

# Cat Chat

**Latest news from  
Worthing Cat Welfare Trust**



## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026

### **A very warm welcome to the Winter issue of Cat Chat.**

As I write this, the year is drawing to a close and we're planning for 2026.

Inevitably, there's a sense of déjà vu. Cats are still coming in – often bewildered, scared and all too often pregnant or with serious health issues.

Issues still focus on:

- Back-street breeding
- Failing to neuter or spay kittens
- Financial issues caused by the cost-of-living crisis.



It goes without saying that many owners are genuinely heartbroken and despairing when giving up much-loved cats, for reasons outside their control. This is upsetting, and our hard-working team shows care, empathy and compassion.

As part of our commitment to keeping cats and owners together whenever appropriate, we're welcoming the Renters' Rights Act, making it easier to keep pets in rented accommodation. Set to take effect in May 2026, this legislative change is long overdue.

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Similarly, microchipping laws help us to reunite strays with their owners. Sadly, many people don't appreciate that legislation applies retrospectively to all cats aged 20 weeks, or older.

To reinforce our 30-year commitment to animal welfare, we continue offering a subsidised Neutering and Chipping Service to those genuinely on low incomes and/or in receipt of benefits. We thank our partner vets for their discounted rates.

On a positive note, there are many success stories – approximately 300 cats rehomed in the past year, who are now enjoying life in loving, permanent homes. Some of their heart-warming stories are included in this newsletter.

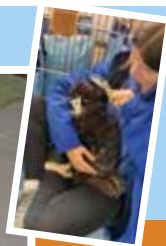
As ever, funding remains an issue – we're immensely grateful for legacies received this year, helping to keep us afloat.

### **Keen to help or find out more?**

Please see the back cover for details.

With thanks, as always, for your ongoing support. Joss Loader, Chair of WCWT

Little Sally handed in as  
a neglected stray.



# Working in Partnership

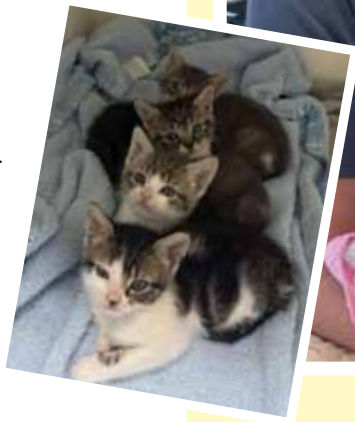
## Luna's Journey

By Registered Veterinary Nurse Sacha Bennett

In the autumn, Luna was brought into Pet Doctors Rustington with a suspected broken femur.

After assessment, she was signed over to a local charity, **Worthing Cat Welfare Trust**, who kindly stepped in to help.

The charity generously offered to fund the amputation of Luna's leg, ensuring she could have a pain-free future. During her time in the clinic, Luna's sweet and affectionate nature captured all our hearts. She was so lovable that I made the decision to take her home on behalf of WCWT following her surgery the next day.



To further support the charity, I offered to provide cage rest for Luna at home after her amputation, saving WCWT cattery fees. What started as a temporary arrangement quickly turned into something more - my entire family fell in love with her. We decided to adopt Luna, giving her a forever home.

Luna has settled into home life beautifully. You would hardly notice that she only has three legs - she moves with confidence and grace. She's still working on making friends with our other cat, Slipper, but she gets along wonderfully with our dog, Zelda.

Her favourite time of day is the evening, when she curls up on a lap and purrs contentedly for hours. Luna's resilience

and loving personality remind us that even in challenging circumstances, happy endings are possible.

## Thanks to the Ferring Street Veterinary Practice Nurses

A massive thank you to the lovely Livvie, Anne & Bella who fostered these beautiful kittens with WCWT's support.

They offered round-the-clock care for the one-week-old babies - bottle feeding them, with dedication, patience and loving care.

We are delighted to report that the kittens are now thriving in their forever homes.

# Mending a Broken Heart

- by Eddy Temple-Morris



My last WCWT rescue, Bigsby, was killed by a woman driving insanely fast, late for school, with her kids in the car. She didn't stop.

Bigsby didn't stand a chance. He was three months away from his second birthday and the hole he left in my life was a chasm.

It took six months to stop crying and another two longing for another heartbeat in my house.

After a fresh interview with an understanding volunteer at WCWT, the universal cat distribution system stars aligned and she said: "We've got the perfect cat for you. He's called Loki".

I looked at his picture. He looked like an old-fashioned nightclub manager, like Hale & Pace "The Management", with his tuxedo.

But there are so many cats called Loki. This is 'The Manager'.

I arranged a date to meet him, to see if he'd like to take me on as a client.

That morning I got a call. My mum, who had been riddled with every kind of dementia, had finally let go and gone to join her beloved husband who died in 2019.

My brother and sisters had things under control so I didn't cancel the appointment, I saw it as the universe delivering.

I met him at the home of a wonderful cat carer at WCWT. He head butted me straight away, but not in a Glasgow way, in a Norwegian Forest Cat/Tuxedo cat way.

He told me, in the language these perfectly evolved creatures do, that he was happy to take me on. I brushed his floofy black hair. He purred and leant into it.



So, I rescued him, but of course you know it's a two-way street and he rescued me too.

I had been so lonely and so depressed since splitting up with my partner and The Manager gave me what I needed. Somebody to love and to love me back.

He settled in so fast. By day two he was out of his little room I'd set up for him and watching TV with me on the sofa. Day three he was nose-booping me. In less than a week the house was his.

Now four months later, we just celebrated his fourth birthday, on Halloween.

He healed my broken heart.

He makes me laugh every day.

He's curled up next to me as I write, either having an afternoon nap, or, as my cat dad friend Ned says, is in another dimension - because "they are inter-dimensional beings".

I like that, but it's probably just a nap, unless that tiny snoring sound is some kind of time warp.

\*Eddy is a TV and radio presenter. We are grateful for the immense love he shows to cats and his support.

# FelineForever Homes



**The Archangels!** - I have had cats in my life for most of my life whilst growing up and bringing up my children, writes Wendy.

I had four cats of my own and the last old boy died in 2021 - all four sets of ashes sit on my shelf and will be buried with me when I die.

Reaching the ripe old age of 60, I was concerned that I was too old to take on any more cats as they may outlive me, but after talking to Sandra at WCWT, she assured me that I wasn't!

I was looking to adopt two boy brother kittens initially, but then three brothers came along and were so bonded that I was asked to adopt all three. They are all such beautiful boys I couldn't refuse!

WCWT arranged everything from their vaccinations and neutering.

They are into everything, hang from everything, play and sleep together, and are so sociable and friendly; they greet and talk to everyone, including the dogs that frequent my house.

Gabriel, Raphael and Michael have been sent from heaven to me, and I am so very grateful that my 3 Archangels are now part of my life! Thank you WCWT.





**Flynn** - "After losing my previous rescue cat I missed that quiet feline companionship, so I 'swiped right' on this handsome 14-year-old gentleman, said Barbara.

"Once I met him, I knew I was making the right decision - I just felt we needed each other.

"I've always had a soft spot for older cats: they're less prone to wandering or getting lost, and unlikely to get into as much trouble.

When Flynn came home with me, there was always support available in that crucial settling-in period if needed - so everything went smoothly.

"I was told he was shy, but to my surprise he was soon rolling around unashamedly on the floor. His big, fluffy white tummy is impossible to resist, and he'll head-butt me for attention and a fuss.

"I love his quiet, warm presence, especially since he sleeps by my side at night. Despite his age, he still has plenty of energy - skidding across the wooden floors in pursuit of a string and keeping a vigilant eye on the back garden as he patrols his "manor."

"His miaow is the most polite, demure sound I've ever heard from a cat, but I'm convinced it's his way of making up for the loud slurps when he's grooming and his nightly snoring. I'm so lucky to have found my Golden Boy."



**Ziggy and Chloe** - "After losing my 'last' cat I did not intend to get another one.

"However, there was a cat-shaped hole in my life and my granddaughter contacted the wonderful Worthing Cat Welfare charity. Although I was officially out of the area, they were willing to let me adopt and I met the delightful Chloe and Ziggy (previously Clarence and Gizmo) who urgently needed a home.

Both 13 years old, and Ziggy with an ongoing skin condition, they are the most lovely natured and affectionate cats you could ever hope to meet. They now live very happily with me in their retirement home and bring me much joy.

I cannot speak highly enough of Sandra and Pam, who drove the cats up to meet me and were so concerned for their welfare. I heartily recommend adopting from this wonderful charity - and don't forget the older cats who are so rewarding and have so much love to give."



# More Feline “Tails”



**Abandoned in a bag** - “After losing our beloved Bodie and Doyle, we needed time to grieve but by the middle of the year we found there was a cat-shaped hole in our lives,” wrote Tom and Katie.

This is how they rescued two kittens, Eddie and Doris, who’d been abandoned in a bag, sadly.

“After our home visit, we were invited to meet them. Both kittens were very affectionate and playful and we immediately decided they would be perfect for us.

“They were a little nervous but were keen to investigate and were soon exploring, tearing around like crazy things.

“Eddie is a big fluffy goofball and is soft and gentle, Doris is sweet and affectionate but very determined and occasionally completely bonkers.

“Having two kittens in the house is certainly a lot different to our two sedate older cats but we are happy to have them in our lives as they make us laugh a lot, drive us mad occasionally, but most often go ‘aah, that is so cute!

“Thanks to Sandra and Tracie at WCWT for bringing these two little furballs into our life.”



**Barney & Thomas** - Barbara had adopted a lovely older cat from WCWT before - a black “tripod”, called Mr Darcy. They lived together happily until he died just before last Christmas.

In the summer, Barbara decided the time was right to adopt again and this time she rehomed two 10-year-old brothers – double company for her and great company for each other.

Barney, the bold one, and Thomas his shy companion arrived during one of the most torrential rainstorms of the summer. One hot night, Barney managed to escape and made a bolt for freedom.

After posting on various social media pages and placing posters on just about every lamppost in the area, Barbara’s perseverance paid off and he was found.

Barney had decided to take a “holiday” by the river – the last place anyone thought to look. Aply assisted by WCWT’s fostering officer, Rachel, he was caught and returned to his loving home.

# How does fostering work?

## How does fostering work?

Like many animal rescue charities, we operate a fostering scheme for cats who are struggling with life after leaving their homes, or coming into our care as strays.

We have a fabulous team of fosterers who say the experience is incredibly rewarding.

**How do we select cats for fostering?** Some cats find life in our rescue centres difficult and present challenging behaviours or become very withdrawn. Others may take a longer than average time to rehome. Invariably, they flourish in a caring foster home - although it often takes patience and time.

**How do you then rehome them?** We do this in the normal way, working with the fosterers and drawing on their first-hand experiences of the cat to find a suitable home.

**What do fosterers need to offer?** A calm, caring home with a quiet area for the cat to settle in and decompress. We cover food, litter and veterinary costs.

**What further support is offered?** Our fostering officer is available, via phone or email, to answer queries. We also help with vet runs, if required.

**How do I apply?** Please check out our website and fill out the online form: Foster For Us - Worthing Cat Welfare Trust (CIO) or email [fostering@worthingcatwelfaretrust.org](mailto:fostering@worthingcatwelfaretrust.org) if you'd like to discuss further.



## Getting in touch:



## Contacts:

Please check which of the following subjects you need to talk to us about and use the contact details below:

### Rehoming to Us:

07340 986609  
(between 9am to 5.30pm,  
Monday to Friday)  
or email [rescue@worthingcatwelfaretrust.org](mailto:rescue@worthingcatwelfaretrust.org)



### Adopting from Us:

07376 644085  
(between 9am-5pm)  
or email [adoption@worthingcatwelfaretrust.org](mailto:adoption@worthingcatwelfaretrust.org)



### Fostering for Us:

07838 379599 (between 1pm  
and 5pm, weekdays only.)  
or email [fostering@worthingcatwelfaretrust.org](mailto:fostering@worthingcatwelfaretrust.org)



### Lost and Found:

07340 986609 (9am to 5.30pm  
Monday to Friday) or email  
[rescue@worthingcatwelfaretrust.org](mailto:rescue@worthingcatwelfaretrust.org)  
outside these times.


# LOOKING TO HELP CATS IN NEED?

Worthing Cat Welfare Trust is celebrating its 30th anniversary after being set up by Sandra Collins and Iris Green.

At the time, they had 40 cats and just £40 in the bank - now a registered charity, WCWT rehomes up to 300 cats a year.


## Would you like to offer support?

We welcome help in a variety of different ways.

 **Adopt don't shop** – check out adoption guidelines and “cats available now” at [www.worthingcatwelfaretrust.org](http://www.worthingcatwelfaretrust.org)

 **Foster** a cat in need – we cover all costs while you help us find cats their forever homes.

 **Volunteer** – from fund-raising to home checking, we'd love some extra help.

 **Donate** – our costs have soared during the cost-of-living crisis. It's easy to make donations via our website, or you can sponsor a pen, or consider leaving a legacy.

## Keen to find out more?

Please check out the contact details on the inside back cover.



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