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July 2025

Welcome to our July/August Newsletter

We have been very busy fundraising, taking in cats and kittens, finding them new homes but also, we find ourselves helping cats not in our care. It's very difficult to be made aware of cats in dreadful situations and not help as much as we can.

As you can see from the account figures from Anne further in this newsletter it is having a huge effect on our funds. As long as we continue fundraising as we do, we will be fine and that is thanks to everyone who donates items for us to sell and gives regular donations which are so important to us.

Thank you for all your support over these past years and long may it continue.

Shirley

Hi All

So here we are at another year end - how time flies.

The year end bank balance stands at £22,000 with revenues for the year up £7,000 on last year at £47,000. No surprises our biggest cost was vet fees of £40,000 - almost double what we spent last year. A fantastic 138 cats were homed and numerous ferals received the vet treatment they required. The figures for the year to June are below

I think a big well done to everyone involved with A Purrrfect Friend and here's to 2025/6!

Anne

A Purrfect Friend - Financial Review for year to June 2025

At the end of June 2025 A Purrfect Friend completed its 5th year of cat rehoming and fundraising. We continue to work hard to rehome as many cats as possible and fundraise in support of the charity. Here is a summary of results for our latest financial year compared to the prior year:-

	<u>Year to Jun25</u>	<u>Year to Jun24</u>
<u>Income generated</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Donations and pen sponsorship	18,867	12,658
Sale of donated goods	3,523	5,232
Fundraising events	16,703	14,689
Adoption fees	8,280	7,920
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<u>Costs</u>		
Vets fees	(40,324)	(20,794)
Cost of events	(1,965)	(2,577)
Fostering supplies	(6,470)	(5,389)
Other spend	(2,875)	(6,105)
Capital spend - new fostering pen	(5,884)	(7,628)
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	(57,518)	(42,493)
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Net income	(10,145)	(1,994)
Cats homed	138	132
Average cost per cat homed	£374	£264
Adoption fee per cat	£60	£60

During the year we rehomed 138 cats compared to 132 in 2023/24. Our vet fees have doubled this year partly due to inflation, but we have also spent c£12,000 as a result of trap/neuter/release work we have carried out to help control feral populations of cats in the area.

We continue to generate revenue from fundraising events and sales of donated goods but we are also very dependent on donations from all our kind supporters as adoption fees do not cover the high costs we incur in ensuring the cats are fit and healthy for rehoming. The numbers of supporters who make monthly donations or sponsor one of our fostering pens is increasing and we are very grateful for all your contributions. During the year we invested £5.9k in a new pen for a new fosterer who is already rehoming cats for us.

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. 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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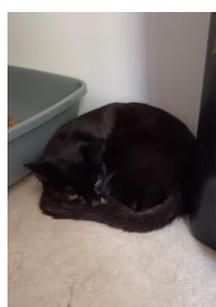
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Cats Needing Homes



Bruno and Oscar

Bruno and Oscar are a beautiful pair of tabby brothers. They are just a year old now. They have always been indoor cats but may enjoy a very safe garden or patio.



Cheeky

Cheeky is approximately 5 years old and lived for a stray for a good while after his owners abandoned him. He's a lovely black boy.

Cookie Dough

Cookie Dough is a really petite girl, she's only the size of 5 month old cat. She has a really friendly nature and will make a wonderful addition to any home.



Checkers

Checkers is 5 months old. He came into our care with his brother, Chess who needed cruciate ligament surgery on both legs. Checkers is ever so slightly timid but will soon come round. He does hiss at the kittens in the pen next to him so would be cautious in how he would get on with other cats.

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

Good News - all the cats featured in the last newsletter have been homed and the great thing is, we have found a home for the three cats who toilet inappropriately. Jackson, Minnie and Bellatrix have gone to live at a large farm in Samlesbury and are living their best lives. We are so pleased for them and extremely grateful to the lovely people on the farm who have given them this opportunity and the children who are keeping them entertained.



Bunty

Jess

Simba

Snuggles

We have homed a load of cats this last couple of months. The list includes Ruby, Pan, Rhea, Orion, Helios, Bongo, Zeus, Tilly2, Gus, Dill, Winston, Rocky, Oreo, Harry, Sally, Crunchie and Buttons and lots of kittens



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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.

May

Saturday 24th Jumble sale at St Leonard's Church Hall, £461.50

Saturday 31st Table top sale Church Rd Methodist Church, St Annes £ 51.00

June

Saturday 7th Craft stall. Watersports Centre, Fairhaven Lake, Ansdell £ 41.00

Sunday 8th Craft stall New Longton Village Hall, New Longton, £ 27.50

Sunday 8th Myerscough College Open Day £153.60

Saturday 14th Table top sale Lytham Methodist church, Lytham £ 47.00

Saturday 14th afternoon, tombola at Penwortham Gala, £292.00

Saturday 28th Jumble sale, St Leonard's church hall, Penwortham £681.50

Saturday 28^{1h} Table top sale. Church Rd Methodist church, St Annes £ 10.00

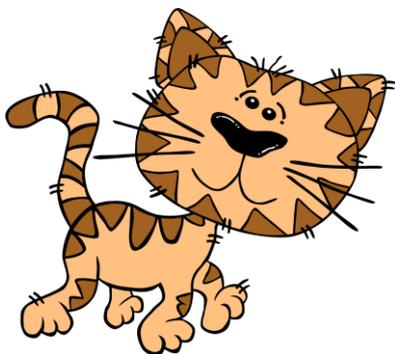
Saturday 28th Craft Fair, Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall, Slyne, £102.50

Sunday 29th Craft stall, Watersports Centre, Fairhaven Lake, Ansdell £ 3.00

Sunday 29th Homeless Hounds Fair £ 82.50

July

Saturday 5th Stall at LOSTOCK CARNIVAL £342.00



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Upcoming Events

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

July

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

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

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

August

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

Saturday 23rd, 11 am - noon Jumble sale at
St Leonard's church hall, Marshall's Brow, Penwortham, PR1 9JA

Saturday 23 /24th, 10 am – 4 pm, craft stall at
the Watersports Centre, Fairhaven Lake, Ansdell FY8 1BD

Monday 25th, 10 am – 4 pm, craft stall at
the Watersports Centre, Fairhaven Lake, Ansdell FY8 1BD

Saturday 30th, 9 am – noon, stall at table top sale at
Church Rd Methodist church, St Annes, FY8 3NQ

September

Saturday 6th **2 pm – 3:30 pm, A Purrfect Friend Cat Extravaganza at
St Leonard's church hall, Marshall's Brow, Penwortham, PR1 9JA**



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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.
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

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.



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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 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



Daisy

A contented girl on guard duty in her new home

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

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. Jasmine and her 4 kittens have all been homed. Tabitha's (the tabby girl from Blackpool Road), 5 kittens have also been homed. The other mum with Deborah is Posy and the kittens continue to do well. Yet another mum and kittens have come in to Deborah, this time a beautiful black girl and her litter. They will be ready for homing soon. Deborah has also been looking after Molly, who came into our care when her owner died. As very often happens in these situations, Molly is very withdrawn, but we are doing our best to help her. Finally, in the 4th pen is Elmo, is a gorgeous red tabby who turned up as a stray in a rural part of our area.

At Shirley's, after months in our care, Jackson, Minnie and Bellatrix have finally gone to a new outdoor home. We were notified of 12 kittens having been abandoned at a vets practice. The kittens were from probably 3 different litters. Thankfully, with some help from some kind people, the 12 kittens were collected by our friend Emma and 4 of the kittens found rescue homes and the other 8 came to Shirley. Tabbies Sam and Bonzo have found homes, but the other 6 black and white kittens will be in care a while longer. This is because of our policy to blood test for FIV and FeLV which is only appropriate at 12 weeks old. What we do find disturbing is that there are 3 unneutered female cats out there somewhere.

In Lucy's pen with Louise were Snuggles and her 6 kittens. They have all been homed now and the next plan was for Louise to have a feral mum and her litter of young kittens in the hope of taming the kittens and returning the mum to site. Sadly, mum had other ideas and hasn't yet been caught. Nor have her kittens apart from little Lily. Lily, a pretty little tortoiseshell tabby, soon found a new home. For now, Tabitha is in Lucy's pen.

Cheryll has Steven's pen. After Tilly, Tilly 2 arrived with her three kittens and sadly the kittens were unwell and one little one lost her fight for life. The other 2 thrived with Cheryll's TLC and mum and babies have been homed. She now has Elsie with her five kittens. Elsie has had a couple of trips to the vets to settle her stomach. We seem to be on the right side now.

Our newest pen, Mr D'arcy's Pen is home to Oscar and Bruno who we hope find a new home soon. These brothers are only a year old.

I feel like a broken record but please encourage everyone to get their cats neutered. There is help available and no reason why people don't get their cats done.



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Vets4Pets and other rescue groups

Vets4 Pets have been amazing with admitting feral cats for neutering without notice. The very nature of trapping ferals is its unpredictability and the staff at the Capital Centre do everything they can to accommodate them. A big thank you to their staff.

It's important for rescue groups to work together and this a great example is Chess who will be available for adoption in a few weeks. I mentioned in the Sponsorship news that we have a 4/ month-old cat who needed cruciate ligament surgery. The surgery, blood test and vaccinations have been paid for by South Ribble Cat Welfare Trust and the Neutering and Microchip have been paid for by Lancashire Cat Rescue.

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.



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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. 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

E-mail: contactus@purrfectfriendcatrescue.org

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Treasurer	Anne Kelleher
Homing Officer and Secretary	Deborah Murphy
Fundraising Team Leader	Phyl Pearson



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“Spudescapades” number 23

June/July 2025

It’s that time again, doesn’t it come round fast! As always I’ve been a busy little beaver with cat shows and shoots etc.



Cat Shows. I have had just one cat show since the last newsletter and it was my last one, in competition anyway. I have decided I no longer like being taken in and out of the pen by judges and I certainly don’t like the strange (sometimes VERY strange!) cats next to me so mummy has said I can retire. I have achieved a high Olympian title so I have done well and I have not retired altogether, I will still be going out on what they call “exhibition” which means I get a big pen to lounge in and everyone can come and admire me. I like that MUCH better! If you live near Northwich and would like to meet me, you can come and see me at the British Ragdoll Cat Club show on July 19th at the Weaverham Community Centre, Weaverham near Northwich, it opens at 12.30 and I’d love to meet some of you.



Modelling- I have been busy again with trip for a tv shoot. Sadly the shoot itself didn’t happen for various reasons but I did get a posh trailer to wait in with my name on the door and still got paid so APF got a donation from it. I then did another shoot for Scruffs, I can’t show any photos with the products on as they haven’t been released yet but I can show you one mummy took in the studio.



Media - Well, June was an amazing month, I was on the BBC! Mummy and I did an interview for BBC North West Tonight and I was on THREE times, then on their social media and then on “That’s TV Lancashire”,



then in the Lancashire Post and finally in Yours magazine! If you didn’t see the interview on the BBC and would like to you should be able to here -

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1207171323941880&rdid=C10BB1bCCvFCNO42vimeo>

Finally, my soft toys are on their way! I should be able to give you details on how to buy it – if you want to – in the next newsletter and as always with any “purrchandise” APF will get a third of the profits.

You can follow me or message me 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](https://twitter.com/CatSpud) / X plus I also have my own website at www.spudthecatwithatash.co.uk



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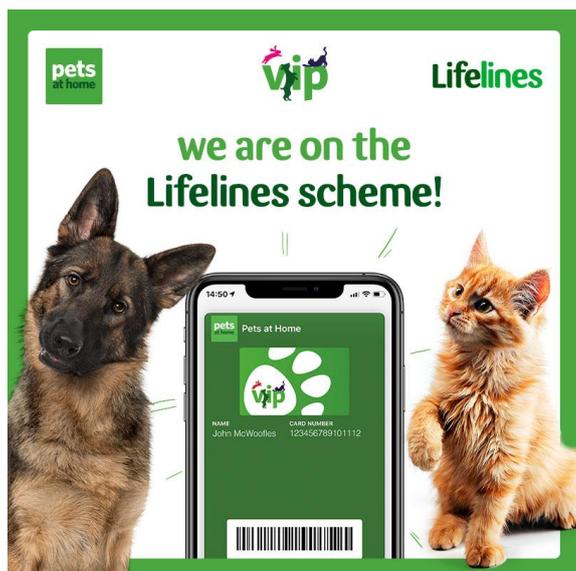
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Scanning

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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