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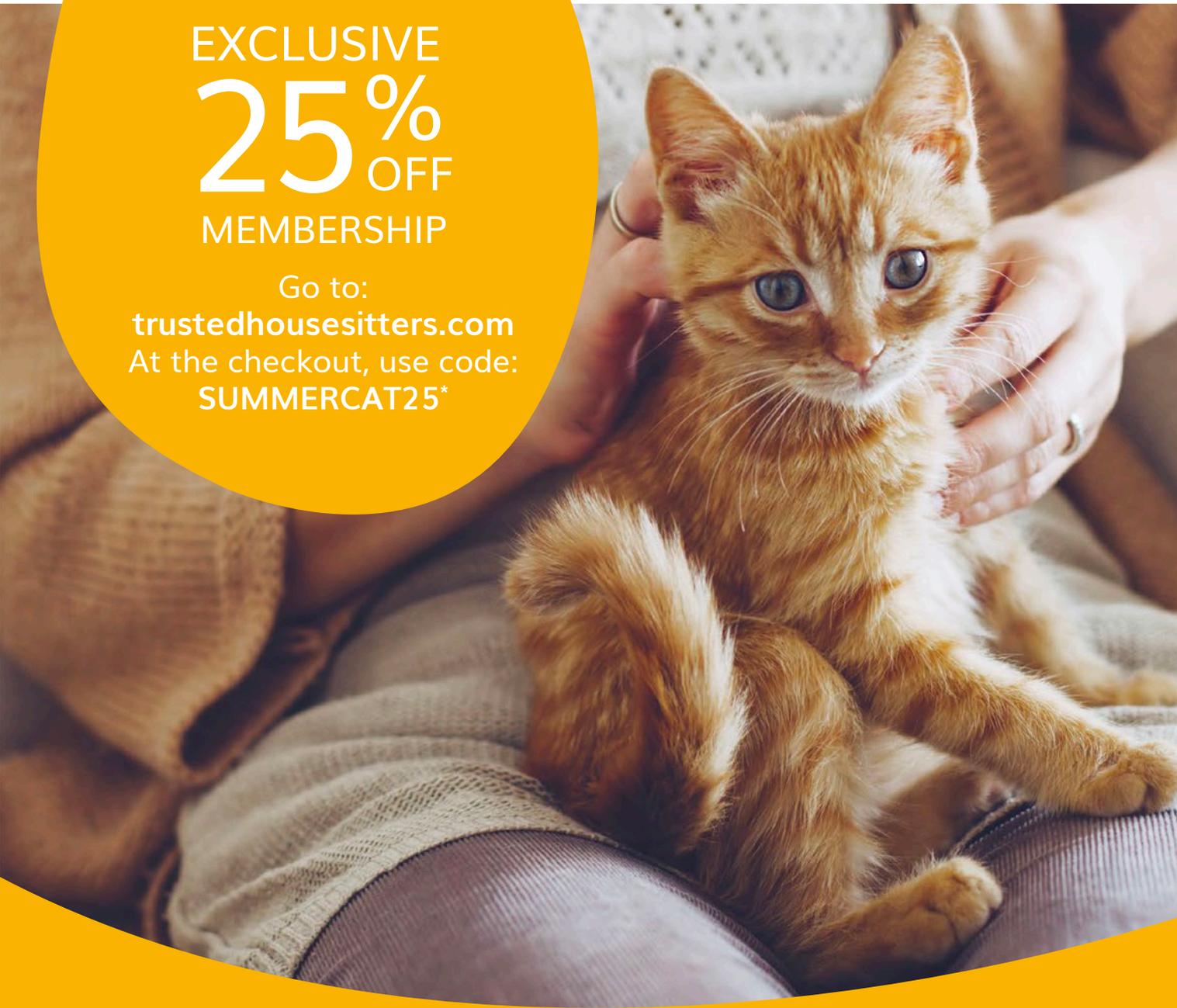
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Hail, glorious summer! Oh, I sincerely hope I haven't
 jinxed that now, but after a rather boisterous winter we
 surely deserve some long, sunny days. Our feline friends
 will certainly be enjoying a snooze in the sun as well as
 a wander in the garden, but not all plants are feline-friendly.
 On page 22 we have a great infographic about the flora that cat
 owners should avoid or approach with caution.

There is a bit of a food theme to this issue. On pages 16 and
 17 Steve Ainsworth gives us a brief history of cat food; from the
 cat's meat man to today's commercial feline fare. Then on pages
 28 to 30 Dr Sarah Elliott debunks some of the cat food myths –
 it's a two-parter because there was just too much to digest in
 one issue! Dr Hilda Kean also touches on the food rations aspect
 of cats during the Second World War on pages 36 to 38.

Dan Davies dares to make the comparison between dogs and
 cats on pages 18 to 20 – who will win this popularity battle? And
 on pages 42 and 43 we go Behind the Scenes of a celebrity visit to
 the National Cat Adoption Centre. Comedian Bob Mortimer graced
 us with his presence, met a number of cats, named them and also
 contributed some of his artwork to raise funds. What a guy!

Cats Protection works alongside a number of other animal
 welfare charities in the belief that together we can make an
 even greater difference to the lives of cats across the UK and
 beyond. Our friends at International Cat Care have launched a
 Declaration of Responsibilities to Cats and they'd love to have
 your support on this. You can learn more on pages 34 and 35.

Enjoy the warmer weather and we'll be back at the end
 of August!

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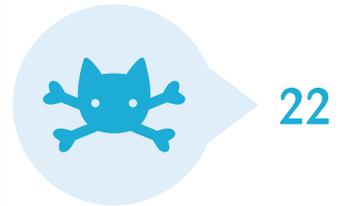
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Weird reasons for giving up cats

Cats Protection takes in thousands of pet cats that are given up by their owners each year.

Usually the reason given is something like moving into a rented property with a 'no pets' policy or behaviour issues the owner can no longer cope with, but recently the charity has seen a worrying spike in more unusual reasons.

Bizarre reasons for people wanting to give up their cat include:

- spirits telling a cat to knock ornaments off shelves

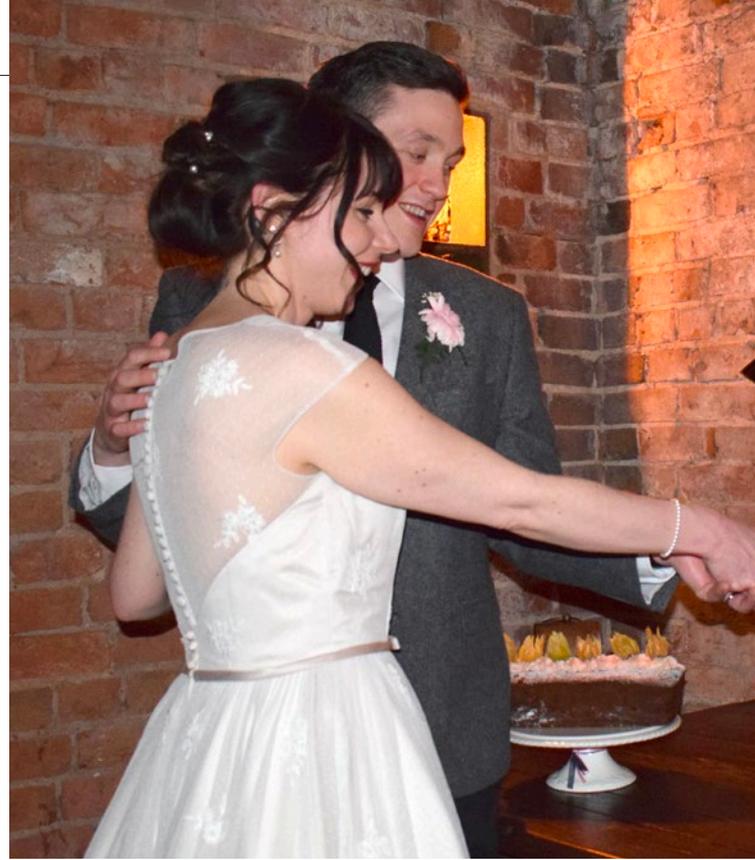
- the cat causing damage to a model train set
- frustration that kittens acquired online and believed to be female were in fact male
- the cat cannot be 'unsayed'

As a result of this worrying trend, the charity is urging owners to think carefully before adopting a new feline friend.

"Although these reasons for giving up a cat may seem light-hearted on the surface, they highlight how important it is to research the impact of bringing a cat into a household and how a cat



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may impact the home environment," says Cats Protection's London Region Centre Manager, Michelle Igoe.

"Cats are engaging, fun and loving but care must be taken to ensure their needs are met and they can express their natural behaviours. At Cats Protection we look forward to taking the time to get to know prospective owners to ensure they fit the cat and the cat fits them."

Is your cat left – or right-pawed?

When they're reaching for their favourite toy or a tasty treat, you may have noticed that your cat prefers to use a particular paw.

According to new research, their preference may actually be down to their gender, with female

moggies more likely to use their right paw and males more likely to use their left.

Researchers at Queen's University Belfast studied 24 male and 20 female cats as they went about their everyday activities at home.

They observed the cats as they were reaching for food, stepping down the stairs, or stepping over objects, and noticed that the majority were consistent in using a particular paw for the task. The male cats showed a significant preference for using their left paw, while the female cats were more inclined to use their right.

Unsurprisingly the cats did not seem to have a preference when sleeping, as they would happily snooze while lying on either side of their body!



A moggy-themed wedding

When Cats Protection fosterer Katrina Midgley got engaged, there was only one theme she wanted for her wedding.

Cats played a big part in her big day, from a cat cake-topper and cat bunting to adorable table decorations depicting some of the kittens she has fostered.

Katrina said: "While I have genuinely loved and cared for every single

kitten that has been in my care, some just stole my heart. These special kitties were chosen and we got an artist called Ben Cameron to draw each of them for the tables. Luckily the people who work in Shustoke Farm Barns where we got married are all cat lovers too so everyone from the bar staff to the chef came to see the name cards – they caused quite a stir!

"This is now my fourth year of fostering for Peterborough Cats Protection, after adopting our cats Evelyn and Maud from them. My now husband Mike pushed me to take up fostering as he knows I wanted to do something to help.

"It was lovely to include something so important to us into our wedding day and make it so personal. We are framing each card and we are going to hang them in our 'kitten room' where we house the foster kittens so that we have a beautiful

reminder of them and of our wedding that we can look at every day."

Support Cats Protection when you shop at AmazonSmile!

Cats Protection is now signed up to benefit from AmazonSmile. This is a scheme which enables Amazon customers to donate to a charity of their choice every time they shop, at no extra cost to them.

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Sleeping cuties

To mark National Sleep Awareness Week (12-16 March) we asked our social media supporters



to share photos of the most unusual, and perhaps uncomfortable, places that their cats take a nap. We've put the top 10 photos, with 10 facts about cats and sleep on our Meow blog <http://bit.ly/CP-Meow-sleeping> The photos include a fluffy cat resting its head on a box of eggs, a ginger-and-white cat sleeping in a fruit bowl and a tabby face down in a box of tissues.

Cats tend to sleep an average of 16 hours a day, on and off, which might be why you believe your cat does more sleeping than anything else. In fact, they sleep so much that by the time a cat is nine years old it will only have been awake for three years of its life! ▶





Swale Branch raising funds

Pets at Home fundraiser raises more cash for unwanted kitties

A big thank you to Pets at Home and Support Adoption For Pets for their support at our three-day fundraising weekend. The event took place across all 450 Pets at Home stores from Friday 23 to Sunday 25 March and has so far raised over £39,000 from in-store fundraising and branch fundraising activities, with funds still coming in!

Funds were raised in store from sales of two bespoke *Simon's Cat* pin badges, donations of 50p at the till which could help a cat in our care and through further donations at the till. Over 100 of our branches and centres also attended their local stores to run their own fundraising activities too!

Huge thanks to Support Adoption For Pets and Pets at Home for this sixth fundraising and awareness weekend. Thank you also to *Simon's Cat* for providing the two designs for the pin badges

and to all our supporters who visited a Pets at Home store over the three days and supported us!

Saved by a whisker thanks to her love of cats

Emma Challis, from Shepton Mallet, Somerset, is a volunteer fosterer for Cats Protection's Glastonbury & Wells Branch. She was diagnosed with a life-threatening blood clotting condition after feeling unwell while running a marathon but has overcome her illness to continue her quest to help unwanted cats. Despite numerous health conditions over the years in April Emma competed in her 66th marathon (Brighton – finishing in the top 12% of runners!) and is currently caring for her 66th foster cat – an achievement of which she is rightfully proud.

"I feel very lucky because many people with blood clots don't get any warning – in a quarter of cases the very first symptom is death," explained Emma. "I'd

been suffering from the condition for around 15 years before it was diagnosed and it was only when I felt unwell while running the Taunton marathon in 2016 that I decided I had to go to hospital. There they broke the news to me that I had multiple prominent clots in my lungs."

Thankfully, following treatment, Emma has recovered and been able to resume her running, preparing to take part in the Taunton marathon again this year. Running has a beneficial effect on her health as the level of activity she undertakes is good for preventing blood clots, according to her specialist.

However, this was not the first health condition that threatened Emma's passion for marathons, having had to overcome spinal damage from a car accident in 1997 and also a fractured pelvis from

falling down the stairs in 2007. She did this by gradually starting with short distances, which she found was a great way to strengthen her muscles, before moving onto long distances a few years later.

Last year alone, the amount Emma raised in sponsorship from her runs, plus adoption fees for cats she rehomed, totalled over £1,000.

Emma has two cats of her own, a tabby-and-white female called Diddy Kitty and a black female called Isis, both of whom are rescue cats.

She said: "I absolutely adore cats, they're just beautiful creatures. I love helping animals in need and it's amazing to see how a little TLC goes a long way."

Emma's now focussing on a full distance triathlon on 29 July. To support Emma's fundraising efforts visit: www.justgiving.com/Emma-Jane4 ●



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All the latest CP and cat news online

Cute kittens arrive after a dramatic birth

On a freezing cold and wet night in February, heavily pregnant moggy

Asha was bought into the care of Cats Protection's Lichfield & Tamworth Branch.

She had been found by a member of the public near a motorway and after being checked over by the vet it was discovered that she was due to give birth very soon.

Poor Asha grew bigger day by day until on 26 February she went into labour. Exhausted from her time as a stray and the fact her kittens were overdue, Asha found the birth incredibly difficult.

The labour lasted six hours but eventually Asha had six beautiful kittens. Becoming a mother hasn't been easy for poor Asha, but she is quickly learning that her litter will squeal loudly if she doesn't feed them enough.

Although her kittens are incredibly cute, Asha's traumatic ordeal could have easily been prevented if she had been neutered.

To learn more about neutering, visit www.cats.org.uk/neutering

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DIGITAL MEWS-INGS

Have you checked out our YouTube channel recently? There are lots of great videos, from entertaining mini-series to accessible videos designed to help understand these often mysterious creatures! Here are some highlights from recent months...

Five signs that your cat loves you
Ever wondered if your cat loves you? This video



reveals cat behaviours and body language to look out for to tell if your cat feels the same way as you do. Search 'five signs' on our YouTube channel.

Cool for cats: how to keep your cat cool in Summer
Worried about keeping your cat cool throughout the hotter months? Our video gives practical tips on how to ensure your moggy doesn't fall foul of the summer heat. Search 'cool cats' on our YouTube channel.



Dear CP...

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LETTER

A very desirable residence

Here is a photo of my cat Oliver and his new outside enclosure that I built for him this last summer.

I don't have much building experience. So I was pleasantly surprised at how well the enclosure turned out. It was great fun planning how to build it, selecting my building materials, and determining what tools I needed to accomplish the project. I used only hand tools with the exception of an electric drill. I now have the top of the enclosure well covered to keep us dry during the wet season. I say

"us" because I usually stay with him when he is in the enclosure. I like being out there with him. I read while Oliver keeps an eye out for birds and other critters. It is a great place for us to hang out. It is a multi-level enclosure. This affords him plenty of exercise. He can either climb or jump to the different levels (though he prefers jumping). The enclosure has become a nice setting for playful interaction. I am so glad that Oliver has a place outside to let loose his frisky antics.

Joshua Ramon, Port Ludlow



Bruce's bambinos

It's certainly true that one cat leads to another. We already had two cats when Bruce started visiting us. He was very timid and very hungry and never got closer to us than a couple of feet from the cat flap, ready to scarp. We named him Bruce because his pointy ears and black 'cowl' made him look a bit like Batman. As the days and weeks went on he kept popping in for food and ended up getting quite portly, at which point we realised that Bruce wasn't a 'he' after all, but a very definitely pregnant little lady! A quick trip to the vets confirmed this, but unfortunately didn't locate a microchip so it looked like we were stuck with Bruce and her little ones. She had seven kittens a few days later, six of which survived. We managed to find good homes for Gandalf, Bilbo, Frodo, Gimli, Merry and Pippin but Bruce decided to stay with us. She has turned into a very affectionate cat; still nervous of strangers but enjoys playing with wool,

unwrapping presents and catching the odd frog. And much as we enjoyed the unexpected experience of looking after Bruce's brood, we have since bought a microchip-operated cat flap to avoid any further surprise visitors!

Jill Southworth, St Helens

Beautiful, inside and out

This is a photo of my beautiful Molly enjoying herself in the catnip when she was about eight years old. I adopted Molly from the Cats Protection Hayes Branch, Middlesex in 1997! She was approximately 12 weeks old when I took her home. She apparently had been found under a shed in a garden with her mum and siblings. It was love at first sight. She became the most loving, happy and contented cat I have ever owned. I work from home so I spent every day with her apart from the very occasional holiday. We spent so many happy hours together playing and just cuddling. When she wanted my attention she would just sit and look at me and I would have to stop what I was doing and pay her attention, she was absolutely amazing. We became very close and she definitely knew when I needed a cuddle! She loved being groomed and having a good brush became part of her daily ritual. I sadly had to say goodbye to her at the



GET IN TOUCH

Do you have an interesting story to tell, a point of view you want to air or something that you just have to get off your chest?

Send your thoughts, views, stories, funny photos and 'mewsings' to *The Cat* magazine, National Cat Centre, Sussex, RH17 7TT or email us at editorial@cats.org.uk Don't forget to tell us your return address and contact details and please remember that your letter may be edited for length.

grand old age of 20 years and five months. She still looked amazing and her coat was as glossy as ever. She did not have one grey hair anywhere on her body! Euthanasia, which means 'good death' in the Greek language, was my last gift of love to Molly. She went so peacefully as I held her in my arms. Although it broke my heart to let her go I know the time was right for Molly and thankfully she never suffered in any way from the final stages of kidney failure and old age. She was the best cat ever to me and I will miss her with all my heart.

Marilyn Whyman, Kings Langley

An arty ailurophile

I would like my picture to appear in your fantastic magazine in Artists' Alley. I am 48 years old.

Michael Smith, Northholt

● Editor: We'd love to have your picture in the magazine! Sadly our Artists' Alley is full this issue, so we hope you don't mind it appearing here.



Farewell to an amazing friend

My cat Oscar passed away recently, just a couple of weeks before he would have been 21 years old. I got Oscar from Cats Protection in Liverpool a very long time ago. Oscar was the most loveable cat, always loved to snuggle up to us. He had an amazing personality, in fact, he was my world. I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my life with this beautiful animal, so, on behalf of Oscar, please accept the enclosed cheque and hopefully this will help many more cats enjoy long and happy lives.

Gillian Blore, Liverpool

Minxy Merlin

This is Merlin, our mischievous 16-week-old kitten, looking like butter wouldn't melt at his vet's appointment last ▶

► week. He had the vet and nurses cooing over him, taking photos and giving him treats, and was on his very best behaviour, even making it onto their Facebook page! If only they saw him at home climbing our curtains and chewing anything he can get his little paws on.

Rhea Nicholson, Leeds



Pretty Miss Kitty

Here is my cat Miss Kitty on the windowsill in my kitchen as she likes to know what is going on. She likes to sit on my lap at night while I watch TV. She is unusual in that she does not like chicken or fish, so she has steak! Very spoilt and truly loved.

Mrs Dwyer, Australia



No to lilies!

At Christmas 2016 I was lucky enough to receive two beautiful bouquets of flowers from the same florist. A few days later I saw her in the local car park and she recognised me. I complimented her on the flowers but said I had wrecked both arrangements! She looked horrified. I said both had lilies in them so I spoiled them by removing these. I explained that lilies kill cats and she was unaware of this. As we chatted I asked if there were any questions she asked when

taking an order. "Oh yes, I ask about preferences, allergies, colour schemes, furnishings etc." "How about asking if they have cats?" I suggested. She seemed to think that was a good idea. This Christmas I opened the front door and there she was on the doorstep with another bouquet. She handed it over and said "No lilies!" I thanked her profusely for remembering. So...just a thought: perhaps Cats Protection could approach the floral trade? There seems to be a British

Floral Association (BFA). I'm sure that a memo from you would reach a wider audience. Or maybe you already have, in which case remind them to tell the members!

Carol Matheson

● **Note from the Advocacy & Government Relations team: We have contacted leading supermarkets and Interflora to ask them to improve the wording on the labels of bunches of lilies that they sell. We suggested adopting the following wording: 'Caution: all parts of lilies are toxic to cats', which some leading supermarkets included on labels. We also asked retailers to position warnings on the front in a prominent place where they are most visible to purchasers. The charity will continue to raise awareness of the toxicity of lilies to cats with suppliers and consumers.**

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Cats' tales

Funny, weird, or just plain photogenic; this is the place to show off your cat for the remarkable creature they are



Lovely Lily

We lost our beautiful cat after 18 wonderful years. We saw an advert in the local press for this rescue cat that they were struggling to rehome. She had been hit by a car and left for dead. Thankfully someone found her and took her to the RSPCA. After several operations she is now a very healthy, lovable, playful two-year-old. She loves our bed and has settled in well with the family. We worried about having a rescue cat but she has been so easy! Happy ending for our Lily.

Andrea Roberts, Ebbw Vale

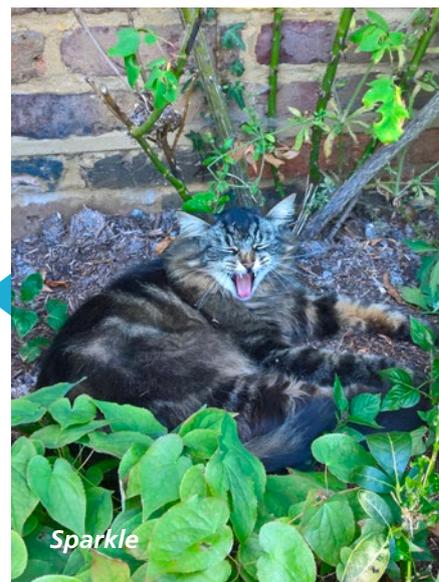


Twinkle

Felines among the flora

The yawning cat is Sparkle, a seven-year-old tabby who is evidently bored of having to hide in the shade as it is hot out there when you have nothing to wear apart from a fur coat. The cat in the trough is her sister Twinkle – that was her favourite place until I decided I wanted to brighten up a back wall so I put some plants in it. These cats are just gorgeous; they are rescue cats who in the years we have had them have systematically destroyed most of our carpets! Hey ho.

Judi Aylett, Chalfont St Peter



Sparkle



A kitty companion

Devlin is 16 years old and still likes to go out but loves sleeping on my bed. A neighbour went overseas and we were so lucky that he chose

to live with us. We have been fortunate to have him with us for eight years now and we love him very much.

Sue Drysdale, South Norwood

In from the cold

Inky (a neutered tom at 18 months) came in from the cold approximately 12 months ago. Very friendly and a good friend for his

'live-in companion' Paddy II (ginger tom, neutered). He's a bit bossy but knows his place as Paddy is about 10 years old.

Mr Simpson, Newcastle-Upon Tyne



A rare visitor

We had a visit from a squirrel trying, unsuccessfully, to get at the peanut feeder hanging off the conservatory. A visit from a squirrel is very rare in our garden,

none of us have seen one for years, so one of our two cats, Lily, was fascinated by this visitor who she hadn't seen for a very long time.

Nick Ward, Croyde



Life after litters

We rescued Buffy, three, almost one year ago now and could not imagine life without her. We believed she had previously been used for breeding and we had been informed she may have had up to seven litters before she was three years old. We are happy to say she has now been neutered, is completely settled and is an absolutely pampered little cat enjoying daily delights of tuna, chicken and treats. She loves attention and, when she is not out and about, loves cuddles on the couch. Although it took her a couple of months to settle in, I would say to anyone, have patience as rescue cats really do make the best pets.

Amy Dick, Edinburgh

A delightful duo

I'd just like to introduce my two delinquents/gorgeous baby boys. Felix is a black-and-white tuxy and Pendle is black. Felix is the Casanova in the family and has many girlfriends (thankfully he is neutered) and Pendle likes to sit on my shoulders,

he's a bit of a mummy's boy. In the photos Felix is showing how dashing handsome he is and Pendle is guarding the cat food wondering why only his brother's name is on it. I couldn't be without them, they bring so much joy.

Pamela Rowland-Pearce, Hucknall



Felix



Pendle

Pretty Poppy

Poppy was born in Dereham, Norfolk Cats Protection on 18 February 2010. We got her on 10 June 2011. She is a very loving cat and we have had her six years.

Beryl Butterwick, Wymondham

WRITE TO US

If you think you've got a cat who deserves their 15 minutes of fame then write to us at *Cats' tales*, *The Cat* magazine, National Cat Centre, Chelwood Gate, Sussex, RH17 7TT or email editorial@cats.org.uk including a contact number and a photo of at least 500kb in size. If you would like your photos returned, please enclose a self-addressed envelope. Your letters may be edited for clarity and length.

A curious habit

This is my part-Maine Coon cat, Miss Mitzie, who I've had from seven weeks old. She's now 13 years old. She loves to suck her tail. She has sucked it every day and now the colour at the end of her tail looks burnt orange and glows in the sun. When she is on my lap she looks at me to say 'feed me my tail!' She is so spoilt.

Heather Croft, Exeter



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Cat food for thought

Before the sachets of premium cat food there was the cat's meat man – Steve Ainsworth tells us more

The very first 'proper' book I ever read was *Dr Dolittle*. I've been keen on animals ever since.

Hugh Lofting wrote his famous book in 1920. It was more than forty years later when I got my little junior school hands on a copy. Those who have read the book, or seen the films based on Lofting's books, will recall not only Dr Dolittle himself but animals such as Pollyanna the talking parrot, and the famous two headed Pushmi-Pullyu.

For me however the character that has always stuck in my mind was poor Matthew Mugg, the Cat's-meat-Man.

Dr Dolittle's whole career was Matthew Mugg's idea:

It happened one day that the Doctor was sitting in his kitchen talking with the Cat's-meat-Man who had come to see him with a stomach-ache.

"Why don't you give up being a people's doctor and be an animal-doctor?" asked the Cat's-meat-Man.

One of the first adverts to appear in *The Cat* magazine, 1934



Fast food deliveries

The idea of a Cat's-meat-Man was a bit of a puzzle. Our cat was fed out of a tin – and so was every other cat I knew. Matthew Mugg however delivered cat food in the same way that the milkman delivered milk.

In fact, until the Second World War, cat's meat men were commonplace. They sold horse meat and meat trimmings unfit for human consumption on wooden skewers – kebabs for cats. The skewers ranged in size from a 'halfpenny snack' to a 'threepenny feast'. Regular clients paid weekly: the cat's meat man would call every day, and often just post the newspaper-wrapped skewer through the letterbox. Not a good idea if one went away for a few days and forgot to cancel the order.

Sometimes the meat was dyed blue-green to prevent it being sold as food for human consumption. But often the meat was so far past its notional sell-by date than even the hungriest cat would reject it. Cat owners had to carefully inspect the meat; some dipped it in vinegar and water, or in plain boiling water, then rubbed it with a cloth to remove flies' eggs and maggots.

For children the arrival of the cat's meat man was part of the daily drama as they listened out for him "in his small trap pulled by a pony trotting proudly in front and all the

The cat's meat man in the East End c1901



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local cats and dogs trailing behind mewing and snuffling for the odd piece of horse flesh which might be dropped while customers' orders were being wrapped in newspaper or stuck on a stick."

Sometimes the street theatre could be even more dramatic, as the *The Illustrated Police News* for the 26 August 1876 reported:

"On Friday last week, within a mile or so of Middleton, an itinerant purveyor of meat to dogs and cats, was going his usual rounds, when to his infinite surprise and alarm, a pack of hounds rushed at his barrow and basket he carried, and proceeded to devour the food so ravenously that the poor cat's meat man began to think that he was himself destined to fall a victim to his voracious assailants. Resistance being out of the question he therefore let the animals eat up the dainty viands without attempting



to offer any opposition. The keeper of the dogs eventually arrived with a heavy whip and managed to keep them in subjection while he fed them with meat from the barrow. It transpired that the dogs had been a long time without food and the gate of the yard in which they were kept had been accidentally left open, and hence it was that they rushed out and made an onslaught on the cat's meat man." If only the cat food had been in tins!

The origins of commercial cat food
Many of today's well-known names have been around for more than half a century. Friskies, Whiskas and Kit-e-Kat for example have been stopping cats' tummies grumbling since the early 1950s.

The story of commercial cat food however goes back much further. Spratt's was the world's first commercial cat food producer.

Cat's meat men were commonplace

James Spratt was an American electrician. In 1850 Spratt had patented a new type of lightning conductor. Arriving in London to promote his new invention Spratt experienced a dockside epiphany when he saw a pack of dogs eating discarded ship's biscuits or 'hardtack'. In 1860, still in London, Spratt began producing 'Spratt's Patent Meat Fibrine Dog Cakes'.

Sixteen years later, in 1876, Spratt marketed the first manufactured cat food. His adverts claimed it entirely superseded "the unwholesome practice of feeding on boiled

horse flesh; keeps the cat in perfect health."

Factory produced cat food however took another 75 years to really catch on. Not until the advent of commercial television and the power of television advertising did the majority of cats begin to live out of cans.

By the 1950s the cat's meat man was long gone but cat's meat remained. A feature of every butcher's shop was his tub full of 'cat lights' and scraps. Today 'cat lights' can still be found, though only in the dwindling numbers of 'proper' butchers – discerning cat owners will search the shelves of Sainsbury's and Tesco's in vain for such traditional cat food.

Meanwhile my childhood assumption that cats' meat men were at the bottom of the social heap may have been wide of the mark.

In 1929 in a London magistrate's court a Mrs Albert Cratchitt, estranged from her husband, was being sued for non-payment of bills. Trouble however had reconciled the Cratchitts. In the dock a smiling Albert Cratchitt appeared beside his wife.

According to newspaper reports Mr Cratchitt told the magistrate: "It's all right, Your Worship, Mrs Cratchitt and I, we've forgotten our little differences. I've arranged to pay all her debts. As a matter of fact, I've done pretty well. For 30 years I've had a cat's meat round in the city, and if I do say so I'm a man of independent means."

"What," exclaimed the magistrate, "you made a fortune out of cat's meat?"

"Yes," replied Mr Cratchitt.

So perhaps Dr Dolittle's friend Matthew Mugg wasn't such a mug after all! ●



Clever mogs

Dogs have long been regarded as more intelligent than cats but new research from Japan suggests that cats could be just as clever – if they're in the mood, writes *Daniel Davies*

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It's a question that's been spicing up dinner parties for years: which are more intelligent; cats or dogs? Even more vexed is the question of which are the better-educated owners, but we'll come to that later (if we dare).

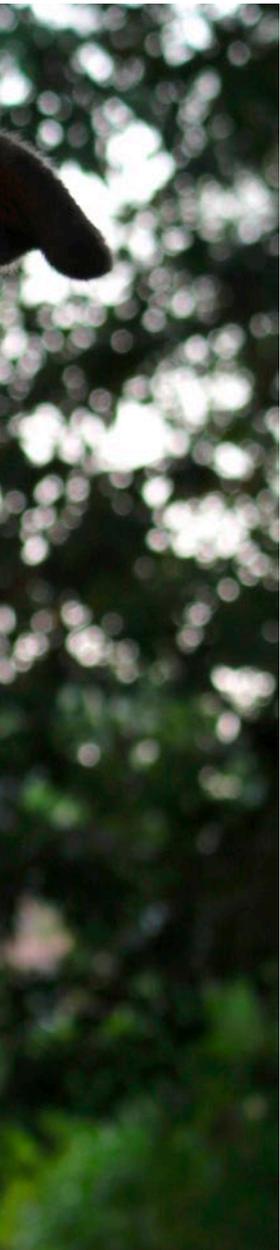
So let's be clear: a brief survey of the evidence suggests that dogs have the edge on cats.

But not so fast, Fido. Look closer and the answer starts to blur – and offers a glimpse into the chalk-and-cheese natures of our favourite companion animals.

Dogs play ball – unlike you-know-who

The first hurdle when comparing feline and canine intelligence is that the volume of research is lopsided – overwhelmingly in favour of dogs.

"We are living in a golden age of canine cognition," writes David Grimm in online magazine *Slate*. "Nearly a dozen laboratories around the world study the dog mind, and in the past decade scientists have published hundreds of articles on the topic."



An elusive subject

Not so for cats. Articles on feline cognition (as I quickly found out) are thin on the ground. But, to be fair to cat-minded scientists who've long since torn their hair out, it's not for lack of trying. When it comes to research, cats and dogs are very different propositions.

Dogs, as we know, evolved in packs, making them a highly sociable species. Generally, they're happy to cooperate with people, partly because they've been domesticated for a whopping 30,000 years. Living with humans all that time has attuned dogs to the frequency of our wants and wishes (what philosophers call a 'theory of mind'). These qualities make them ideal research participants: keen, obliging and attentive. *Just tell me what to do, their eager faces seem to say, and I'll do it.*

Cats, by contrast, evolved as loners, with an inclination to do their own thing. And having been domesticated relatively recently (about 10,000 years ago), they've preserved their ability to tune humans in and out. These qualities can make them beguiling pets, but frustrating study subjects: bored, blasé and maddeningly uncooperative.

"I can assure you that it's easier to work with fish," says Christian Agrillo, a comparative psychologist at the University of Padova in Italy, who almost threw



Highly sociable

in the towel when trying to study cats. "Very often, they didn't participate in the experiment or they walked in the wrong direction. It was really difficult to have a good trial each day."

This wouldn't surprise Berit Brogaard, a Danish-American neuroscientist at the University of Miami, who has a special interest in feline and canine behaviour. "Cats are more impulsive than dogs and have far less patience," she says. "They don't easily tolerate frustrating situations for long periods of time. If an activity isn't obviously rewarding to them, they would rather do something else."

Brain size isn't everything

So leaving aside the challenges of scientific studies, what does biology tell us? Again, the answer seems clear-cut – but only at first.

Dogs undoubtedly have the bigger brains. On average, a dog's brain occupies about 1.2% of its body mass, compared with 0.9% in cats (and 2% in humans). Surely that settles it? Far from it. When it comes to intelligence, brain size isn't decisive. For instance, early hominids, Neanderthals, had bigger brains than modern humans – yet it was we who had the gumption to survive and they who went extinct. ▶



Counting the neurons

► More significant, many claim, is brain structure. Here, cats score highly. Thanks to more intricate ‘folding’ within the skull, a cat’s brain has a larger surface area than a dog’s, which some scientists believe indicates greater processing power. Cats also have a bigger and more complex cerebral cortex – the brain’s ‘command centre’ for higher processes such as problem-solving and decision-making. A cat’s cerebral cortex contains about 300 million neurons, almost twice as many as a dog’s, at 160 million. While neuron count isn’t a foolproof gauge of intelligence, it’s widely believed to be a better one than brain size.

Good memories

Now, while herding cats into cognitive studies may be tricky, it’s not impossible. And when they do play ball, they turn received wisdom on its head.

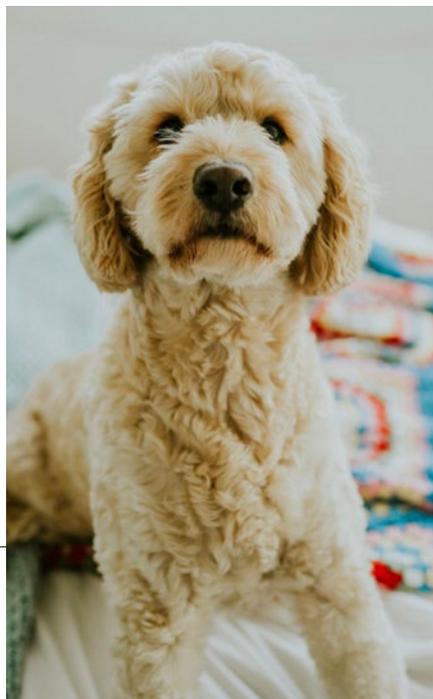
Last year, researchers at Kyoto University in Japan tested the ability of 49 household cats to remember which food bowl they’d eaten from, and which they hadn’t, after a 15-minute period.

It may sound like a modest study, but its results made international headlines. The cats

were able to recall both where and what they’d eaten, leading the researchers to believe that cats have something called ‘episodic memory’. This means they can recall a specific event in their lives, an ability they share with dogs and humans.

“Our study may imply a type of consciousness in cats,” Saho Takagi, a psychologist at Kyoto University, told BBC News. “An interesting speculation is that they may enjoy

*Cats are
more impulsive
than dogs*



actively recalling memories of their experience like humans.”

The researchers not only regard episodic memory as a good indicator of intelligence, but they also found that cats matched dogs on other mental tests, including responding to human gestures, emotions and facial expressions.

“Cats may be as intelligent as dogs,” concludes Ms Takagi, “as opposed to the common view that dogs are much smarter.”

What’s clear, then, is that cats and dogs have different *types* of intelligence, born, most likely, of their distinctive evolutions.

“Dogs have a higher social IQ than cats, but cats can solve harder cognitive problems,” says Berit Brogaard, before adding a crucial aside: “if indeed they feel like it.”

Which most of the time – we could be forgiven for thinking – they don’t. Trying to persuade cats to do something they don’t feel like doing is usually doomed. An imaginary school report for a typical dog might read: ‘An industrious student who always tries her hardest.’ For a typical cat: ‘A gifted student who doesn’t always apply herself.’

A question of degree

So what of the intellectual prowess of their owners? Well, according to a 2010 study by Bristol University, cats are more likely than dogs to live in households with highly educated inhabitants.

But before cat owners award themselves A-stars, they should ‘paws’ for thought: across the Pond, a later study by the American Veterinary Medical Association found that it’s actually dog owners who are better qualified.

Those dinner party wrangles look set to rumble on... ●

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Cats: Poisonous outdoor plants advice

– a visual guide to keeping your pet safe

Some outdoor plants are toxic or harmful to cats when brushed against or nibbled. Take a look at our flora-danger list and keep your house feline-friendly.

Cats are discerning eaters and usually will instinctively avoid eating many poisonous plants, but it is best to stay vigilant.



Chrysanthemum

If flowers eaten



Lily

Most commonly ingested from cats getting pollen on their fur and then licking it off. But all parts are toxic; stamen, pollen and flower

What should I do if I think my cat's eaten a poisonous flower or plant?

Do

- Take them to a vet immediately
- Give your vet information about what you think your cat has consumed
- Keep other pets away from the source

Do not

- Wait for symptoms or assume they will go away
- Try to make your cat vomit or feed them salt water
- Panic



Others outdoor plants to watch out for if eaten

Sweet pea, Poppy, Peony, Delphinium, Cornflower, Marigold, Ferns, Ivy, Holly, Mistletoe, Daffodil bulbs, Lupin, Foxglove, Iris, Snowdrop, Wisteria

Symptoms of poisoning

The symptoms of poisoning aren't always obvious and they can vary but here are a few of the most common signs:

- Increased thirst
- Confused/uncoordinated
- Drooling
- Difficulty breathing
- Fitting/seizures
- Vomiting

Prevention is better than a visit to the vets!

For more details of these plants go to www.cats.org.uk/dangerous-plants

Behaviour matters

Nicky Trevorrow looks into cat friendly interior design

Many of us are interested in interior design given the number of television programmes there are dedicated to the topic, but what do you think your cat would do, given the chance? There's a growing trend towards open plan houses, certainly in new builds. Despite this, we still maintain our need for privacy and of course, hygiene, which is why you will never see an open plan bathroom/diner. Cats are very similar to us in this respect which explains why they prefer to have their litter trays placed not only away from food and water bowls, but also somewhere private yet accessible. Many people place their cat's litter tray next to a cat flap, glass back door or in a conservatory; however, these are high-traffic areas which can be easily overlooked by other cats in the neighbourhood, leading to anxiety and potential behavioural problems. If your cat is not using the litter tray, the first port of call is to take your cat to the vets for a health check to rule out medical problems, before looking at their toileting preferences.

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Scent marking



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Happy cats are those which have all their 'key resources', which is all the 'cat stuff' they need on a daily basis, such as:

- food bowls and feeding enrichment
- water bowls
- litter trays
- scratch posts
- places to hide
- elevated perches
- toys
- beds

So what are the golden rules for kitty interior design and resource placement?

Firstly, it is important to start with how many! The most important rule is 'one resource per cat plus one extra for choice'. Cats are not ▶



► known for having a gregarious nature and therefore need to have the ability to get to a resource easily without having to share. What can appear to owners as 'queuing' or 'waiting their turn', is actually a subtle stress response in the cat who is not able to immediately access resources due to a more confident or territorial cat in the household. Not having enough essential resources can cause significant stress in cats. The PDSA's Animal Wellbeing Report (PAW Report) 2017 found that while just under half of cats live with at least one other cat, evidence shows that cats are not provided with as many resources as they need. Cats are the masters of disguise when it comes to hiding how they really feel so it is very easy to miss inconspicuous signs such as cat flap or litter tray blocking. This does not mean that a cat will block the resource by sitting next to it; they are much more subtle than that and may appear to be innocently washing their paws the other side of the room, while sending emotional warfare messages to the other cat!

Hints and tips for resource placement

1 Space resources out all around the house.

2 Cats prefer their water bowl to be away from their food bowl and are much more likely to drink more if they are separate. The same applies to feeding enrichment items, such as puzzle feeders which encourage cats to use their brains to 'hunt' for their food.

3 Place food and water bowls away from the wall so that cats have the choice to view the room and not worry about anything sneaking up behind them.

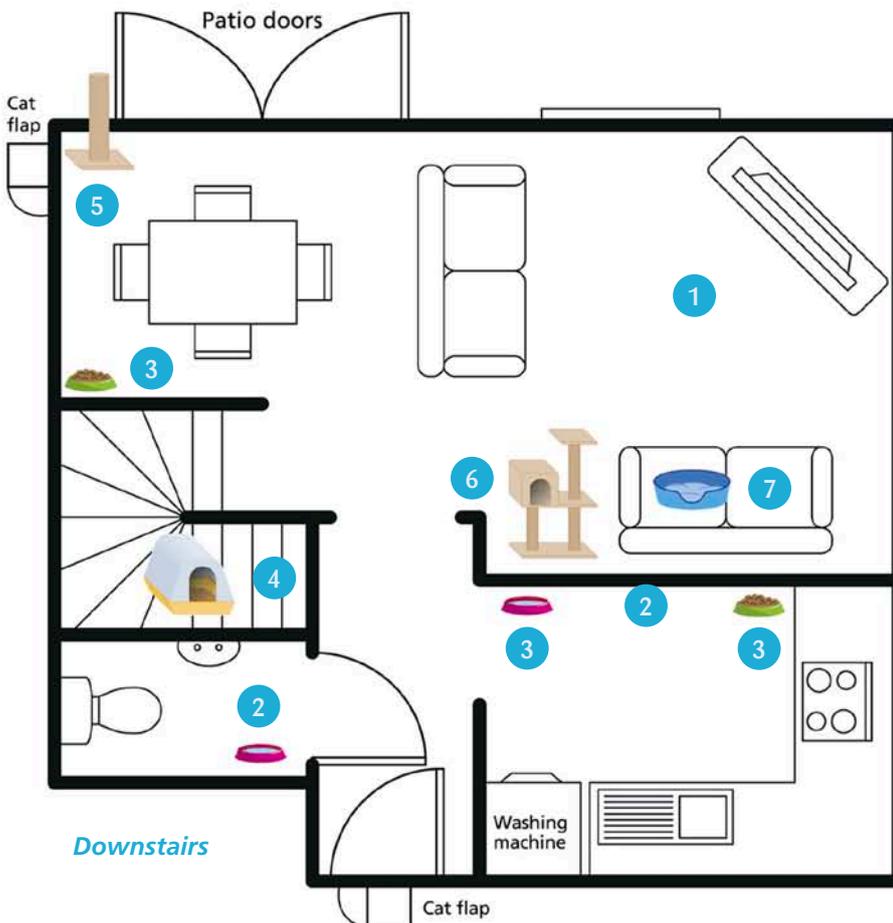
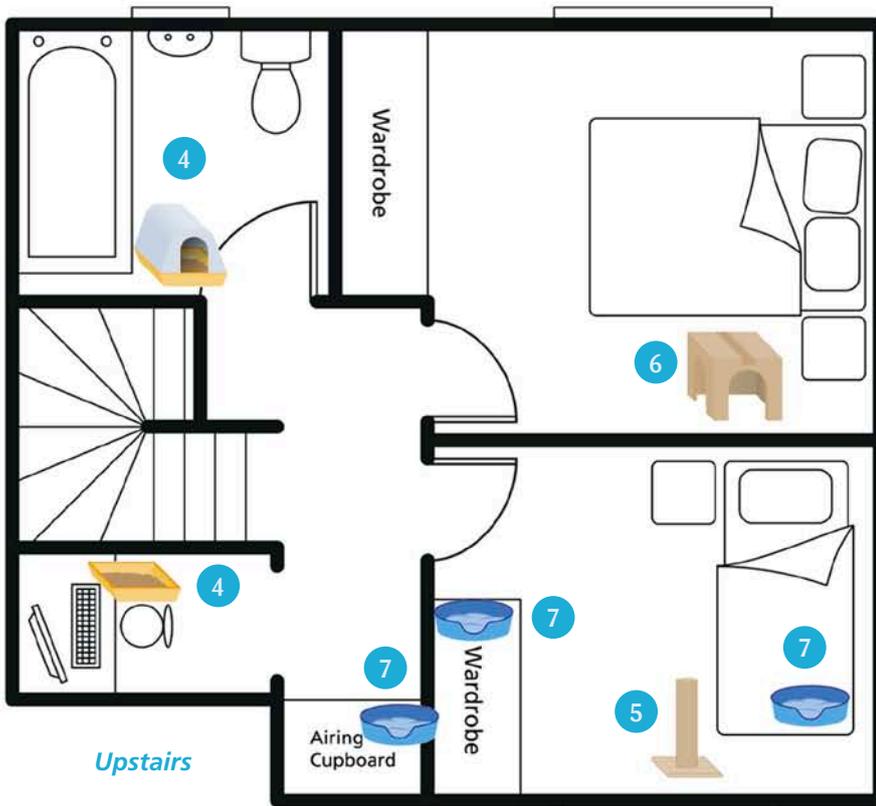
HOMEWORK

Draw a plan of your house and work out your cat's territory where they spend most of their time. Mark these territories in different colours on

your house plan to show different cats if you have more than one cat. Then aim to provide a set of resources per cat in their respective territories.

Keep food and water bowls separate

Desirable places floor plans



4 Litter trays should be away from all other resources for hygiene reasons, such as a covered litter tray placed under the stairs or an open tray under the desk in a quiet study.

5 For maximum impact, place scratch posts near to where they are scratching (eg your beds or sofas), near to where they sleep so they can scratch for claw maintenance when they first wake up, and near to entry and exit points for scratching marking whereby they leave vertical lines as a visual marker as well as a scent marker from the scent glands between their toes.

6 Cats like clutter! If your house is open plan, create plenty of hidey holes and elevated perches for your cat to survey their territory safely. A sturdy cat tree is a popular option with cats, as is 'cat shelving' with shelves placed strategically on the wall to provide access to other resources and cat walkways to rooms in the house which cannot be blocked by other cats.

7 As cats rotate their sleeping place regularly, cats need multiple sleeping place options. You may find the brand new cat bed is not flavour of the month. Try placing it somewhere warm, in a sunny spot and/or up high to renew its appeal.

These simple design tips can not only lead to a happier cat, but they also mean a cat is less likely to experience chronic stress which can cause both medical and behavioural problems, meaning a happier owner too. ●



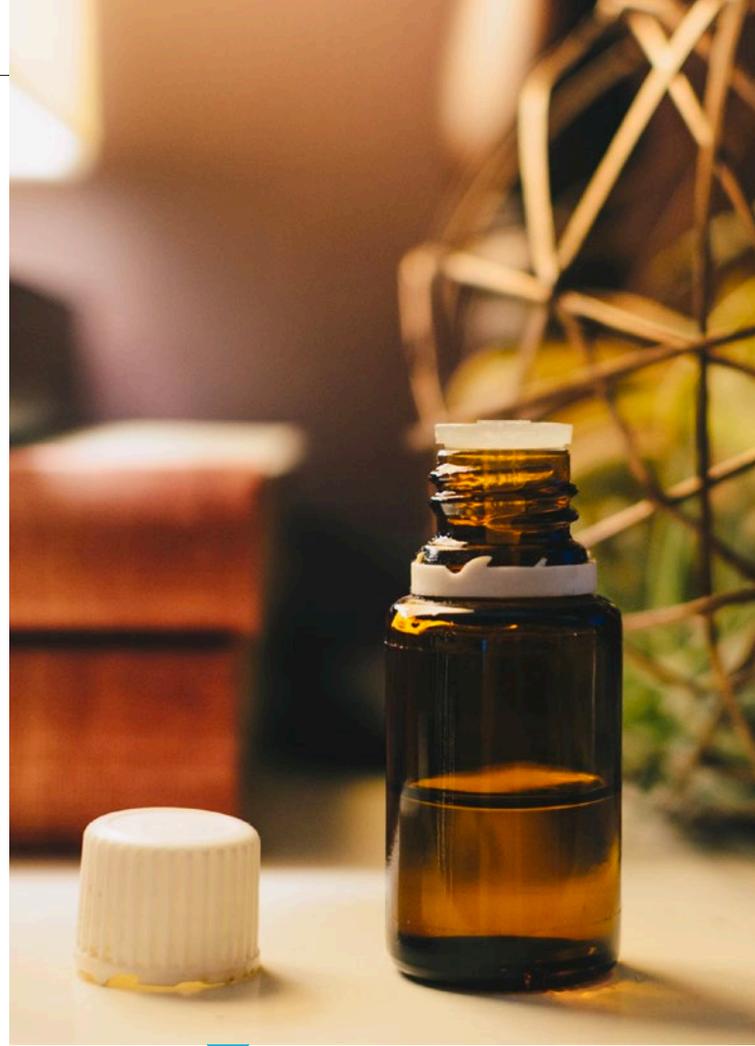
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Our veterinary surgeons have provided the advice on these pages, but for specific cases and health concerns it is important that you consult your own vet who will be able to look at your cat's history and do a clinical examination.



Ask the experts

If you've got a question for our experts then let us know!

Q I often use tea tree oil on my feet, which gets transferred to my slippers. When I take them off my cat seems to go bananas and behaves as if the slippers contain catnip! Any idea why this might be?

A Cats definitely have more sensitive smell receptors than we do, which is probably what is prompting the response. Just like catnip, the tea tree oil might contain something in the scent that cats pick up on and heightens their state of arousal. Cats' acute sense of smell means that they pick up

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on a range of chemicals that we cannot detect. However, as a word of caution, tea tree oil can be toxic to cats at a concentration of more than 0.5-2%. Never apply tea tree oil directly to a cat and be sure to mop up any spilled tea tree oil straight away. It is worth knowing that the toxicology of essential oils is not well understood in animals, least of all cats, but what we do know is that essential oils can cause mucous membrane and gastrointestinal irritation, central nervous system depression, and skin hypersensitivity and irritation.

Q My 16-year-old, indoor cat Topaz, has slightly reduced kidney function. At the moment she is on a prescription renal diet, wet pouches and biscuits but I would like to feed her on gluten free food.

A I'm sorry to hear that Topaz has been diagnosed with a kidney

Be cautious with essential oils

Want to know what cats really need? [Cats Protection](#) has created a free online course which will help you care for your cat's basic needs by learning about its history and origins: www.cats.org.uk/ufo

(or 'renal') problem. Sadly, this can occur commonly in cats of Topaz's age, but it's great that you have been able to spot the signs early and start treatment in the form of a specialised kidney diet. Unfortunately, kidney disease is irreversible but early detection and intervention can slow down the progression of the disease, allowing many cats to enjoy a good quality of life for a relatively long period of time.

The mainstay of treatment is dietary therapy. A prescription diet specially formulated to support kidney function is ideal, and many studies have shown that being on such a diet will improve the length and quality of life for cats living with renal disease. Conversely there is very little evidence to suggest that gluten is harmful for cats. Cats may suffer from other food intolerances as well as inflammatory bowel disease however, and if your cat has a history of having a sensitive bowel then making the move to a kidney diet should be something that is discussed fully with your vet.

Q Tommy, a huge tabby/white, aged 16, has started yowling at nothing! He peers at walls and furniture, and has been checking for mice! It's the kind of yowl cats make when they see another cat or animal, often through a window where they are safe. But he soon forgets, is not distressed, and is back to normal. Is this usual in older cats?

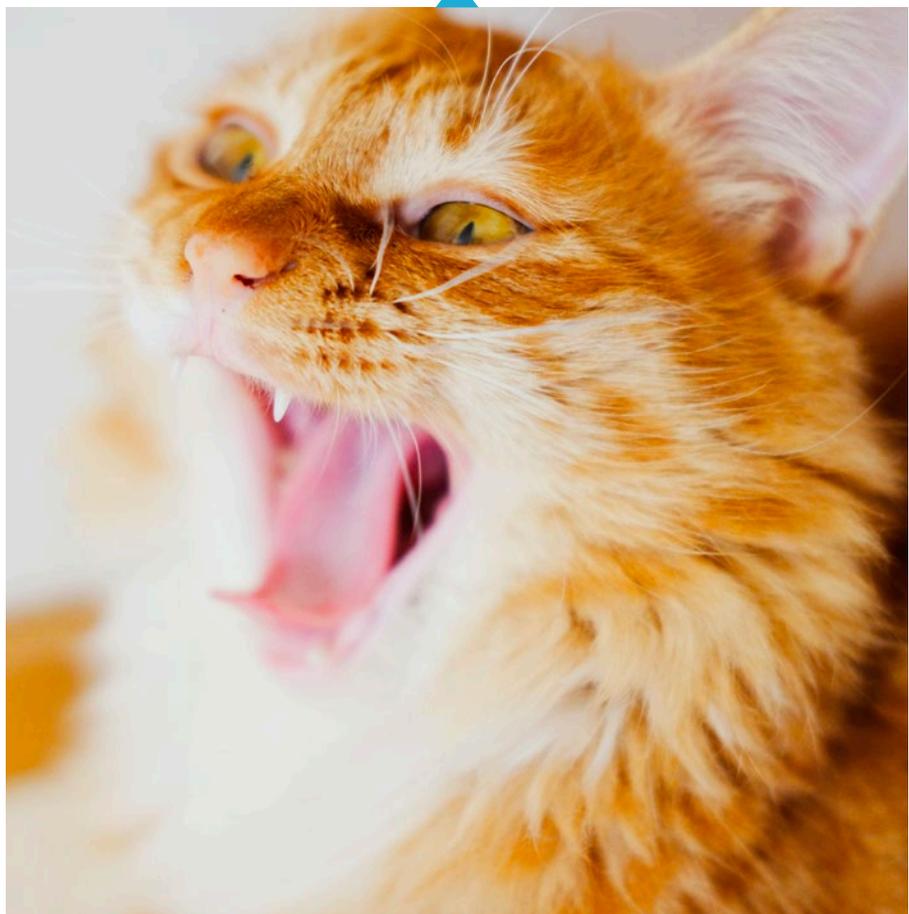
A Without being able to examine Tommy it is impossible to be able to say for certain what is causing this but yowling and staring at walls does seem to be a behaviour that is noticed more commonly in older cats. There are a number of medical

conditions that tend to affect the older cat such as hyperthyroidism, cognitive dysfunction/senility, pain, or loss of hearing to name just a few, which can cause excessive vocalisation and a change in behaviour.

Speak to your vet about these new behaviours. If you can video Tommy's behaviour on your phone this will be helpful to your vet as the type and pitch of yowl can change dependent on the condition behind it. It's also important to discuss the situations in which the yowling occurs. In addition to his new habit of staring at walls and furniture, mention to your vet any other changes in habits such as sleeping or hiding more, an increase or decrease in eating and drinking or even walking into a room and seeming to not remember why.

If Tommy is diagnosed as having a cognitive dysfunction then establishing and keeping to a routine will be a key part of keeping him happy. Try to create a regular daily pattern whereby he is always fed at the same time by the same person (if possible) and try to set aside a small amount of time at the same time each day for brief, gentle interactive play sessions. At this stage in his life it is important to try and avoid moving furniture or embarking on large DIY projects as this may cause extra stress at a time when life already feels a little confusing.

● **Find more help and advice on looking after your cat on our website: www.cats.org.uk/help-and-advice**



What should cats really eat?

Dr Sarah Elliott, BVetMed MRCVS debunks 10 common feline nutrition myths – Part one of two (because it's a meaty issue!)

Myth one: It's fine for dogs and cats to eat each other's food

Cats and dogs have different dietary needs. As omnivores, dogs have the digestive capacity to build essential nutrients from a number of different dietary sources. For example, dogs can utilise plant proteins to build muscle and fuel their body. Cats are strict carnivores however. For cats, there has been no evolutionary need to develop the digestive capacity to convert nutrients in plants to what they need, when these are already present in the animals they prey on.

This means cats need a very specific diet and dog foods are not designed to meet these specific dietary needs. Cats need more protein in their diet, specifically meat-based protein. While dogs can make their own taurine, an amino acid that is essential for the heart and many other body systems, cats

must get taurine from their meals. Often dog foods can be lacking in taurine and a taurine-deficient diet can lead to deadly health problems for a cat. Cats must also get vitamin A and arachidonic acid directly from their diet; cats cannot make these essential nutrients themselves like a dog can.

So it is vital for a cat's health for them not to eat a significant amount of dog food in place of a good quality cat food.

Myth two: Homemade diets are superior to commercial diets

For some cat owners, taking the time to prepare a homemade diet is a way to show their cat real care and affection. A homemade diet contains no hidden surprises or perceived nasties and owners can have full control over the quality of the ingredients going into their cat's daily meals.

But creating a diet at home for a cat can have many pitfalls. As obligate carnivores, cats lack certain digestive pathways to process essential nutrients from many of the dietary sources that omnivores like dogs or humans can. Because of their unique and special dietary requirements, cats are extremely tricky diners to cater for. Homemade diets frequently overlook the need for certain essential components, with a 2005 study finding that nearly 70% of homemade diets were deficient or unbalanced in key nutrients. With this in mind, feeding a good quality commercial cat food at least as the major part of the diet may be preferable.



Myth three: Cats can drink milk

Drinking milk or eating dairy products like cheese, cream and yoghurt can often lead to diarrhoea for cats; unpleasant for both the cat and the owner to have to deal with! Cats are actually lactose-intolerant. Once weaned from their mother's milk, they lose the digestive enzyme lactase from their intestine. This enzyme is needed to digest the major carbohydrate lactose, which is present in milk and other dairy products. This doesn't stop most cats from wanting to give dairy a try though, and many would lap



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*Above:
Fresh water
is best*

*Right: Milk can
cause stomach
upsets
Left: Dogs can
create their
own taurine,
cats can't*



up that delicious bowl of milk if given the chance.

But if the idea of cleaning up after an upset stomach isn't enough to dissuade you from allowing that illicit dairy treat, consider how that saucer of milk could be expanding your cat's waistline. Just a few tablespoons of full fat milk could contain as many as 70 calories, which may not sound like much, but when you consider an average cat's daily calorie requirement is closer to 160-200kcal, you can see how the pounds can quickly pile on. With around 40% of cats in the UK now thought to be overweight or obese, it's becoming more important than ever to take action to avoid excessive weight gain for our cats.

So, what should cats be drinking? Well, plain old water! Cats can be fussy about drinking and their

What should cats be drinking?

desert-dwelling ancestors had certain adaptations to help them cope with dry conditions. Cats have the ability to super-concentrate their urine and as a result it can take longer for their 'thirst centre' to be activated. However, all cats should have free access to water so they can drink as soon as they feel the need. Some cats prefer running water and water fountains can be a great way of encouraging cats to drink. Older cats may develop illnesses like kidney disease or cystitis, which may mean that drinking should be actively encouraged. Occasionally 'cat milk' may be useful in encouraging fluid intake for a ▶



► fussy older cat. Although 'cat milk' is lactose-free, care should still be taken to avoid any excessive weight gain and to offer this food stuff as part of a balanced diet.

Myth four: As descendants of wild animals, domesticated cats should only eat raw meat

Raw food diets contain raw meat, usually with bones included. There are a few commercially-prepared raw diets on the market or owners may choose to prepare their cat's raw diet at home. Most, but not all, healthy adult animals will tolerate a raw food diet. Many owners who feed their cats a raw food diet subjectively find the diet is more palatable to cats and that their cats have better fur coats and better stool consistency.

However, there is currently a lack of reliable evidence to substantiate these claims. As yet there are no

published studies to compare the health of cats fed a raw food diet to those fed on any other type of diet (dry food, canned or home-cooked).

There are a couple of concerns relating to raw food diets; namely food safety and nutritional adequacy. Raw animal products can contain bacteria and parasites that can pose a small risk of illness to both the pet and the owner who is handling and preparing the diet. There are very few commercially available raw food diets that have undergone animal feeding tests for nutritional adequacy, and many have

Garlic is a no no!



also not been formulated to be complete and balanced.

If you are considering feeding your cat a raw food diet, be aware that one raw diet is not necessarily the same as another and that raw food diets may not contain sufficient nutrients to prevent health problems. Recipes should be evaluated by a nutritionist, bones should be ground and never fed whole or in pieces and safe food handling practices are essential in minimising the risk of contamination.

In short, there are no clinically proven benefits of a raw food diet, but there are documented hazards and risks.

Myth five: Supplementing the diet with garlic can help repel fleas and worms

Have you ever come across the old anecdote that a bit of added garlic in the diet helps to rid dogs and cats of their parasites? This may repel Dracula, but other blood suckers will quite happily enjoy a garlic-flavoured meal!

Garlic can actually be very harmful for cats and even small amounts of garlic in their diet can lead to the destruction of their red blood cells. This can develop into life-threatening anaemia. Luckily, cats usually find the smell of garlic repellent and will naturally avoid eating it as a snack.

If your cat does have fleas or worms, chat to your local veterinary practice who can point you towards one of the many safe and effective anti-parasitic options available commercially.

● **Look out for part two in our autumn issue!**



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Focus on...hyperthyroidism

Dr Sarah Elliott, BVetMed MRCVS examines thyroid changes

Hyperthyroidism (overactive thyroid glands) is a common condition in older cats and as many of 10% of cats over 10 years old in the UK can be affected.

The thyroid glands are located at the base of the cat's neck. These glands produce a hormone which helps to regulate the metabolic rate. In the event of hyperthyroidism, the thyroid produces excessive amounts of hormone.

Hyperthyroidism can often be mistaken by owners as a symptom of age or senility. However, it is very important to treat the condition when it arises, as untreated hyperthyroidism will reduce the cat's quality of life and cut short their lifespan.

The signs of hyperthyroidism can vary from cat to cat, but signs you may notice include:

- increased appetite and/or thirst
- weight loss
- behavioural changes such as hyperactivity, restlessness and being more vocal
- diarrhoea and/or vomiting
- poor coat condition

The diagnosis can be made by a simple blood test. Your vet might



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want to do some other checks too such as a urine test and a blood pressure check as hyperthyroidism can also put pressure on the kidneys and heart.

There are a range of treatment options available to suit almost every need and pocket.

Medication

- Advantages – relatively cheap, simple and no hospitalisation required. The dose can be adjusted depending on the response to treatment
- Disadvantages – medication must be given for life and some cats are not easy to give tablets to. Some cats experience side effects such as vomiting or anaemia. Cats require blood tests and monitoring every so often which involves trips to the vet and some extra costs

Medication is not a permanent cure. Some studies have shown there is an increased risk of the thyroid tissue becoming malignant over time, which can make the disease much more difficult to treat.

Surgery

This involves removing one or both thyroid glands under general anaesthesia.

- Advantages – successful surgery offers a permanent cure. The procedure is fairly routine
- Disadvantages – to reduce the risks of surgery, cats must be medically managed first. Some cats require a second surgery to remove the remaining thyroid gland if only one side was operated on the first time. Small glands next to the thyroid (the

parathyroid glands) can become damaged during surgery, which can lead to low levels of calcium in the body. Some cats can have other ongoing problems which makes surgery too risky

Radiation

Radiation is one of the newer treatments offered and involves an injection with radioactive iodine to destroy any abnormal thyroid cells.

- Advantages – no need for an anaesthetic. The problem is usually cured after only one treatment and there are few side effects for the cat
- Disadvantages – the procedure is currently only performed at a few centres in the UK and is expensive. The cat must be hospitalised for a few weeks due to the radiation levels in the body

Diet

A prescription diet contains low levels of iodine.

- Advantages – no need for tablets, simple to administer
- Disadvantages – the cat's diet must contain no other food stuff, which can be difficult to regulate in hunting and scavenging cats. In a multi-cat household, it can be difficult to feed cats separately to ensure that the hyperthyroid cat eats only the prescription diet and the other cats do not

It is recommended that cats aged over 10 years old be checked by a vet every six months to ensure that age-related illnesses like hyperthyroidism are caught early.

- For more information on hyperthyroidism, please check out our [Veterinary Guides](http://www.cats.org.uk/cat-care/care-leaflets) which are free to download at www.cats.org.uk/cat-care/care-leaflets

- Also see <http://bit.ly/ICC-hyperthyroidism>



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Cats Protection has worked closely with International Cat Care (iCatCare) for many years and supports their International Declaration of Responsibilities to Cats. iCatCare's Digital Communications Editor, Lizzie Rowe explains how you can help.

Cats need our help

Cats are sentient beings. This means they are capable of feeling pain, fear and other negative emotions, as well as positive emotions, such as pleasure. As such, they deserve to be protected from suffering and have the opportunity to enjoy a good life.

But the sad fact is that for many cats, life is not good. All

over the world, cats are suffering. Those that

are unowned can

struggle to survive

on the streets

because

Working together to help cats

International Cat Care launches a Declaration!

of poor nutrition, disease, injury, cruelty and persecution. Considered as vermin in some places, these cats may face inhumane methods of population control. Even those who share our homes with us as our pets are not exempt from welfare issues; when owners do not understand or fulfil their needs, cats can suffer both physically and emotionally.

Although it has come a long way, veterinary

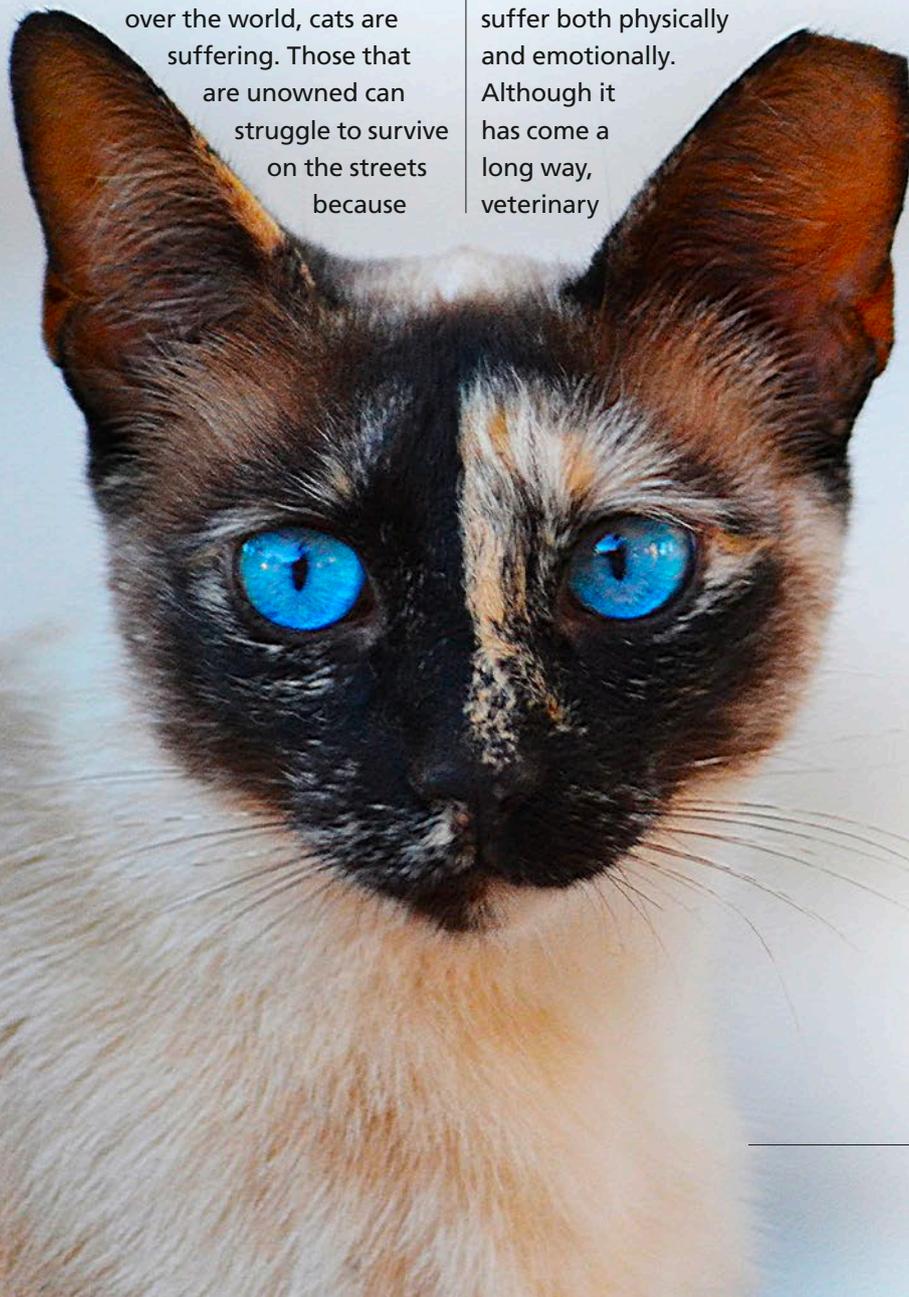
care for cats is not always as good as it could be, especially in some countries where adequate training, facilities and resources are lacking. A human desire to create certain looks through breeding has also resulted in cats suffering with serious health problems. In many countries, cats lack even basic legislation to protect them. These are just some examples of the ways in which cat welfare needs to be improved.

A coordinated, best practice approach

So how do we go about improving feline welfare? There are many dedicated individuals and organisations working tirelessly trying to do just that. However, working in isolation is not enough to address the bigger picture and runs the risk of only addressing the 'symptoms' of a problem, not the root cause. The problems outlined above are complex; there is no easy fix. To achieve the best results for cats, a number of different entities, each responsible for cat welfare in different ways, must come together to collaborate and form sustainable solutions to the problems.

A further issue is that work may be carried out with the very best of intentions to help cats, but is not actually in the best interest of the cats themselves. As an example, it is natural for cat lovers to see cats suffering on the streets and want to bring them into their homes to give them food, safety and lots of love. However, not all cats want to be pets. For some, living alongside humans in a home environment or even a homing centre would be highly stressful. Therefore, best practice for cat welfare according to the needs of individual cats needs to be outlined.

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International Declaration of Responsibilities

This is why International Cat Care decided that something needed to be done, and set about drawing up a document that outlined best practice for all those responsible for cat welfare to facilitate a collaborative approach between them.

International Cat Care (iCatCare) is a feline welfare charity that, founded in 1958, has been working for 60 years to improve the health and welfare of cats by sharing advice, training and passion with veterinary professionals, breeders, welfare workers and cat owners all around the world.

The charity's Chief Executive, Claire Bessant, drafted a document using her decades of expertise and experience in cat welfare and in working cooperatively with different bodies, along with input from the veterinary and welfare expertise within the iCatCare team. It was then finalised with the input from different stakeholders such as breeders and breed registration bodies, as well as external welfare experts. The document was named the 'International Declaration of Responsibilities to Cats'.

The Declaration identifies those responsible for feline welfare as:

- central governments setting welfare law and tone
- local governments implementing law and population management
- non-governmental organisations and individuals undertaking cat welfare work including population management
- individuals owning cats
- those living alongside street and community cats
- individuals breeding and selling cats
- veterinary professionals treating cats



iCatCare Chief Executive Claire Bessant (right) with Riva Mayer of the Cat Welfare Society of Israel having just signed the Declaration

The Declaration provides a clear framework to help these different entities understand their responsibilities and work together to improve the lives of all cats, owned and unowned.

Support this Declaration by signing it

How you can help

International Cat Care is asking people to support this Declaration by signing it. The gathering of signatures will achieve three goals:

1 By signing the Declaration, you are acknowledging that you have read the document and agree that we need a collaborative way forward to help the global cat population.

2 By adding your signature to the Declaration, you are helping iCatCare to show the world how many people care about cats and want their welfare to be improved.

3 By supporting the Declaration, you will enable organisations to use the document to help convince other parties to work

together or develop new laws or responsibilities which can help deliver better cat welfare.

At the time this article went to press, over 21,000 people have signed the Declaration, from over 80 different countries. Achieving even more signatures will strengthen our message that people want to help cats and believe in a coordinated approach to do so. We are very grateful to Cats Protection for their support for the Declaration and for publicising it.

Once you have signed the Declaration, you can further declare your support for improving feline welfare by posing for a photo holding one of our Declaration signs and sharing this photo on social media, using the hashtag #catdeclaration.

If you believe that the quality of life of every single cat matters, whether it lives in our home or on the streets, please sign the Declaration. Together, we can make the world a better place for cats.

- **You can read the Declaration in full, sign it and download the signs by visiting our website www.icatcare.org/declaration**

Cats dying – and living – during the Second World War

Dr Hilda Kean tells of a forgotten aspect of British history

Unsurprisingly we remember stories of families during the war, but cats and dogs are frequently forgotten. We know that, at the time, children were evacuated to the countryside, blackout curtains were made and even that flower beds were starting to be dug up to create vegetable patches. This busy activity was rather different to the events that animals experienced at the start of the war. In the first week of the Second World War in September 1939 many animals were killed by their owners. Sir Robert Gower, president of the RSPCA, estimated that nearly 750,000 cats and dogs were quickly killed. This rate of killing was not sustained but even so 26% of cats (and dogs) in London alone, died in 1939.

Although the truth of this tragedy is undeniable there were also many people highly sympathetic towards their cats who encouraged them throughout the war. Stray cats were often helped. A young boy, upset at seeing a woman carrying a beautiful ginger cat towards its death, encouraged his mum to rescue him. They returned home "with the ginger cat, renamed him Charlie, and kept him throughout the Blitz!" Other people took in cats which had been left to animal charities. Writer Tennyson Jesse recorded the behaviour of her two new cats, Muff and Perkin, who spent time together sleeping. At mealtimes, Perkin, the kitten, was on the table where the humans ate dessert and tossed nuts out of the dish onto the floor towards Muff who couldn't jump that far!

Getting food for the cats

Buying food for the cats was a routine essential. Animal charities – including the then Cats Protection League – devised recipes for cats. Some suggested scraps moistened with Marmite liquid, baked for an hour then cut into slices once cold. Baked liver and cats' meat were available from various dealers. Diary writers often described queuing outside a fishmonger but just being sold an amount as small as a tail of cod and four herrings. A cat's expectation of food from the fishmongers would have often been met. One diarist describes a cat food queue during the snow when women were 'loaded with heavy shopping bags, and then came a long wait for the cat! They were waiting for Pussy's dinner.' Often families used to swap food with each other, both for humans and cats. When humans were eating together they would often take home a 'bottle of soup' for the other's animal. In other places, Spratts cat food would be swapped for a quarter pound of tea or an aunt would bring cake for the people and a rabbit for the cats. Kit-e-Kat adverts depicted food in different ways, including a cat's exhortation which demanded 'Keep all your rations – and give me Kit-e-Kat.'

Civil servants had constructed a 'Waste of Food' order applying to animals but in the case of cats they specifically decided to avoid too excessive a regime of regulation. They calculated that cats were consuming at least 18,000,000 gallons of milk a year but nonetheless argued that it was 'quite impracticable' to attempt to criticise an owner sharing milk with their cat. Thus Jean Lucey Pratt (a cat loving diarist who bequeathed ▶

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Right: Ready to make a difference

Left: Good marketing advice from Kit-e-Kat!

AIR RAID SHELTER



► her diaries to Cats Protection) recorded: "We are to be rationed to 1/2 pint of milk per adult per day. I can manage with this but with three cats it will be a watery 1/2 pint and there will be no milk puddings." It would be Jean – rather than her cats – who would go without.

Who is doing the shelter?

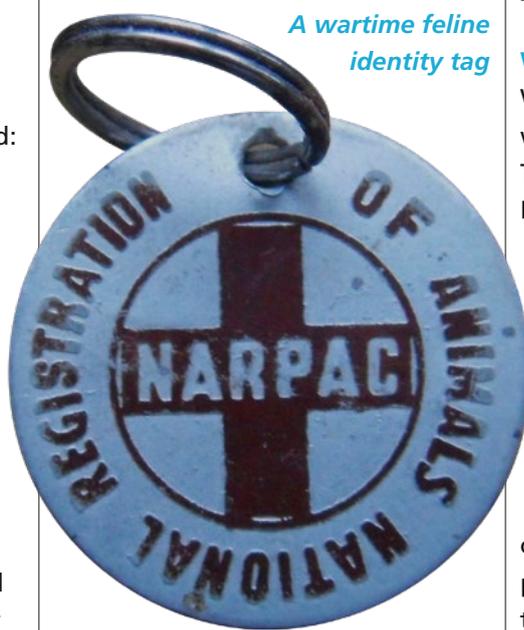
Cats would often help moving people into shelter. The cats would hear planes coming overhead and their own rush into an outside Anderson shelter or into some corner of the house often encouraged their owners to move quickly. As one daughter explained: "We all know it was the cat who was responsible for alerting our mother to danger. God bless our pets – and observant owners." Another told how an old lady followed Scamp the cat under the desk, she herself following on: "The little creature was there, also, looking at us and saying slowly, 'What you do, I do. When you go under, I go under.'" Together all three survived. An old woman approached a local shelter 'crying for her cat and kittens she had left in the kitchen'. Although one warden spoke against the presence of animals in the shelter, another official went to find them; the cat and kittens were brought back.

By August 1942 over three and a half million animals had been registered under the National Air Raid Precautions Animal Committee (NARPAC) and wore large blue and white numbered discs. One Londoner noted that her cat was registered as number 97,354. Some cats resented the discs. One living in Notting Hill had pulled them off so often that his owner now

supplied a puppy collar – which the cat still wore. NARPAC was praised by the BBC for offering cats' free identification discs attached to the animal's own collar.

Growing sense of cats' behaviour

By spring 1942 even the BBC widely stated that 'cats were doing works of national importance'. Some reacted to this kind of statement with consternation. One diary writer wondered whether anyone would believe in even twenty years'



A wartime feline identity tag

time that the BBC had made such 'pronouncements'. Likewise, cats became prominent figures in local communities. In West Hampstead people searched for the mother of a local cat, Bob, who had disappeared in the bombed-out store in which she lived. Chatting on the bus one cat lover promised to keep her eyes open, saying she had already tracked down one bombed out cat. It was demolition workers who found Bob's mother as they dug away at debris in the bombed shop, carrying her in a sack to a nearby shop. She was thin, but otherwise none the worse for her ordeal.

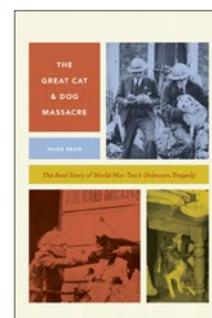
At a more elevated level, in 10 Downing Street, Winston Churchill publicly celebrated his black cat Nelson (as well as his ginger cat at his Chartwell home who used to have his eyes cleaned and was served mutton tidbits). When the MP Rab Butler, an important figure in Churchill's government, visited Churchill in his room one night, he found Nelson curled up at Churchill's feet. Winston started the conversation quite simply: "This cat does more for the war effort than you do!"

Ways of remembering the cats

Wartime diaries show that animals were much loved and encouraged. Thus the well-known diarist Nella Last was an enthusiast both for her dog Sol and Mr Murphy, the cat, explaining that: "My wild, free cat does not care tuppence for planes – he is very much the captain of his soul, and can take his chance."

Of course, many cats did die a violent or untimely death, but cats also lived more closely with people during the war and became their companions. Many animals spent their war years being looked after with great care and stories about their exploits were passed on to some children. The diarist who wrote in 1945 about her cat that 'He was our constant companion and consolation in all our war-time trials' was not alone in her praise.

● **Dr Hilda**
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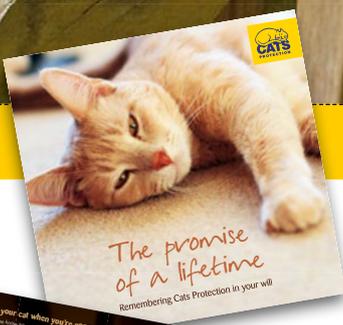
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Comedy names for cats

TV star *Bob Mortimer* gives unwanted moggies meowvellous monikers

Fond Margaret, Ron Com, DJ Loveham, these are just some of the weird and wonderful names cat-loving comedian Bob Mortimer gave to unwanted moggies at Cats Protection's National Adoption Centre when he visited in February.

Mortimer, who found fame as one half of legendary comedy duo Vic and Bob, has been making up funny cat names to amuse his followers on Twitter for a couple of years. The names, which include Sergeant Walnuts, Meal of Rice and Sausages & Laughter, were jokingly 'sold' to fans for £8 apiece.

Bob Mortimer has been raising funds for cats and kittens

"In my daily life, I have two cats and depending on how they're behaving or what curious look they might have in their eye, I do tend to give them different names during the course of the day," said Bob. "They have names that they always come back to, their main names, but I have always enjoyed giving cats different names. Their faces are always very suggestive of things."

When his tweets proved popular, he then decided to use his cat naming talents to help some of the UK's unwanted moggies, teaming up with online gift company Wordynumnum to turn them into art prints that could be sold to raise money for Cats Protection.

Helping the lonely hearts cats

Sales of the art prints have raised over £3,000 for the kitties so far, so to thank Bob for his kind support, we invited him to meet some of the cats the money is helping at our centre in Sussex.

While he was there, he also took the opportunity to give some of them his 'romantic' cat names to help them find homes in time for Valentine's Day.

"I like to support a cat charity because if some of us humans don't look after them then they ain't got anybody," said Bob.

As he toured the cat pens and chatted with the

Bob Mortimer with staff and volunteers at Cats Protection's National Cat Adoption Centre

centre's volunteers and staff, Bob admitted that he found his visit to be a 'real eye-opener'. "I'm finding it quite extraordinary that there are so many black cats, that's struck me," he added. "The harder-to-home cats and the older cats, they've known what it's like to be in a lovely home so they deserve to go there again. They want a new fireplace to sit next to and a new TV to watch."

To help raise awareness of the cats looking for homes, and of the charity's vital work, Bob was happy for us to film his visit for our YouTube page and invite the local media, resulting in coverage in local newspapers and on BBC South East Today.

"I've loved seeing all the cats at the centre," he added. "It's a bit sad, but they're well cared for and it's nice to think they'll all be going to lovely homes."





Furever homes found

All of the cats named by Bob, including Softy Pinkpowders, Lacey Bedspread, Derek Snuggles and Carol Niceface, did indeed go on to find their forever homes, and one, called Tender Gary, has even got his own Twitter account. Gary's new

My favourite name will always be Buttery Ken

owner, Chris Harrison, is a huge fan of Bob Mortimer, so was thrilled to adopt a moggy named by him. He set up the Twitter account @gary_tender as a way to thank the charity for his new feline friend and help raise awareness of our work.

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However, of all the names Bob has come up with, he admitted that he had one clear favourite. "My favourite name will always be Buttery Ken. I've always liked that name. I think for a long-haired, maybe apricot-coloured or sandy-coloured cat with a big head. That would make a nice Buttery Ken."

Bob's admits that he's always been a cat lover and currently has two moggies of his own, whose 'main names' are Goodmonson and Mavis. "[I like cats] because they're choosy with their time," said Bob. "They're not too needy and they do things on their terms. It's like having another personality in your house. I always hate to think of lonely cats. If I'm asleep at night and it's raining, my first thought goes to the cats that are out there."

Danielle Draper, Manager of Cats Protection's National

Adoption Centre, said the charity was grateful to Bob, not only for supporting the charity but for also helping to inspire some new names for cats in their care. She added: "Sadly, with hundreds coming through our centre each year it can be hard to think up original names for them all."

After a busy day meeting adorable kittens and gorgeous older cats, Bob left with a smile on his face and a new appreciation for the dedication of the volunteers and staff who provide them with the care they need.

So, what's next for the comedian's fundraising efforts? "All I shall do is keep producing the cat names and then Wordynumnum will make some designs," said Bob. "Maybe there'll be a teapot, maybe an oven or an AGA, or even a car, who knows? And hopefully we can keep raising a few pennies." ●

It's all go for APGOCATS!

All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cats puts feline welfare on the political agenda

In early March this year, the first All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) dedicated to improving feline welfare was launched at Westminster. The group is made up of MPs and Peers with the support of Cats Protection and Battersea Dogs & Cats Home. The APPG on Cats, abbreviated to APGOCATS, will discuss feline welfare and how to tackle key cat issues both in Parliament and in society more widely.

The group will investigate solutions to a range of problems facing cats and cat owners and have great interest in looking at the benefits to health and wellbeing of owning a cat, particularly to combat loneliness. Other topics the group will consider include: the laws on air guns, toxins contained in antifreeze, microchipping, pet passports and snares.

Their welfare is of huge importance



Maria Caulfield MP – Chair of APGOCATS

Maria Caulfield MP, who was elected Chair at the group's first meeting, said: "As a cat owner myself, I'm very pleased to have been elected Chair of a group which recognises the important role cats play in many people's lives, and which will work to better protect the needs of both cats and their owners."

"Cats are wonderful animals and provide much love, support and companionship to a wide range of people, from young families to elderly people living on their own."

Cats Protection's Head of Advocacy & Government Relations, Jacqui Cuff said: "Cats are one

of the nation's most popular pets and their welfare is of huge importance to millions of owners. Yet despite their popularity, cats all too often suffer from a lack of specific legislation to protect them. Where legislation does exist, there are often enforcement and prosecution issues, which need to be addressed. It's entirely right cats are now going to have their own group in Parliament to put a spotlight on feline welfare issues. We're excited to work with this group as it strives to improve the lives of cats in the UK, something which will also be greatly welcomed by millions of animal lovers." ●

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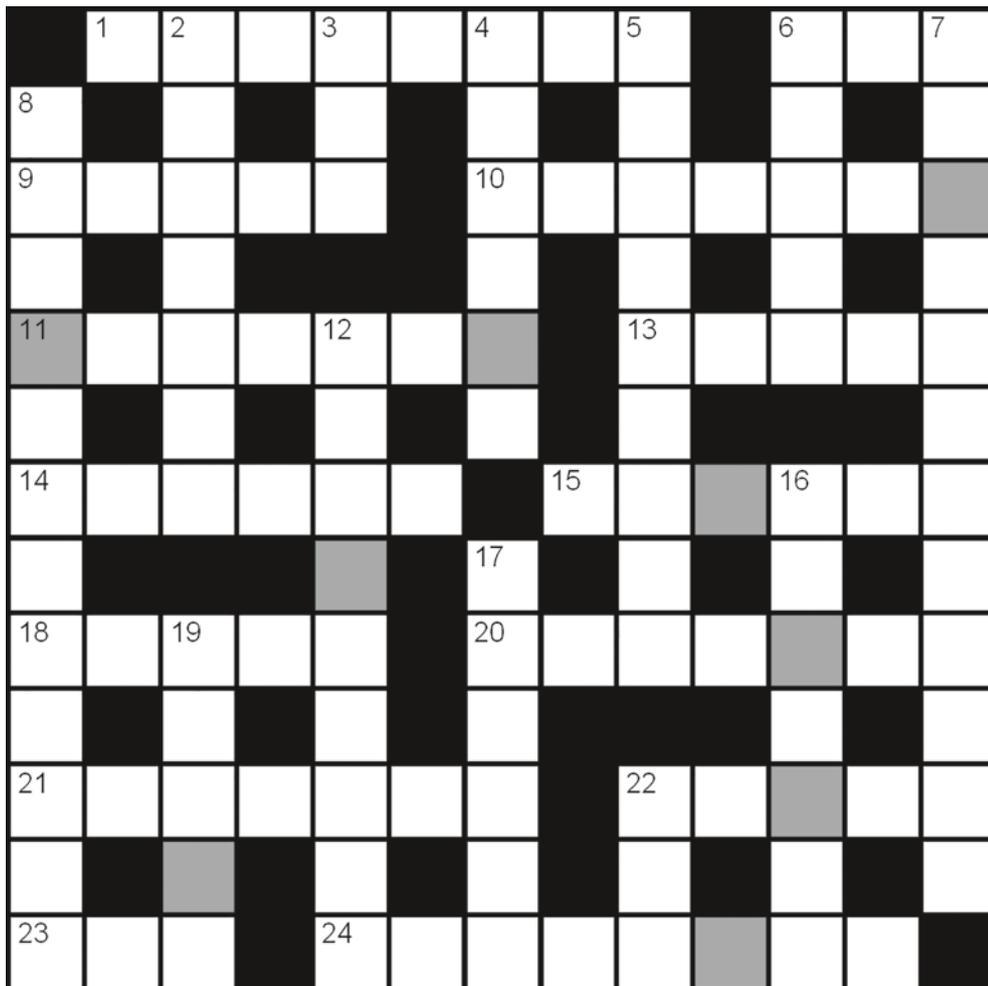
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- 18 Hangman's loop (5)
- 20 Amaze (7)

- 21 Not artificial (7)
- 22 Shin bone (5)
- 23 Consume (3)
- 24 Imperil (8)

Down

- 2 Lacking depth (7)
- 3 Frequently (in poetry) (3)
- 4 Seat of power (6)
- 5 Deceitful (9)

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- 7 Indispensable aide (5-4,3)
- 8 Cheek (12)
- 12 Bones of the spinal column (9)
- 16 Trip (7)
- 17 Posted (6)
- 19 Composition for eight performers (5)
- 22 Metallic element (3)



To win one of these Spring Kittens Porcelain Glowdomes, complete our crossword correctly and rearrange the shaded letters. The clue is: this famous goldsmith is credited with inventing the printing press, but what year was it developed? Write the answer, plus your name and address, on a letter or postcard and send to: Crossword Competition, *The Cat*, National Cat Centre, Sussex, RH17 7TT. Alternatively email the answer with your name and address to us at competitions@cats.org.uk with **Crossword** in the subject header. Winners will be drawn on 20 July 2018. The prizes are kindly sponsored by The Cat Gallery. Visit www.thecatgallery.co.uk or phone 01904 631 611 to request a catalogue.

- **Answers to Spring crossword on page 50**
- **The character was Atticus Finch and the author was Harper Lee, author of *To Kill a Mockingbird*.**
- **Last issue's winners: Mrs LA Peters, Mrs P Cox, Mrs M Dale**

Amusing Heather

Ginger naughty boy

The final straw was watching my brave little Stumpy Malone hobbling across the garden after yet another encounter with the local bully, Ginger Naughty Boy. Lengthy consultations with neighbours confirmed suspicions that this handsome marauder was a stray.

For many years I have fed Pansy, our black-and-white feral, and Ginger Naughty Boy soon saw the merits of chumming up with her. I would like to say that Pansy stood on her dignity and saw him off, but Pansy was thrilled to have a handsome admirer. She had complete confidence that empty bowls wouldn't be empty for long as we fell over ourselves to replenish them with mouth-watering goodies.

In the early stages, I used to discourage Ginger's visits and couldn't help noticing as he scrambled over the fence that he had not been 'adjusted'. I think that Pansy noticed as well from a strange expression that flitted across her pretty little piebald face.

Once there was agreement that Ginger was homeless, I realised that chasing him off was not what was required. The look on his face

when he was confronted with welcoming cooing noises was somewhere between amazement and contempt – as long as the food kept coming, so did he. Before long I could stroke him while he was eating and a few days after that I scanned him for a microchip. As suspected, he had not been chipped.

The next step was to catch him and sign him over into Cats Protection care. I baited the cat trap in the time-honoured way, only to have Pansy flinging herself into it with reckless enthusiasm. Ginger adopted a considered approach, grabbing the food without standing on the spring loaded platform. As time went on he became quite sociable, remaining so for a whole five seconds when I picked him up. At the sixth second he sprouted four more legs, punched me in the face and legged it down the road.

I'm not without a fall-back plan. In fact, I think we're on Plan D already. Watch this space.

● **Heather's latest book *Wild? These Cats are Furious* is available at £7.99 from Amazon and Troubador, with £1 from each sale donated to Cats Protection.**

Sudoku

Fill in the empty cells so that the digits 1 through 9 appear:

- only once in each row
- only once in each column
- only once in each 3x3 box (shown by the thicker lines)

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- **Answers appear on page 50.**

FELINE FABLES

This excerpt originally appeared in *Cat Tales* published by Quiller Publishing (www.quillerpublishing.com), a collection of extraordinary true stories edited by Tom Quinn.

Purr-fect timing
A highly intelligent little cat of my acquaintance was also one of the most affectionate. Her young mistress used to go to school for a few hours daily in the neighbouring town. The cat would every morning sally forth with her, and bound alongside her pony as far as the gate, then going

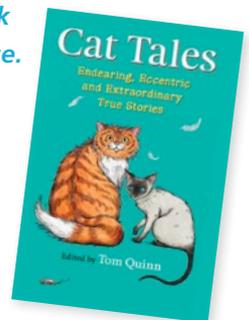


quietly back to the house.

Regularly, however, at the same time the little girl was expected

to return, the faithful cat might be seen watching about the door, and if her mistress were delayed longer than usual, would extend her walk to the gate, there awaiting her approach, and evincing her delight by joyful gambols as soon as she descried her coming along the road. The cat would then hurry back to the house door, that she might give notice of her young mistress's return, and the moment she alighted would welcome her with purrings, cartwheels and caresses.

Arthur Buckland, Animals I Have Known, 1858





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I was not having a good morning. Already running late, I raced out of the house to drive across Worcester to the Cats Protection shop only to find the normal parking spots were all taken.

"Ah well," I thought, "I'll just switch things around and do my shopping first."

On arrival at Sainsbury's, however, I discovered I'd left my purse at home in the rush to leave!

Back to the shop – still no spaces – it took me six frustrated drives round the busy St John's area before I finally got parked and entered the shop, half an hour later than usual.

Lots of helpers that day though, plus the chap who checked the electrical items. He was just finishing and I was sorry I was too late to offer him and the recycling man (whom I'd also just missed!) a well-deserved hot drink (this was normally my first duty!).

However, I served the rest of the team their cuppa and biscuits and my day started to settle down at last. The team always all got on well together and several of them asked me if I was ok, one even offering

Meant to be!

Cats Protection volunteer Hilary Oliver was at the right place at the right time.

to lend me some money to do my shopping. So kind, I thought, but I declined.

"I'll be fine. I'll pop into my local Co-op later, thanks."

Later that day, having retrieved my purse, I had just come out of the corner shop still wearing my work top and was walking up the road to my house, when a car stopped and the driver hailed me.

"Sorry to bother you but perhaps you can help? My daughter noticed your Cats Protection top," he indicated the lass sitting beside him.

He went on to explain that for the last week or so, they'd noticed an unknown but lovely cat hanging around their cul-de-sac and wandering around the allotments there. It had spent some nights in their porch and his daughter was quite taken with it. They'd asked all the neighbours but nobody knew anything and unfortunately

its condition was now beginning to deteriorate; it was starting to look quite scruffy and one eye was almost shut.

They'd been wondering about how to find out if it was microchipped and whether they should take it to a vet. Their own cat had sadly passed away fairly recently and they'd be happy to adopt this one if that were possible!

I thanked them for their concern and interest, explained that I myself didn't deal with the lost and found and rehoming side of the local CP's work but could put them in touch with the right people.

That evening I rang with a contact number and a few days later heard that he had indeed made contact and the story was headed towards a happy ending for all!

Next week in the shop, I recounted the tale, remembering how badly that day had begun.

"You see," said one of my colleagues, "if you hadn't been late and forgotten your purse, you would never have been coming out of that shop at that exact time still wearing your top and been spotted. It was all meant to be!" ●



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Coffee paws

answers

Spring 2017 crossword answers

Across: 7 Tyne and Wear, 8 Breaks, 9 Narrow, 10 Clinic, 12 Tartar, 13 Rue, 14 Income, 16 Lights, 18 Burial, 20 Target, 22 Scintillate.

Down: 1 Stir, 2 In vain, 3 Massacre, 4 Eden, 5 Nearer, 6 Arrogant, 11 Languish, 12 Telltale, 15 Origin, 17 German, 19 Late, 21 Ever.

This issue's sudoku answers

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Farewell to a dear old friend

Stephen Carlin's Maddie was never far from his side

In 2002 my wife and I adopted two cats from Cats Protection in Brighton. They were a brother and sister. Maddie was a tortoiseshell and Toby was a big beefy ginger. They were around five years old. Their story was they lived with a lady who had passed away, and needed a new forever home. We fell for them immediately.

We had a nice garden with a tree at the end, and they both liked to zoom up it and over the fence to the other side, knowing that it wasn't easy for us to get there. They also genuinely understood the word 'fish'. I used to call it out in a high-pitched voice and it always got them running in. Even if we just used the word in general conversation their ears would move in the direction of the magic word. We had to resort to saying f-i-s-h.

Maddie was always 'my cat', often climbing up on my shoulders, and always rubbing my face and my chin. This was a behaviour that no other cat I've had ever did, and she

specifically only did it with me. I was a marked man!

Around the age of 10 Toby started to lose weight. This made us notice a lump on his back, which turned out to be cancer. He went downhill rather quickly after that and we lost him. We were of course devastated.

Maddie was never far from me at home. Either in my lap, or on the sofa behind my head. If she wanted attention she was quick to let me know. She was also a very vocal cat.

Bedtimes became a bit tricky as she favoured sleeping in-between our pillows in the centre of the bed. She wasn't too careful with her claws and I often got her claws in my lip or on my face. The number of times I woke up with scratches that were not there the night before... So I learned to sleep facing away from her, which often gave me neck problems, but what can you do?

The years took their toll on Maddie and she had more than her fair share of ailments. During her later years she walked with a limp, and her hearing eventually went.

She also started losing weight. It was a struggle to keep weight on her. Of course I pandered to her and fed her a variety of different and expensive foods. Most of her teeth had also gone, so she favoured a lot of foods with sauce or soup. In her last six months our vet tested her for hyperthyroidism and we started some medication. It seemed to do the trick.

Unfortunately, one day we noticed she had trouble walking in a straight line. I quickly realised she had lost her sight. We were beside ourselves with worry, but guessed it must be to do with her thyroid and blood pressure. We woke up the next day to find her on the bed and back to normal. We took her to the vet anyway and spoke about retinas popping in and out, which is a thing with thyroid problems. Then all was well and good for another week.

She lost her sight again. Only this time it didn't come back. Back at the vets we decided she could still do well without her sight as she was still finding her food and seemed ok apart from that. Unfortunately, a few days later she went downhill from there and became upset one evening, with much howling. We booked her in to the vets in the morning. By the morning though she was very lethargic and we knew the time had come.

The vet guessed this was a deeper problem with her brain and there wasn't going to be any way back from this. We thought she had been through enough and it was time to say goodbye. It was the worst day of my life.

Maddie had a very long and happy life, filled with love and fun. She was 20 years old. Thank you, Cats Protection, for allowing me to share so many years with such a special cat. ●



Clockwise from main: The Bridgend team, Glasgow team in several feet of snow, Newbury Adoption Centre, Gildersome Homing Centre, Andover cats rescued in the nick of time

Beast from the East

Who can forget when the Beast from the East met Storm Emma? Not our stalwart, dedicated cat workers, that's for sure. For many the snow storms meant having to stay at home and not venturing out into the icy and blizzard conditions but when there are cats to be cared for and the going gets tough... the tough get going! From across the UK our branches and centres rallied forth to ensure the cats were fed, watered and were warm and safe. From the snow invading Newbury Adoption Centre's pens, volunteers being up to their knees in Hereford Adoption Centre and Gildersome battenning down the hatches, here are just a few of their snow tales...

● **Snow problem!**

This is a photo of me and my team who braved the weather to come in. Fortunately my husband and I go off-roading so he was able to go to collect the local staff in our Land Rover in the morning. They'd been unable to get into work due to being snowed in and the roads were very icy.

The worst day was also when Daisy, one of our heavily pregnant cats, went into labour. But those that had managed to get in helped with the birth. She had four kittens who we called Dewi (Welsh for David as it was St David's Day), Emma (after Storm Emma), Eira (Welsh for snow) and Daffodil as it was meant to be the first day of spring!

Sue Dobbs, Manager, Bridgend Adoption Centre

● **It was awful!**

Arbroath's centre is in the countryside on land attached to a boarding kennels and cattery.

On the Friday that week we were unable to get to the shelter where we had 15 cats in care. The owners of the kennels were able to dig their way into our cats and feed them.

The following day those of us with 4x4s were able to get through the drifts to see the devastation.

We face east and there is just open countryside between us and the North Sea. During the previous week the field in front of us had been ploughed. The storm not only dumped snow on us but tons of top soil too.

With the help of our wonderful band of volunteers we set about clearing up.

To get access to the pens we had to remove 53 barrow loads of snow! Everything was covered in snow mixed with sticky brown dirt.

It took three days to scrub, pressure wash and clean everything. We had to board the cats out at the neighbouring cattery to get everything back to normal.

A huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers who turned things round and made the place fit for the cats to return.

Sharyn Wood, Arbroath & Carnoustie Branch





● **Battling through**

Four people managed to get into the Glasgow Adoption Centre on the Thursday and between them they had to tend to over 100 pens! The snow was 4ft in places, up to their thighs with more snow on its way. To give you an idea of the depth of the snow, Andy (in the orange hat), is 6ft 4inches!
Glasgow Adoption Centre

● **In the nick of time!**

Our Homing Officer (who lives out in the sticks) persuaded her husband to drive her through the snow into Andover to collect four cats who had been abandoned when their owner was evicted. A couple of days later the house burned down and people arrested for it. All the cats have since been rehomed.
Claire, Andover & District Branch



Success stories

● Hope's new start By North Ayrshire Branch

We received a call for help about a feral colony on a local farm. The farm worker had been the only person feeding the cats and as he was no longer going to be around to take care of them they needed to be trapped and relocated.

The initial visit to the farm was distressing as we were told that litters were regularly being born but an unknown predator was getting to the kittens.

There were around 15 cats and kittens in total. Two of the kittens bounded over and we were able to lift them into cat carriers rather than having to trap them. The cats were trapped, vet-treated and then relocated to suitable locations where they would be fed and cared for.

One of the kittens was remarkably friendly and she was eventually rehomed to a family whose young son was in remission from leukaemia, so was then allowed to have a pet. They called her Hope and she is loved by all of the family.

● Crunchie's lucky escape By Blandford & Sturminster Branch

Crunchie was found by a member of the public walking her dog late November last year. It



appears she had been caught in brambles and tried to get over a barbed wire fence with catastrophic results. The barbed wire was caught under her abdomen and in her groin causing horrific injuries. Thankfully the dog walker was an ex-vet nurse and she went into autopilot cutting the barbed wire and taking the kitten straight to the vet, still attached to the wire.

Pilgrims Vets in Blissford on the edge of the New

Forest did not hesitate in acting. Their first priority was to operate and get the wire off. After two hours of surgery she was in recovery with stitches practically covering her whole tummy. The vets thought it would be better if she came into foster care where it was more quiet.

Crunchie already has a home lined up and her new owners come and visit her regularly – she is going to be called Bramble. Crunchie/ Bramble has stolen everyone's hearts, she is such a little fighter and so utterly adorable.

● Food, glorious food! By Wrexham Adoption Centre

We are very lucky with generous donations from members of the public on a daily basis but then Barb Clifford won a prize after writing into the Cats Protection magazine (*Cats' Tales* Spring 2018) regarding her cat Rosie.

The picture of Rosie in the magazine won Barb 144 packets of Felix pouches from Purina. On receiving her winnings Barb promptly phoned the centre and donated the entire prize back to the Wrexham AC. We want to say a massive thank you to Barb and to Rosie too for being so generous and helping us feed the cats in our care.

● Pumpkin's ordeal By Honiton Branch

At 6.20am on Halloween we found a little ginger cat lying dazed in the road, clearly having just been hit by a car. We got there as quickly as we could with a towel and cat basket and took him to the vets. Poor Pumpkin had dislocated a back leg and needed some extensive, and expensive, surgery to sort the problem out. Thanks to East Devon Cats Protection for helping with that expense. He then needed cage rest to allow the muscles, nerves and tendons to heal.



A sad farewell

Florence 'Florrie' Froom Southend & District Branch was very sorry to lose one of its very long-standing and active volunteers in March.

Florence 'Florrie' Froom died at the age of 89 after a short illness. The branch was established in 1991 and Florrie began volunteering in 1992. She was a key member of the fundraising team. She organised fundraising events with military precision, and would spend many hours on the telephone chivvying the other volunteers to make sure that they knew what they were doing and when. She never missed an event, and when age and infirmity caught up with her she always helped behind the scenes putting together the raffles, ticketing the tombola items and preparing the auctions.

Florrie loved all animals and supported other local animal-related charities with energy and enthusiasm. But her first love was cats and she dedicated many hours to raising thousands of pounds for their welfare. We shall all miss her.

Dorothy Ann Garside Doncaster Branch has said a very sad farewell to one of its longest-standing members Dorothy Garside, better known to us all as Ann. We have lost a very dear and much loved friend. Ann died last December aged 83 years and she will be greatly missed by everyone, especially those who had known her a long time.

Ann joined the branch in September 1981 after reading an article in the local newspaper about the formation of a group in the area. It wasn't long before she was asked to join the committee

and then to become the treasurer. For many years she was a fosterer, caring for many cats and kittens.

Ann loved fundraising and was always busy making items to sell at the many fundraising events. She enjoyed her craft work, sewing, knitting, crocheting and card making. She was a very talented lady and a perfectionist. At her 80th birthday party, Derrick, our coordinator/treasurer, presented her with a bronze cat in recognition of her lifetime service.

In February 2016 Ann was joined by Margaret, the branch founding member, for the honour of cutting the ribbon at the opening of our new branch shop.

The branch will continue the good work Ann started. We have lost a great cat lover and a well-respected and valued member of our branch.



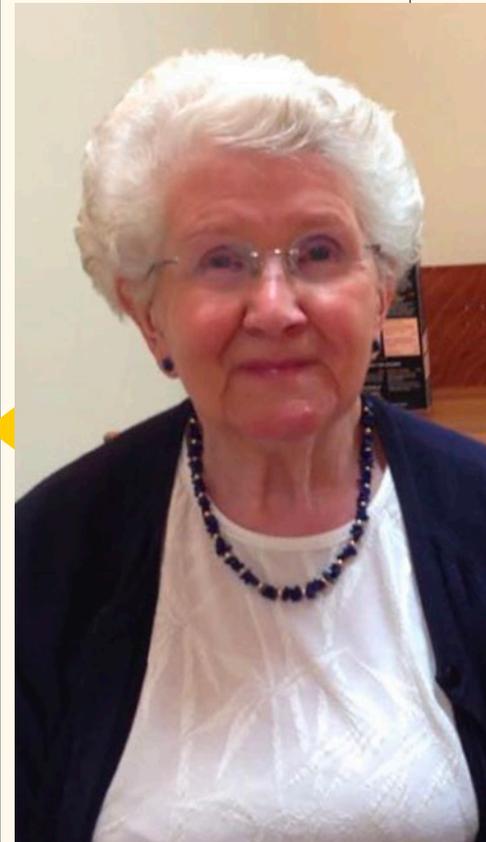
Despite being an absolute sweetheart and wearing a collar, no-one claimed him. We had to get him neutered and slowly build up his fitness. He'll probably always have a bit of a limp but as he's only about 10 months old he'll work that into the next eight lives we're sure.

We were delighted to find him the perfect home in a rural area away from busy roads, with fields and woods to play in, and he's now playing happily with the young cat from next door too – they seem to share houses. His new owners are delighted with their bionic cat!

● Against all odds By Crawley & Reigate Branch

Little Sooty was born to a foster cat Bella in August 2017 who sadly rejected all three kittens she had. Two kittens were born deformed and sadly had to be put to sleep but despite little Sooty being healthy Bella rejected him too.

He was given to volunteers to hand rear at just eight hours old. After several weeks of sleepless nights and emergency dashes to the vets Sooty survived against the odds. He is now eight months old, full of mischief curiosity and love.



Thank you...

● **Cherwell Branch** would like to thank Helen Walton-Collett and Lucy Dobree, veterinary surgeons at Bicester Vets, who raised £1,375.75 in just two weeks after running in the Oxford half marathon. The race, which took place around Oxford city centre on 8 October 2017, covers 13.1 miles.

"We wanted to raise money for a local animal charity and Cherwell Cats Protection was our choice," said Lucy. "We recognise the hard work that is involved with the charity and we wanted to show our support and appreciation of that work."

Bicester Vets work very closely with the Cherwell Branch, which covers Bicester, Banbury, Brackley and Kidlington.

"As vets, we are aware of the time and cost involved with feeding and looking after the many cats that pass through

the branch's hands every year," said Helen. "We wanted to support them and felt that raising this money by running the half marathon would go some way to helping with their considerable costs. We both had a great time and knew we were supporting a very worthwhile cause."

Branch Coordinator, Pat Murdoch, said: "Cherwell Cats Protection is a busy branch. It rehomed 211 cats and kittens last year and contributed to the neutering of several hundred more.

"We have worked with Bicester Vets for the past 10 years and are very appreciative of our relationship with the vets, nurses and receptionists who all go out of their way to help and support us. We cannot thank Helen and Lucy enough for this amazing contribution."



APPEALS



● Will you help Disney and itchy cats like him?

By Eskdale Branch

Disney has been in care for 10 months. He came in with itchy scabs in various places and after being seen by our vet, was treated for fleas and stress. The scratching continued so he was prescribed steroid and antibiotic treatment. However, his skin problems got worse, especially across his forehead above his eyes. He was very sore with thick crusting and scratched a lot.

Disney is a happy, friendly cat who deserves a loving home and an itch-free life and we are determined to get to the bottom of his problem, and hopefully help other cats like him.

Disney has been referred to a dermatologist and will be undergoing various tests and treatment. This is all rather expensive so we are asking if anyone would help us to get some answers to a common problem. We will be reporting back on his progress in the next issue.

If you can help please send donations to our Treasurer: Mrs A Thomson, 38 English St, Longtown, Carlisle, CA6 5SD and make cheques payable to Eskdale Cats Protection. Alternatively, you can donate via our Just Giving page: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/eskdalebranchdisney

Any funds raised above and beyond those needed for Disney will be used to help the other cats in our care. Thank you.

- **Wrexham Adoption Centre** recently collected a cheque from our local Pets at Home store for £1,728.50 which was issued from Support Adoption for Pets. Adoption Centre Manager Suzan Kennedy went to receive the cheque in store.

- For some years now **Southend & District Branch** has collaborated with Pets at Home (Southend) to raise awareness and funds for the branch.

In February a cheque for the magnificent sum of £5,266 was presented to the branch as a result of customer donations at Pets at Home tills during the month of December. The money will be used to help encourage cat owners to have their cats and kittens neutered, which will ultimately reduce the ever-increasing number of cats the branch is asked to take into care.

We are most grateful to the team at the Southend Airport store who worked tirelessly throughout December asking customers to donate 50p to feed cats in Cats Protection's care. They came fifth nationally for the highest amount raised. ▶



DEADLINES

CP branches and centres are encouraged to send in their success stories and diary dates for every issue. The deadlines for the next three issues are:

- **Autumn 2018 issue** (covers September to November): 27 June deadline
- **Winter 2018 issue** (covers December to February): 26 September deadline
- **Spring 2019** (covers March to May): 19 December deadline

Individual stories should be max 250 words and may be edited for clarity and length. Please send CP in Action and Diary entries as separate documents. It is a legal requirement to add text to appeals explaining that funds not used for the featured cat will be used for other cats in your care; we will add this if you have not already done so. Images should be attached to the email separately, not embedded into a document; minimum requirements for print publication are 300dpi (high resolution) in jpeg or tif format (or, as a rough rule of thumb, they should be at least 1MB in size). Original digital camera photographs are usually better than those taken on a mobile phone. Please email your submissions to editorial@cats.org.uk or post your entries to: CP in Action, The Cat magazine, Cats Protection, National Cat Centre, Chelwood Gate, Sussex, RH17 7TT. Thank you.



Left to right: Lee Bishop, Store Manager; Paul Blake, Acting Regional Director; Pebbles, the branch mascot and Tammy Field, Deputy Manager

● The **Walsall and Wolverhampton branches** would like to thank Vicky Sterrett from Bloxwich for her support of their work. Vicky's cat Teddy recently won local newspaper *The Wolverhampton Chronicle's* pet photography competition and has donated the £100 prize money to the branches.

Vicky regularly donates food and money as well as items for the local CP shop. She also donates hanging baskets to sell in the shop every summer, offering to refill them each year for free to whoever buys them. She has done so much to support our branches over the years so we'd really like to sing her praises.



APPEALS

● **Help for Harry By North Ayrshire Branch** Harry was reported to us as a local stray just before Christmas by someone that he'd been visiting for food. She wasn't able to get very close to him but she started to notice that he was having trouble keeping his eyes open.

and we feel that Harry is a reminder if one was needed of why we continue to do what we do.

We would appreciate support towards his vet bills and his day to day expenses while we've cared for him. The time, care and financial commitment to strays puts a big strain on our resources but to see their lives turned around for the future makes it all worthwhile.

Once he'd been trapped and taken to the vets it was discovered that his eyelids were turned inwards so his eye lashes were rubbing his eyes, which must have been really sore for him.

Donations can be made payable to North Ayrshire Cats Protection and sent to North Ayrshire Cats Protection, c/o Treasurer, 1 Priesthill View, Stevenston KA20 4AT, or can be given online via the donate section on our website www.northayrshire.cats.org.uk

Harry had the usual full vet work up and also corrective surgery for his lids. Despite his initial nerves in foster care he was such a good patient and was quick to learn to trust people again.

Any funds raised above and beyond those needed for Harry will be used to help the other cats in our care. Thank you.



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● **Newbury & District
EVENTS**

2 June & 28 July: Jumble sale at The Catholic Hall, Bath Road, Thatcham; 11:30am. Admission 40p. Jumble can be taken to the Newbury Adoption Centre in advance or accepted at the hall on the day between 9am and 10:30am only.

● **Reading & District
EVENTS**

2 June & 11 August: Jumble sale at All Saints Parish Hall, Downshire Square, Reading, RG1 6NH; 1-3pm.

**DEVON
East Devon
STALLS**

26 May: Lions Gala Week Fête at The Green, Budleigh Salterton; 2-4pm.

EVENTS

30 May: Afternoon tea at Gardens of Cadhay House, Ottery St. Mary; 3-5pm. Volunteers wanted.

31 May: Coffee morning/Bazaar at The Public Hall, Budleigh Salterton; 10:30am-12:30pm.

5 July: Coffee morning/Bazaar at The Mariners Hall, Beer; 10am-12pm.

11 August: Cats Tea Party at Homefield, Longdogs Lane, Ottery St. Mary; 2:30pm-4:30pm.

● **Honiton
EVENTS**

29 July: Branch birthday party at Middle Woodbeer Farm, Plymtree, Cullompton, Devon, EX15 2LN; 12-3pm. Honiton Cats Protection is celebrating 35 years as an independent branch. You can expect tea and cake, new and pre-loved goods, cats and kittens and lots of fun. Hope you can help us celebrate!

**ESSEX
Chelmsford & District
EVENTS**

17 June: Blackwater Country Show, Chigborough Road, Heybridge, CM9 4RB.

30 June: Adoption Centre 1940s Day at Willow Grove, Deadmans Lane, Galleywood, CM2 8LZ; 11am-3pm. Step back in time – fancy dress optional!

11 August: Adoption Centre Family Fun Day at Willow Grove, Deadmans Lane, Galleywood, CM2 8LZ; 11am-3pm. Our biggest fundraising event of the year!



Our national roadshow stand

● **Southend & District
EVENTS**

21 July: Summer fair at Nazareth House, 111 London Road, Southend; 10:30am-12:30pm.

CAT SHOWS

9 June: Bellevue Baptist Church Hall, Bellevue Avenue, Southend; 10:30am-12pm.

LANCASHIRE

● **Lancaster & Morecambe
EVENTS**

15 July: Summer fair at Strathmore Hotel, Morecambe; 11am-3pm. We will be having lots of stalls, games and a raffle. Refreshments will be available.

SUSSEX

● **Horsham & District
EVENTS**

9 June: Fundraiser at Park Barn, Horsham Park, RH12 1RJ.

WORCESTERSHIRE

● **Worcester & District
EVENTS**

1 July: Companion Dog Show (in aid of Cats Protection), Croft Lane, Kerswell Green, Worcester, WR5 3PF; 10:30am. There will be lots of stalls there, including our own, selling goods, tombola and bric-a-brac. If you would like to

book a stall for £5, please call 01905 371329/27073.

6 July: Quiz night with fish and chip supper at Fernhill Heath War Memorial Club, 73 Droitwich Road, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 8RJ; 7.30pm. Join in the fun of our annual Quiz Night, enjoy a delicious fish and chip supper and win fabulous prizes in our raffle. Bar opens from 7pm. Gather your teams of 4-6 and get the old grey cells working! Tickets sold in advance, £10pp, from Rosie on 07716 217 568 or from our Worcester shop in St Johns on 01905 426 748.

STALLS

22 July: Animals R Magic, Jinney Ring Craft Centre, Hanbury Road, Hanbury, Bromsgrove, B60 4BU; 11am. If you want a great family day out, come along to the annual Animals R Magic event where there will be lots of activities for all ages, animals galore, charity stalls and delicious food! Worcester Cats Protection will be there with our own goods, tombola and information about the animals in our care.

12 August: Worcester Show, Gheluvelt Park, 69 Waterworks Road, Worcester, WR1 3EY; 10am. What a fantastic day we had at the Worcester Show last year! Come along and say 'Hi' to us again on our Cats Protection stall, where there will be lots to buy, details of cats to be rehomed and fun to be had!

YORKSHIRE

● **Doncaster
STALLS**

30 June: Barnby Dun Community Fayre at Parish Hall; 2pm.

7 July: Askern Gala; 10am-3pm.
21 & 22 July: Rossington Gala.

SCOTLAND

● **South Ayrshire
STALLS**

3 June: 37th Carrick Lowland Gathering at Victory Park, Girvan, KA26 9DZ; 11am-5pm. There with a tombola for adults and a tombola for children to guess the cat's name.

1 July: Harbour Gala at Girvan Promenade; 12-4pm.

28 July: Maidens Gala at The Harbour; 12-4pm.

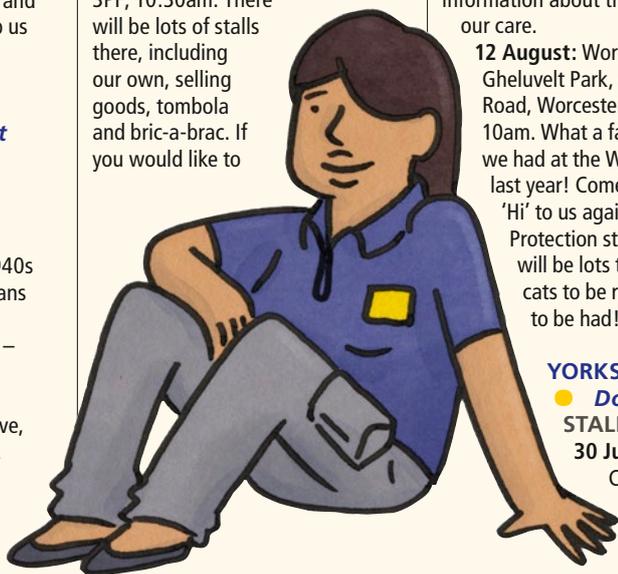
11 August: Prestwick Gala at Prestwick Promenade; 11am-5pm.

EVENTS

9 June: Open day at 5 River Street, Ayr; 11am-4pm. The branch's 20th anniversary celebration with stalls, tombola, home baking and a chance to have your picture taken with Bobby the cat.

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AT NATIONAL SHOWS**

- **Gardening Scotland**
- 1-3 June:** Edinburgh
- **South of England Show**
- 7-9 June:** Ardingly
- **Great British Sewing Bee**
- 7-10 June:** London ExCel
- **The Handmade Fair**
- 22-24 June:** Wiltshire
- **Dog Fest**
- 23-24 June:** Bristol
- **RHS Hampton Court Flower Show**
- 2-8 July:** Surrey
- **Great Yorkshire Show**
- 10-12 July:** Harrogate
- **RHS Tatton Park Flower Show**
- 18-22 July:** Cheshire
- **The Southport Flower Show**
- 16-19 August:** Merseyside



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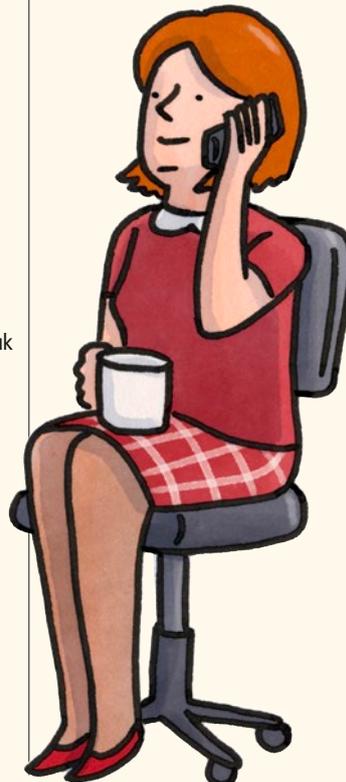
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- ☎ www.midsomer.cats.org.uk
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- ☎ www.minehead.cats.org.uk
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- ☎ www.oxford.cats.org.uk
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- ☎ www.readinganddistrictcats.org
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- ☎ www.staustell.cats.org.uk
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- ☎ www.salisburycats.co.uk
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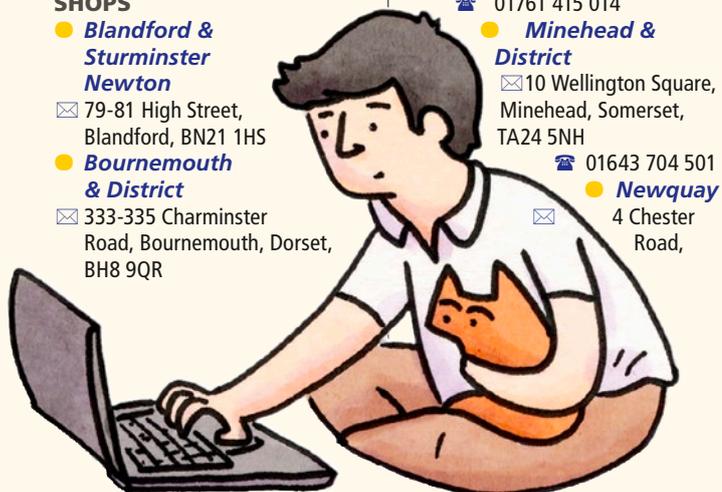
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- **Luton, Dunstable & District**
- ☎ 0345 371 2746
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- **North Birmingham**
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- ☎ www.northbirmingham.cats.org.uk
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- 🌐 www.macclesfieldcats.org.uk
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- 🌐 www.northsheffield.cats.org.uk
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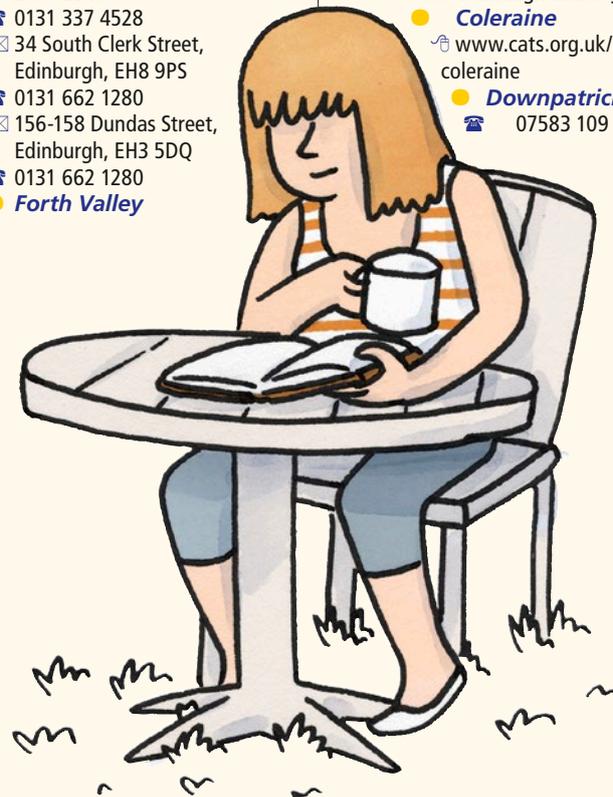
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Hello! Welcome to the Summer edition of *Kids' corner*, our younger readers' section of the magazine. Is your cat enjoying the great outdoors?

This time we have a tricky logic puzzle for you. We're going to test your little grey cells! We've had some lovely pictures sent to us, as well.



If you'd like to send in a drawing, photograph, letter or email for the next issue, then contact us at *The Cat* magazine, National Cat Centre, Chelwood Gate, Sussex, RH17 7TT or email editorial@cats.org.uk with *Kids' corner* in the subject line. Don't forget to tell us your name, age and address.

You could win a cuddly cat for yourself and a toy for your cat!

*The answers are:
Lee owns Dave who is 18.
Gemma owns Mylo who is 7.
Jo owns Penny who is 4.

Logic puzzle

The puzzle grid allows you to cross-reference every possible option. You can eliminate pairs you know aren't true with an X, and pencil in pairs you know are related with an O. For

example after reading clue one, you can put a cross next to Jo and Dave.

There are just three clues to help you... can you work out who owns which cat, and how old the cat is?

- 1 Dave is the oldest cat and doesn't belong to Jo
- 2 Gemma loves her cat Mylo, who is neither the youngest or the oldest
- 3 Jo's cat is younger than Lee's

		CATS			OWNERS		
		Mylo	Penny	Dave	Lee	Jo	Gemma
AGE	4						
	7						
	18						
OWNERS	Lee						
	Jo						
	Gemma						

*Answers at bottom of the page



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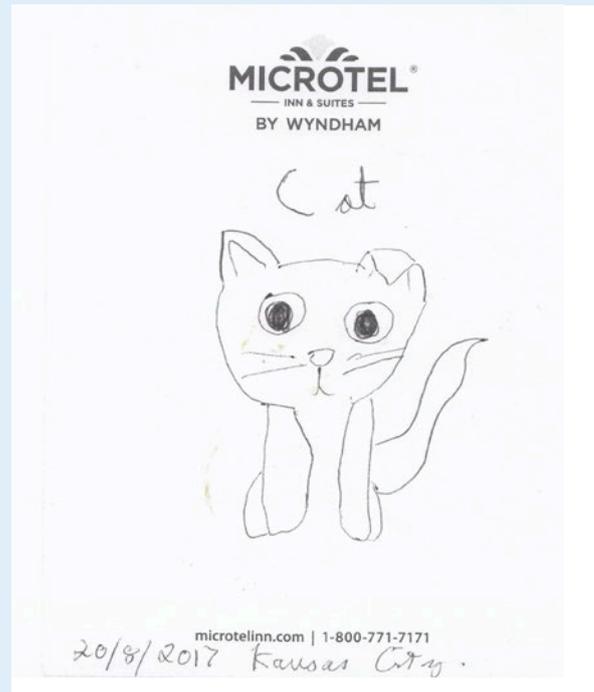
Many thanks to all our gallery contributors, we love your pictures!

Clockwise from top: Mia is eight years old and loves cats. We don't blame her, they're brilliant!

Eight-year-old Samantha drew this picture of her toy cat while she was in America. A very good use of hotel paper! Samantha has her own cat, Noah, and is also one of our Cat Sponsors.

Evelyn is proudly showing her drawings of her three cats, Luka, Charlie and Lily. Thank you for sharing them with us!

Tamsin is also eight and she has drawn us a picture of a cat with a ball of wool. Very fine detail!



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Jumble 10.05.94 – 27.02.10. In memory of my very special friend and gorgeous tortoiseshell. Hope you are happy in heaven. Look forward to meeting again one day. Loads of love Alison xx

Our beautiful black cat and friend '**Midnite**', left us for heaven on 05.03.18. She was so good natured and lovely. We'll see you again, when we get there, sweetheart. Mummy and Daddy.

In loving memory of dearest **Ted** killed on the road March 2017. A beautiful, adventurous and affectionate cat loved and missed so much, P.

Jody "Jodygirl" 30.06.10 to 05.03.18. Thank you for nearly eight wonderful years, you tried so very hard to stay with us but couldn't manage it any longer. You were my little princess and such a little hunter. It isn't the same without you. Goodnight princess xxx Wendy and Mum.

Midge much loved soulmate of nearly 15 years, PTS 15.02.18 following a stroke. Remembering also those who have gone before: **Delilah, Pywacket, Thomas, Rags, Pushkin** and **Tinker**. Miss you all. Patrick.

In loving memory of our "**Litty" Milly** 26.02.18. Our beautiful baby girl taken too soon. We hope you're on Rainbow Bridge chasing your tail and sparkly lights. We love you and will miss you forever. Until we meet again. Mum, Dad, Molly, Lauren and Steve xxxxx

In loving memory of **Cumfy**, a loving friend. Passed away August 1965 aged 16. Reunited with our Mum and Dad, till we meet again. Peter.

In loving memory of **Cindy**, a loving friend. Passed away 24.05.83 aged 16. Asleep in her favourite garden. Till we meet again. Peter.

In loving memory of **Ben**, a loving friend. Passed away 11.07.05 aged 16. Asleep in his favourite garden. Till we meet again. Peter.

Luke – passed away 11.06.93 aged just two and his brother **Joshua** – pts 07.03.09 aged 17. Miss my beautiful boys always. Mum x

Thomas (Tompuss) – PTS 17.07.17, aged six. Still can't believe you have gone, my heart is broken. Love you and miss you everyday. Mum xx

George PTS 09.03.18. Fifteen years of love and companionship has suddenly come to a very sad end. George was a gorgeous big black cat who I am missing very much. I now have an empty house with an empty chair. God bless. Marian.

Lovely **Jill** 05.05.02 – 29.04.14. You were the best girl. We still love and miss you everyday. Be happy in heaven – until we meet again. Love Mummy and Jack xx

Jasper 1997 – 2014. You adopted us and will always be in our hearts. Jan and Graham.

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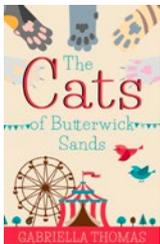
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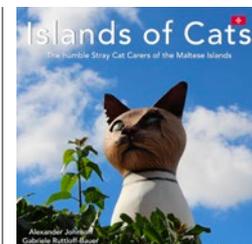


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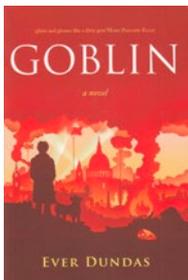


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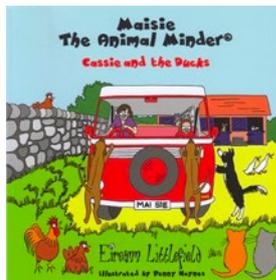


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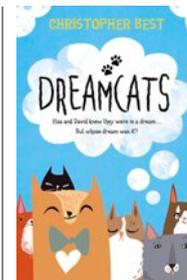


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