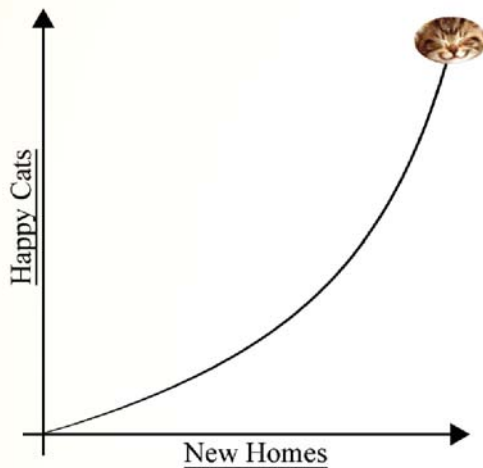


# Catchat.org

Spring 2008 Newsletter



## 2007 Homing Figures



Cats homed through Cat Chat during 2007 topped 5,000 for the first time, that's at least 13 a day! We cannot express enough how amazingly proud this makes us all at Cat Chat and shows how much can be done when people know there are great cats out there waiting to be homed with caring people. The increase is due to 3 things - More rescues now have a Cat Chat Homing Page, plus a 300 percent increase in the number of cats going across our Top Cats Homing Section and not forgetting the increase in visitor numbers to the site – all this adds up to more formerly homeless cats in happy homes!

### Good things come in three's...?

Three cats homed together after being seen on our Top Cats section, from Medway & Gravesham Cats Protection, Kent:

The rescue said "Good news. Harry and Lily have gone to a nice rural home and the people also decided to have Bella as well. So, all three of our top cats have now been re-homed via your website. Watch this space for the next inmates. Thanks yet again for your help."

### 'Waiting For Albi'



A new eBook for children facing the death of a pet:

Waiting for Albi is a simple, sensitive tale for young children facing the death of a loved pet. The book can be purchased from Lulu, the leading on-line e-book publisher here: [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com) price, £1.25

Author Inga Voit is donating 75% of all profits to Cat Chat as a thank you for assisting in the urgent rehoming of a number of cats when an animal shelter in Cumbria closed down last year. Inga said: "Your site found homes for all our cats - you quite simply, saved many furry lives."



Gus (above) from Canterbury Cats Protection, homed Feb 2008 - (homeless after his elderly owner got taken into hospice care, and Gus nearly got put to sleep)

Hi again, Just to say through the wonders of Cat Chat our dear Gus found a home. Despite his older years and thyroid condition and only just a few weeks ago losing his home, owner and near enough ending up at the vets to be put to sleep. Miracles do happen and Gus is a worthy symbol of rescue work and what it can achieve. Good on you Gus! Have a lovely retirement. Canterbury & District Cats Protection. (February 2008)

## Senior Kittizens

Many 'Golden Oldies' are homed through our pages, just room here for two:

Nelson from Pennine Pen Animal Rescue, Oldham

Snowy from Independent Cat Rescue, Birmingham.

## The Hard of Homing...Homed!

### SUNDAE (right)

A deaf cat, with a renal problem, featured on Top Cats: Good news, Sundae, one of our "top cats" went to a new mum and dad today! Deaf, and with a renal problem - but it didn't matter one bit to the amazing couple who have welcomed him into their home. It really is a very special success story for him and the best bit is that it's directly from CatChat. Ashfield & Amber Valley Cats Protection



### DUDLEY (right)

A diabetic cat, been waiting 18 months for a home: Hi! thanks to a wonderful response from your site, we have managed to find a home for 'Dudley' our long term resident who has been searching for a home for over 18 months! Thanks to you he is now packing his bags ready to move to his new house next Saturday! Kind Regards. Humane Education Society, Wilmslow, Cheshire.



EDDIE (pictured) who has FIV: The rescue said Eddie has settled in really well and is already treating the house like his own!

Cats in Need, Nuneaton & Hinckley



### BEN (right)

Hi, Just to let you know that after nearly 2 years at the sanctuary and for the whole of his life Ben has finally been rehomed after being seen as a top cat on the website.

So a big thank you from us all

Clacton Animal Aid



### SYLVIE (right)

Sylvie - an elderly, blind cat featured on Top Cats Section: Good news, Sylvie has now been rehomed thanks to cat chat! Thanks for all your help, not sure how she would have found homes without your help. Springfield Rescue, Chelmsford, Essex



### HOLLY

A blind puss, homed after 3 days on Top Cats section

Hi, Holly who was in the "Top Cats" section, was reserved and rehomed after only 3 days on Cat Chat. Its wonderful, she was blind and so needed a special home. Many thanks. Harworth Cat Rescue

## Ellesmere Port 2007 Rehoming Bonanza

Dear All at Catchat

Just to update you on the homing successes we had in 2007. We homed 41 cats through Catchat last year, so a big thank you to all you guys for the wonderful support you are offering to small rescues like ours. 21 of the 41 were adult cats, a couple, including Madge with ear cancer, are a complete miracle and we are forever indebted to you for giving these cats a special place on your Top Cats Page.

Please keep up the good work.

Best wishes

Cat Rescue Ellesmere Port

## Pretty Paws Poetry



Bonnie (above) and all at Pennine Pen Animal Rescue say:

*“Never give up because when all hope has gone, there are catchat angels to help us along!”*

THANK YOU AGAIN !!! for helping us find a home for our Bonnie who was either unseen due to hiding, or ran around frantically avoiding contact. Bonnie was with us over 12 months. A kind lady from Oldham saw Bonnie on catchat and contacted us. She wanted a companion for her cat due to the tragic loss of one of her cats.

THANK YOU Catchat Angels xxxxx

THANKS to all of you who go through our Easyfundraising page when you shop on-line, as it is making a **real** difference. We are delighted so many of you are using this brilliant facility to help us!

It costs you nothing to use - just sign up with Easyfundraising and go through our Easyfundraising portal whenever you go to shop online. With over 400 major retailers to choose from it really is a great way to shop and help us. Thank you!

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/catchat](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/catchat)

## Charity Stamps Support

Not only can you now save your used stamps to benefit us, but also used postcards and foreign coins – all can be sent to Charity Stamps Support to benefit Cat Chat, but please remember to include our name and reference number: ‘Catchat – 1370035’ on the envelope.

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## New Cat Chat Supporter...

The Cats Whiskers Boarding Cattery, Larkfield, Kent. Newly established small exclusive cattery. Fully Licensed and Insured. Spacious heated houses, and runs with garden views. All needs catered for with an experienced caring proprietor. Viewing by appointment welcome.

If you are in Kent, this is the cattery your cats would choose! For more information please call - 01732 321416

## Raffle-Tastic

Xmas raffle success & total raised £1068  
We are immensely thrilled with the amount raised, it was great fun, and the total raised will be a great help! Special thanks to everyone who bought tickets – and extra special thanks to the prize sponsors for putting up such fab prizes that made every ticket purchase worthwhile. Finally, a big congratulations to all the winners and we hope they all enjoy their prizes.



# ROYAL CANIN

A big thankyou goes to Royal Canin petfoods who are continuing as site sponsors through 2008. We are tremendously proud to be associated with such a quality brand, both in the high quality of their premium petfood products but also in their continued support for animal rescue and welfare.

## Luck O' the Irish



Well - you've done it again!!

Both Splodge and Fluffy have got brilliant homes thanks to Cat Chat! We are delighted - homing is soooo hard but people seem to go to your virtual shelter thick and fast!!

Thank you and lots of purrs from those lucky cats settling into their new homes.  
Belfast Animal Rescue

## Cattery Cleaning Products



### New Cat Chat Supporter:

SAFE4 - is a NEW disinfectant, economical & safe to use with your cats, kittens and other pets even when wet! Used by Cats Protection, RSPCA and the Feline Advisory Bureau. Safe4 is DEFRA and EU2009 approved.  
Website: [www.e-k9.co.uk](http://www.e-k9.co.uk)

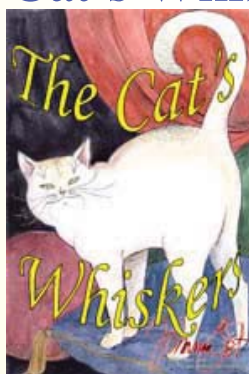


## A Pair in the home...

Sometimes cats are brought into shelters in pairs, and if possible, rescues will try to keep them together. Here are a few of the lucky 'pairs' homed recently through the Cat Chat pages:

Big Ben & Little Jerry And Holly & Jingle – Both Pairs From Kirkby Cats Home, Notts (above, bottom)  
Buttons And Biscuit From Cat Homing & Rescue, Warrington  
Thomas & Timmie - Pennine Pen Animal Rescue, Oldham  
Lucky & Corky - Burton Joyce Cat Welfare, Notts.  
Larry & Amy, Ruby & Spider, And Jake & George – All Three Pairs From Cat Rescue Flintshire  
Gismo & Suki - Cat Action Trust 1977, Bewdley Branch.  
Bob And Dave - Independant Cat Rescue, Dewsbury  
Mitzy & Morris - White Knights Rescue, Reading  
Rupert & Rosie - Persian Chinchilla Rescue, Kent.  
Florence & Megan And Izabella & Freya – Both Pairs From Paws Inn, Weaverham  
Oliver & Loyd - Freshfields, North Wales.  
Billy & Henry - West Oxford Animal Rescue.  
Barney & Theo And Ben & Kelly – Both pairs From - Clacton Animal Aid. (above, top)

### The Cat's Whiskers



**New Cat Chat Supporter:** Welcome to Stefan Freedman, author of "The Cat's Whiskers" (illustrated): A smart and well observed, poetic look at the lives of cats, inspired by the author's two rescue cats, Cleo and Chico. Details at [www.worlddance.org](http://www.worlddance.org)

### Pet Homes

**New Cat Chat Supporter:** Cattery & Rescue Centre builders - Improving the standard of Catteries and Cat Rescue Centres, Pet Homes manufacture and build top quality, low maintenance housing for catteries and rescue centres. Chalets are built from fibreglass and runs with wood or galvanised steel. Welcome to Bob and Jackie at: [www.pethomes.me.uk](http://www.pethomes.me.uk)

And finally... LOUD PURRS to all those wonderful people who offered homes to over 5,000 cats seen on Cat Chat through 2007!