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CAT REHOMING CHARITY IN THE PRESTON AREA
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Hi and welcome to spring! It has been a long and very wet winter, but here's hoping for some better weather soon.

Our fundraising is still amazing, £947 at our Spring Fair and £647 at our last jumble. We only open for an hour and a half at the St Leonard's big events and one hour at our jumbles. It takes a lot of organising and unpacking/packing but it's certainly worth it.

We are hoping for some decent weather on Easter Monday for the annual Eggrolling event on Avenham Park.

We love seeing you at our events,

Best wishes
Shirley

We would like to say thank you for the very kind anonymous donation of cat toys for our foster cats. What a colourful collection



Cats Needing Homes



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. She is a proper lap cat.



Mary

Mary is ready for her new adventure. She is less than 1 year old and already had kittens. She is timid but very loving when she gets to know you.



Jaffa

Jaffa is a very friendly 12 year-old ginger boy and is looking for his forever home.



We do have other cats in care, but none are quite ready for adoption yet.

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



We've had a fantastic start to the year homing 18 cats and kittens so far and reuniting one cat with its owner. Oleana and her four tabby kittens Fudge, Cadbury, Toffee and Malteser quickly found new homes and you can understand why, they were all absolutely adorable. Fudge was homed together with white and black boy Watkins, who came into our care after being found in a car engine at five weeks old.

Our longest stay cats Marbles and Hopscotch finally found their new home. We couldn't understand how these little guys were overlooked as they had such a loving and friendly nature.



Oreo

Saturn



Kirsty



Many of the cats who come into our care are black or a mixture of black and white. McTavish, Kirsty, Oreo and Saturn are some of the black, black and white cats we have homed this year. The first cat that was homed in 2024 was also a black and white cat called Mash but unfortunately, I don't have a picture of him. Saturn The other cats that have been homed this year are Silas and Dave, Tigger, Tiger and Grace



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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.

3rd February	Table-top. Freckleton Memorial Village Hall, 17 School Lane, PR4 1PJ	£ 35.00,
3rd February	Craft and supplies sale, St Teresa's Parish Centre Queensway, Penwortham, PR1 ODS	£172.50
10th February	Table-top sale, Lytham Methodist church, 6 Park St, Lytham St Annes FY8 5LU	£ 27.00,
11 th February	Craft stall, World of Water Lytham	£ 23.15
17/18th February	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre Fairhaven Lake, Lytham FY8 1BD	£168.00
24th February,	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall Marshalls Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA	£647.00
2nd March	Table-top. Freckleton Memorial Village Hall, 17 School Lane, PR4 1PJ	£ 18.80
2nd March,	A Purrfect Friend Spring Fair, St Leonard's Hall, Marshall's Brow, Penwortham, PR1 9JA	£947.50
3 March	Craft stall, Ribble Pilot	£ 45.00
9th March,	Table-top sale, Lytham Methodist church, 6 Park St, Lytham St Annes FY8 5LU	£ 60.00



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Upcoming Events

9 th March	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre Fairhaven Lake, Lytham	10.00 am to 4.00 pm
23 rd March	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall Marshalls Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA	11.00 am to 12.00 noon
22/23 rd March	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre Fairhaven Lake, Lytham FY8 1BD	10.00 am to 4.00 pm
1 st April	Tombola at Egg Rolling Event Avenham Park, Preston	10.00 am to 4.00 pm
6 th April	Craft Stall, St Theresa's Parish Centre Queensway, Penwortham PR1 0DS	10.00 am to 4.00 pm
13 th April	Table-top sale, Lytham Methodist church, 6 Park St, Lytham St Annes FY8 5LU	9 am – 12:30 pm,
20/21 st April	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre Fairhaven Lake, Lytham FY8 1BD	10.00 am to 4.00 pm
27 th April	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall Marshalls Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA	11.00 am to 12.00 noon
4 th May	Table-top. Freckleton Memorial Village Hall, 17 School Lane, PR4 1PJ	9.00 am to 12.00 noon,
11 th May	Table-top sale, Lytham Methodist church, 6 Park St, Lytham St Annes FY8 5LU	9 am – 12:30 pm,
18 th May	Stall at Animal Charities Fair, Hoghton Hoghton Village Hall, Blackburn Road. PR5 0SG	10.30am – 3:00 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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Handyman appeal

Can you help A Purrfect Friend with the maintenance of our pens?

Your help will ensure that we are able to continue to provide safe and comfortable accommodation for the cats in our care.



Are you good with a paint brush?

Handy with a screwdriver?

Great at putting up shelves



A Purrfect Friend would love to hear from you, if you could give a little of your time to help with the basic maintenance of our pens.

This is a volunteering role and you can do as little or as much as you want. Whilst we will cover the cost of all materials, we are unable to pay for any labour but if you love animals (and cats in particular) the satisfaction you will get in helping will more than compensate.

Please contact A Purrfect Friend if you can help. Phone 07752 774852 or email apurrfectfriend@gmail.com



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Sponsorship and Pen News

Mr D'Arcy's, Marybeth and Marybeth 1 are all at Deborah's and current home to Daisy and Henry who are reserved and Bertie who came in to us in a terrible state. He has kidney issues and will probably have part of his "dead" tail amputated. He's not quite well enough for surgery yet. Deborah's 3rd pen is home to Willow who is heavily pregnant (I predict Easter babies but what do I know!).

Isabelle's pen is currently home to Enzo and Lola, a beautiful, bonded pair who came into our care after toileting issues. As long as I have had them, there have been no accidents at all, but their new owner will have to bear this in mind.

Lucy's pen is currently home to Mary who is a delightful young girl ready for her new home.

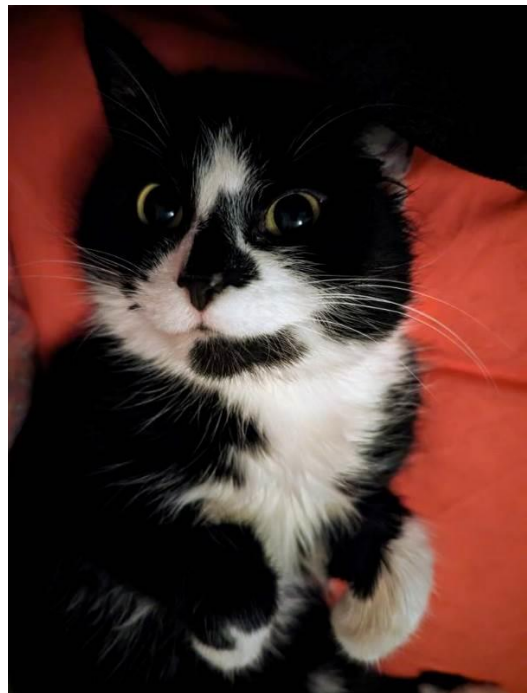
In Beck's pen, we have Daisy and Henry who are reserved and will be going to their new home at Easter.

We are in the process of replacing Beck's pen with a new one. This is proving to be expensive, and we are very grateful to one of our supporters for a wonderful donation in memory of her late husband. When the new pen is in place, it will be renamed Steven's pen.

We may appeal for help dismantling Becks pen after Easter in preparation for the arrival of concrete for the base and erection of the new pen.

Homings

An adorable Zelda in her new home



If you have adopted from A Purrfect Friend we would love some pictures and any tales of how they have settled in (taken over!!)



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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

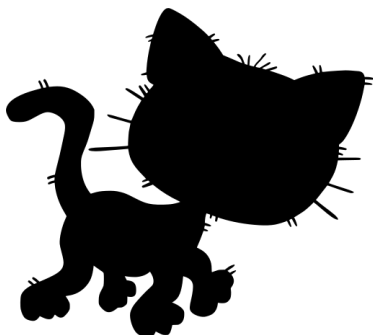
Phyl would like to *thank you* in advance and looks forward to hearing from you.

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

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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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“Spudescapades” number 15

February/March 2024

I hope everyone is doing OK so far this year. We are generally fine but sadly we had to say goodbye to my Uncle Max who had to go to the Rainbow Bridge early in March but that aside we are all doing well, and I am looking forward to raising lots more money for APF and my other 2 charities this year.

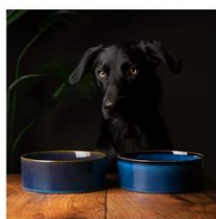


I did my usual meet and greet at the Purrfect Friend Spring Fair on 2nd March in Penwortham and loved meeting you all, friends old and new. A few of my internet “aunties” came to visit and our purrchandise stall did well so more money for A purrfect Friend, Lancashire Cat rescue and SRPCC Cat Welfare Trust! My next one for APF won’t be until September but I hope to meet more of you then. And don’t forget the Animal Charity Fair at Hoghton Village Hall on 18th May. Not only will I be on meet and greet duties along with my purrchandise stall but APF will also have a stall

I did yet another shoot for Scruffs cat dishes in February and one of the photos is already there! I can’t share any others as those dishes are not yet launched but here is one of the ones I did. Sadly I don’t have any more on the horizon just yet but watch this space. I went with my adopted sister, Sox, and a cheeky little kitten called Maisie who belongs to one of mummy’s friends and the cheek of it, she tried to upstage me! Me! The supurrstar! Anyway I soon told her what I thought and she behaved herself after that. She IS rather pretty though, you can see her below and I am sure you will agree. (Yes, that’s me at the end, scoffing!)

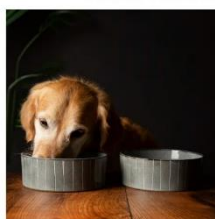


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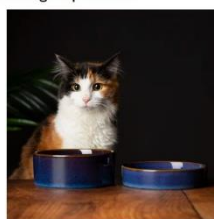
Reactive Glaze 2 Piece Dog Food & Water Bowl Set - Midnight Blue

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So, my next **big** news

is something that, hopefully, will be finalised by the next newsletter and that is I have written a book!!! Well, mummy wrote it, but I dictated to her what to say and it is ALL about me! It is progressing slowly through the channels, and we are hoping that it will only be another month or two before it is available to buy so watch this space!

As always 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, and you can follow my day to day antics on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Spud-the-cat-with-a-tash-102068554670424> and Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/spudthetashcat/> and my website at www.spudthecatwithatash.co.uk.



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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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