

2024 Newsletter

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



A difficult year for cats:

This year there has been an increased demand for space in the shelter.

Unfortunately, more cats than ever have been added to our rehoming waiting list. In the current climate, owners are struggling financially, which has led to an increase in surrendered cats and fewer families coming forward to adopt.

The waiting list for space in the shelter has been high all year. We receive calls daily from owners looking to surrender their cats.

We have rescued many stray cats this year including several pregnant or with kittens.

The reduction in adopters has resulted in a few of our cats waiting for months for their forever home which has a knock-on effect to our waiting list.

Douglas

Poor Douglas was a long-term stray who needed vet treatment for infected wounds and flea infestation. Staff worked lovingly to improve his health and his trust in people.

Douglas now has a home and family of his own. He will not struggle for shelter or food again.



Adoption 2024:

Spartacus

Spartacus came into the shelter as he was being aggressive. With lots of patience and love from staff, he now loves a cuddle and is very affectionate.

Spartacus landed on his feet, he is loved and adored in his new home.



Adopt: If you can provide a cat or kitten with a safe, loving forever home, please contact us on:

01383 830286

Adoption Info:

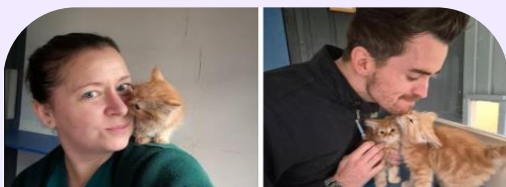
We rehome cats to owners with other cats, pets or children, depending on the cat's needs. Adult cats are neutered, chipped & vaccinated.

Good news for cats' health:

Vaccination Programme:

We are delighted to announce we are now vaccinating all our cats prior to (or as part of) their adoption.

Thank you to **Pets at Home Foundation** for approving our grant to help fund this programme and for partnering with us for another year.



Vets for Pets, Kirkcaldy vaccinating kittens



Benefits of this Programme:

This reduces vet costs for owners adopting a cat
Encourages owners to continue vaccinating cat annually

Prevents our cats from many diseases
Raising awareness of vaccination benefits

Benefits of Vaccination:

Protect our pets from life threatening diseases

Give owner peace of mind

Boost cats' immunity to certain diseases
Prevent pets from passing on a disease
Prevents certain diseases that can leave cat with long-term, costly health problems

Adopted in 2024:

Boo

Boo was not happy, swiping & hissing at visitors. Finally, after 100 days of being overlooked, Boo was finally adopted.



She settled in quickly, rewarding her mum with lots of affection. Boo is much happier and a pleasure to be around.

Griffin



Griffin was our longest resident in the shelter this year. After 158 days, he was adopted. He is now living his best life and is very happy.

Thank you for your support & generous donations

Pets at Home Foundation,
Diageo at Cameron Brig
Tesco Community Library
& many more



Ways you can help:

Donate: Our boarding & vet costs are constantly increasing. Donate to help us keep up with costs. Make an online donation safely using **enthuse**

Use the link on our website to pay for items or donate to help us rescue more cats & kittens.



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One off or set up monthly

More kittens than ever:

Our Maternity Unit had 46 kittens in August 2024 which is our highest amount at one time. This was a very hectic time for our managers, Pat & Michelle and the team. Along with the huge amount of extra work this brought, there was lots of laughter, watching the kittens thrive and some moments of sadness when caring for our most vulnerable mum cats and kittens.

We have unfortunately had an increase in abandoned & stray pregnant cats who have required emergency shelter and care. The team at the Maternity Unit provide loving care to these cats throughout their pregnancy, birth and whilst nursing their kittens. Ensuring each cat is neutered, recovered and rehomed to a caring family.



Isla

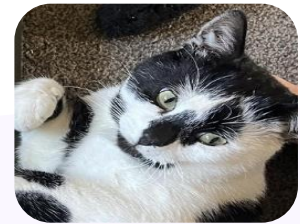
Adoption 2024:

Isla was a pregnant stray who had her kittens in our Maternity Unit. She has found the purr-fect home. Her new mum is enjoying her company and Isla is loving being adored and spoilt!

Our Neutering Amnesty:

Patch was straying when his new mum & dad contacted the shelter. Patch was neutered through our Neutering Amnesty by his new owners and moved into his home before the cold weather started.

Patch is living his best life now. He is adored by all the family.



Great result for Patch

2024: A Successful Year of FUNdraising:



As a self-funded, non-profit & registered charity fundraising events are vital to keep the shelter running.

Our fundraising team work hard to stock unique and unusual products for cats, other pets & their humans. Dates for 2025 events will be advertised on our Facebook page.

We had very successful open days at our adult adoption centre in April and November this year. The latest open day resulted in several adoptions, and we raised an amazing amount of money. Thank you to all those who attended.

Craigtoun Park:

We have had several events at Craigtoun Park (near St Andrews) this year, where we received a warm welcome from management, park staff and visitors.

It has been a great opportunity to share awareness of the shelter, meet potential adopters and raise funds.

Craigtoun Park is a great day out, beautiful setting with lots of fun activities for all ages (and if you are very lucky, a Fife Cat Shelter stall).

Please check out their website for park events www.friendsofcraigtoun.com



Pets at Home, Kirkcaldy:

We have had several events in store. Thanks to all the customers and staff who continue to support our regular stall.

We are delighted to continue our partnership with Pets at home in 2025. Pop along for tombola and our unusual pet/human gifts.



Thank You:

Local Businesses:

a very special thanks to all the local businesses who have donated to our raffles and auctions.

Thank you to our wonderful team of dedicated volunteers who provide our cats with lots of loving care & give up their weekends to fundraise & raise awareness.

Also Causeway Cattery,
Kingdom Vets
& Vets for Pets, Kirkcaldy

Knowing that the cats we have cared for, find a loving, forever home, makes all the hard work worthwhile
Thank you to everyone who adopted in 2024.



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Message from the Managers:

Another year has sped by in what seems like a blink of an eye.

We say a fond farewell to Margaret Kidd, our treasurer for the last 25 years. Margaret retired in October 2024.

Thank you for your support over the years.

We also say farewell to our current board of trustees, Rhona Gordon, Carol and Tommy King, Sheila Stewart and Sheena Bell.

Thank you for everything you have done to make the charity the success that it is.

With every farewell we move forward to new times and would like to introduce our new board of trustees.

A warm welcome to Becky Russell, Gillian Martin and Sarah Price.

It has been a challenging year for many different reasons, but we will continue to help as many cats as we can in the years to come.

The biggest thank you goes to all our supporters who continue to help Fife Cat Shelter and all the cats in our care.

**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2025.
Pat and Michelle.**