always, really well organised and many helpful volunteers. I had to drag myself away from the temptations of the cake stall to see everything else. Here is a selection of pictures (kindly taken by Jeannette as yours truly managed to forget her camera!)



Unfortunately, although we have a lot more pictures, we are limited to the size of the newsletter we can email and have had to take quite a lot out.



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Upcoming Events

16th September	Car Boot, Charnock Richard Park Hall, Charnock Richard	9.00 am to 1.00 pm
23rd September	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall Marshalls Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA	11.00 am to 12.00 noon
23/24 September	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre Fairhaven Lake, Lytham FY8 1BD	10.00 am to 4.00 pm
30 th September	Car Boot, Charnock Richard Park Hall, Charnock Richard	9.00 am to 1.00 pm
7 th October	Table Top, Freckleton Memorial Hall 17 School Lane, Freckleton, PR4 1PJ	9.00 am to 12.30 noon
14 th October	Table Top, Lytham Methodist Church 6 Park Street, Lytham	10.00 am to 4.00 pm
21/22 October	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre Fairhaven Lake, Lytham FY8 1BD	10.00 am to 4.00 pm
28 th October	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall Marshalls Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA	11.00 am to 12.00 noon
29 th October	Craft Stall, World of Water World of Water Aquatic Centre, Preston New Road, Kirkham	10.30 am to 4.00 pm

And a special one for the diary

18 th November	Christmas Fair, St Leonard's Church Hall Marshalls Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA	2.00 pm to 3.30 pm
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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

We have a new pen available for sponsorship. This is Mr D'Arcy's pen in honour of a beautiful cat that sadly died last month. He hadn't been in good health for a while and his owner is devastated as all who knew him are. Mr D'Arcy's pen is with Deborah along with Marybeth and Marybeth 1 pens. Deborah has had a really busy few weeks, (well that's a permanent situation at the moment) She has been looking after Imogen and her 4 kittens, Athena and her 2 kittens, Gorgeous George, Hopscotch and Marbles and Sherlock in the last couple of months. We have found homes for the 6 kittens and Imogen, Athena and Gorgeous George are currently up for adoption.

The other pens available for sponsorship are Isobelles' pen, Alfie's pen, Isobelles' pen, Lucys' pen, Shadracks' 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, and a special little gift.

Alfie's and Isabelle's pens are at Shirley's house. Alfies pen is currently home to Melissa and Rosie and her 5 kittens are in Isabelle's pen.

Lucy's's pen is home to Dottie who gave birth to 8 kittens (now 7 as sadly one didn't make it) who were 4 weeks old and undernourished when they came to us. They are all black, it's going to be hilarious homing them when they are ready. How can you choose?

Shadrack's pen is with Emma was home to our longest stay cat, Doug. We were ecstatic when a home came up for him. He was in our care for 10 and a half months.

Pringles pen is with Janice and is the current home of our longest stay cat, Banjo. Banjo is a wonderful lap cat and he doesn't mind other cats.

Beck's pen is with Cheryl and her family. They are currently fostering Nala and her two kittens who are now ready for homing.

Shadracks pen is home to another mum and her 4 kittens.

As I said, the last couple of months have been trying for all the fosterers. At one point we had 7 nursing mums and 28 kittens. We have homed 6 of the kittens, we have 2 ready now, another 7 next week and 9 the week after. We took in another cat that gave birth 4 kittens all stillborn. She has now been spayed and will be up for adoption next week. We will ensure that no cat that comes into our care will be responsible for more kittens in the future.

Thank you to all our pen sponsors, regular incomes are great, as well as the fantastic donations of food, litter and toys for our cats. I can't begin to name everyone who donates to us, but Emma's friend Jane donated enough food to feed mum and 4 kittens for a month! We appreciate that not everyone is able to do that, but even one pouch of food in one of our food collection bins is very welcome.



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Donations

Do you have any items to donate to us?

BOTTLE TOMBOLA - DONATIONS NEEDED PLEASE

This new tombola is proving a great success and is running low on items. The next one will be at our Christmas Fair. If you can donate any new items from the list below Phyl will gladly collect. Give her a call on 01772 612202 or 07866 943574

- Bottle of wine 70cl or the small bottles
- Shower Gel
- Hand wash
- Bottle of juice
- Miniatures of spirits

Phyl would like to *thank you* in advance and looks forward to hearing from you.

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

Our Website: www.purrfectfriendcatrescue.org

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Trustee and Fosterer	Janice Vaughan
Treasurer	Anne Kelleher
Homing Officer and Secretary	Deborah Murphy
Fundraising Team Leader	Phyl Pearson

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A very cheeky looking Siggy and Flooki making themselves very much at home



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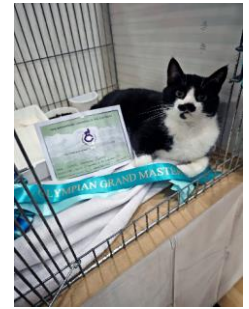
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Hope everyone is well, I have had a busy time recently. I went to another show in August and drumroll I won my 5th Olympian certificate so my posh cat show name is now OB IGMC (Olympian Bronze Imperial Grand Master Cat) Hercule Purrot. Isn't that grand! But mummy still just calls me Spud at home 😊 (unless I've been naughty in which case I won't dare tell you what she calls me!) I won every class I was in and also won a special class and won mummy some tickets to Chester Zoo so she is going to treat some friends with them soon. I had a good day!



I did my usual meet and greet duties at the Cat Extravaganza on 2nd September and even had a couple of walks round the hall on my harness making sure everyone was set up right and doing what they should. Mummy had the purrchandise stall too. I met lots of people and had lots of strokes and made some people smile as always. My next appearance will be at the Animal Charity Fair on **4th November at Houghton Village Hall, 10.30 to 3pm**, so please come along and meet me, APF have a stall there too.

Spud The Cat With A Tash
2024 Calendar



Hot off the press! My 2024 calendars have arrived! I have a wall one that is just me and a desk one that has 2 of my friends on too, they are only £5 each and as always APF get 33% of the profits so if you want one you can message me via my Facebook or Instagram pages or email me on spudthecatwithatash@outlook.com or ask Auntie Shirley how to get one.

Spud, The Cat With A Tash, & Friends 2024 Desk Calendar



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Enjoy what's left of summer and I'll see you again in a couple of months.

Don't forget that if you buy anything for your cat or dog from Paws and Tails UK at <https://pawsandtails.pet/> use the code SPUD10 to get 10% off.

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.



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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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