



**A PURRRFECT FRIEND**  
CAT REHOMING CHARITY IN THE PRESTON AREA  
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Hello

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2025.

We started this charity in July 2020 and I am amazed how quickly the time has gone.

I wish I could name everyone who has contributed to our success, but the list is literally endless! I can only say thank you, but I assure it is heartfelt.

2024 saw 132 cats and kittens go to new homes. We took in 2 cats who were reunited with their original owner. In addition to this we have done quite of bit of trap, neuter and return work and helped several other cats in need.

Our treasurer has provided the figures for the last 6 months/12 months as below.

The work goes on of course and we are certainly not letting up. Please continue to donate goods, food and money, attend our events, (we love to see you) and we will continue with our rescue,

Thank you and I wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Best wishes

*Shirley*



## A Purrfect Friend - Financial Review for 6 months to December 2024

In the 6 months to December 2024, we have continued our mission to rehome our feline friends in the Preston area. We have so far homed 69 cats and raised £25k in revenue as detailed below. However, our costs have risen substantially with veterinary fees in the last 6 months already reaching the amount we spent in the whole year to June 2024. This is due to the general increase in vet fees and also the costs generated from increased trap/neuter/release activities which we are carrying out. The average cost per cat homed has increased from £264 to £393 but we continue to hold the adoption fee at £60.

In summary the key results are as follows :-	<b>6 months to Dec24</b>	<b>Year to Jun-24</b>
<b><u>Income generated</u></b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations and pen sponsorship	7,538	12,658
Sale of donated goods	2,509	5,232
Fundraising events	10,412	14,689
Adoption fees	4,140	7,920
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	24,599	40,499
<b><u>Costs</u></b>		
Vet's fees	(20,191)	(20,794)
Cost of events	(937)	(2,577)
Fostering supplies	(3,841)	(5,389)
Other spend	(2,125)	(6,105)
Capital spend - new fostering pen		(7,628)
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	(27,094)	(42,493)
Net income	(2,495)	(1,994)
Cats homed	69	132
Average cost per cat homed	£393	£264
Adoption fee per cat	£60	£60

The Trustees would like to again thank all our supporters for their generosity and a huge thank you to all our fosterers whose volunteering enables us to rehome so many cats with income we generate. With increased costs and constant demand for our services your ongoing support is needed more than ever. We look forward to the coming year and helping more cats to find their forever homes

### Trustees of A Purrfect Friend

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## Cats Needing Homes

### Sansa

Sansa was a young Mum. She is only just 1 year old herself. Sansa has a lovely placid, friendly nature. She is a cat that needs access to the outdoors and would love a home away from main roads and with a garden.



### Bunty

Another young friendly girl. She isn't keen on being picked up but she loves attention and to play.



### Pickle and Cheese

Black and white sisters and 18 months old. They have always been together so it would be good if they found a home together. They are gentle and loving so would suit a quiet



### Sirius

He is a 4 year old lap cat and loves a belly rub, but will sometimes lash out when he has had enough. He is a hunter too. He isn't used to traffic so we are looking for an home in a quiet area or he could be a house cat.



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### **Mali**

Mali is a quiet 2 year-old gorgeous girl who loves a cuddle and a fuss. She is not used to traffic and isn't keen on young children. She does love to play with feather toys.

### **Ozzy**

A 10 year old girl. Sadly, her owner has had some health issues and isn't able to look after her any longer. She is a lovely girl and she needs an understanding owner who will help her through her change of circumstances.



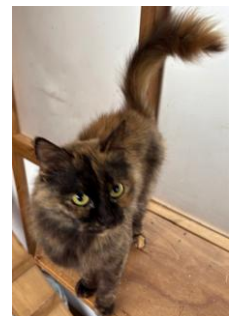
### **Omelette**



This handsome boy is a year old. He does have a mischievous streak and is very food oriented. He does need an experienced owner as he can nip when over excited. He isn't suitable for a home with children.

### **Bean**

Bean is a very friendly semi long-haired tortie tabby. She's 6 years old. She's quite food oriented at the moment as she is sharing her pen with her "friend". Her pen mates are Bellatrix and Joey but they are not quite ready for homing yet.



### **Jess**



Sadly, she is back in our care. She is about 2 years old and a really lovely cat when she likes you, but she can take exception to some people and we don't think she likes other animals either. So, if you are a single lady, she may be perfect for you.

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



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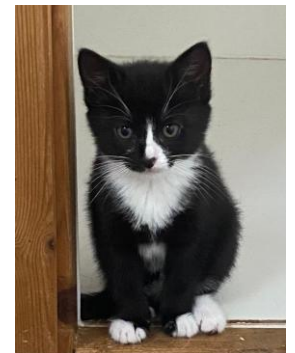
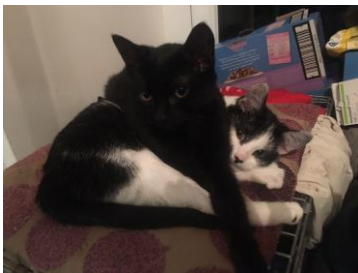
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## Cats Homed

Since our last update in November, we have homed 25 Cats and Kittens.

Jess, Tuna, Salmon, Sardine, Doughnut, Doug, Arya, Lianna, Violet, Bella, Dazzle, Spangle, Diesel. Cooper, Aston, Bentley, Enzo, Cassie, Patricia, Olive, Pudding, Rose, Skye, Seph and Wanda.

Here are just some of the cats 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.

### November

Saturday / Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> / 17 <sup>th</sup> ,	craft fair Fairhaven Lake, Ansdell, near Lytham	£ 23.00
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	jumble sale Leonard's Church Hall, Marshall's Brow, Penwortham	£544.50
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	craft fair Hope Methodist Church Hall, Chapel Lane, New Longton	£ 39.50
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Moor Park sports& social club, Blackpool Rd, Preston, PR2 3AE	£ 20.00
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>A Purrfect Friend Christmas Fair, St Leonard's church hall</b>	<b>£1,320.00</b>

**Marshall's Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA**



**A lively and enjoyable fair**

### December

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Stall at craft fair at Ribble Pilot, Riversway	£ 15.00
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	tombola, Kingsfold Christmas Market,	£188.00
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Tombola Liverpool Road Christmas Market, Penwortham	£350.00
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Stall Happy Cats of Hyndburn Christmas Fair, Accrington	£ 93.00
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Table top, Church Rd Methodist Church, St Annes	£ 62.00



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## Upcoming Events

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### January

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 11 – noon, jumble sale at  
St Leonard's Church Hall, Marshall's Brow, Penwortham, PR1 9JA

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 9am – noon, stall at table top sale at  
Church Rd Methodist church, St Annes, FY8 3NQ

### February

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 10am – 3:30 pm craft stall at  
New Longton Village Hall, Boundary Close, New Longton, Preston PR4 4BD

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 9am – 12:30 pm, stall at table top sale at  
Lytham Methodist Church, 6 Park St, FY8 5LU

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 9am – noon, stall at table top sale at  
Church Rd Methodist Church, St Annes, FY8 3NQ

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 11am - noon Jumble sale at  
St Leonard's church hall, Marshall's Brow, Penwortham, PR1 9JA

### March

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 2 pm – 3:30 pm, A Purrfect Friend Spring Fair at  
St Leonard's Church Hall, Marshall's Brow, Penwortham, PR1 9JA**



Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am - 4 pm, craft stall at  
The Ribble Pilot, Docklands, Preston, PR2 2YN K1PI



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- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 9am – 12:30 pm, stall at  
table top sale at Lytham Methodist church, 6 Park St, FY8 5LU
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 10am – 3:30 pm craft stall  
New Longton Village Hall, Boundary Close, New Longton, Preston. PR4 4BD
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am – 4 pm, craft stall at  
the Watersports Centre, Fairhaven Lake, Ansdell FY8 1BD KIP1
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 11am - noon Jumble sale at St Leonard's church hall, Marshall's Brow, Penwortham, PR1 9JA
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 9.00am – noon, stall at table top sale at  
Church Rd Methodist church, St Annes, FY8 3NQ

## 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.  
[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/9ZNS4PYPEMCV?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/9ZNS4PYPEMCV?ref=wl_share)  
Otherwise, you can go to Amazon.co.uk, look up Amazon wish lists. A Purrfect Friend.
- 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.



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## 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 newsletters, you would like to make a regular donation to our funds (a minimum of £5 per month) then you can sponsor one of our pens. We have 8 pens in total, named, Isabelle, Alfie, Pringle, Marybeth, Marybeth1, Lucy, Shadrack and our newest pen named after a lovely man called Steven.

You will receive bi-monthly updates and photos of the cats and kittens in your chosen pen.

## Homings

***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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## Sponsorship and Pen News

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In total we have 15 foster spaces.

We have 8 pens, 4 spaces at Myerscough and 3 other fosterers. Shadrack's pen, Pringle's pen, Marybeth and Marybeth 1 are all at Deborah's. Violet, Cassie, Ruby and George all have new homes but Pickle and Cheese are still waiting. A new cat in Deborah's pens is lovely Omelette. Deborah has a space as we speak, but we have new cats coming in this week.

Dotty, Pio and Ella and Chunky all have new homes and Trinity has homed Rose and Rose is her last foster cat.

Gorgeous Jackson has had cystitis and although he has had many tests done at the vets, we can't seem to get it under control, so he is still in Alfie's pen at Shirley's. We have Bean, Joey and Bellatrix in Isabelle's pen. Bean is ready for a new home, the other two will be ready very soon.

Jackie was fostering Lianna and Arya who have gone to a new home and their space is now occupied by the gorgeous Ozzy.

Lucy's pen with Louise was home to a beautiful Manx cat called George, but he wasn't with us very long before going to a new home. Sadly Sansa, who we homed last year, has had to come back into our care due to her owner having serious health issues. Sansa is a lovely cat.

Steven's pen with Cheryll had 5 playful little monkeys (there were 6 but one little girl didn't make it) which were rescued at 3 weeks old from under the seat of a scrap car. They stayed with us until they were 12 weeks old so they could be blood tested. Cheryll gave them car names and they were really sweet.

Cathy was looking after Tuna and her two kittens, Doughnut and Dazzle and Spangle. They have all gone to new homes and she now has a bonded pair of kittens, Bean and Cherry.

Those of you who so kindly sponsor our pens. As well as having all these cats in care, (and more than are mentioned here) we have also been trapping. It's been a very busy year and 2025 is set to be just as busy. We go through lots of food and litter and all our cats are health checked and have all the treatment they need to give them the best we possibly can before they leave us.

### Trinity

Trinity has fostered for us for over 12 months and looked after Hopscotch, Marbles, Shaka, Victoria and Rose. She has done an amazing job, and we are very sorry to lose her. Thank you, Trinity, we will miss you.



### Shirley



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## Trap, Neuter and Return

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Did you know that as well as our work rehoming stray and abandoned cats, A Purrfect Friend also helps TNR (trap, neuter and return) feral cats? This is a major part of our charities work.

If one stray or abandoned cat gives birth on the streets and the kittens grow up without being neutered in less than twelve months a colony can easily grow to between 20 and 30 cats and will keep growing until either disease or starvation takes its toll. Cats can become fertile as early as 5 months of age.

We are currently trapping at two industrial sites in East Preston. So far this year we have been trapping at 9 different locations and have neutered 76 feral cats and we have other requests for our help currently on a waiting list.

Not only is trapping costly to the charity in monetary terms, it is also time consuming for our trapping team, requiring numerous visits to our trapping sites which are often in remote areas.

Unfortunately, A Purrfect Friend is unable to help with the relocation of our feral friends



*Ferals didn't ask to be homeless*

*They're just trying to survive.*



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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](http://www.purrfectfriendcatrescue.org)

E-mail: [contactus@purrfectfriendcatrescue.org](mailto:contactus@purrfectfriendcatrescue.org)

Co-ordinator, Welfare Officer	Shirley Chisnall
Treasurer	Anne Kelleher
Homing Officer and Secretary	Deborah Murphy
Fundraising Team Leader	Phyl Pearson



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## “Spudescapades number 20

December/January 2025

I can't believe this is number 20! Where has that gone? So, what have I been up to since the last one?



Meet and greets. I enjoyed my meet and greets at both the Friend Christmas Fair and the Happy Cats Hyndburn Christmas purrchandise stall did really well and I loved meeting both old (in terms of having met them before, NOT in age lol) We also had our new table cover out, is it posh or what! My and greet will be at the Purrfect Friend Spring Fair in Penwortham on 1<sup>st</sup> March and you can also come and meet me at the Lancashire Cat Club cat show at Robin Park Leisure Centre in Wigan on 8<sup>th</sup> March.



Purrfect Fair. The everyone, and new. next meet

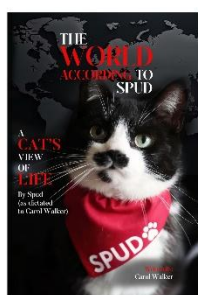


Modelling- the TV advert I went down to London to shoot is now out and has on the TV a LOT. It is for Aviva and is about an Italian restaurant. You can see me on a bench outside after the car bit then jumping off the same bench a few seconds later. You can see it on YouTube here [Making it Click](#). I am still waiting what, if anything, they will use the photos for from the Pets At Home shoot I did end of last year and I haven't been on any shoots so far this year yet but have put forward for 3, one of which is an either/or for me and Sox, so watch this

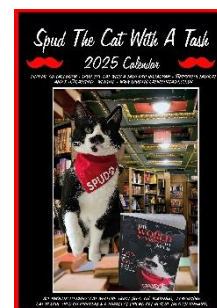


been briefly to see at the been space!

Fundraising - you may remember that last time I said how good it would be if we could reach £1500 for each of my 3 charities, one of which is A Purrfect Friend? Well, we not only reached it but we smashed it and sent over £1650 to each on new Years Eve!!! We were SO happy and I think the 3 charities were a bit happy too 😊



We have now started on our 2025 fundraising and you can still buy my book and my 2025 wall calendar by emailing me at [spudthecatwithatash@outlook.com](mailto:spudthecatwithatash@outlook.com). We do only have 4 calendars left and 36 books at the time of writing though. My charities, including APF, are now getting a percentage of EVERY book sale, plus 1/3 of the profits from everything else so if you want one please do contact me. I can also send you a catalogue of what I have you can't get to a stall, just ask!



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As always, you can follow my day to day antics on Facebook, Instagram and X at

<https://www.facebook.com/Spud-the-cat-with-a-tash-102068554670424>

<https://www.instagram.com/spudthetashcat/>, and [\(1\) CatSpud \(@CatSpud\) / X](#) plus I also have my own website at [www.spudthecatwithatash.co.uk](http://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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