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Hello,

Welcome to our "winter" newsletter.

Firstly, I have a very sincere apology to make with reference to your email addresses having been shared with the rest of your fellow supporters. This most definitely should not have happened. I always bcc email addresses when I send the newsletter but obviously something went array with the last one. From now on, I will send it to you individually and not risk a repeat of this error.

So, please enjoy the rest of the email, to say our volunteers have been busy is a bit of an understatement.

I wish you a very Peaceful Christmas season and a hope 2026 is a good year for all,

It is with great sorrow that I need to let you know that Deborah our Homing Officer and Trustee of 'A Purrrfect Friend' passed away on Friday 8th November.

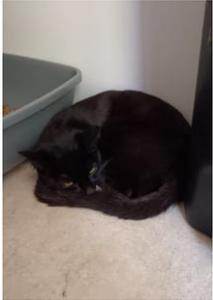
Deborah hadn't been well for a few weeks, but her passing has been a huge shock to all her friends. She will be sorely missed.

We would like to offer our deepest sympathy to her family.

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Cats Needing Homes

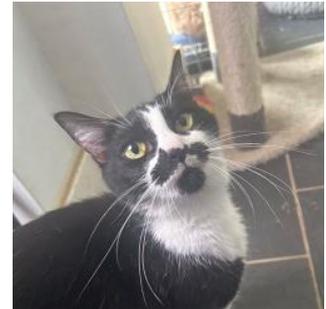


Cheeky

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.

Luna

Luna has been a good mum to Twiglet and Cracker (she had a third kitten who very sadly didn't make it). She's a very friendly girl but we wouldn't recommend a home with young children.



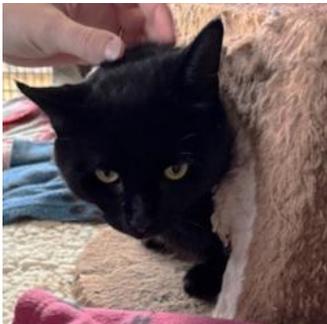
Twiglet and Cracker

Twiglet is a beautiful 12 week old little girl with Cracker a 12 week old boy



Jack

Just one remaining kitten from a litter of 6.



Henry

Henry was abandoned along with his brother Cheeky. It took a while for neighbours to realise that they were living on the streets. He is a nice cat but maybe take a week or two to settle.

Chess

A 9 month old boy. Born with hip issues that has been corrected by surgery when he was 4 months old. He is a friendly boy but would be better in an indoor home. It's possible he may need further corrective surgery in future years but so far he has no issues. If further surgery is needed APF will be willing to assist with the operation cost.



Plum, Jelly,

We have two left of a litter of kittens looking for new homes.



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Cyril

A beautiful tabby boy. Brought to us as a stray but with a lot of love to share. He is around 3 years old and looking for a home to call his own.

Figaro.

A 3 year old friendly boy. Figaro is looking for his new adventure. He has a lot of love to give.



Rain-Bow

I am a super friendly love bug boy who likes to investigate everything. I am almost 5 months old. I do have an adopted big sister called midnight. She is an extremely timid girl but I am showing her that humans are great and she is coming round slowly. I would love to find a home where we can both go and mignight and come round in her own time.

Mano

When she came into our care she was pregnant and gave birth 24th July. She had 3 beautiful kittens, 2 of whom are reserved, the 3rd Tank is still available for adoption. Mano is very playful and friendly. Her photo is blurred because she loves to be close to you



Tank

A cheeky boy, the last remaining kitten from his mother Mano's litter of 3



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



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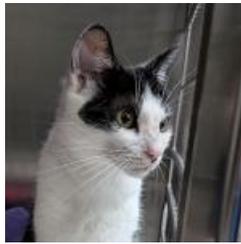
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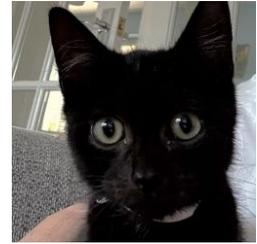
Geezer and Jack



Gaia



Ralph



Bobby



Molly



Cloudy and Storm



Damson homed

Also homed are: Petra, Winston, Minnie, Ozzy, Peter, Badger, Pingu and Fox

We hope all the homed cats enjoy their Christmas in their new homes and we would love to hear how they have settled – or taken over



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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.

September

Saturday 20 th	Vets 4 Pets Capitol Centre Open Day, Walton-le-Dale	£1,360.00
Saturday 27 th	table top sale Church Rd Methodist church, St Annes	£ 31.50
Saturday 27 th	Jumble sale St Leonard's church hall, Penwortham	£ 593.50
Saturday 27/28 th	Craft Stall Watersports Centre, Fairhaven Lake, Ansdell	£ 55.50

October

Saturday 4/5 th	Craft stall World of Water, Preston New Rd, -Westby, Blackpool	£ 75.50
Saturday 11 th	Table Top, Lytham Methodist, Lytham	£ 50.90
	Craft De-clutter stall	£ 46.50
	Car Boot, Park Hall, Charnock Richard	£ 110.00
Sunday 12 th	Craft stall New Longton Village Hall, New Longton, Nr Preston.	£ 27.50
Saturday 18 th	Happy Cats Autumn Fair, Accrington	£ 75.50
Saturday 19 th	Craft Fair, St Marys Community Centre, Leyland	£ 30.00
Saturday 25 th	Jumble sale St Leonard's Church Hall, Penwortham,	£ 529.00
Saturday 25/26 th	Craft stall Watersports Centre, Fairhaven Lake, Ansdell	£ 47.50

November

Saturday 1 st	Stall at animal charities fair, Hoghton Village Hall, Hoghton,	£ 346.50
Saturday 1 st	Table Top, Lytham Methodist, Lytham	£ 58.00
Sunday 9 th	Craft stall, New Longton Village Hall, New Longton, PR4 4BD	£ 46.50



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Upcoming Events

November

Thursday 13th Evening, craft stall at
St Teresa's social club, Queensway, Penwortham, PR1 0DS

Saturday 15th 11 am - noon Jumble sale at
St Leonard's Church Hall, Marshall's Brow, Penwortham, PR1 9JA

Sat/Sun 15/16th 10 am – 4 pm, craft stall at the
Watersports Centre, Fairhaven Lake, Ansdell FY8 1BD

**Saturday 22nd 2 pm – 3:30 pm, A Purrfect Friend Christmas Fair at
St Leonard's church hall, Marshall's Brow, Penwortham, PR1 9JA**



A busy day at the Summer Extravaganza

Saturday 30th 11 am - 3 pm, Longton Winter Wonderland event – craft stall at
Romano's Italian Restaurant.

December

Monday 1st 6 pm – 9 pm, tombola at Kingsfold Christmas Market,
Pope Lane, Penwortham.

Saturday 6th 9 am – 4 pm, craft stall at
World of Water, Preston New Rd, -Westby, Blackpool PR4 3PE

Wednesday 10th 6 pm – 9 pm, tombola at Liverpool Road Christmas market,
Liverpool Road, Penwortham

Friday 12th 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm, Christmas Fair, New Longton School
Hugh Barn Lane, New Longton, Preston PR4 4XA

Saturday 13th 11am - 2pm Christmas Fair, Happy Cats Hyndburn
Woodnook Community Centre, Roads Street, Accrington

Sunday 14th 10 am – 3:30 pm craft stall at
New Longton Village Hall, Boundary Close, New Longton, Nr Preston. PR4 4BD



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Vets4Pets Neutering Day

On Sunday 26th October, **Vets4Pets** opened up their surgery for neutering 27 cats. As you can imagine, this was no mean feat.

Quick run-down of the morning:

Firstly, **Vets4Pets** sits within **Pets at Home** and they don't open on Sunday until 11am. Thank you **Pets at Home** for opening the doors at 8am for us to access the Vets.

Secondly, we had to collect many of the cats. Thanks to Beki, Shan and Louise for finding enough cat carriers and travelling round South Ribble at 8 on a Sunday morning.

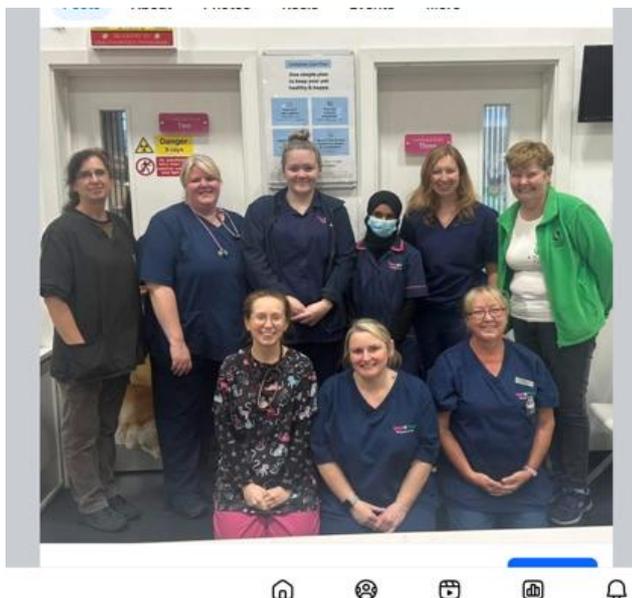
When we arrived at the Vets with lots of cats, the team were ready to go. Each person was sure of the role they had to undertake, and it was executed to perfection.

More outdoor cats arrived brought in by the lady who has been feeding them.

By 9am all the cats had arrived.

It was a long day, and I cannot thank the amazing staff (*who incidentally worked for free*) enough. It was 5.30 when I dropped off the last cats in Penwortham and I was certainly ready for home.

I do want to mention that this whole exercise was funded by one amazing lady for whom neutering is her absolute passion.



So thank you, thank you, thank you

Shirley



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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-jackief33> 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: 'kitonepurrone', 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.

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 several pens named, Isabelle, Alfie, Pringle, Marybeth, Marybeth1, Lucy, Shadrack, Steven and our newest, Mr Darcy. You will receive bi-monthly updates and photos of the cats and kittens in your chosen pen.



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Sponsorship and Pen News

Hello, following the very sad passing of Deborah, our current foster spaces are reduced to 11.

Deborah's 4 pens will be relocated in due course, but it's going to take a while. They are Marybeth, Marybeth 1, Shadrack's and Pringle's pens. We haven't managed to find new homes for the pens so please do get in touch if you are interested in fostering for us.

We currently have pens, 4 spaces at Myerscough and 2 indoor fosterers.

The four pens at Deborah's are Shadrack's, Pringle's, Marybeth and Marybeth 1. The cats that were at Deborah's are Molly and Gaia which have been homed and Eleanor and her four kittens we moved to Cathy's. Lilly we moved to Moss Farm Cattery. Thank you to Cathy and Mary for helping out at such short notice.

At Shirley's, the one little boy is still waiting; he's called Jack and he's beautiful, now 18 weeks old and neutered. We sincerely hope he will be in a new home soon. In Isabelles pen we have Chess who has been with us a while as he was born with hip issues. Due to some amazing surgery (thanks to Suanne Bly) *funded by Lancashire Cat Rescue and SRPCC Cat Welfare Trust*, Chess is now ready for his first proper (indoor) home. If he needs further surgery in years to come, this will be funded by APF.

In Lucy's pen with Louise the litter of young black kittens have been difficult to socialise and two have gone to a lovely outdoor home, as has Tabitha who is living her best life. We still have Rocco, Void and Galaxy looking for new homes.

Cheryll has Steven's pen. There has been lots of movement between Cheryll and Cathy, one of our indoor fosterers. Cathy now has the last two of Elsie's kittens, Plum and Jelly. Mano and her kittens have all been homed and Steven's pen will be occupied again very soon. From our newest pen, Mr D'Arcy's, Louise and Alistair have also fallen in love with Winston, a very handsome fluffy back boy, who is very close to Alice, so he's staying too. In Mr D'Arcy's pen are Panda and PJ, 2 year old brothers who are patiently waiting for their new home.

The two double pens at Deborah's home need new homes. If you are considering fostering, please do get in touch. We already have some amazing volunteers who are willing and able to help move the pens in due course.



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Trap, Neuter and Return

**A Purrfect Friend
TNR fundraising Appeal**



We are a non-profit charity, dedicated to rehoming abandoned and stray cats and the trap, neuter, return of feral cats. We have recently been involved in the neutering of very large (30+ cats) feral colonies and this has severely reduced our funds, which we need to replace to continue this vital work.

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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

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Treasurer	Anne Kelleher
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Fundraising Team Leader	Phyl Pearson



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October/November 2025

How can we possibly be up to Spudescapade 25 AND November!

Cat Shows. I once again strutted my stuff in my posh pen on Saturday 20th September at the Cheshire and Selkirk Rex cat shows in St Helens. Lots of people came to see me and I gained several new admirers. I also had a little walk round the hall which was fun. If anyone is near Stockport I will be at another one there at the Masonic Hall on Saturday 6th December.



Modelling etc – I had a few quiet months but did a fabulous shoot in November for Scruffs (PetsLoveScruffs) cat trees. We went on location to a HUGE house which was so posh it had one of those taps that acts as a kettle! The cat trees I modelled are amazing and I am hoping mummy gets me one for Christmas. I also have a BIG shoot coming up on the 21st November when I am once again off to film for a BBC series – watch this space!

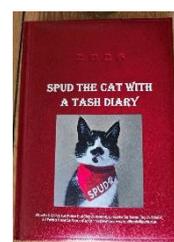
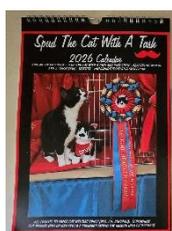
Meet and greet - The Animal Charity Fair at Houghton Village Hall on the 1st November was the best! I had lots of visitors and I even met a cockatiel!!! I



also met the Deputy Mayor of South Ribble and his Lady Mayoress. We raised lots of money and the Purrchandise stall had a very good day. My next meet and greets will be at the Purrfect Friend Christmas Fair on Saturday 22nd November at St Leonards Church hall and at the Happy Cats Hyndburn Christmas Fair in the Woodnook Centre in Accrington on Saturday December 13th if you want to meet me.



Fundraising - I would really love to meet a huge target this year for my 3 charities, I am trying to get to £2000 EACH. It is a long shot but if anyone wants to help then do come to the stall at one of my meet and greet events, or contact me direct on Facebook or at spudthecatwithatash@outlook.com. I still have some A4 2026 wall calendars and lovely padded 2026 A5 desk diaries AND my toy is available too! Limited numbers of each are available from the stall or by contacting me direct. Calendars are £5 each, the diary is £9.50 and the toy is £16 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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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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