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Welcome to our Spring newsletter.

Let's hope for some better weather in the coming weeks. Just for a change (haha) we have been busy with our welfare work and our necessary fundraising to pay for it.

A few things to tell you:

Janice will not be seeking re-election as a trustee when the tenure is up in July. On behalf of all our committee I would like to thank Janice for her time and invaluable help in getting A Purrrfect Friend off the ground. Janice took a step back from fostering a little while ago.

We have a new foster pen. It's a replacement for Becks' pen in Leyland which sadly was of disappointing quality. We now have a new Lindee Lu pen, which hopefully will be good for 15/20 years. Thank you to all your donations and one, in particular (in memory of Steven Gregson) which has enabled us to purchase said pen.

This last couple of months has been horrendous in terms of the number of pregnant cats that we have been made aware of. As a consequence, we currently have 17 kittens born in our care. Please spread the word that there is help available with the cost of neutering and to get in touch with us for details. Two of our foster cats have lost kittens, which we find truly heartbreaking.

So far this year, Deborah and I have worked on 3 TNR jobs. I'm afraid I have lost count of the amount we have neutered but it's a lot! Lots of trips up and down the M6 usually at peak times, but needs must.

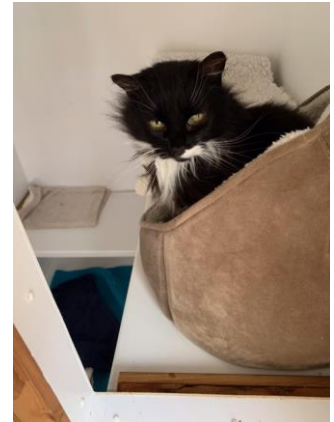
We have other great news, but I've talked too long already,

Best wishes
Shirley

Cats Needing Homes

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.



Jaffa

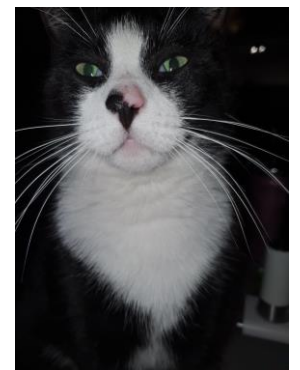
Jaffa is a lovely friendly 12-year-old boy who will need an understanding owner. He has trouble with his eyes which settle with the use of drops or ointment, but it is due to allergies and the vets tell us, there isn't a cure. It doesn't seem to bother him, but they do look a mess when they are "bad". He also had an issue in a previous home with spraying or weeing inappropriately but there have been absolutely no issues whilst he has been in care. Any medication costs relating to his eyes will be paid for by the charity.



Daisy and Henry

Daisy and Henry are a very bonded 10year old pair. I think it's fair to say Daisy doesn't do very much except sit, eat and sleep. She seems very happy in herself but doesn't seem to want human interaction. Henry on the other hand is a super friendly boy. Daisy is white and ginger, Henry black and white.

(They were quite a bit younger when pictures taken)



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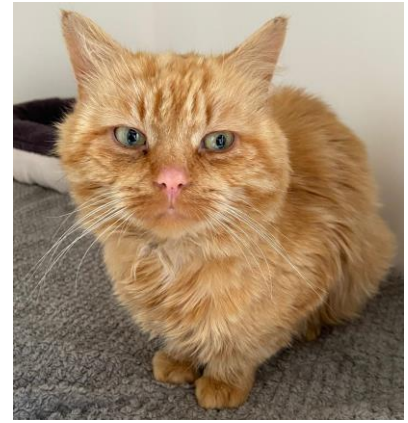
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Bertie

Bertie has wonderful nature. He was a stray for a long time, and it's taken its toll in that he has kidney issues. He's 8 years old. A Purrfect Friend will pay for any medication and vet treatment relating to his condition provided this is done at Medivets in Bamber Bridge. His dietary requirements will be the responsibility of his new owner. Poor boy has also had part of his tail amputated as it was lifeless when he came into our care. Living on the streets as an un-neutered tom cat didn't do him any favours but he is super friendly, he is now neutered, vaccinated, and chipped now and we would love to find him a home.



Jackson

Jackson is a very handsome 5-year-old black and white boy, who loves company.



Crumble and Muffin

Also ready for a new home are these 10-month-old sisters. These two lovely black and white girls are also very bonded and we are looking for a home for them together.

We have 3 litters of kittens in care as I write this. Another mum and kittens are being brought into care in a couple of days. Sadly, mums are coming in having had multiple litters, where their owners have kept kittens from a previous litter, and they haven't been neutered either. *Please, please* get in touch if you know anyone with an unneutered cat, can help.



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



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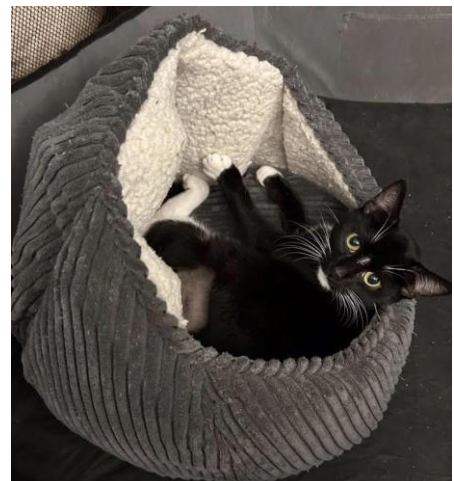
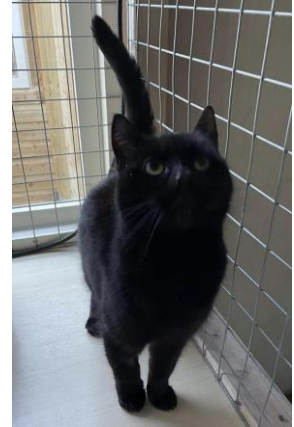
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Cats Homed

Since our last update in February, we have homed 19 cats.

Tia, Arthur, Joy, Gin, Boo Boo, Tilly, Ollie, Olive, Dolly, Shaka, Pepsi, Angel, Lola, Mary, Enid, Kitty, Dilly, Chunk and Poppet

Here are just some of the cats that we found homes for



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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.

9 th March	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre	£ 60.00
16 th March	Park Hall Car Boot	£137.75
23 rd March	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall	£500.00
22/23 rd March	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre	£112.00
1 st April	Tombola at Egg Rolling Event	£320.50
6 th April	Craft Stall, St Theresa's Parish Centre	£ 9.00
13 th April	Happy Cats Spring Fair	£ 56.00
20/21 st April	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre	£ 49.50
27 th April	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall	£478.60
4 th May	Table-top. Freckleton Memorial Village Hall,	£ 22.00
4 th May	Park Hall Car Boot	£140.00
6 th May	Park Hall Car Boot	£170.00
11 th May	Table-top sale, Lytham Methodist church,	£ 30.00
11 th May	Park Hall Car Boot	£ 84.00
12 th May	Craft Fair, St Marys, Leyland	£ 37.00



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Upcoming Events

18th May Stall at Animal Charities Fair, Hoghton 10.30am – 3:00 pm
Hoghton Village Hall, Blackburn Road. PR5 0SG

**ANIMAL CHARITY FAIR
AND BOOK "SIGNING"**
Saturday 18th May 2024 from 10.30 am to 3.00 pm

Venue - Hoghton Village Hall, Blackburn Old Road, Hoghton, PR5 0SG
Easy access, free parking. Admission 50p, children under 16 free.

Special guest appearance by Spud The Cat With A Tash
star of Facebook and Instagram. Come and buy his unique
branded goods - not available in the shops - all profits from these
items go directly to three small, local independent cat charities.

Also appearing, Spud's friend, cool
Chilli, the stunning Selkirk Rex Variant.



Treat yourself and your animal-loving
friends & family from the 20 stalls with a
wide range of gifts, cards, crafts, bric-a-brac, new goods, etc
Try your luck on several tombolas and a raffle. Your purchases
will help to raise funds for a variety of animals including cats,
dogs, rabbits, hedgehogs, donkeys etc.

Light refreshments available - hot and cold food & drinks
plus delicious home made cakes.

**EXCLUSIVE! Be amongst the first to get your hands on
Spud's book, complete with pawprint stamp!**



19th May Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
Fairhaven Lake, Lytham

25th May Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall 11.00 am to 12.00 noon
Marshalls Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA

1st June Table-top. Freckleton Memorial Village Hall, 9.00 am to 12.00 noon,
17 School Lane, PR4 1PJ



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1 st June	craft stall at St Teresa's Parish Centre, Queensway, Penwortham, PR1 0DS	10 am – 4 pm,
8th June	tombola at Penwortham Gala, Hurst Grange Park, Penwortham.	
9 th June	Stall at Open Farm, Myerscough College Myerscough, Bilsborrow, Preston	
15th June	Table-top sale, Lytham Methodist church, 6 Park St, Lytham St Annes FY8 5LU	9 am – 12:30 pm,
15th June	tombola at Leyland Festival, Worden Park, Leyland.	
22nd June	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall Marshalls Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA	11.00 am to 12.00 noon
23rd June	craft stall at World of Water, Preston New Rd, Westby, Blackpool PR4 3PE	10.30am to 4.00 pm
29/30th June	Craft Fair, Fairhaven Sports Centre Fairhaven Lake, Lytham FY8 1BD	10.00 am to 4.00 pm
22nd June	Jumble Sale, St Leonard's Church Hall Marshalls Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA	11.00 am to 12.00 noon
6th July	Table-top. Freckleton Memorial Village Hall, 17 School Lane, PR4 1PJ	9.00 am to 12.00 noon,



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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: 'kitonepurrone', 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 Bertie who came in to us in a terrible state, but he is now ready for homing, Willow, who gave birth to a little female kitten called Phoebe. They are reserved and going to a home together. Deborah also has Victoria and 6 of her kittens. Victoria is also reserved as is one of her kittens. The 7th kitten is Dilly who is already settling into her new home.

Jackson is in Alfie's pen at Shirley's and Isabelle's pen has Coco and her three bundles of joy.

Lucy's pen with Louise is currently empty, as Mary has been homed, but it won't be empty for long. Another 8 cats in a desperate situation were reported to us earlier this week. Obviously, we cannot put 8 cats in one pen, so we will be splitting them up when they arrive at the weekend.

Daisy and Henry are up for adoption again. The lovely lady who was going to adopt them has family health issues so it's best they go to a different home.

Cheryll's New Pen: Cheryll and family are delighted with their new Lindee Lu cat pen. It's going to be renamed Steven's Memorial Pen and is currently home to Coco, who is nursing 5 beautiful kittens, pictures below.



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Myerscough College

We are delighted to say that the animal studies centre at Myerscough college are helping enormously with looking after some of our cats on site, and generally promoting our charity.

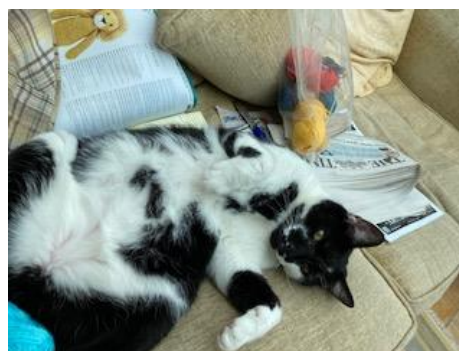
The staff are absolutely brilliant, and I can't thank them enough for supporting us.

We will be having a stall at their Open Farm event on Sunday 9th June. If you would like to visit the farm, entry is free, but you do have to book a place online.

<https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/>

Homings

Hugo says he is looking for a new home. He is complaining there is too much knitting and not enough tummy tickling going on!



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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Hi again everyone. Well, I HAVE been a very busy boy this last month or so. I did my 2nd meet and greet of the year at the Happy Cats Hyndburn Spring Fair on 13th April in Accrington and loved meeting everyone, including some “regulars” who always come there to say hello. And I met a HUGE cat! Never seen one that big before but it was black & white and had green eyes just like me. The purrchandise stall did OK too, so more money for A



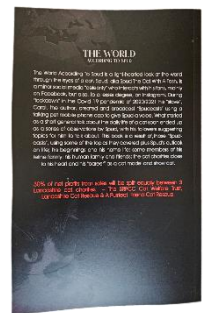
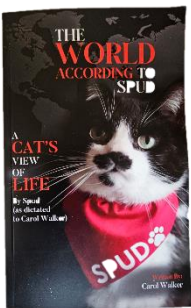
Purrfect Friend, Lancashire Cat Rescue and SRPCC Cat Welfare Trust! My next one for APF won't be until September but I hope to meet loads of you then. Hopefully you will get this newsletter in time as I will be at the Animal Charity Fair at Hoghton Village Hall on 18th May and would love to see as many of you as possible. APF have a stall there as always and there will be lots of stalls to buy from, all helping local rescues for all sorts of animals. You could win a fabulous prize on the raffle too and there are home made cakes! A poster for it should be with this newsletter, please do try and attend.

On the modelling front I did a 2 day shoot for a TV advert in April. It was very exciting and we filmed in a big studio and we had our own dressing room!!! Sox came along too, as my understudy – not that she was needed – and Auntie Shirley kindly came with us to look after her while mummy was in the studio with me. I am not allowed to say what it is for yet but hopefully you will be seeing me in it on TV before the end of the year. Also the filming I did last November for a TV series has now been released so I can tell you what that is. It was for The Responder series 2 which is on BBC and BBC iplayer – I appear briefly in episode 3 (at 38 minutes lol), being stroked by the lovely actress, Sue Johnston. It's only a cameo appearance but it's not every day I get to work with Sue Johnston & Martin Freeman!!!! Just be warned, though, if you have never seen it before, there is a LOT of maughty language in it! I had to cover my ears with my paws!



I told you in the last issue about my book. Well, it is now available! You can get it on

Amazon but if you want a copy with a special pawprint stamp in it, based on my actual pawprint, that isn't in the ones from Amazon, then you can get it from me direct (just email me at spudthecatwithatash@outlook.com for details) or from the purrchandise stall at one of the fairs we are at. It is £6, plus postage if you need it posting, and once we cover costs APF (and my other 2 charities) will get a percentage.



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/spudthecatwithatash/> 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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