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Hello,

Hello everyone and welcome to our first newsletter of 2026.

I hope Christmas and the New Year holiday were good for you, but I know many people have been poorly. The gastric flu bug has been particularly nasty but perhaps now we have had a cold snap, the bugs and viruses will go away.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all those people who have gone the extra mile (or a hundred miles in some cases) to help keep our charity running after the loss of Deborah in November. On a personal level, I am extremely grateful to you all, it has been a very sad time.

But keep going we do, and we have found homes for several cats and taken more into our care which are detailed below. Together with Lancashire Cat Rescue we have carried out some trap, neuter and return to site jobs which we sincerely hope will help prevent quite so many unwanted feral kittens in this coming year.

Thank you for your continued support, it really means a lot

Shirley





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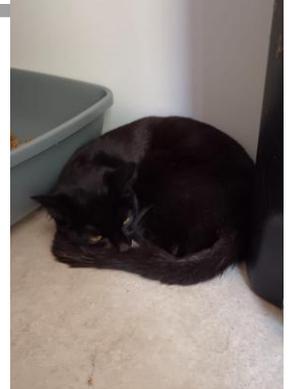
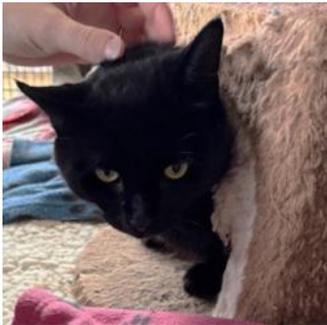
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Cats

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.



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 may take a week or two to settle.

Chess

Chess is 11 months old but very small for his age. He was born with double luxating patella's which were corrected when he was 4 months old. He is a super friendly boy and will make a great pet. Due to his size, extensive blood tests have been carried out but there appears to be nothing wrong with him. It was thought he may be prone to bone fractures but an X-ray this week showed very good bone density. He was retaining some of his baby teeth, but they have been removed and he is fine. It may be that he has problems with his knees in the future but if that is the case, APF would pay for any corrective surgery carried out in South Ribble.



Murphy

Murphy might have a sister called Gina but we're not quite sure. They came in together from a multi cat household. He is about 8 months old. We'd like them to go to a home together, but he can go on own if that's not possible. He is a bit shy and need some time to relax and get used to his new home.



Gina

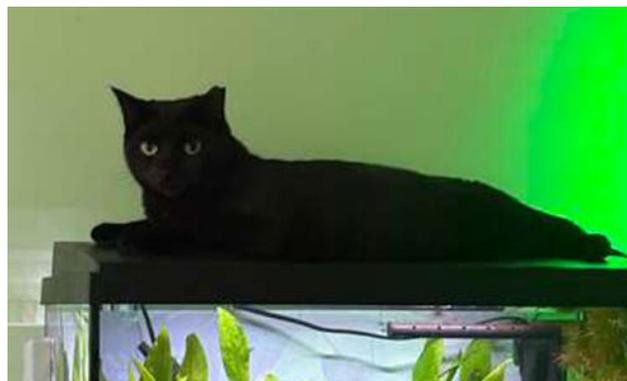
Gina might have a brother called Murphy but we're not quite sure. They came in together from a multi cat household and are about 8 months old. We'd like them to go to a home together but can go in their own if that's not possible. They are a bit shy and need some time to relax and get used to their new home.



Kevin and his sister Katie need a home together if possible. They are timid and need an understanding, accepting home that gives them time to come home. They're reserved but could be love bugs in know. But we do deserve of a loving home. They're about 15 months old and they should be fine with other cats, which would be ideal if they go



separately



Midnight

We think called that because she only came out at the dead of night so nobody could see her. She is scared and timid and had to fight for every meal and also, expecting kittens to add to her woes. A magical night occurred when Cheryll and Shirley, the dynamic duo, caught her took her to live in a lovely warm foster home with some cheeky kittens who helped her understand humans are kind. She doesn't want to go outside ever again. That's

why she is looking for a forever home with someone special who understands her anxiety at the sight of humans. She doesn't hide all the time now and likes to sleep on top of the fish tank. She has never let anyone stroke her as so scared, but the kittens have given her confidence. We would like her to have some cat friends or be with a kitten that isn't fazed that she is a bit of a worrier. It will take long time to get used to a new home and all the changes so an experienced, understanding, patient family would be ideal. As you can see her ear has been my ear tipped, but she won't be able to go and live outside again.

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



Luna



Twiglet and Cracker



Jack



Figaro



Rain-Bow



Mano



Tank
Jelly and Plum



Cyril



Also, Lilly, Duncan, Murphy, Void, Galaxy, Todd and Alice and Eleanor and her kittens, Souffle, Torte, Trifle and Strudel, Nancy, Rocco, Dave, Steve, Paddy, Matilda (now Poppy), Winston, Leo, Geezer (now Sooty), Murphy (now Woody), Panda, JT, Jack (now Smudge) Lily, Timmy and Talulah

We also took in Heidi Alaska, one of Deborah's cats, and have managed to find a very special couple to adopt her. We hope this lovely girl will be very happy in her new home.



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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.

November

Thursday 13 th	Craft stall at St Teresa's social club, Queensway, Penwortham	£ 63.00
Saturday 15 th	Jumble sale, St Leonard's Church Hall, Penwortham	£ 560.40
Sunday 16 th	Craft stall at Watersports Centre, Fairhaven Lake, Ansdell	£ 65.00
Saturday 22nd	Christmas Fair at St Leonard's church hall, Penwortham	£1737.50
Saturday 29 th	Craft stall, Conservative Club, Lostock Hall	£ 50.00
Saturday 30 th	Craft stall at Romano's Italian Restaurant.	£ 82.50

December

Monday 1 st	Tombola at Kingsfold Christmas Market, Penwortham.	£ 149.00
Friday 5 th	Xmas Fair, Much Hoole School	£ 53.71
Friday 5 th	Xmas Fair, Hutton Village	£ 32.50
Saturday 6 th	Craft stall World of Water, Preston New Rd, -Westby	£ 84.00
Saturday 6 th	Craft Stall, Chorley Library	£ 20.00
Sunday 7 th	Craft stall at Watersports Centre, Fairhaven Lake, Ansdell	£ 3.50
Wednesday 10 th	Tombola at Liverpool Road Christmas market, Penwortham	£ 309.00
Friday 12 th	Christmas Fair, New Longton School, New Longton	£ 30.00
Saturday 13 th	Christmas Fair, Happy Cats Hyndburn	£ 104.50
Saturday 13 th	Table Top, Lytham	£ 79.50
Sunday 14 th	Craft stall at New Longton Village Hall, New Longton	£ 21.50



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Upcoming Events

February

- Sunday 8th 10 am – 3:30 pm craft stall at New Longton Village Hall, Boundary Close, New Longton, Nr Preston. PR4 4BD
- Saturday 14th 9 am – 12:30 pm, stall at table top sale at Lytham Methodist church
6 Park St, FY8 5LU
- Saturday 28th 11 am - noon Jumble sale at St Leonard's church hall, Marshall's Brow, Penwortham, PR1 9JA

March

- Saturday 7th 2pm – 3:30 pm, A Purrfect Friend Spring Fair at St Leonard's Church Hall Marshall's Brow, Penwortham, PR1 9JA**
- Sunday 8th 10 am – 3:30 pm craft stall at New Longton Village Hall, Boundary Close, New Longton, Nr Preston. PR4 4BD
- Saturday 14th 9 am – 12:30 pm, stall at table top sale at Lytham Methodist church,
6 Park St, Lytham FY8 5LU
- Saturday 21st 11 am – 2 pm, stall at Happy Cats Hyndburn Easter Fair, Sea Cadets, Harvey St, Oswaldtwistle, Accrington, BB5 3LT.
- Saturday 28th 11 am - noon Jumble sale at St Leonard's church hall
Marshall's Brow, Penwortham, PR1 9JA

April

- Monday 6th Tombola at Egg Rolling Day at Avenham Park.**
- Saturday 11th 9 am – 12:30 pm, stall at tabletop sale at
Lytham Methodist church, 6 Park St, FY8 5LU
- Sunday 12th 10 am – 3:30 pm craft stall at New Longton Village Hall,
Boundary Close, New Longton, Nr Preston. PR4 4BD
- Saturday 26th 11 am - noon Jumble sale at St Leonard's Church hall,
Marshall's Brow, Penwortham, PR1 9JA



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Vets4Pets

We would like to thank the girls from Pets4Pets are training hard to do a half marathon for 'A Purrfect Friend' in May. Donations through our new JustGiving page will be greatly appreciated.



Rebecca's story

My name is Beki and I work at Preston Capitol Vets for Pets. We work very closely with the wonderful A Purrfect Friend Cat Rescue, who do incredible work helping stray and abandoned cats across Preston and South Ribble 🐱

To help raise much-needed funds for this amazing rescue, four of our brilliant colleagues have decided to take on a huge challenge — running a half marathon 🏃🏃

They're training hard, putting in the miles, and pushing themselves every week. So far, the furthest they've run is 13K... but a half marathon is a massive 21K 🏃🏃

That's a lot of sore legs, early mornings, and determination — all for the cats 🐾 Every penny raised will go directly towards helping A Purrfect Friend Cat Rescue continue their vital work:

- Providing medical care
- Supporting foster homes
- Rehabilitating injured or unwell cats
- Giving vulnerable cats the second chance they deserve ❤️



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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: 'knitonepurrone', kathryn1804, apurf-0 & 'shirleyc4534
 - https://www.justgiving.com/charity/a_purrfect
 - Finally, the food bin at Penwortham Booths and Penwortham Tesco continues to be well supported by customers.



Homings



Nancy and Rocco enjoying themselves in their new home



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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.

Trap, Neuter and Return



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Sponsorship and Pen News

Hello, following the very sad passing of Deborah, our current foster spaces are reduced to 11 spaces. 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, or perhaps, another use for one of the double pens in which case we can negotiate a cost.

At Shirley's, Jack now has a wonderful new home, and we have moved Kevin and Katie into Alfie's pen.

In Isabelle's pen we have Chess who has been with us a while as he was born with hip issues. Thanks 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, Rocco, Void and Galaxy have all got new homes and we have recently admitted Luna, a 4 year old black and white girl. She will be ready for adoption in a couple of weeks.

Cheryll has Steven's pen and a new occupant, Lilly. Lilly was extremely poorly when she came into our care. We were told she had been found in a box, and she was then taken to Ribble Vets in Preston. Ribble Vets were not in a position to take her, so she was taken to Vets4Pets. She looked pregnant, but sadly she wasn't carrying kittens, she had extremely large (larger than a golf ball) ovarian cysts. All that is sorted, but we are currently struggling with her toileting. Perhaps this is the reason someone put her in box and dumped her. If she hadn't come into our care, there is no doubt she would have died. We will update you in due course.

From our newest pen, Mr D'Arcy's, Panda and JT have the best home and since the last newsletter lovely kitten Paddy (I scooped him up from a trapping job when he was about 4 weeks old) has gone to his new home, tested and fully vaccinated. Louise and Alistair currently have 9 year old Lucky, who has been reserved today and will be going to her new home next week.



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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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Committee	Jackie Lord



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December 2025/January 2026

Well, here we are in a new year and I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year and that 2026 is good to all of you.

Cat Shows.



My last cat show of 2025 was in December at the Masonic Hall in Stockport. I was once again in my posh pen and the chap I acted with in a Yorkshire Building Society advert way back in 2022, and who had got back in touch during 2026 and came all the way from Yorkhire to visit me! I also had a lovely walk around the fabulous reception area at the hall.



Modelling etc – After a few quiet months I was out filming again in November for a BBC series, it was very exciting and I got to meet one of the main actors in the show who just loved me and asked to be able to take my picture!!! I have another one coming up in February, again top secret, but it is BIG! I can't wait until it is out and I can tell you all about it. We almost had an accident though cos when we went for lunch I tried to jump on a chair but knocked it and I fell over into some stacked folding tables and they all fell down, one after the other dominos! Luckily none of us were in the way so we didn't get hurt but it was so funny seeing mummy's look of horror at what I'd done!

Meet and greet -



My last meet and greets of 2025 were at the Purrfect Friend Christmas Fair in November and at the Happy Cats Hyndburn Christmas Fair in Accrington in December . As always I had great fun and got to meet loads of people, both old friends and new ones. My next outing is the the Purrfect Friend Spring Fair at St Leonards Church Hall in Penwortham on Saturday 7th March so do come along and meet me and support A Purrfect Friend. Also on 14th March I will be at a cat show at Robin Park Leisure Centre in Wigan, and on 21st at the Happy Cats Spring fair at the Sea Cadets hall in Oswaldtwistle if you are local. It's going to be a busy Spring!



Fundraising – 2025 was an amazing year and at the end of it I raised **£2,250** for EACH of my three charities, including A Purrfect Friend. I am now into my 2026 fundraising so let's see how I do! I still have some A4 2026 wall calendars and lovely padded 2026 A5 desk diaries left so if you still need or want one they are very good value! Limited numbers of each are available from the stall or by contacting me direct on Facebook or at spudthecatwithatash@outlook.com. 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 \(@CatSpud\)](#) / 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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