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WELCOME TO THE CATCHAT NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2014

To The Power of Four

Guess What? It's happened again! In our Spring newsletter, we brought you news of four lucky cats from Bromley who were all adopted together. Well this time, it is the turn of Alfie, Angel, Charlie & Sox from Ellesmere Port Cat Rescue in Cheshire. They told us:

"Wonderful news to share: We have recently rehomed our four long-stayers, not just two by two as we had always hoped, but all four went together after being spotted on Cat Chat!"

"They have gone to a wonderful, loving home in a quiet cul-de-sac and even have their own woods at the bottom of the garden. Not bad for the 'four musketeers' who were born to a stray, being fed by local Benedictine sisters. Divine intervention maybe?"

We are delighted to have played a part in securing the future of this fab four... and who knows, maybe this could be the start of a new trend!? Long may it continue!!

To see more cats needing a home at Ellesmere Port Cat Rescue, visit their Cat Chat Homing Page.

[Ellesmere Port Cat Rescue Homing Page](#)



OVER 3,500 CATS NEEDING HOMES...
more being added daily...

Visit: 'Cats Needing Homes' the new section on [CatChat.org](#)



Your chance to WIN this gorgeous painting by Lee Nicholls...



Join 'Friends of Cat Chat' for entry into our special Prize Draw, and to support cat adoption! Find out more on Page 3...



Speedy Homings

As quick as a flash, no sooner had these guys entered the Cat Chat cat-flap, they were whisked off to a new life...



Dora

RSPCA Stort Valley

After a short stay, adorable Dora (the adorable boy cat) has now found his new home, with help from Cat Chat.

Mia

Cat Homing & Rescue, Cheshire

This little girl was spotted on Cat Chat within a matter of days of being advertised!



Ginger

Little Cottage Rescue, Bedfordshire

Two days on the Cat Chat website and Ginger has found a loving new home.



Godfrey

Burton Joyce Cat Welfare, Nottinghamshire

It's not surprising Godfrey quickly moved on – this happy little chap walked straight up to his new Mum as if to say, "take me!"



Blue

Burton Joyce Cat Welfare, Nottinghamshire

Blue was spotted on our Cat Chat homing page and, within hours of a phone call to the rescue, was whisked away to his new home.



Gavin

Burton Joyce Cat Welfare, Nottinghamshire

After only a few days on Cat Chat, Gavin was spotted and adopted. He is reported to have settled in within two hours

It's great to hear of these lucky cats being homed so quickly. However, there are still many more waiting... if you have room in your home and heart for a cat or cats... **Please Rescue!**

Now Serving Cat & Country!

We'd like to give a warm, whiskery welcome to the latest Volunteers to join our happy band. They are Emma - who has joined our Helpdesk Team, and Leanne who has joined our Top Cat Team. Good luck in your roles guys, and thanks for Volunteering!

Thank You to all our Smashing Volunteers - We couldn't do what we do without You!

Stationery Essentials for Cat Lovers...

Now you can mix business with pleasure by adding these stylish, feline themed stationary essentials to your office or home - and support cat adoption at the same time!

The Padblock (right):

A chunky cube of 800 sheets of notepaper, with a cheeky 'Cats & Catflaps' design. Padblocks also feature a handy hole for your pen.



The Slant Pad (below):

Handy slanted pad of note paper, with an elegant 'Cats on Shelves' design by Janet Pidoux. Each pad contains approx. 180 sheets.



Pen (not pictured):

A jumbo refillable and retractable ballpoint pen with our own 'Rescue Cats Rock!' slogan.

A5 Ruled Notebook (below):

A quality, wire-bound, hardback A5 notebook with ruled paper and the 'Cats & Catflaps' design on the front and back covers.

Notepads (not pictured):

A set of 4 pocket-sized, spiral bound notepads, each featuring one of four fine looking moggies.

Printed Letter / Note Paper Pad (below):

Quality pad, containing approx. 80 sheets - each printed with 'Cats on Shelves' designs by Janet Pidoux



Every purchase helps more cats out of shelters and into homes - thank you!

For these items and more, plus a range of toys and catnip for your cat, please visit our Webshop.

Go on - treat yourself... visit the **Cat Chat Shop**



Join Friends of Cat Chat... for your chance to WIN this superb painting!



Our Friends of Cat Chat supporters scheme has been running for six years, and is a great way to support what we do. We are so grateful to our 'Friends', some of whom have been members since the very start. As we forge ahead with new and bigger plans to help more cats out of shelters into homes of their own, we will need as many Friends as we can get, so...

On 1st July we re-vamped and re-launched our scheme, so that membership is just £10 per year for all Friends.

Also, in response to feedback, new members are given a choice of welcome gift, all of which are only available to Friends of Cat Chat.

To celebrate the re-launch, we are running an extra-special prize draw exclusively for 'Friends of Cat Chat'. We are delighted to offer as 1st prize, this gorgeous original, painting (below, left) by Lee Nicholls, which is part of Lee's 'Street Moggy' collection. The painting is acrylic on canvas, measures 30cm x 30cm (12 x 12 inches). We love all Lee's 'Moggy' paintings, but we felt that this one really captures the spirit of feline friendship. There are runner up prizes too, of 'Rescue Cats Rock' ballpoint pens.



The draw will close on 30th September, and all 'Friends of Cat Chat' at that date will be automatically entered.

Our Friends of Cat Chat supporters are vital to ensure the 'Rehoming Lifeline' that we offer to shelters. As a member, not only will you have a chance to win Lee's fabulous painting, but also you will win the best prize of all - the knowledge that you are helping more cats out of shelters... into homes.

Are you a "Friend of Cat Chat" yet..?

Please join us, here: www.catchat.org/friends.html

To see more of Lee's work visit: www.leenicholls.co.uk

Special Appeal for Homes



Tindles

Bedford & Biggleswade C.P.

Young at heart lady who longs for a warm lap. Tindles is a beautiful 12 year old tortie, who has been at the rescue for far too long, looking for her forever home. Could that be with you?

Visit - [Top Cats Bedfordshire](#)



Dainty & Fountaine

Paws Inn, Weaverham, Cheshire

Poor Dainty and Fontaine have been in rescue since birth in the summer / autumn of 2010! They are looking for a quiet indoor home, possibly with a secure garden.

Visit - [Top Cats, Cheshire](#)



Tibbs

Aristocat Rescue Co. Durham

2 year old tabby girl, patiently waiting for a loving, forever home. She is very friendly and loves attention, but would need to be an only cat!

Visit - [Top Cats Co. Durham](#)



Harry

Aughrim Cat Rescue, Co. Wicklow

Harry is under 2 years old, and his owner sadly died. He is nervous at first with new people, but very friendly after that! He is longing for a kind human to give him a new start...

Visit - [Top Cats Ireland](#)



Long Term Rescue Cats Homed at Last!

At Last... Give a big paw to the cats below, who are among those to have finally got their big break!



Duggie

National Animal Welfare Trust, Thurrock Branch

Duggie had been in rescue for some time, but is now in a happy and loving home, thanks to Cat Chat.



Brandy & Soda

Kirkby Cats Home, Nottinghamshire

This is one of our best homings so far this year, and it's down to Cat Chat. Brandy and Soda had been with us for more than a year, but at last they have found a home to call their own, with a devoted mum to love them. It is especially nice as they are older cats.



Costa & Starbucks

Kirkby Cats Home, Nottinghamshire

These two stunning, almost identical girls have at last moved on. They had been at Kirkby for months and regarded it as home. But thanks to being spotted on Cat Chat, both have now settled in with their new Dad and are reported to be fighting for his knee!



Doris

Burton-upon-Stather Cat Rescue, Lincolnshire

After a year in rescue, Doris has gone to a wonderful new home where she is dearly loved. Well worth the wait!



Douglas, Harry & Sophie

Whinnybank Cat Sanctuary, Fife

Great news – Douglas, Harry and Sophie have found a home at last. They were spotted on Cat Chat after being at the sanctuary for almost a year.

Farewell, and good luck you chaps... May your new homes be filled with love, fusses and good food, and may your time in rescue soon be just a distant memory!

Rescuer's Corner

Featuring Cat and Kitten Rescue

Watford's Cat and Kitten Rescue has a remarkable claim to fame: It made national and international news as one of the only rescues in the British Isles to have rehomed a male tortoiseshell kitten! Named 'Eddie' after comedian Eddie Izzard, the headlining feline defied genetics (and the odds) to be born male.

The charity, which has a no kill policy, homes abandoned and unwanted felines across Herts, Beds, Bucks, North and North West London, and will even go further afield for the right home. The cats are looked after by a dedicated group of fosterers. This helps reduce the stress to the cats and allows the potential owner to see their true personalities in a natural home environment.

Cat and Kitten Rescue are passionate about neutering. All cats and kittens that are old enough are neutered before rehoming. They also help others to get their own pets neutered, and educate people as to why this is so important.

Cat and Kitten Rescue also provide a trapping and neutering service for feral cats. Where possible, those under the age of 11 weeks are socialised and rehomed. Otherwise, they are neutered and returned to their environment, thereby reducing the future stray population.



This July was extra special for Cat and Kitten Rescue, as their charity shop celebrated its 2nd anniversary! Located in Borehamwood, the shop raises funds and provides information on cat welfare. It has become an integral part of the local community, with regular events to thank people for their support.

Donations of good quality saleable items such as books, clothes, jewellery and electrical goods are always welcome. They also need volunteers to help out, and of course, they have lots of fabulous felines in need of loving homes, such as Hermes (above):

This stunning blue tabby and white boy was rescued with his Brother and Sister, after being dumped in a cat carrier outside a local vet. Although he likes living with his siblings, he's quite wary of other cats. He has been neutered, vet-checked, microchipped and treated for worms and fleas. He will go to his new home with prescription products, 4 weeks introductory pet insurance and will be partially vaccinated against flu and enteritis. You can meet this gentle, friendly cat at his foster home in Borehamwood.

For more information on adopting Hermes, or any of the wonderful cats and kittens – or to find out how you can help Cat and Kitten Rescue, visit their [Cat Homing Page](#)



Purrfect Pairs!



Presenting some of the cats since our last edition, who have been happily rehomed along with their best buddies!



MOSES and PRUDENCE
Cat Homing & Rescue
(CHAR), Warrington



LUCKY and POLLY
Furballs Rescue, Surrey



COCO and CHANEL
Burton Joyce Cat Welfare,
Nottinghamshire



MOLLY and MADDIE
Peterborough Cat Rescue,
Cambridgeshire



ALLIE and NOLA
National Animal Welfare
Trust, Clacton, Essex



BAILEY and TIGGY
Marjorie Nash Cat Rescue,
Buckinghamshire



WHISKY and MAC
Tain & District Branch
Cats Protection



SYLVESTER and TINKERBELLE
Tain & District Branch Cats
Protection



SUGAR and CANDY
Marjorie Nash Cat Rescue,
Buckinghamshire



JAZZ and JASMINE
Cat Homing & Rescue
(CHAR), Warrington



LACY and MACY
Cat Homing & Rescue
(CHAR), Warrington

BLACKIE & SNOWY

"Blackie and Snowy were homed together thanks to our catchat page. This is a photo of them snuggling in their new home."
RSPCA Stort Valley



That's double the fun and frolics and double the furry, purry head bumps... What could be better?



Black 'Beauty'

Adopting a Black Cat may be lucky for you... and it's definitely lucky for them! Take 'Beauty' from Cat Homing & Rescue (CHAR) in Cheshire for example... Her rescuers told us:

"We are thrilled and delighted to report that after spending many months in rescue our lovely little black girl 'Beauty' has found her forever loving home."

Black cats always spend a lot longer in rescue and it is particularly rewarding when they get their new homes. Thanks Cat Chat for alerting people to how wonderful these cats are, and that it is not their fault that the colour of their coats is not popular. And it is thanks to the Cat Chat webpage that our Beauty found a loving home."

Beauty is one of the lucky ones... But however forward thinking and open minded we are, however much we like to embrace diversity, black cats are overlooked time and time again simply because of the colour of their coats. Some spend many months in rescue, sometimes even years, waiting for someone to see past their colour...

Could you look **BEYOND** the COAT? »» [Top 10 Reasons to Adopt a Black Cat](#)



Thanks to the Petplan Trust!

We were delighted to hear recently from the Petplan Charitable Trust, that Cat Chat has been awarded a grant to help with our 2014-2015 scaling-up plans. This year, the Trust have awarded grants to a total of 35 different animal welfare / rehoming charities, which is an amazing achievement.

Now in it's 20th year, Petplan Charitable Trust provides much needed funds to promote the health and welfare of animals, and their Welfare Grants particularly support rescue & rehoming organisations, and neutering projects.



The Trust is funded by kind pet owners who, when they take out or renew a Petplan insurance policy, are given the option of making a small annual donation to help fund the Trust's work. Policy holders are also able to increase their annual donation if they wish.

We are very grateful indeed for the Trust's support, as we aim to help many more cats and kittens find homes over the coming months (and years).

Find out more about the Petplan Trust and it's fantastic work here: www.petplantrust.org

If you run or help with a Rescue Centre, Shelter or Rehoming Group, and regularly have a number of cats to rehome, we can help you... with a free Cat Homing Web Page. Here are the latest rescue shelters to do just that:

Cramar Cat Rescue and Sanctuary - West Mids.
N.F.Rescue - South Wales
Colchester Cat Rescue - Essex
BB's Cat Rescue - Essex
Cats Protection - Cannock Area, Staffs.
Dublin Kitten & Cats - Rescue, Ireland
Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary - Merseyside
New Beginnings Cat Rehoming - Tyne & Wear
ARC - The Ashmore Rescue For Cats - West Midlands
St Francis Persian Cat Rescue - N.Yorks.

Cat Chat's Latest Sponsors Introducing HiLife



The HiLife brand is one of the UK's most popular ranges of pet food.

The range has been created using top quality ingredients to help give your pets a full and satisfying life.

Whether it's their daily dinner, a special treat, or something a little bit different, HiLife puts the same care and thought into developing all of its tasty and nutritious products.

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The HiLife brand is owned by family-run Town & Country Petfoods, based in Melton Mowbray. Established in 1974, its products are available in most leading supermarkets and pet specialist stores as well as online at www.hilifepet.co.uk

HiLife sponsors our Top Cats section for 'overlooked' cats needing homes: www.catchat.org/topcats

Find out more about HiLife here: www.hilifepet.co.uk



One Paw Cat Rescue - W.Yorks.
RSPCA - Bury, Oldham & District, Lancs.

The pages are easy to update through any web browser, with simple step-by-step instructions supplied. No web design knowledge is required, and no special software needed. If updating the page yourself is a problem, our volunteer Help Team will be happy to assist.

Find out more about our free Cat Homing Web Pages here:
[Free Cat Homing Web Page](#)

FREE PAGE!
CATS for HOMING



Harder to Home Cats - Homed!

There are many reasons why cats can be 'harder to home'... Perhaps it is due to age, colour, shyness, medical issues, or temperament due to bad experiences. Whatever the reason, it is through no fault of their own. For cats like this, love and security are just a dim and distant memory, and for some unknown. When adopting, please consider the harder to home cats.

This lucky lot below are now **Ex-hard** to home cats, as they have all found caring new homes after appearing on Cat Chat...



MOSES and PRUDENCE

Cat Homing & Rescue, Warrington

Young tabby Moses had been suffering from cat flu, which meant removing his eye, but now he has a lovely new home with his timid black pal Prudence.



MR SLATER

Burton Joyce Cat Welfare, Nottinghamshire

He may have had very little hair, but this didn't stop Mr Slater's new owners from falling for his charm.



BILLY

Burton Joyce Cat Welfare, Nottinghamshire

This big, battered, loveable lump is settling in well in his new home, despite his problems.



5 x BLACK KITTENS

National Animal Welfare Trust, Thurrock Branch

It can be quite difficult to rehome black cats, but this litter all found loving new homes!



CASSIE

Kirkby Cats Home, Nottinghamshire

Lovely, timid little Cassie has left the rescue at last! She now lives with an owner who isn't put off by shy felines and loves a cat challenge!



SYLVIE

National Animal Welfare Trust, Thurrock Branch

Despite only having 3 legs, loving and playful Sylvie attracted the attention of a wonderful mother and daughter, and now has the perfect home.



AKELA

National Animal Welfare Trust, Thurrock Branch

Akela had never been outside and was timid with strangers, but now has a quiet home in which he has settled in perfectly.



TIMMY

Marjorie Nash Cat Rescue, Buckinghamshire

Timmy was considered hard to home due to his habit of hissing at visitors, however, thanks to Cat Chat, he's now found a new pad with his new 'dad'!

To see some of the harder to home cats waiting patiently in rescue centres all over the UK right now...

Please visit our Top Cats section, for 'Overlooked' cats: www.catchat.org/topcats

Volunteer Spotlight!

I started volunteering for Cat Chat in May this year. I wanted to volunteer as I love cats and I had a bit of spare time in the evenings that I wanted to put towards good use. It's great to be part of a good cause.

My role is to prepare write-ups and images of the cats for rehoming, from information provided by the rescue centres. It's a great role that I can do from home, and it is very enjoyable. I get to see all of the lovely cats looking for a new home, and it is my role to do the best I can, and do my part to help make that happen.

I recently did a write-up for a cat, which resulted in a rehoming - such a great feeling! I've always loved cats and I recently adopted my own cat, Missy. She's good natured and loves a fuss. She also loves her food, cardboard boxes (doesn't matter how small they are, she will get in!), and toys / anything being dragged across the floor for her to chase!

Leanne - Top Cat Administrator

Meet our Team here:
[The Cat Chat Team](#)



Andy's Story... by Independent Cat Rescue, Dewsbury, West Yorkshire

Andy belonged to a multi-cat household, and met us here at Independent Cat Rescue, when we arranged to have him neutered. He then continued to live with the other cats at his home, but soon afterwards we received a call to say that his eye had been injured by one of them. The eye was ready to burst and needed urgent surgery. We insisted that Andy was permanently handed over to us prior to the operation.

Andy's eye was saved thanks to the skill of Andrew (the vet at Donaldson's in Mirfield, West Yorks.) who, instead of removing the eye, did a graft and restored his full vision. We called this cat Andy after the vet who did such a wonderful job!

He now leads a very happy life in the company of a feline lady friend, and his new Mum & Dad. His name has subsequently changed by his new family to 'Banquo'.

Luckily for Banquo he got his forever home very quickly thanks to Cat Chat. He was adopted on 21 March 2014, the first day of spring!

This boy's 'forever' family are so very grateful to Cat Chat, as without the site they would never have had the joy of knowing their beloved Banquo! Read some more super homing success stories on our [Rehoming Roll of Honour](#)



Two Unwanted Kittens... now Well-loved Cats!

Smartie & Buttons didn't know each other at the beginning of their lives, but what they did have in common is that they were both unwanted. Their futures looked Grim until Yorkshire Animal Shelter in Leeds thankfully had a space to take them in.

They were still very young kittens when they met at the rescue shelter, and despite not being biologically related, they adored each other immediately!

Smartie & Buttons (now called Ted & Flo!) were rehomed after being seen on Cat Chat in January. Their new owners said:

"Ted is now a big pawed, lean limbed teenager, who loves being outside. He spends a lot of time romping through the long grass in the field behind the house and generally being boyish. It is a delight to see him from afar and then to know that we can always find him at about 6pm curled up in his basket.

Flo (Smartie) rarely leaves the house and is a real domestic goddess! She loves to roll over on her back for cuddles and has a

bit of a fetish for felt tips and hair rollers (we find them all over). She didn't turn into the hunter that we imagined she would be, she's much more of a lover than a fighter!

All in all they are an amazing part of our family – thank you for putting us all in touch. "

As you can see Ted & Flo have settled really well into their new home, and are now a much-loved part of the family!

Remember, when you adopt a rescue cat, you are not just helping the cat you've adopted, you are also freeing up a rescue shelter space for another cat in need!

When seeking a new cat companion - **Please Rescue!**



The Transformation of Missy Sweetcheeks!

Shy or nervous cats so often get overlooked, yet these can be the most loyal and loving of pets once you have gained their trust. They might start by hiding under the bed, but how rewarding when they finally sit on your lap! Here's what happened when Cat Chat viewer Liz, decided to take the plunge:



"About 4 years ago Gemma was registered with the RSPCA Stourbridge. She had Flu and spent a considerable amount of time in veterinary care. She was later fostered, but she did not mix with the other pets and spent all her time in a room on her own,

until a home could be found. Gemma's tough start in life meant she was a hissy, growling cat and therefore had become hard to home.

She looked gorgeous on the Cat Chat photo, and so I decided to take on the challenge! When she came home with me she was very scared - hiding behind furniture and burying herself in the bedclothes. She wouldn't come to me and would run off if I approached her. It took a while for Gemma to trust me but now she is fine. Sometimes she will hide for a while when visitors call, but then slowly makes herself visible.

Gemma - who I've since named 'Missy Sweetcheeks', now comes to sit by me on the sofa, and comes to bed at night for cuddles (and sometimes performs a funny dance, but nobody else has witnessed this but me!). She has big decisions to make these days, such as where to fall asleep next, or which angle to watch me from (she likes to sit and stare at me!).



I can't imagine my life without Missy. She's adorable ... moody, but adorable! A massive thank you to Cat Chat for displaying her photo and information. Without their website I may never have adopted my Missy."

Thanks Liz, for sharing such an uplifting story with us!

Most rescue shelters have some nervous residents waiting for their lucky break - could you turn their life around..?. Please ask at your **Local Rescue Shelter**.

"That's all for this edition! But don't forget you can stay in touch with the latest furry goings on by joining us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#), or by visiting our website at www.catchat.org. Enjoy the rest of the summer! Toodle-Pip!!"