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Hello everyone,

Hope this newsletter finds you well. We have had a very busy couple of months, well a very busy year to be honest.

We still have lots of events before the end of the year and we thank you for your continued support. We love to see you at our events, so please do come and say hello.

The number of requests to take in cats for rehoming has been unprecedented this year. It has certainly kept us busy, but we have an amazing team, each one playing a part.

I wish you a very Happy Christmas and hope 2024 is kind to you.

*Shirley*



# Cats Needing Homes

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## Bam

Bam is a beautiful looking girl who came into our care when her owners' circumstances changed. She is 7 years old and in good health..



## Smudge

Smudge came into care with Bam. Sadly, the family circumstances changed and they were unable to keep him. He can be a little bit standoffish so we are looking for an experienced owner who will give him time to come round, when he will be a lovely companion.

## George

George is a super friendly boy who was taken to a vets in Leyland having suffered trauma to his left eye. Sadly his owners haven't been found and the vets had to remove his eye. He is a beautiful natured cat with lovely soft fur. The vets estimate him to be 10/11 years old so he has had a full blood profile which has shown him to be in really good health.



## Rosie



Rosie came into our care heavily pregnant and gave birth to 5 beautiful kittens. Some of her kittens have gone to new homes now and its her turn to be chosen. She is super friendly. We are not sure how she will be with other cats as she has been protective of her kittens.



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## Hopscotch and Marbles

Black and white Marbles is 2 years old and we believe Hopscotch is her black son. They are very bonded so we are looking to home them together. Marbles is a friendly girl, whilst Hopscotch is a little more reserved until he gets to know you



**Misty**

Misty is a lovely little girl and ready for her new home now

**Shaka**

Shaka was a long-term stray. The RSPCA took him in in February as he had an injured leg, which they treated and neutered him at the same time. He was then returned to site where he waited patiently for us to have a space to take him into care. He is a very nice cat with a white locket. He looks startled on the photo, poor boy, but he is a really nice cat

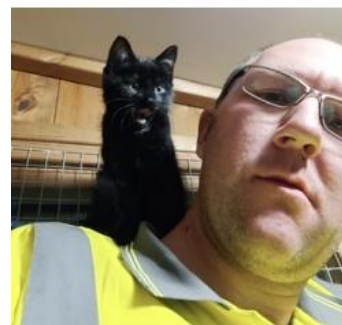


**Imogen**

Imogen is a striking girl who was mum to four kittens. All the kittens have been homed so its her time now. She would love access to outside, so not suitable as an indoor cat.

## Cedar, Saffron and James

We have 2 lovely black and white sibling kittens and one little black boy awaiting their new homes.



**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

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Since our last update we have homed an amazing 31 cats. It has been a really busy year for kittens and 16 of the cats homed since the last update have been kittens.



### Sherlock

A further four of the cats were 1 year old or under. The adorable siblings Jim and Miko and the handsome grey boy Sherlock and black girl Chloe.

### Athena

After being wonderful Mothers Athena, Selene and Dottie have now got loving new homes where they will be looked after as well as they looked after their kittens.



### Gorgeous George



Gorgeous George our senior citizen of 16 years, found a new home to live out the remainder of his days. His new owner says that she doesn't know how one cat can take up so much bed space.

### Banjo

But I've saved our biggest and best news for last. Banjo, our longest stay cat (and the longest since A Purrfect Friend was formed) has finally found a home. Banjo has been with us for over a year and we don't know why but he has now got a lovely new home. We wish Banjo and his new owners and all our lovely cats and their new owners a long and happy time together



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## Events

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

2nd September	Cat Extravaganza	£840.65
2nd September	Freckleton Memorial Hall Table-Top	£34.60
9th September	Table-Top, Lytham Methodist Church	£66.00
9th September	Car Boot, Charnock Richard	£182.85
16th September	Car Boot, Charnock Richard	£161.60
23rd September	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall	£500.50
23/24th September	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre	£66.00
30th September	Car Boot, Charnock Richard	£132.00
7th October	Freckleton Memorial Hall Table-Top	£38.50
7th October	Car Boot, Charnock Richard	£50.00
14th October	Table-Top, Lytham Methodist Church	£37.00
14th October	Car Boot, Charnock Richard	£121.50
21/22nd October	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre	£56.50
28th October	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall	£506.50
29th October	Craft Stall, World of Water, Kirkham	£32.00
4th November	Freckleton Memorial Hall Table-Top	£33.00
4th November	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall	£502.00
4th November	Animal Charity Fair, Hoghton	£219.00
11th November	Table-Top, Lytham Methodist Church	£56.00



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## Upcoming Events

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<b>18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Christmas Fair, St Leonard's Church Hall</b> <b>Marshalls Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA</b>	<b>2.00 pm to 3.30 pm</b>
24/25 November	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre Fairhaven Lake, Lytham	10.00 am to 4.00 pm
2nd December	Craft Fair, St Theresa's St Theresa's Penwortham	10.00 am to 4.00 pm
3rd December	Craft Fair, Ribble Pilot Riversway, Preston	10.00 am to 4.00 pm
4th December	Kingsfold Penwortham Christmas Market Hawksbury Drive, Penwortham PR1 9EJ	6.00 pm to 8.30 pm
9/10th Decmber	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre Fairhaven Lake, Lytham	10.00 am to 4.00 pm
9 December	Table Top, Lytham Methodist Park Street, Lytham FY8 5LU	9.30 am to 12.00 noon
13th December	Liverpool Road Penwortham Christmas Market Liverpool Road, Penwortham	6.00 pm to 9.00 pm
16th December	Happy Cats Christmas Fair, Woodnook Community Centre, Accrington	11.00am to 2.00 pm
20th December	Middleforth Christmas Market Middleforth, Penwortham	6.00 pm to 9.00 pm
22nd December	Winter Wonderland in New Longton All Saints Church, Station Road, New Longton	4.00 pm to 8.00 pm
<b>27th January 2024</b>	<b>Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall</b> <b>Marshalls Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA</b>	<b>11.00 am to 12.00 noon</b>



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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: '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

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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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Mr D'Arcy's, Marybeth and Marybeth 1 are all at Deborahs. Imogen is still waiting for her new home but her kittens, Athena and her kittens and George, Sherlock have been homed and Cleo has been in and out since the last newsletter. Taking their places are Irina, Olena, Bronte, Shakespeare, Dickens, and Chaucer. Hopscotch and Marbles are with our new fosterer Trinity now.

Alfie's and Isobelle's pens are at Shirley's house. Alfies pen is currently home to one eyed George and Rosie and her remaining 2 kittens.

Lucy's pen was home to Dottie and her 7 black kittens all of whom have found new homes. Misty is currently in Lucy's pen but only for a few days as she has been reserved.

Shadrack's pen with Emma has been home to a mum and her 5 kittens all who are in their new homes now. Emma will be getting a new cat tomorrow.

Pringles pen is with Janice and now Banjo has been homed, Janice is having a little break.

Beck's pen is with Cheryll. Cheryll also has been busy with quite a turnover of cats. She currently has a new mum and kitten in her pen.

As I said, the last couple of months have been trying for all the fosterers. I am incredibly proud of all our fosterers; they do a fantastic job.



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## Fosterers Needed

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Have you got what it takes to become a fosterer? A Purrfect Friend is on the lookout for a couple of new fosterers. Whilst fostering is very rewarding it isn't for everyone. You would need to have transportation and spare time to pick up and take cats to the vets and have plenty of patience as not all cats are cuddly and loving.

Preferably you should be a homeowner, or you will need to provide written permission from your landlord that they will allow cats to be fostered in their premises. If you were considering volunteering and would like to be an indoor foster and you have cats of your own, you would need to have a dedicated room to keep the foster cat in, as it is a condition that they are kept separate due to quarantine restrictions. The cats must never be allowed outdoors so windows etc. must be kept shut. Fostering is a decision that does affect everyone in the household, so it is imperative that all family members are supportive.



All food, litter and equipment would be provided by A Purrfect Friend. If you are interested and would like to discuss further you can email [apurrfectfriend@gmail.com](mailto:apurrfectfriend@gmail.com) with your details including name, address and contact phone number and previous experience if applicable and someone will get back to you.



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## Donations

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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

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## HOMINGS

### HUGO (and Smokey)



Sorry – me again! It is exactly two years since the lovely people at A Purrfect Friend took me in and found me a new home (*shame it had to be with me – Smokey!*). Ignore him, just because he got here a week before me and is a couple of years older, he thinks he is the boss. I think he would miss me really (*I would not! He is a real pain! He follows me everywhere. If I find a nice comfy bed somewhere, when I next go to use it – he has pinched it -S*)

At the time - my human had thought about a nice female to keep Smokey company but because I looked so sad, she took me instead. She did say that I made up for being a boy and upsetting Smokey (*just a bit! – S*) by being a bit of a clown and really good at cuddling. (*You have never seen a bigger baby – he buries his head under her clothing and kneads away purring his head off. So undignified, still have a lot to teach him about being aloof and dignified like me, although I do like to sit beside her and be stroked - S*)



Smokey likes to help her when she is out in the garden by poking his head into whatever she is doing but I am still getting used to all the strange things out in the field. Smokey is evidently a very good 'mouser', so I have been learning how as well, although my human is not so happy about that as Smokey already brings one home for her nearly every day, so she doesn't really appreciate more from me.

I would just like to say again, from both of us, a **big thank you** to all the wonderful people at A Purrfect Friend for looking after me as I am sure would all the other cats who now have a new home.



### **A very cheeky Yuki settling in her new home.**

*We've discovered Yuki is a proper character! She loves cuddles but won't settle for long on anyone's nap. She has taken to sleeping on the blanket box at the top of the stairs as that way she gets attention from everyone wandering by.*

*She is very playful and an excellent hunter... she's taken out many spiders, whether we wanted her to or not. She likes to jump in the bath and play with water running from the tap.*

*One of the sweetest things we've found is that she likes to say goodnight. She will separately go into each person's bedroom at bedtime, jump on the bed and give that person a snuggle before wandering off again.*

*We have started to give her some access to the garden. She was very wary of the freedom at first but is getting into the swing of it. I did have to rescue her from the hedge at one point... she got her head stuck going after a sparrow.*



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# “Spudescapades

## Number 13

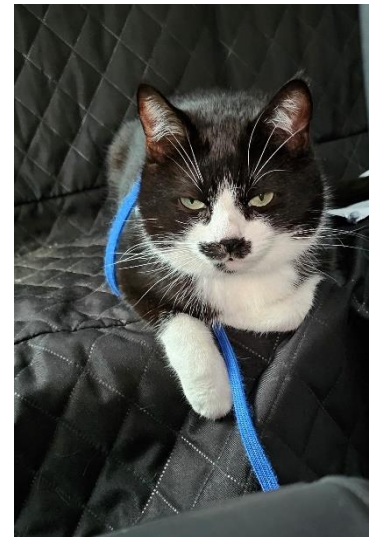
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I can't believe this is Spudescapade 13! 13, lucky for some, well it's certainly lucky for me as I have LOADS to tell you!



I did my important meet and greet duties at the Animal Charity Fair mummy and her good friends ran on 4<sup>th</sup> November in Hoghton and again had a couple of walks round the hall on my harness as I like to do. I did have to keep an eye out though as some people came in with D O G S!!!! I was, as always, a big success and lots of people came to see me and the fair raised over £4,000 in total for all the charities there! My next appearance is at the Purrfect Friend Christmas Fair on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November so do come along and meet me.

BIG news! I went on a trip recently to shoot scene for an upcoming tv series next year!!! I am in it with a very well known actor and actress and they were both really lovely to me and the actress stroked me so gently in the scene that I almost fell asleep! As it is still being filmed it is all very top secret at the moment so I am not allowed to say what it is or who they are but as soon as I can tell you next year I will do so you can all watch me! It was boring waiting to be taken on set but I just chilled and had a doze in the car while we waited, that's it with filming, there can be long periods of just sitting doing nothing in between filming, but it's all worth it in the end! AND, to top the month off I now have over 5000 followers on Instagram! How good is that.



Spud The Cat With A Tash  
2024 Calendar



I still have some of my 2024 calendars available! They are only £5 each and as always APF get 33% of the profits. They will be on the Purrchandise stall on the 18<sup>th</sup> or you can message me via my Facebook or Instagram pages or email me on [spudthecatwithatash@outlook.com](mailto:spudthecatwithatash@outlook.com) or ask Auntie Shirley how to get one.

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



APF and A Purrfect Friend Cat (By G. L. 2023), Lovable Cat Paw (By G. L. 2023) & A Purrfect Friend Cat Paw (By G. L. 2023)

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](http://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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