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Autumn 2007 News Update



Catchat success for Brighton



Scuffy (pictured above) was abandoned by his owners when they moved house, and had been roaming and scraping a living on the streets of Brighton. As the weeks turned into months, Scuffy got gradually thinner and his beautiful glossy locks were ruined. He arrived at Lost Cats Brighton, cold, hungry and fed up. Scuffy found it very difficult to adapt to life in foster care and he got terribly depressed, despite being given an MOT and a good brush, he just wanted somewhere to call his own where he could regrow his sleek beautiful coat – Scuffy found his forever home when his story was featured on CatChat and has since blossomed and once more has a lovely glossy coat with loads of TLC!

What a Difference a Day Makes

HOMED WITHIN A DAY OF BEING SEEN ON CATCHAT

Dear Cat Chat

I am so excited and I cannot thank CatChat enough - I have had a call from a lovely young couple who want to give Charlie a home - they live in a flat, but at 15 years old with 3 legs and 1 blind eye, I think this is a great opportunity for Charlie. All thanks to CatChat (and possibly the tasteless words I put in his details about "what he lacks in legs, he makes up for in affection!")

Keep up the good work with the website - things like this give me a real lift in what can be a pretty wearing full-time voluntary job.

Woking & District Cats Protection

Cool Cats Christmas Raffle is BACK

After the huge success of last year's Christmas Raffle we're doing it all again with 55 fab feline prizes, plus 6 special Bagpuss surprises! For full details - click 'Bagpuss in the snow' on the Catchat Homepage.

Tickets cost just £1, on sale until noon on 15th December 2007

Good Luck!

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A Real Werther's Original

Dear Catchat,
 Can you believe it, Toffee the 17 year old cat has been homed because of Catchat. I call it a miracle - what do you think? I can't thank you all enough, Toffee has been homed straight from her old home - only ten minutes away!
 Bromley & District Cat Rescue



Welcome Chow Bella New Advertiser

Chow Bella Pet Bowls

Chow Bella Pet Bowls - Personalised Dinnerware for Discerning Pets.

Those lovely chaps at Chow Bella have begun advertising their personalised ceramic pet bowls (handmade to order) with Catchat. So they deserve a Big Catchat welcome with lots of hugs.

Website: www.chow-bella.org.uk

Volunteer Thanks to new and old!

A million thanks to all our volunteers, and a warm welcome to our latest recruits:

Amal : Nicolene : Phiona : Sabrina : Tracy and Graeme (the bus stalker!)

And thank yous also, to our Fab Feline Forum Moderators: Blip • Buffy • Chrisb • Jen2 • Littlebobo • Lynnst24 • Petsearch • Sabrina and Sootyman





CAT CHAT SHOP

With Christmas just around the corner, please don't forget to check out the CatChat on-line shop at: www.catchat.org/catalog where you can find some lovely gifts for your cat loving friends... Our "Senior Kittizen" bags are one of our best sellers and don't forget the ever popular "Rescue Cats Rock!" pens great for those last minute Christmas stocking filler...

BIG AUGUST

AUGUST SUCCESSES – MOST YET!

August is generally a quiet month for homing for most rescue centres. Happily, CatChat had a run of successful rehoming stories this August, including some long-stay cats and senior kittizens, now finally in a home of their own:

Wellington - ex-stray lad, FIV, been in care over a year (Freshfields Animal Rescue, Liverpool).
 Tabs, an 11 year old puss from the Carlton Cat Sanctuary.
 10 year old Hamish from Nuneaton & Hinckley Cats In Need.

Beyond the Fur

Domino from Clacton Animal Aid spent all her life in the sanctuary (2 years) getting overlooked for no other reason than her being plain old black and white. Then they decided to put her on our Top Cats section and less than a month later she was off to her new home as a result.

Please remember, all cats should be considered for homing, a black and white is just as loving as a tortie, plain blacks are just as cozy as a tabby. Don't go by the fur when homing a cat, go by the heart :)





Emma's Long Way Round

Some nice people who were looking for kittens on Catchat spotted Emily (below) and recognised her as a cat that they had about 10 years ago and had to re-home as their son had an allergy and the doctor told them to rehome their cat. She was only about 9 months old then and the whole family were very upset. When they rang, they asked if she had half a tail, which she indeed had, so Emily was obviously their cat from the past. The family arrived with photos of Emily as a youngster and were thrilled to be able to once again have her back. Incidentally, it was not the cat that caused the allergy, so poor Emily had been re-homed for nothing. Her original name was Emma!!!!!!!

Kingsdown Cat Sanctuary



Bagpuss Mugshots!

The one and only Bagpuss has let us use one of his best photos, plus his 'signature' on our new mugs, as well as a quote about CatChat by the great pink & white cat himself.

A Massive thanks to Bagpuss for his generosity! These soon to be world famous mugs (below) are available here: www.catchat.org/catalog



Welcome Katzecure New Advertiser



Katzecure, cat-proof garden systems.

The clever people at Katzecure have a safe & efficient and elegant way to cat-proof your garden.

More Catchat hugs going out to the people at Katzecure for advertising with us.

www.katzecure.com



Green Stamps & Ham!



Your used postage stamps can now raise funds to help Cat Chat - please tell your family, friends and work colleagues to save theirs too! With Christmas just around the corner, all those Christmas cards will be coming through the door, so don't forget to save the stamps for CatChat. Foreign stamps are especially sought after but you can save the ordinary ones as well. Here's how... Please leave a small amount of the envelope round each stamp, don't cut right up to the edge. Your used stamps should then be sent direct to Charity Stamps Support, as below. Please remember to include 'Catchat' and the reference number below, thank you!
Send to: Catchat - 1370035, c/o Charity Stamps Support, 46 Church Hill, Chorley, PR6 7LQ

Cat Chat Awarded Grant

We are very appreciative of The Petplan Charitable Trust, who have awarded us a Grant towards the cost of our Web Server... this will keep all our homing pages running for another year! Thank you!



Extra Special BIG THANKS

Site sponsors Royal Canin kindly funded the printing and distribution of our Cat Chat mini poster campaign, targeted for vets notice boards.. We were able to distribute some 10,500 flyers.. This flyer can also be downloaded from our website, or you can contact us direct and we will pop some in the post to you. Hopefully, you will see these posters at a vets near you.



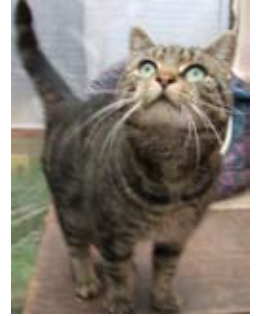


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Nottinghamshire Rehoming Blitz!



HOMED in 2 days!

The rescue said: "Medina (above left) found a lovely home this weekend after only two days on the website, she was spotted, seen and adopted within these two days. Another success down to Cat Chat." (Burton Joyce Cat Welfare)

HOMED in 5 hours!

Kirkby Cats Home, Notts put Lucy (above right) on their Cat Chat Homing Page at 2pm and by 7pm she had been homed by someone who spotted her the moment she went on! A volunteer from the rescue said: "Without the web page we wouldn't be able to help a fraction of the cats that we do."

Top Cats Trumps Again



Hi All

Top Cats has done it again!! We've homed Jess (above) our disabled cat after she was spotted on Top Cats; it wasn't even a local family, they travelled a fair distance to come and see her on the site, and that was it, they decided they had to have her. We're delighted, she was such a lovely natured cat we felt awful keeping her in the pen. Oh and while they were at it they took a kitten and are coming back for another this weekend so that's three more homed thanks to Cat Chat!

Burton Joyce Cat Welfare

Hear Ye, Hear Ye. Feline Forum is Back!

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Ladies and Gentlemen, Mogs and Pedigrees! The CatChat Forum is now back up and running! We re-launched at the end of September with the help of new Supervisor Erasmus Cat, and a trusty team of Moderators. Our forum has helped so many cats and people in the past, and we hope the New Forum will do the same, and go from strength to strength.

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