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Hello

Welcome to Spring and our March Newsletter.

As I write this, we have had several days of nice weather and long may it continue.

The car boots at Park Hall have started again and we intend to do them when we can, the first one being on 22nd March. We have events going on every week and love to see our friends and supporters so please say hello if you see us.

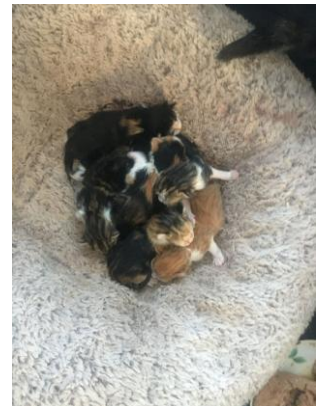
We continue to see an unmanageable number of cats on the streets, but we continue to help as many as we possibly can.

Extra help is always welcome

Kind regards

Shirley

Some of our current kittens



Cats Needing Homes



Bunty

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



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.



Daisy

Fudge is a lovely boy. He is 10/11 years old, and in good health. He's a sweetheart.

She is also about 10 years old, in good health and she needs an experienced owner with no young children or other cats.





Bonnie and Molly

They are 19 weeks old and ready for a safe home together. They each have their own personalities, Molly, the tabby, is the bolder of the two and Bonnie, the black and white girl, is slightly smaller than her sister. **RESERVED**



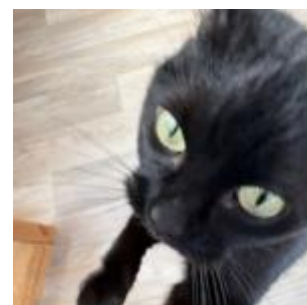
Pearl and Jam

They are 18 months old tabby and white siblings. Pearl is female. Jam is male. They sleep curled up together so it would be lovely if they could be homed together.



We are looking for outdoor homes for Jackson and Bellatrix. Both these cats have toileting issues. They are super friendly, well-adjusted cats but we have not been able to correct their bad habits.

Jackson is a beautiful boy, great with everyone and other cats. Not sure about dogs. He is 6 years old. He uses his litter tray but also wees wherever he feels like.



Bellatrix is 7 years old and very friendly, fine with other cats, but not sure about dogs. She always wees in a litter tray but chooses to do her business in corners.

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

Cats Homed

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

Sansa



Pickle and Cheese



Sirius



Bean



Omelette



Mali



Ozzy



Tinkerbelle

and also Joey, Ginge and Mini and kittens Cherry and Bean

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.

January

Saturday 25 th	Jumble, St Leonard's Church Hall, Marshall's Brow, Penwortham	£667.00
Saturday 25 ^{1h}	Table top at Church Rd Methodist church, St Annes	£ 33.50

February

Sunday 9 th	Craft stall New Longton Village Hall	£ 10.00
Saturday 15 th	Table top sale Lytham Methodist Church	£ 63.00
Saturday 22 nd	Table top Church Rd Methodist Church, St Annes	£ 36.00
Saturday 22 nd	Jumble sale St Leonard's Church Hall, Penwortham,	£450.50

March

Saturday 1st	A Purrfect Friend Spring Fair St Leonard's Church, Penwortham	£1,105.50
Sunday 2 nd	Craft stall The Ribble Pilot, Docklands, Preston,	£ 21.00
Saturday 8 th	Table top sale at Lytham Methodist Church,	£ 77.00
Sunday 9 th	Craft stall New Longton Village Hall,	£ 25.50
Saturday 15 th	Car Boot, Park Hall, Charnock Richard	£135.00

Upcoming Events

March weather permitting, the car boot sales at Park Hall, Charnock Richard, Chorley

Will be attended regularly between 9.00 am and 1.00 pm

Saturday 22nd 10am – 4 pm, craft stall at
the Watersports Centre, Fairhaven Lake, Ansdell FY8 1BD KIP1

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

Saturday 29th 9.00am – noon, stall at table top sale at
Church Rd Methodist church, St Annes, FY8 3NQ

April

Saturday 5th 11 am – 2 pm, stall at Happy Cats Hyndburn Easter Fair,
Woodnook Community Centre, Royds St, Accrington, BB5 2JQ

Sunday 6th 10:30 am – 4 pm, craft stall at World of Water, Preston New Rd, -Westby,
Blackpool PR4 3PE

Sunday 6th 11 am – 3 pm craft stall at St Mary's Community Centre, Broadfield Walk,
Leyland, PR25 1PD

Saturday 12th 9 am – 12:30 pm, stall at table top Lytham Methodist Church,
6 Park St, Lytham FY8 5LU

Sunday 13th 10 am – 3 pm craft stall
New Longton Village Hall, Boundary Close, Preston. PR4 4BD

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May

Sunday 9th 10am – 3:30 pm craft stall at
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Susan and Carole busy at
 Fund raising

A 'crafty' Jeannette busy producing goods
 For a well stocked craft stall

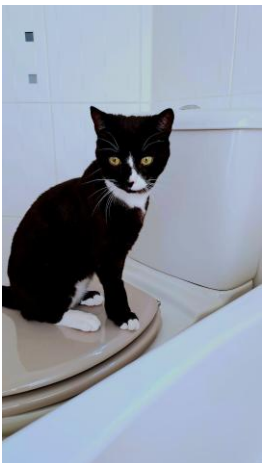


Supporting our cause

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
Otherwise, you can go to Amazon.co.uk, look up Amazon wish lists. A Purrfect Friend.
- 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.

Homings



Teddy – a cute boy

Teddy is still living his best life. He likes to sit next to the bath to keep me company. He loves cuddles and play time.

He is just the loveliest boy I feel so lucky he came to live with us ❤️

Mali – looking very much at home!



Mali is 2 years old and jet black and I adopted her in February. After a nervous start in her new home (hiding inside the recliner armchair and radiator cover !!!) she is now settling in well and staking out her territory. She loves a good cuddle and tummy rub and adores her feather toys. She has decided that I'm her favourite person at the moment and not too sure about my husband - lots of treats should sort that out! She loves looking out at the garden - her next adventure will be to go out and explore....

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

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 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.

Sponsorship and Pen News

In total we have 14 foster spaces.

We have 8 pens, 4 spaces at Myerscough and 2 other fosterers.

Shadrack's pen, Pringle's pen, Marybeth and Marybeth 1 are all at Deborah's and Pickle and Cheese have been homed. Her new foster cats are Jasmine who came into care heavily pregnant, Fudge, Pearl and Jam and 10 year old Daisy.

Gorgeous Jackson is still in Alfie's pen at Shirley's, and after many months we have decided to seek an outdoor home for him. If you can help with that, please do get in touch. Bellatrix in Isabelle's pen is still waiting for her forever home.

Jackie is currently fostering Trixie, a one year old who has already had 2 homes and spent 4 weeks on the street. Incidentally, she wasn't neutered until she arrived in our care. ***I would like to say a special thank you to Vets4Pets for neutering her very quickly as we were concerned about her getting pregnant. Thankfully we got to her in time.***

Lucy's pen with Louise was home to Sansa, but she went to her new home with Omelette. They are not related but are getting on great. She now has older kittens Bonnie and Molly but they will be leaving us this week when they have had their second vaccination.

Steven's pen: Cheryl "car named" kittens were really sweet and a lot of work. Her new cat Tilly came in heavily pregnant and has kept us all waiting on tenterhooks until she finally produced 5 beautiful kittens. The kind person who found help for Tilly is offering her a home when her maternity duties are finished.

Cathy was looking after the last of Patrica's 2 kittens, Cherry and Bean but since they have moved on, she has April, a really pretty white and tortie girl, who was the first pregnant cat of 2025 to come in, but the last to give birth! to say she was huge, was an understatement.

The best news is that we have a new fosterer, Louise, eagerly awaiting delivery of a new pen in Goosnargh. More news soon.

Those of you who so kindly sponsor our pens. As well as having all these cats in care, we have also been trapping. I predicted 2025 would be a busy year and I just might be right!

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.

Trap, Neuter and Return

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.

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.

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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Fundraising Team Leader	Phyl Pearson

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“Spudescapades” number 21

February/March 2025

Number 21, I have come of age! Or my Spudescapades have anyway.



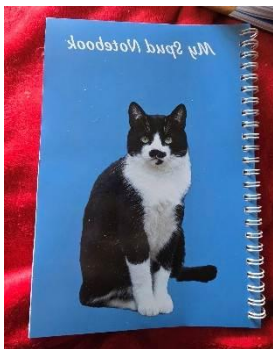
Meet and greets. As always I loved my meet and greet at your Spring fair and we did well on the stall too. Mummy then took me “on exhibition” to the Lancashire Cat Club show on 8th March. This is when you go to a show but just to show off and not to compete. I couldn’t compete as mummy was judging so it wouldn’t have been fair, would it, as I’d have won EVERYTHING! It was fab, I was in this posh pen with red drapes and 2 special rosettes, one that mummy got me with my name on it, and I got LOTS of attention and I just loved it all. Near the end mummy took me for a



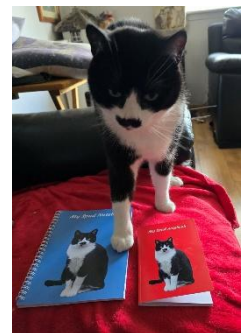
walk all around the edge of the hall too, that was great, even if mummy wasn’t sure we should be doing that at a cat show! My next appearance is at the Happy Cats Fair in Accrington on 5th April.



Modelling- Quite a bit of news on this front. The filming I did last year for a tv series is coming out! It is called This City Is Ours and will be on BBC1 at 9pm on Sunday 23rd March then every Sunday for 8 episodes. The whole series will be on BBC iplayer and I think I may be in episodes 4 and 5! I was understudy for Sox at a shoot in January but have since done shoots for Scruffs cat beds and dishes plus 2 for American cat food and treats, so I have been a very busy boy.



Fundraising - Our 2025 fundraising is now underway and we are already at almost £130 per charity so far. My book is still available and we have new notebooks and pens etc, if you want anything, or would like the catalogue, just message me my Facebook or Instagram pages or email me at spudthecatwithatash@outlook.com. The BIG news is that we are exploring the possibility of a Spud soft toy so watch this space!!!!



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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

.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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