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Hello

As 2024 comes to a close - I've been reflecting a little on how well this charity has fared. It's not been easy and sometimes the committee and fosterers feel like we are not making many inroads into the number of cats needing our help, but then we look at the figures and see that our hard work is making a real difference.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for all your support.

Please, let's keep it going and see what we can achieve in 2025.

***I wish you a very Happy Christmas and A Healthy New Year***

Best wishes  
*Shirley*



## Cats Needing Homes

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### Jackson

Jackson is a very handsome boy who was homed quite quickly but returned as he decided to wee inappropriately. He does use a litter tray but then occasionally he wees near his tray. I am using 2 trays as he does like a clean tray. I think he does need access to outside where hopefully he will toilet there without "accident" inside. He doesn't 'wee' all over, just in one spot and I'm sure it can be managed by the right owner.



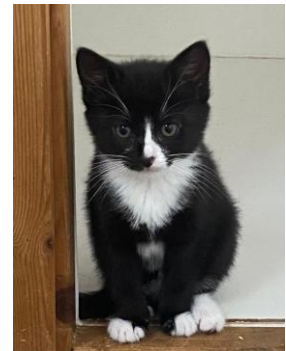
### Rose

Now that all her kittens, Bramble, Elderberry, Rosehip and Hawthorn have been homed, this beautiful girl deserves a good home of her own.

### Lianna



### Arya



### 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.



New cats available for adoption are Violet, Bunty, Ruby, Pickle and Cheese, Bella, Sirius, Mali, Ozzy, Skye, Dazzle and Spangle.



### **Violet**

A beautiful sweet grey cat who has been with us since June as she was pregnant when she came into our care. Her kittens have been homed and it's Violet's turn.

### **Bunty**

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



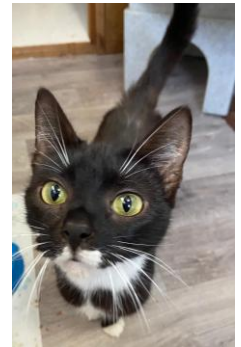
### **Ruby**

She is black and white and came into our care with her 5 kittens. The jewel kittens have all gone to their new homes. She's ready for her new home now.



### **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 home.



Bella is 6 years old. She isn't a lap cat, doesn't like being picked and doesn't like children. What she does like is being fussed on her own terms and being brushed. She isn't used to traffic so needs a home in a quiet area or she would be fine as an indoor cat.



### **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.

Mali is a 2 year old girl.



### **Skye**

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.

### **Dazzle and Spangle**

5 month old brothers. They are extremely bonded, and their fosterer describes them as shrink-wrapped. They will need to be homed together



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

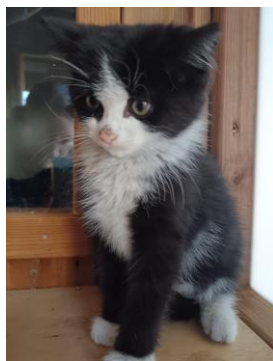
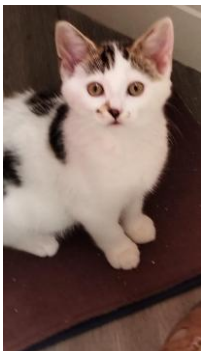
## Cats Homed

Since our last update in September, we have homed 30 Cats and Kittens.

Jess, Pearl, Jet, Sapphire, Emerald, Coral, Dotty, Blue, Calisto, Jupiter, Flo, Crumble

Sansa, Pudding, Nala, Lavender, Indigo, Ainsley, Ochre, Pio, Shrimp, Timmon, Pumba, Chunky, Ella, Juno, Jon Snow, Marmalade, Honey and Victoria

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



## 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.

### September

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	tabletop, Lytham Methodist Church, 6 Park St, <b>Lytham</b>	£78.00
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Car Boot, Park Hall, <b>Chorley</b>	£95.00
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	craft stall World of Water, Preston New Rd, Westby, <b>Blackpool</b>	£58.50
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	jumble sale Leonard's Church Hall, Marshall's Brow, <b>Penwortham</b>	£436.00
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	tabletop, Church Road Methodists, Church Rd, <b>St Annes</b> ,	£60.50

### October

Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Car Boot, Park Hall, <b>Chorley</b>	£90.00
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	tabletop Lytham Methodist Church, 6 Park St, <b>Lytham</b>	£59.00
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	craft fair Hope Methodist Church Hall, Chapel Lane, <b>New Longton</b>	£26.00
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	craft stall New Longton Village Hall, Boundary Close, <b>New Longton</b>	£70.50
Saturday / Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> / 20 <sup>th</sup> ,	craft fair Fairhaven Lake, <b>Ansdell, near Lytham</b>	£100.00
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	jumble St Leonard's Church Hall, Marshall's Brow, <b>Penwortham</b>	£440.00
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	tabletop sale Church Road Methodists, Church Rd, <b>St Annes</b>	£44.00

### November

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	animal charities Hoghton Village Hall, Blackburn Old Rd, <b>Hoghton</b>	£286.00
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	tabletop sale Lytham Methodist church, 6 Park St, <b>Lytham</b>	£48.40
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	craft stall New Longton Village Hall, Boundary Close, <b>New Longton</b>	£45.00
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	jumble St Leonard's Church Hall, Marshall's Brow, <b>Penwortham</b>	£544.50

### **JOOLS GARVEY**

Due to a new job Jools is unable to continue doing the New/Like New Shoes & Bags stall at our jumble sales.

We would like to Thank her for all her years of volunteering with us.  
We will all miss you Jools.

A big THANK YOU



## Upcoming Events

- Saturday / Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 4 pm, stall at craft fair at  
Fairhaven Lake, **Ansdell, near Lytham**, FY8 IBD
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 11 – noon, jumble sale at  
St Leonard's Church Hall, Marshall's Brow, **Penwortham**, PR1 9JA
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10 am – 4 pm, stall at craft fair at  
Hope Methodist Church Hall, Chapel Lane, **New Longton**, PR4 4AA
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 6 pm, stall at craft fair at  
Moor Park sports & social club, Blackpool Rd, Preston, PR2 3AE
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 2 pm – 3:30 pm, A Purrfect Friend Christmas Fair at  
St Leonard's church hall, Marshall's Brow,  
Penwortham PR1 9JA**
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 9 am – noon, stall at tabletop sale at  
Church Road Methodists, Church Rd, **St Annes**, FY8 3NE
- December**
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 11 am – 3 pm, stall at craft fair at  
Ribble Pilot, Riversway.
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 pm – 9 pm, tombola at  
Kingsfold Christmas Market, Pope Lane, Penwortham.
- Saturday / Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 4 pm, stall at craft fair at  
Fairhaven Lake, **Ansdell, near Lytham**, FY8 IBD
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 6 pm – 9 pm, tombola at  
Liverpool Road Christmas market, Liverpool Road, Penwortham
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 11 am – 2 pm, stall Happy Cats of Hyndburn Christmas Fair,  
Woodnook Community Centre, Royds St Accrington, BB5 2JH



## 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.  
[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.
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- 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](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



Smokey – I can't believe it is 3 years since she brought me home – it was a noisy bonfire night, and I let her know I wasn't happy all the way home. I soon got them sorted though after I had been here a few days. Then, after a week of peace and tranquillity, they brought that thing home! Looks can be very deceptive – he looks very angelic but is a pain. He follows me everywhere and tries to copy everything I do. He is a terrible hunter! This picture is evidence of him getting in on anything I do – there I was – soaking up a rare bit of sun on 'my' bench when he comes and plonks himself in front whilst she is trying to take a good picture of me. None of my favourite beds are safe! The humans think it amusing!

I would like to say a big thank you to A Purrfect Friend for my home except when he is around. (although I do enjoy myself teasing the big clown).

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

## 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 is still waiting for a new home, which we find surprising as she is a lovely girl and grey, which would normally prompt a lot of interest. Violet's 4 kittens all have new homes now. Flo has a new home now. George who had a nasty abscess on his head who is now comfortably safe off the streets as winter sets in. Deborah also has Pickle and Cheese, Ruby and Cassie.

Dotty, Pio and Ella and Chunky all have new homes, and Trinity is now looking after Rose. Therefore, we have filled all the pens with Mali, Sirius, Bella, Ozzy, Bunty and Skye.

Gorgeous Jackson has had cystitis (exacerbated by the fireworks) and is still in Alfie's pen at Shirley's. Jess has just gone to her new home and Isabelle's pen was soon filled by Patricia and her litter of 3 week of kittens.

Jackie was fostering Juno, IO, Jupiter and Callisto but they have been homed, so she now has Lianna and Arya.

At the last time of writing, Lucy's pen with Louise was home to a lovely girl called Nala, who promptly gave birth to 2 kittens. Nala and her two kittens (Timon and Pumba) have all been rehomed. Louise is now looking after Doug, a gorgeous ginger Manx boy.

Daisy and Henry have been homed.

Steven's pen with Cheryl had Coco in, but she is now settled in a new home and Cheryl has 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. Sadly, we haven't been able to trap mum, so the little ones will have to wait until they are 12 weeks-old and they can be blood tested. In the meantime, their foster pen is full of toys which they love to trash it on a daily basis!

Cathy is looking after Tuna and her two kittens, Doughnut and Dazzle and Spangle.

Those of you who so kindly sponsor our pens. As well as having all these cats in care, we have also been trapping. 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.

Shirley

## 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.*

## 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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October/November 2024

Well, I HAVE been a busy boy since the last newsletter! Meet and greets, advertising shoots etc etc. Some I can tell you about and some I can't.



As I said last time I am having a break from cat shows for a while but that doesn't mean I haven't been out and about. I did my usual meet and greet at the Animal Charity Fair in early November. I had a walk round the hall and a brilliant day, it was very busy and raised over £4000 in total between us and all the little rescues who were there. I will be at the Purrfect Friend Christmas Fair in Penwortham on the 30<sup>th</sup> November so please do come along and meet me. The photo on the right shows what we have on the stall.



On the modelling front the new packaging for HiLife cat food and treats that I modelled for in January has finally started to hit the shops and you can find me on the freeze dried chicken treats and also the duck ones! I think I look rather good against the orange if I say so myself. I went on another shoot recently, but can't say what for at the moment as it hasn't come out yet but it is for a well

known name. I also had a VERY exciting shoot in September, I had to go all the way to London! Mummy came with me, of course, and we went on the train, I never been on a train before but I loved looking out of the window. This was for a very small part in a TV again, as it's not out yet I can't say what for but it another big name and I will tell you as soon as I course.



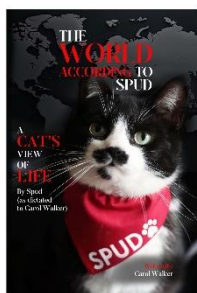
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On the fundraising front I have already beaten the

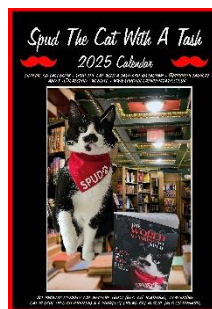
£1100

each that I handed over to my 3 charities at the end of last year, it is now at just over £1250 each, which is really good, but what would make it even better would be if I could make it £1500. It is a HUGE target

though and I need to the year plus certainly going to try can also still buy my emailing me at including APF, are of the profits from me. I can also send stall, just ask!



sell lots of things from the stall on its last 3 outings of calendars etc. I don't think I will do it but I am so please do come along and buy or even donate. You book and my 2025 wall calendar from the stall or by [spudthecatwithatash@outlook.com](mailto:spudthecatwithatash@outlook.com) . My charities, now getting a percentage of EVERY book sale, plus 1/3 everything else so if you want one please do contact you a catalogue of what I have if you can't get to a



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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)

## .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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