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## WELCOME TO THE CATCHAT NEWSLETTER • WINTER 2012/13

### A Fortnight to Remember!

Cavan Vets in Wolverhampton occasionally find themselves with a cat to rehome, but in October they had no less than 5 at once! Three kittens and two cats, all needing homes.

All five were posted onto their Cat Chat homing page, and the adult cats also featured on our Top Cats rehoming section. In late October we were delighted to receive the great news that ALL FIVE had found homes in just two weeks, due to being seen on Cat Chat!



And the lucky cats are: Monty (above), a 3 legged kitten, who was re-homed together with an adult cat Cinnamon, which is great as they had become friends at the vets! Then it was Aurora's turn to get lucky. And finally, a pair of black kittens, Edward and Emmett (someone there is clearly a Twilight fan!) were adopted.

Jody from Cavan vets said "thanks for your ongoing support, we are so grateful for all your help".

**We're glad to be of service guys!!**

### Peter to Run Yorkshire Marathon for Cat Chat



Peter Hanson, owner of the Cat Gallery will be running the first PlusNet Yorkshire Marathon in York, on 20th October 2013 to benefit Cat Chat! In 2009 Peter raised a whopping £1,000 for Cat Chat, by completing the York 10k run. We're delighted he is going to do it all again for us, in this 26.2k marathon. Go Peter!

Visit Peter's MyDonate - Fundraiser profile page to make sponsorship donations:

[mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/helpneedycats](http://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/helpneedycats)

The Cat Gallery has been supplying fine quality gifts for Cat Lovers since 2001:

[www.thecatgallery.co.uk](http://www.thecatgallery.co.uk)

The Cat Gallery sponsors our 'Adopt an Older Cat' page: [www.catchat.org/seniors.html](http://www.catchat.org/seniors.html)



## Gone in a flash!



Presenting a few of the lucky felines who found themselves adopted from their rescue shelters, before they had time to say... meeeeeeeeeow!

### BONNIE & CLYDE

These timid kittens found their forever home after just two days on Cat chat.

Little Cottage Rescue, Beds



BONNIE & CLYDE



FIFI

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A gorgeous ragdoll cat who was homed from our page within just a couple of weeks.

Cat Homing and Rescue, Warrington



ISABELLA

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This adorable lady moved on almost immediately after being spotted on our catchat homing page, and has settled in straight away!

Kirkby Cats Home, Nottinghamshire

## Latest Cat Homing Pages

Cat Chat offers free cat homing web pages to UK rescue centres, rehoming groups, or vet practices, enabling them to feature their cats seeking homes. Here are the latest organizations to take up the offer:

**Starfish Rescue**, Gloucestershire  
**Cuddly Critters Small Animal Rescue**, Thurrock, Essex  
**E.A.R.S - Emergency Animal Rescue Support**, N.Yorks  
**World Animal Friends**, Sussex Branch  
**Stepping Stones**, Sutton, London  
**Cat Action Trust 1977**, Kidderminster, Worcs.  
**Cavan Veterinary Surgery**, Wolverhampton, West Mids.  
**Little Cottage Rescue**, Luton, Beds.  
**Cross Counties Cat Rescue (CCCR)**, Nottingham, Notts.  
**Lina's Cat Rescue**, Derbyshire  
**RSPCA - Bradford & District Branch**, W.Yorks.  
**Katz Castle Animal Rescue**, Surrey  
**Pussycat Lodge Trust, Brentwood**, Essex  
**Stranraer & District Cats Protection**, Dumfries & Galloway  
**Chelmsford & District Cats Protection**, Essex

These pages are an ideal way to give your rescue cats a web presence, or to greatly increase their chances of being spotted if you already use the web.

Rescue centres can find details of our free pages here »»  
[www.catchat.org/rehoming\\_page.html](http://www.catchat.org/rehoming_page.html)

**FREE PAGE!**  
**CATS for HOMING**



## Animal SOS be prepared!

As animal lovers, we all dread the thought of seeing an animal in distress. Anyone who has ever witnessed a dog or cat being hit by a car, or found an injured animal whilst out walking will know that initial feeling of panic, followed by the urgent dilemma of what to do, and how to help. Well, there is one quick and easy thing you can do, which may help you in such a situation, and may even help to save an animal's life – just add these emergency numbers to your mobile phone contacts list:

- **RSPCA 24-hour emergency hotline: 0300 1234 999**
- **Cats Protection Helpline: 03000 12 12 12**

Hopefully you will never need to call, but if you are first on the scene when an animal is hurt, you will have help at your fingertips. So, in fact... stop reading this newsletter for a minute, and pop those numbers into your phone right now, while you are thinking about it. You could save a life.



## Serving Cat & Country

Please join us as we extend warm, friendly head-bumps to our latest Volunteer! Sarah has climbed in through the Cat Chat catflap, to join our team of Top Cat Administrators... plus she has also taken on the new role of 'Newsletter Editor'!

Thanks Sarah, we hope you enjoy it!



# Petting and Playing Aggression



When kittens or young cats attack; biting hands and feet, or try to play but in a rough way, this can be associated with early weaning, and absence of learned social skills. A kitten that is separated from his / her family too early may play more roughly than a kitten that has had more valuable family time. In addition, if humans without realising, play with a young kitten using their hands and / or feet instead of toys, are giving the green light for rough play with people. Also, a cat may start out relaxed, enjoying being petted, but suddenly perceive that they are being handled by a larger, potential predator, and becoming disoriented they may attack, forgetting who is stroking them.

Conflicting feelings of security and fear result in defensive aggression. The cat carer can start by learning to recognise the signs of the cat's unease (suddenly jumping down and grooming, tail twitching, backwards-facing ears, dilated pupils, sudden tensing, etc). As soon as the cat shows any of these signs, the cat carer should stop petting, and rewarded the cat with a little treat and praise. Gradually the duration of petting can be increased as long as it is acceptable to the cat.

To overcome rough play by the cat, the carer can offer alternatives for biting and wrestling, such as toys to redirect the cat's aggressive behaviour. For example by dragging a favourite cat toy along the floor to encourage pouncing or chasing. A good toy is one the cat can wrestle with, such as a soft stuffed toy, about the same size as the cat, so he can grab it and, and kick it with his back feet.

Play sessions should be about 10 to 15 minutes each time but always at the same time. The location of playtime depends on the cat's personality. If he likes being the centre of things, play wherever the cat and his humans spend most of their time. If he is a timid cat then pick a quiet room. Cats need sufficient playtime so they can use some of their energy. They get bored easily with the same toys, so rotating them weekly is a good idea. (ideally 4 or 5 different toys available at a time). 'Hide and seek' is a fun game for cats to play as "found" toys are often much more attractive to them. Play sessions should accommodate the cat's / kitten's own hunting 'preferences', i.e.

the carer moving toys to resemble the movements of mice, or birds. When playtime ends, put interactive toys away to keep the cat from getting bored with them.

If these distraction and redirection techniques don't work, the most drastic thing you can do is to withdraw all attention when the cat starts playing too roughly. Simply walk to another room, and close the door long enough for him to calm down. If this isn't possible because the cat is about to bite or scratch, the carer can try growling or hissing. The sudden switch to cat-like behaviour will get his attention! Other sounds that can work are single words such as 'STOP', 'NO', or 'OFF', with a commanding voice or clapping (only when it is required so as not to confuse the cat).

Cats find routines and predictable environments comforting, so playtimes, mealtimes, and bedtimes should occur at approximately the same time every day.



Bach Flower Remedies (ideally for cats at least 6 months old) can also help with behavioural problems. They are natural remedies with no unwanted side effects. For playing and petting aggression it is recommended to use a combination of Chestnut Bud, Beech and Vine.

Of course, cat carers need to keep in mind that not all cats are lap cats or will ever become such, no matter how much one might try...!

Thanks to Katrina Zurbanu BSc (Hons) (Psych) BSY(PetPsy) MSc (PRM) feline behavioural adviser for this article.  
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## Proud Pairs - Homed! (part 1)

These guys are among those who have now been rehomed, via Cat Chat, along with their best mates:



**George & Jasper**

homed from: Cat Action Trust 1977, Doncaster



**Pip & Kookie**

homed from: Clacton Animal Aid, Clacton, Essex



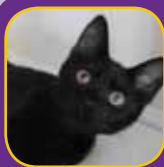
**Lucy & Lily**

homed from: Bedford, Biggleswade & District Cats Protection



**Tommy & Coco**

homed from: Clacton Animal Aid, Clacton, Essex



**Tia & Josh**

homed from: Clacton Animal Aid, Clacton, Essex



**Holly & Lily,**

homed from: Clacton Animal Aid, Clacton, Essex



**Edward & Emmett,**

homed from: Cavan Vets, Wolverhampton

The best news is, that there were so many double homings to tell you about this time, there are more coming up shortly!!



## Long Term Rescue Cats – Homed!

Great News!! After being overlooked for many months, these gorgeous felines have finally landed on their paws, with a little help from Cat Chat:

**Wilbur** - National Animal Welfare Trust, Great Shefford, Berkshire  
After a year, Wilbur has finally gone to his new home.



**Henna & Dinky** - Springfield Animal Rescue, Essex  
Homed after a cool 14 months in rescue.



**Pixie** - Cat Homing and Rescue (CHAR), Warrington  
After spending such a long time in rescue, young Pixie has now found her forever new home.



**Adam** - Cat Action trust 1977, Doncaster, South Yorkshire  
Adam has found his dream home after nearly a year in foster care.



**Flora** - Kirkby Cats Home, Nottinghamshire  
Looking for a home since early 2012, Flora has at last fallen on her paws and found a new dad to look forward to 2013 with.



**Kitkat** - RSPCA Stort Valley, Harlow, Essex  
A beloved lady homed after 11 months of patiently waiting.



**Fond, furry farewells to them all!**  
Could you adopt an overlooked cat?  
Visit: [www.catchat.org/topcats](http://www.catchat.org/topcats)  
for more information.

## Elijah's Story

Elijah, or 'Eli' as he is known, arrived at Willows Cat Adoption Centre, in South Shields, with his Mum. Her domineering 'people cat' personality found her a home fast, but poor Eli wasn't so lucky – and his confidence dipped.

Although partial to a good stroke if you were able to get near him, Eli became very reclusive. He went into foster care 18 months ago and although gained in confidence with the fosterer, he would often disappear when a stranger was nearby. Special advertisements were put out, but unfortunately never drew the right person in.

Eli's rescuers at Willows contacted Cat Chat to see if we could help find that special someone who would accept Eli's complex character and see through his shyness. Just when all hope was lost, that somebody spotted Elijah on our Top Cats section in December. Eli's forever home was in sight!

Eli's new Dad was experienced with shy cats, therefore his timid nature didn't put him off. As soon as the man and his wife visited Eli, they instantly fell in love with him and, adopted him.

Eli is now thriving in his new home – he even has a little camp to settle in privacy! We wish him the very best of luck and happiness – he truly is a very special cat.



## NEUTERING - WHY DOES IT MATTER?



Unwanted Pets - an Overpopulation Crisis!

People it seems, are not neutering their cats (and dogs) as often as they used to despite many organisations offering cut price neutering to help those people on low incomes. Why? There are probably many reasons -  
**money is tight and people don't feel it is a priority**  
some people see it as a way of making money by selling the offspring  
**some people, often men, don't like the idea of neutering, particularly dogs**  
some people mean well but just 'don't get round to it' until it is too late

**Unneutered Male Cats** will wander far and wide, fight, spray and probably sire many unwanted litters in their neighbourhood.

**Unneutered Female Cats** will roll and call when in season and can have several litters a year producing many unwanted and sometimes sick kittens as well as becoming poor in health themselves, sometimes with serious results which can result in either the death of the animal or expensive veterinary treatment.

**Neutered Cats - both Male and Female** are more content, wander less, males smell much less if at all, and both sexes are generally much healthier, happier and less likely to develop certain ailments in later life, including some cancers.

You might be saying to yourself 'I have had my animals done so I'm OK', but do you know anyone who isn't doing the right thing by the animals and allowing them to breed out of control, or even to become a nuisance? If so think of the welfare of those animals, cats in particular, and contact a local rescue organisation who will be able to advise or offer help. Find rescues in your area here: [www.catchat.org/adoption](http://www.catchat.org/adoption)

**Rabbits!** Don't forget also, to spay or neuter pet rabbits. Rabbits reproduce faster than dogs or cats and frequently end up in shelters when the owners cannot cope.

**The only sensible, humane way to reduce the number of unwanted animals is to please Neuter!**

For more information on neutering, including organisations who offer low cost neutering, visit: [www.catchat.org/neuter.html](http://www.catchat.org/neuter.html)

# Lets hear it for Arthur (Roly!)

Arthur was at Kirkby Cats Home in Notts, for 6 months before lady luck smiled on him... He was a scruffy, unneutered stray from a disused Colliery, who had understandably grown very nervous and upset. However, in spite of it all, he responded well to the care and attention he then received. What a success story... He was spotted on Cat Chat, and swiftly adopted! His new human kindly sent in the following update:



"I thought you might like to see this photo of Roly (used to be Arthur). He has settled in straight away and is a real purr box! He has no desire to go outside or even look out the window! He just keeps rolling over which is why I called him Roly. He loves lots of attention and is now a real fussy spot."

Roly's new owner also said that he snores very loudly as well!!!

Kirkby Cats Home told us that most of their homes are due to the Cat Chat site these days, which makes us just about as happy as Roly!



## Special Appeal for Homes

We hope 2013 will be a lucky year for these cats, who are waiting patiently for a home. For full details of all these cats, visit our [Top Cats Section](#)

### Maggie

from Downham Market Cats Protection, Norfolk

Poor Maggie was found dumped - flea-ridden and un-neutered. Her rescuers have since spayed her, and restored her to tip-top condition. She is understandably nervous until she knows she can trust you, but then she really shines! Maggie loves to see humans laughing and playing with her.



### Rosie

from Newmarket Cats, Suffolk

Bless her heart... Rosie is currently living her fosterer's garden. She would love to go into the house, but is nervous of the other cats. She would devote her life as a house cat to a new owner who has no other pets or children. Rosie loves folk music too!

### Columbus

from Pawz for Thought, Sunderland, Tyne & Wear

Beneath all his bluff and bravado, Columbus is a little on the frightened side, especially when in an enclosed space with other cats (don't tell him we told you!). He needs a cat free home with an owner who understands his ways...



### Libby

from Holyhead Cat Rescue, Anglesey, N.Wales

Libby's beloved owner passed away, leaving no family, and so Libby was left homeless outside. She was used to being a much loved, indoor cat, and this experience has left her a little jumpy. Libby needs a new home, with love and stability to put things right for her.

### Bagpuss

from Angel Wings, Chesterfield, Derbys.

This young, healthy lad is looking for a home with access to the outside, as he likes to wander around. Although he is very friendly and loves to be stroked and fussed, he is not keen on being picked up, but will gladly come and sit beside you.



## Need a Little Extra Cash? Use eBay & help cats too!

If you had one of those presents this year that turned out to be the wrong size, not your colour etc... well don't despair... Thanks to eBay for Charity, your unwanted gift can bring you a little extra post-Christmas cash, and help homeless cats all over the UK too! There are 3 ways to support Cat Chat through eBay...

### 1. Earn a bit... Give a bit... Support Cat Chat when you sell on eBay!

Sellers can donate anything from 10% to 100% of the proceeds of their auctions to Cat Chat. In addition, all eBay for Charity items will qualify for a fee credit on basic insertion and final value fees equal to the percentage donated!

### 2. Choose Cat Chat as one of your "Favourite" Charities on your eBay account

This feature enables you to make an optional donation every time you buy or sell on eBay. It's easy to do: Just click the 'Save as Favourite' button on Cat Chat's eBay Page: ["Save as Favourite"](#)

### 3. Look out for auctions supporting Cat Chat when you buy on eBay!

Buyers can shop for items knowing they're supporting a good cause. You can find Current eBay auctions to benefit Cat Chat here:

[Auctions benefitting Cat Chat](#)

Information about supporting Cat Chat, or any other charity, through eBay for Charity, can be found here:

[About eBay for Charity](#)

PURRS and thanks to eBay for Charity, and to those of you who already support us in this way!





## Areas we are looking for support

### Milton Keynes & North Bucks RSPCA

Background to the branch: "We are entirely self-funded with a dedicated team of animal lovers who help care for, treat and re-home stray and unwanted animals. We receive no financial support from either the central RSPCA or the Government. This means we rely on the generous support of local people and businesses to continue the vital work of helping animals in need. In 2011 we provided treatment for, or re-homed, approximately 1,000 animals. Our vet bills alone were in excess of £130,000.

The branch is at crisis point with the re-homing centre full and a long waiting list. When the branch is full the charity has a duty to concentrate on animals suffering cruelty and neglect which are brought in by the National RSPCA Inspectors from around the city. Injured cats are boarded at vets.

Pet owners have to start taking responsibility for their own animals and ensure their animal's welfare needs are met. The RSPCA can no longer act as a 'recycling centre' for people's unwanted pets.

**CATS RE-HOMING.** All our adult cats are neutered, microchipped and treated for fleas and worms. They will also have had (at least) their first vaccinations (flu/enteritis/leukaemia). We ask a £55 donation to help cover our costs. A home visit may be required.

Some of the cats currently seeking homes can be seen on the **Milton Keynes & North Bucks RSPCA Cat Chat homing page.**

Cats such as Gwynnie, rescued by the inspectors from a 90 cat household! As you can see she is now a beautiful young lady, who really deserves a good home after what she's been through.

**FERAL CATS RE-HOMING.** The branch has a number of neutered and microchipped feral cats that urgently need safe homes. They will require access to somewhere warm and dry, like a shed or barn, and need feeding once a day.

**RABBITS RE-HOMING.** All our adult rabbits are neutered. We ask a £30 donation which goes towards this cost.

**KITTEN FOSTERING.** We are looking for fosters within the Milton Keynes area who can take in a pregnant/nursing cat and kittens during our busiest time of year. If you have a spare room and would like to help,

the branch will provide all the food, litter and medication.

**FUNDRAISING.** The branch is always looking for volunteers to help with fundraising and collecting. If you would like more information about the animals in our care, or are able help with kitten fostering or fundraising, please call the Milton Keynes & North Bucks RSPCA on 01908 611179. Or visit our website [www.mkrspca.org.uk](http://www.mkrspca.org.uk)

If anyone is thinking of getting cats or rabbits, please consider visiting the Milton Keynes & North Bucks RSPCA. All are cats and rabbits are neutered and will have at least had their first round of injections. The branch asks for a donation to cover these costs."



Check out the cats on Milton Keynes & North Bucks RSPCA's Cat Chat page here: [www.catchat.org/mknb/cgibin/prtoc.cgi](http://www.catchat.org/mknb/cgibin/prtoc.cgi)

## Volunteers Spotlight

### Julia - Forum Moderator

"Just a few words about why I Volunteer..."

I first came across the Cat Chat site when I was going through a particularly painful introduction with my two girls. I was at my wits end,



desperately seeking any help I could get, which I got from Cat Chat!! I found help and support there once again when one of my gang became very unwell.

When a Forum Moderator vacancy came up with Cat

Chat, I was glad of the chance to give something back to the site and users, who had helped me so much. If this forum helps just one cat have a better life, then it's all worthwhile. I'm proud to be part of the team that helped make it happen.

I have 4 cats, Pip, Hector, Noodle and Tiggy. Three of the four have health problems, so I'm always looking for support and advice as a regular forum user.

This photo is Pip; the first cat I became slave to. She's now coming up for 6!"

More information about the people that make Cat Chat work can be found on our Volunteer page, together with any current vacancies: [www.catchat.org/volunteer.html](http://www.catchat.org/volunteer.html)

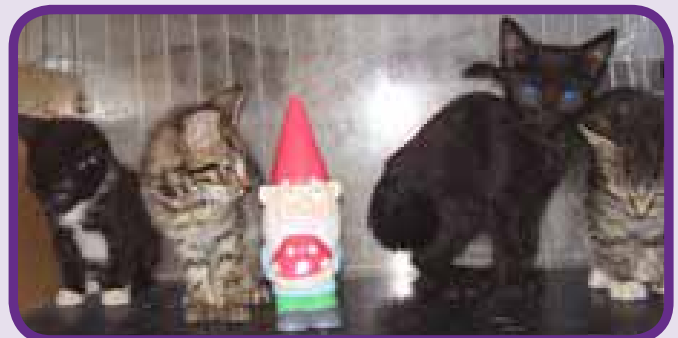
## A Lucky Escape



These four little furry mites, were found dumped with their Mother near a railway track. As luck would have it, a passer by heard them crying, and went to help them. Sadly, it was too late for Mum, who had already lost her life on the rail tracks. However, her babies were nearby, and were all thankfully saved.

The orphaned kittens were taken to **Ann & Bill's Cat and Kitten Rescue** in Essex, whereupon two young couples came to see them, having spotted them on Cat Chat. Both couples adopted two kittens each!

Although tinged with sadness, this story could have ended a lot worse. Please get cats (and kittens over 4 months) neutered so that events like this may one day be a thing of the past.



## Proud Pairs Homed! (part 2)

Well done and happiness to all... We hope life brings you eternal cat toys and treats, and may fleas never prosper!



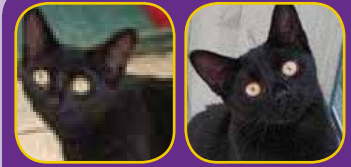
**Scampi & Dipstick**  
homed from: Kirkby Cats Home, Nottinghamshire



**Vicky & Ellie**  
homed from: Clacton Animal Aid, Essex



**Mikka & Jensen**  
homed from: Clacton Animal Aid, Essex



**Cody & Oreo**  
homed from: TAG Pet Rescue, Isle of Thanet, Kent



**Mauze & Minka**  
homed from: Prevent Unwanted Pets, Fylde Coast, Fleetwood, Lancashire



**Bud (above) & Betsy**  
homed from: Willows Cat Adoption Centre, South Shields



**Aragon & Arwin**  
homed from: Cavan Vets, Wolverhampton



**Pixie & Dixie**  
homed from: Cat Homing and Rescue (CHAR), Warrington



**Duke & Duchess**  
homed from: Ann and Bills Cat & Kitten Rescue, Hornchurch



**Harley & Flicker**  
homed from: Burton Joyce Cat Welfare, Notts



**Fern (above) & Daisy**  
homed from: Kirkby Cats Home, Nottinghamshire



**Baby & Mikey**  
homed from: Cat Action Trust, Lanarkshire

## Harder to Home... Says Who?!

When contacting cat rescue shelters, please ask about their harder to home cats... it can turn lives around. That is what happened to these lucky felines...



**Polo, Kirkby Cats Home, Nottinghamshire**  
Beautiful little deaf, white, odd-eyed Polo has found a loving home where her fair skin and disability will be catered for.

### Lilly, Best Friends Forever, Malvern, Worcestershire

This beautiful Bengal, seen on our 'Overlooked Cats' section, has now found the loving home she deserves.



**Clio, Burton Joyce Cat Welfare, Nottinghamshire**  
Having worked hard to wreck her pen, the feisty Clio was snapped up after just a few days and has now moved onto bigger and better demolition projects!

Please consider adopting a harder-to-home cat - it could be the most rewarding thing you ever do!

[www.catchat.org/topcats](http://www.catchat.org/topcats)

## a Senior Kittizens plea!

Could you consider rescuing an older cat? All they need is a caring person to give them a chance. Senior cats are usually undemanding and need little or no house training. Many rescues operate a 'puss pension' scheme, whereby they will pay for unforeseen vet bills, even after rehoming!



**These super Senior Kittizens are among those who got their lucky break recently:**

### CHARLIE

Hi, I am really pleased to let you know that after only a short time for an older cat, on "Top Cats" Charlie has found himself a very kind lady who will spoil him the rest of his days! Thank you so much.

**Cats Friends, Northants**



### TUSCAN

We've rehomed several cats recently with help from Cat Chat, among them, our wonderful old boy Tuscan who finally got his own lap.

**Bristol and Wales Cat Rescue!**



That is great news for Charlie and Tuscan, but sadly so many older cats remain in rescue shelters, wondering if they will ever find happiness.

If you'd like to give an older cat a chance of a home, contact your local rescue shelter to find out about mature mogs who are waiting there: [www.catchat.org/adoption](http://www.catchat.org/adoption)



## Spreading the Word!

Back in November, we sent a brand new version of our "Thinking of Rescuing?" A5 public notice to 11, 000 vets practices around the UK, via the Veterinary Record magazine. Hopefully, lots of practices now have this notice up on their waiting room noticeboards. Next time you're at your local vets, please keep an eye out to see if the Cat Chat notice is on display, and if not, we have plenty of spares that we can send out!



To get the word out about adopting rescue cats, we'd like to get as many of these notices up around the country as we can, so if you know of any suitable noticeboard (work, club, cafe, pub etc) where you could put one up for us, please email: [rescue.notice@catchat.org](mailto:rescue.notice@catchat.org)

## Triumphant Trio!

**Q:** What has 12 legs, 6 eyes and 3 Tails...?

**A:** These 3 lucky puss cats, all homed together!



**Sonny & Cher... & Ellie!**  
Sonny & Cher (pictured) plus a kitten called Ellie from Wicklow Cat Concern, Leinster, Ireland were all homed together to a lovely lady who saw them on Cat Chat!

Wishing them lots of chin tickles and tuna flakes...  
(the dolphin friendly kind of course!)

## Petitions to help Pets!

**Say 'No!' to Pet 'Sales':** Gumtree is one of the few major advertising websites that still allows people to "sell" animals. This simply encourages irresponsible amateur breeders, kitten farms and puppy mills. This petition calls for Gumtree to stop allowing adverts for animals - click below:

[Gumtree - stop allowing pets for sale](#)

**Firework Safety:** Over 80 per cent of pet owners have a pet that is afraid of fireworks. This petition calls on the Government to make it mandatory for Fireworks manufacturers to publicise pet safety information on packaging and on their websites (closes 01/08/13).  
<http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/36648>

All that's left is to wish you a very happy 2013... If you are still pondering new years resolutions, could it be your year for doing a spot of cat fostering, or perhaps some hands on volunteering for your local cat rescue? Why not give them a call... They'll be very glad to hear from you! Toodle-Pip!

## A Right Good Read!

What's that you say? A New Year's resolution? To make more time to relax and read? What an excellent idea! And there's never been a better time to start, with a great selection of books currently on special offer in the Cat Chat shop:

### Ginger the Cat by Wendy Farmer

A set of four illustrated books for Children aged 6 - 10. Our special price for buying the set of 4 books saves you £1 on each book (RRP £4.99 each)

\*\* Save £3.00 \*\*

### Living With a Rescued Cat by Claire Horton-Bussey

Essential reading for new cat owners and experienced owners alike. A super hard-backed book with 144 pages and over 80 colour photos.

\*\* Save £2.49 \*\*

### Good Catkeeping by Diane Morgan

311 pages of indispensable information about all aspects of cat ownership and care. Diane Morgan spent many years working in animal rescue. She is a college professor of philosophy and literature, and is an award-winning writer.

\*\* Save £3.00 \*\*

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The best concise reference book on cat care. This indispensable book offers guidance from a team of world authorities on every aspect of cat health and care.

\*\* Save £2.45 \*\*

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Happy Reading!

