



## A PURRFECTION FRIEND

CAT REHOMING CHARITY IN THE PRESTON AREA

Registered Charity: 1195439

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Hello and welcome to summer!

I hope this nice weather suits you.

We are coming up to our 5 year anniversary this July and are busier than ever.

We have an amazing team of fosterers, fundraisers and supporters and I think it works because we are all working to the same end game, to help the cats.

Here to next 5 years, it's really flown.

*Shirley*



## Cats Needing Homes

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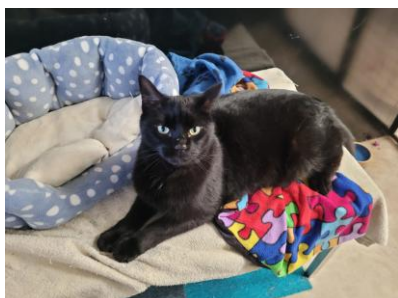
**Bunty**

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.



**Simba**

A super handsome 5 year old black boy, a mini panther

**Snuggles**

Snuggles is another of the mums now ready for a home. A lovely friendly black and white girl who has 6 gorgeous kittens.



**Tiger Lily**, a 3 year old calico girl.



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### Jasmine

An 18 month tabby who came into our care pregnant. She had 4 beautiful kittens, Bud, Dill, Blossom and Fig and now Jasmine and all her kittens are ready for their new homes.

*We also have other kittens that are ready for new homes. In total we have dealt with 6 mums and kittens and sadly have more waiting for space to come into our care.*

We are looking for **outdoor** homes for Jackson and Bellatrix and Minnie. All these lovely 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.

He really needs a home as he has been in care for a year now

**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.



**Minnie** Minnie is a beautiful little girl and has a lovely nature. Unfortunately, she also has toileting issues and therefore needs an outdoor home

**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

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



**Daisy**



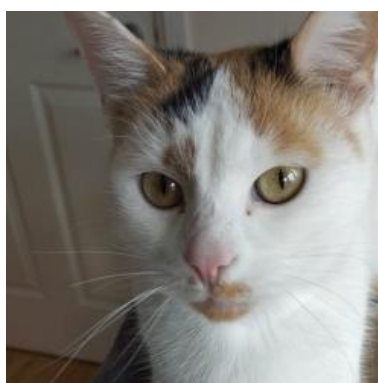
**Bonnie**



**Molly**



**Pearl and Jam**



**Trixie**



**Fudge**

Also gone to their new homes are Joey, Charlie, Socksey, Maya, George, Harry, Tilly, Twix, Roscoe, Ralphie, Lucas and Milo



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## Events

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With many thanks to all those who give up their valuable time to help us make all our fund-raising events such a success.

### March

Saturday 15th	Park Hall Car Boot, Charnock Richard	£135.00
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Craft stall, Fairhaven Lake, Ansdell	£ 27.50
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jumble sale, St Leonard's church hall, Penwortham	£458.00
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Table top, Church Rd Methodist church, St Annes,	£ 55.00

### April

Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Stall at Happy Cats Hyndburn Easter Fair, Accrington,	£ 65.00
Sunday 5/6 <sup>th</sup>	Craft stall at World of Water, Westby, Blackpool	£ 42.50
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	St Bernards's Car Boot, Ashton	£ 46.60
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Craft stall at St Mary's Community Centre, Leyland	£ 19.00
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Table top Lytham Methodist Church, Lytham	£ 45.00
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Craft stall, New Longton Village Hall	£ 3.50
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Jumble sale St. Leonard's Church Hall, Penwortham,	£505.00
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Table top sale, Church Rd Methodist church, St Annes	£ 46.50

### May

Saturday 3rd	Park Hall Car Boot, Charnock Richard	£ 74.00
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Table top sale, Lytham Methodist Church	£ 61.00
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Stall at animal charities fair, Hoghton Village Hall,	£152.00
Saturday 10/11 <sup>th</sup>	Craft stall at the Watersports Centre, Fairhaven Lake, Ansdell	£ 59.50
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Craft stall, Longton Village Hall, Boundary Close	£ 31.50



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## Upcoming Events

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*weather permitting, the car boot sales at Park Hall, Charnock Richard, Chorley -will be attended regularly between 9.00 am and 1.00 pm*

### May

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 11 – noon, jumble sale at  
St Leonard's Church Hall, Marshall's Brow, Penwortham, PR1 9JA

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> 9 am – noon, stall at table top sale at  
Church Rd Methodist Church, St Annes, FY8 3NQ

### June

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 10:30 – 4 pm, craft stall at World of Water,  
Preston New Rd, -Westby, Blackpool PR4 3PE

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 4 pm, craft stall  
at the Watersports Centre, Fairhaven Lake, Ansdell FY8 1BD

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 3:30 pm craft stall at  
New Longton Village Hall, Boundary Close, New Longton, Nr Preston. PR4 4BD

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 9 am – 12:30 pm, stall at table top sale at  
Lytham Methodist church, 6 Park St, Lytham FY8 5LU

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> afternoon, tombola at Penwortham Gala,  
Hurst Grange Park, Penwortham.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 11 am - noon Jumble sale at  
St Leonard's church hall, Marshall's Brow, Penwortham, PR1 9JA

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 9 am – noon, stall at table top sale at  
Church Rd Methodist church, St Annes, FY8 3NQ

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> noon – 4 pm, stall at Craft Destash Fair,  
Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall, Hanging Green Lane, Slyne, LA2 6JB



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Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 4 pm, craft stall at the Watersports Centre,  
Fairhaven Lake, Ansdell FY8 1BD

## July

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Stall at LOSTOCK CARNIVAL

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 3 pm craft stall at New Longton Village Hall,  
Boundary Close, New Longton, Nr Preston. PR4 4BD

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 11 am - noon Jumble sale at  
St Leonard's church hall, Marshall's Brow, Penwortham, PR1 9JA

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 9 am – noon, stall at table top sale at  
Church Rd Methodist church, St Annes, FY8 3NQ

Saturday 26/27<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 4 pm, craft stall at the Watersports Centre,  
Fairhaven Lake, Ansdell FY8 1BD

## August

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 pm – 4 pm. Starr Hills Summer Fete.  
Starr Hills Care Home 18 Ansdell Rd South, Ansdell, Lytham St Anne's FY8 5PQ



Make sure you come to see us



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## 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.
- 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

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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.



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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 9 pens in total, named, Isabelle, Alfie, Pringle, Marybeth, Marybeth1, Lucy, Shadrack, Steven and our newest pen named Mr Darcy.

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!!)***

## **Sponsorship and Pen News**

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We now have 15 foster spaces.

This is made up of 9 pens, 4 spaces at Myerscough and 2 indoor fosterers.

The four pens at Deborah's are Shadrack's, Pringle's, Marybeth and Marybeth 1. Daisy, Cheese and Pickle, Fudge, Pearl and Jam have all been homed and Jasmine gave birth to 4 kittens who are all ready for homing now. She also has a tabby girl with 4 kittens who was found in a yard behind a shop on Blackpool Road in Preston. The kittens were only 12 hours old when we picked them up. In her other pen is another mum and her 3 kittens. Sadly, the kittens were quite poorly when they came in but are doing really well now.

At Shirley's, in Alfie's pen and Isabelle's pen we have 3 cats in desperate need of outdoor homes. There is Jackson who has been in care for 9 months now, Bellatrix and Minnie. All are beautiful cats, very friendly but have toileting issues. We can help with relocating the cats and we do not ask for an adoption fee.

Lucy's pen with Louise was home to Bonnie and Molly who were reserved and have gone to live with a new family. Soon, their space was filled with black and white Snuggles and her 6 kittens. They, too, are looking for new homes.



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Cheryll has had her hands full with Tilly and her 5 kittens but they have all been rehomed now. "Steven's" pen was empty for barely 48 hours before being filled with yet another mum and kittens.

It's relentless, please encourage everyone to get their cats neutered. There is help available and no reason why people don't get their cats done.

This is Louise's new pen, situated in Goosnargh, which they have named Harry's place as Harry was the first foster cat to stay there. For sponsorship purposes it's going to be called Mr Darcy's pen. Mr Darcy was a beautiful boy who sadly went over rainbow bridge in August 2023.



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## Vets4Pets

We were very pleased to see the following on Vets4Pets Facebook page.

### Meet A Purrfect Friend – Our Pawsome Partners in Rescue 🐱

We're incredibly proud to work alongside A Purrfect Friend 🐾 — a dedicated, registered cat rescue charity based right here in Preston 🏠.

Their mission? To relieve the suffering of stray and abandoned cats 🐱 in our community by providing food 🍽️, shelter 🏠, veterinary care 🩺, and ultimately, loving forever homes ❤️.

Leading this incredible team is Shirley (pictured here with a kitten!) 🐱, who has been a champion for cats in need for over 30 years. She's supported by a devoted crew of fosterers and fundraisers who give their all to help local cats 🙌.

Recently, Shirley has been working tirelessly with TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) 🛠️ ✂️ — humanely trapping feral cats to get them neutered and ear-tipped (a visual to show they've been neutered). TNR helps control the cat population, prevents disease 🚫🦠, and protects the wellbeing of cats in the wild 🌿.

With so many cats needing help lately, our amazing team — Mandy, Ayesha, and Beki — volunteered their own time on a Sunday morning ☀️ to run a special neutering clinic. Even better? They chose not to claim overtime, allowing us to offer even bigger discounts on each procedure 🐾 📅.

The result? A neutering session not affecting the day to day running of our busy clinic, more cats helped — and yes, Shirley brought cake 🍰 to make the day even sweeter!



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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.

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

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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. 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

### “Spudescapades” number 22



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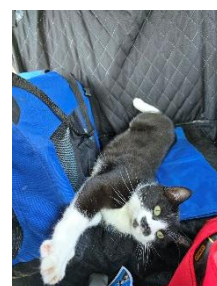
Number 22, 2 little ducks in bingo "language" – sounds yummy! I am, of course, on the packaging for the HiLife duck freeze dried treats (as well as the chicken ones) so that is actually very appropriate.



**Meet and greets.** So far I have had 2 meet and greets in April and had a fab time at both the Happy Cats Fair and our Animal Charity Fair, lots of people came to meet me and we raised lots of money too. My next appearance now might not be until the APF fair in September which is actually on my birthday! If you live near Northwich and would like to meet me, you can come and see me at a cat show on July 19<sup>th</sup> at the Weaverham Community Centre.



**Modelling-** Wow have I been busy recently! I did an afternoon shoot for Jollyes the Pet People and so far they have done FIVE little adverts on Facebook and Instagram featuring me. Then I did 2 days filming for another new tv series for next year and I have also been called back in June to shoot another scene! This was my most exacting script yet but I am proud to say so far I have totally smashed it. Even mummy said so! I star alongside a very well known actress in it too!



**Fundraising** - Our 2025 fundraising is now over £500 per charity so I am hoping we can keep the momentum going and get close to, if not beat, last year's totals. The Animal Charity Fair raised around £3000 spread across



everyone and our own portion of that was pretty good. We also now have a special table cover with me on, isn't it good! We are now down to the last 25 copies of my book so we have nearly sold out which is good. In exciting news, the initial sample of my soft toy is on its way to us so we are hoping we may have the toys available later in the year!



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**



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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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