

Fife Cat Shelter



2023 Newsletter

Small charity making a big difference to cats in Fife & Kinross

News, events, adoption updates & more from a very busy year

A wonderful Celebration

30th Birthday Party & Open Day in June

Our open day birthday party on 30th June was a huge success. Visitors enjoyed meeting our cats, birthday cake & winning prizes. Thank you to all our supporters who celebrated the day with us.

We are very proud to announce, we made the largest amount raised at any open day so far!

We received a very special donation from **Wemyssware Ceramics** who produced this one-off cat ornament (designed by our own Rhona Gordon).

We gifted this cat to Rhona as a thank you for 30 years rescuing cats & kittens



“Rebel” with a home

In June, Rebel, a 4-month-old kitten was found hiding in a sofa. The sofa had been outside and was being disposed of when Rebel was discovered. We believe he was born outside and had no human contact – he was very scared.

Staff at the shelter dedicated extra time to slowly win his trust using our “333 guidelines”. Rebel won our hearts, we were sad to see him leave, however, he has the perfect home, a very caring owner & sister cat he adores.



Happily, ever after: Adoption updates

Thriving in a Loving Home

Bob had to be shaved at our vets due to the terrible, matted condition of his fur.

We are delighted to see how healthy, handsome & happy he looks now

Bob before adoption & now



Rescuing Orphaned Kittens

In June, we received a call asking us to provide emergency care for 5 new-born kittens after their mum had died during the birth.

Co-ordinators, Pat & Michelle were kept very busy providing 24-hour care to these very vulnerable & precious kittens. All the night-time feeds were worth it – all kittens are happy & healthy in their own homes



2023: Challenges for Owners & Shelter

We have had 3 main challenges to face this year, all related to the increase in owners who are struggling financially:

1. Increase in cats being surrendered by owners (resulting in a waiting list for shelter space)
2. Lack of potential owners/forever homes (resulting in longer boarding/extra costs)
3. Increasing costs for all our expenses

We have continued rescuing, rehoming & neutering many cats this year, despite these challenges.

We have had several successful fundraising events & have lots more planned for next year to help us during these difficult financial times



Our Longest Resident – Jet:

Due to these challenges, Jet, stayed at the shelter for 204 days before finding his family. This is possibly the longest stay for any cat in the last 30 years. Special thank you to Sarah and Gillian, who remained dedicated to working with Jet until finding him the right home.

He is now very settled and living his best life – seeing how content and loved he is, we are reassured that taking a little longer to find Jet a family who understands his needs was very worth the wait. Please contact the shelter if you can provide a loving, forever home to a cat like Jet

Events & Fundraising News

Our new partnership with **Pets at Home (Kirkcaldy)**

We are delighted to announce our partnership with PaH. Store Manager, Alister & his team all came along to help at the shelter, spend time with our cats and learning more about the work we do.

PaH staff team are organising fundraising for the shelter during their Santa Paws events in December.

We will also have a weekly fundraising event in store on the run up to Christmas, we look forward to seeing you there

Fife Cat Shelter Merchandise

We are very proud to have a large range of high-quality shelter merchandise including plaques, fridge magnets, keyrings & much more



Visit us at our **Christmas Market** in **Pets at Home** at Kirkcaldy

Every Saturday until Christmas
(except 25.11.23)

Play tombola, buy gifts for humans, cats
& other pets including our new
merchandise



PaH Staff at our tombola stall



Night of Mediumship Event in October: A huge thank you Janette & Lorna who battled Storm Babet to host this very popular event. Also thank you to everyone who came along despite the wind & rain – we had a very successful evening.

Look out for tickets for our next night of mediumship early 2024.

Neutering: Providing cats with a healthier & happier life

- Fife Cat Shelter **Neutering Amnesty**: helping cats in your community
We continue to offer discounted neutering to owners who are struggling financially to spay or castrate their cats. Owners can contact the shelter to arrange to neuter their cat at our vets for £60. We help owners on benefits or low wages in Fife & Kinross
- Every adult cat we rehome is neutered prior to adoption
- We have an exciting Educational Programme planned for 2024 which will promote the importance of neutering to owners. Look out for updates on our Facebook page or next newsletter

Maternity Care:

Every day, our Maternity Unit provides specialist care for many stray, surrendered & owned cats, who are pregnant or have kittens. This year, we have provided urgent help for:
a mum cat who required an emergency c-section, bottle feeding several litters including newborns, rescuing mum cats whose kittens are born outside and much more

We spay every mum cat prior to adoption or returning to owner ensuring it will be their last litter

Due to our supporters' generous donations throughout the year, we can provide this high quality of maternity care to many vulnerable cats, when they need us most

New Chapter for Fife Cat Shelter:

After 30 years, Rhona Gordon retired from co-ordinating Fife Cat Shelter in January.

The role of co-ordinator has been taken over by Pat and Michelle Brodie-Ayris.

Message from new Co-ordinators:

Our 1st year has flown by, we are learning more every day and are loving every minute of it.

Adoptions have been a bit slower this year and the number of cats being handed in has increased, but we continue to strive to find the right home for every cat in our care.

We would like to thank Rhona for the many years of hard work and dedication, and we are also very grateful for all the advice and support in our 1st year. We wish Rhona a very happy retirement, but please don't go too far from your phone, we continue to need your expertise.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers, who go above and beyond to care for our cats and the huge amount of work in fundraising. We couldn't do it without you.

Thank you to Sandy and Rhonda at Causeway Cattery, for your continued support.

To Margaret our Treasurer a big thank you for everything you do and for keeping us on the straight and narrow. To Sheila for running our Facebook page, a big thank you.

Last but not least, thank you to each and every one of you who support Fife Cat Shelter, and we wish everyone a happy festive season.

Pat & Michelle

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