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CAT REHOMING CHARITY IN THE PRESTON AREA  
Registered Charity: 1195439

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Hello and welcome to our first newsletter of 2024.

2023 was a very busy year for A Purrrfect Friend. Our finances are healthy thanks to our amazing supporters and fundraisers. Seldom did we have a week without at least one fundraising event. That's a lot of donated goods we received.

We homed 117 cats as well as helping many more with neutering, vet treatment and good advice.

Spud has also been exceptionally busy and his appearances and sales of his 'purrrchandise' raised £1100 for our charity. I think his mum might have had a little to do with it, so I must say a special thank you to Carol too.

This year has got off to a great start. As I write this, we have had 2 tabletop sales and homed 12 cats.

Thank you to our fantastic volunteers and supporters. You are all amazing.



*Shirley*

## Cats Needing Homes

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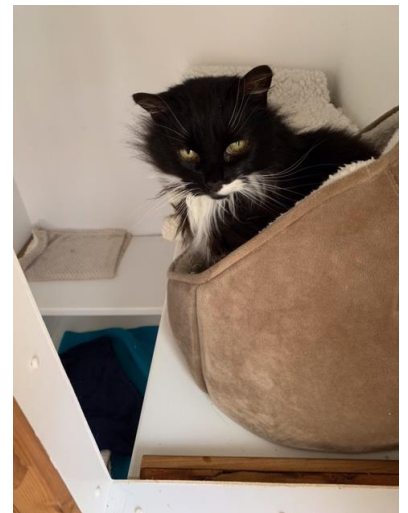


### Shaka

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.

### Holly

Holly is 10/11 years old and a very pretty, dainty long haired girl. She's just a lovely cat who was a stray for quite a while before coming into our care.



### Saturn

Saturn is about 2 years old. She is a lovely friendly black girl. She did come from a multi cat household but she doesn't like other cats.



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## Oreo

Oreo is a very sweet girl and only about 1 year old.



## Silas and Dave

These 8 months-old pair of brothers are really bonded. They are very handsome cats, really beautiful colouring and are friendly and playful.

They do like to climb.

## Malteser

Malteser is 10 weeks old. He's a beautiful tabby boy who was born in our care along with his 3 siblings who all have homes now as well as his mum Olena.

**Stop Press – Malteser has been reserved.**



**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 managed to home all but one of the cats in the last newsletter.

## Cedar, Saffron and James



**Imogen**



**Misty**



## Hopscotch and Marbles



**Rosie**



**George**



**Smudge**



**Bam**



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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.

18 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fair	£1,430.50
24/25th November	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre	£ 55.00
2nd December	Craft Fair, St Theresa's	£ 48.50
3rd December	Craft Fair, Ribble Pilot	£ 13.50
4th December	Kingsfold Christmas Market	£ 217.00
9th December	Table-Top, Lytham Methodist Church	£ 51.00
9/10th December	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre	£ 128.50
9th December	Lytham Methodist Table Top	£ 56.00
13th December	Penwortham Christmas Market	£ 339.00
16th December	Happy Cats Christmas Fair, Accrington	£ 37.00
20th December	Middleforth Christmas Market	cancelled
22nd December	Winter Wonderland, New Longton	cancelled



Susan getting ready for one of our busy table-top sales



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## Upcoming Events

20/21st January	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre Fairhaven Lake, Lytham	10.00 am to 4.00 pm
27th January	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall Marshalls Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA	11.00 am to 12.00 noon
3rd February	Table-top. Freckleton Memorial Village Hall, 17 School Lane, PR4 1PJ	9.00 am to 12.00 noon,
3rd February	Craft and supplies sale, St Teresa's Parish Centre Queensway, Penwortham, PR1 ODS	10 am – 4 pm
10th February	Table-top sale, Lytham Methodist church, 6 Park St, Lytham St Annes FY8 5LU	9 am – 12:30 pm,
17/18th February	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre Fairhaven Lake, Lytham FY8 1BD	10.00 am to 4.00 pm
24th February,	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall Marshalls Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA	11.00 am to 12.00 noon
2nd March	Table-top. Freckleton Memorial Village Hall, 17 School Lane, PR4 1PJ	9.00 am to 12.00 noon,
<b>2nd March,</b>	<b>A Purrfect Friend Spring Fair, St Leonard's Hall, Marshall's Brow, Penwortham, PR1 9JA</b>	<b>2 pm – 3:30 pm</b>



9th March, Table-top sale, Lytham Methodist church, 9 am – 12:30 pm,  
6 Park St, Lytham St Annes FY8 5LU



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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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As you can see from our "cats homed" our fosterers have been very busy.

Mr D'Arcy's, Marybeth and Marybeth 1 are all at Deborahs. Malteaser, Daisy, Henry and Oreo. Shaka with our new fosterer Trinity now.

Alfie's and Isobelle's pens are at Shirley's house but as of yesterday, both are empty. That will change in the next few days. Mary is currently with Louise in Lucy's pen.

Shadrack's pen with Emma is also empty and Emma will be having a short break. Pringles pen is with Janice and is still empty. Beck's pen is with Cheryl and is currently home to Silas and Dave.

As well as our fosterers with sponsor pens, we also have 3 indoor fosterers, who also do a brilliant job and we would be lost without every one of them.

## 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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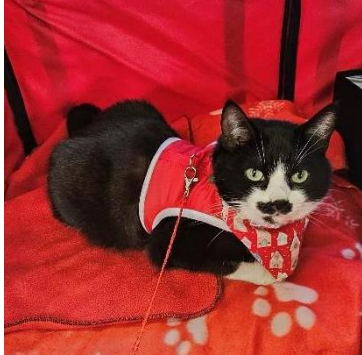
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## “Spudescapades number 14

December 2023/January 2024

So, Spudescapade 14 sees us into a New Year and I hope that 2024 is a good one for everyone.



Hopefully everyone had a lovely Christmas. I did, we got lots of toys and treats for Christmas and I finished the year with my final meet and greet at the Happy Cats Hyndburn fair where I wore my special Christmas harness and bandana! It was EVER so festive and it was lovely to catch up with several of my facebook fans who came to visit. My next outing will be the Purrfect Friend Spring Fair on 2<sup>nd</sup> March in Penwortham as usual.

I also managed to fit in a test shoot for a cat food product before Christmas, along with my adopted sister, Sox, and I even had time for a nap in between shots as you can see! We both went back in mid January for the actual shoot. It was great fun and mummy is looking forward to seeing us on the packaging when it comes out in around August. Sadly, due to agreements of the job etc, I can't tell you which brand it is for until then but it is SO exciting and we are SO looking forward to it, and, of course, I will tell you all about it when I am allowed.



Spud The Cat With A Tash  
2024 Calendar



I still have some 2024 calendars available at just £5 each. with 33% of the profits going to APF. I will probably have the last few on our Purrchandise stall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 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



I can't say anything yet but hopefully in the next newsletter or so I will have some BIG news for you all about me. I can't say anything yet as it is still all “up in the air” as mummy says but I will be able to let the cat out of the bag once it is finalised. Again, it will be something that, like the purrchandise, will be able to send A Purrfect Friend some extra funds if all goes well. On that subject I was SO happy that mummy was able to send APF and her other 2 charities, £1100 at the end of the year from our fundraising efforts, how good was that!

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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