



KITTY MEWS

Quarterly Newsletter May 2024

June and her late husband Ian (Cat Daddy) started the GCH rescue 15 years ago, and she has been rescuing and rehoming cats and kittens in need ever since. June has a dedicated team of volunteers, amazing [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Insta](#) pages, some wonderful foster parents, and superb support from [Voo Vets](#). Starting with two cats, June now has 15 permanent rescue residents, as well as 10 cats of her own, and 8 in long-term foster care. In 2023, there were 90 cat adoptions and 110 kittens adopted, a total of 200. This year so far there have been 36 cats and 41 kittens adopted. The rescue work is 24/7 and it thrives thanks to June's commitment, expertise, and care, along with fantastic support from volunteers and amazing followers. Thanks to June and all of you, GCH really is a very special place: a cat sanctuary.

Nelson

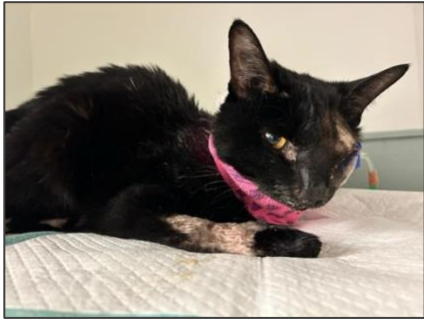


The biggest story of this quarter has undoubtedly been that of our lovely boy Nelson. We were contacted at the end of April about a badly injured cat; he was found and taken to Voo Vets by Lee and Julie on 1 May. His body condition was only 1/10. The poor cat had a fractured jaw, split palate, and a damaged eye, perhaps from an RTA. We called him Nelson, because of his damaged eye!

Nelson went straight into intensive care, and was being tube fed. All the vets & nurses fell in love with him because of his loving nature. A CT scan showed that Nelson needed operation to repair his jaw and palate and remove his eye, which took place on 7 May. The operation was initially successful but Nelson crashed when coming out of anaesthetic, had to be resuscitated by his surgeon. He then

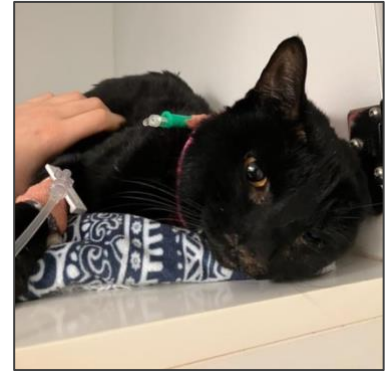
had two seizures overnight and his life was hanging in the balance, but he held on and made it through the night. He then responded well to his feeding tube and showed amazing spirit all round.





After that, Nelson made a good recovery, he was taking his medication well and looking for cuddles. The vet decided he was well enough to come home to us on 13 May but he was very flat that day. June said we had never had a cat that frail and unwell and we were so worried that, after a few hours, we returned him to hospital. His glucose levels very low, but he was responding well at first. Then Nelson plateaued and started to lose weight, which was very worrying. More tests have shown he also has IMHA (Immune mediated haemolytic Anasemia) an auto-immune condition whereby the body attacks

its own red blood cells and delivers poor oxygen to the major organs. It requires steroids to help alleviate the condition. Nelson then developed an abscess in his eye socket which has now been treated with antibiotics. Nelson is responding well to those antibiotics and has put on a tiny bit of weight, which is encouraging. Unfortunately his palate and jaw are not healing quite as well as first hoped so he will now have to undergo more surgery at the beginning of June. Obviously we are very worried about this after last time, but we have no choice. He will not be able to eat properly until his jaw has been fixed, so the surgery is going ahead. Our healer Erica has been visiting him in hospital and says he is doing well.



We have had a fantastic response to our fundraising for Nelson. His vet bill is now over £13K much of which has now been covered by our very generous supporters. His treatment still ongoing, but we think he is worth it. We have never seen such spirit in a cat, he has captured all of our hearts. We are praying that his second operation is successful, this gorgeous boy deserves a happy and healthy life.

The Family Tree



Another heart-warming story is that of the super-sisters **Elm & Aspen** who were abandoned by their owner. For months, they were being fed by their founder Clare who brought them in to when she realised they were both pregnant. We sent both girls to foster with our senior fosterer Julie.

After they gave birth to the Tree litter, sadly Aspen lost one of her kittens, but then the two

sisters both fed all the remaining kittens: **Poplar, Spruce** and **Rowan**. Then along came **Joshua**! Joshua was Serrano's kitten – she was only a baby herself and lost two of her kittens when she had an emergency caesarian. Joshua, the only survivor was rejected – Serrano was too young to be a mum. However Elm & Aspen were only too happy to step in. Joshua was adopted by them



and totally integrated with their kittens. They were all weaned together as a lovely family unit and Clare visited them often at Julie's. Now Joshua has been adopted with Rowan, and Poplar along with Spruce. Elm & Aspen have also gone off to their new home.

Rowan & Joshua



Poplar & Spruce



GCH Sky Dive



There are just under FOUR WEEKS TO GO to our amazing [GCH SKYDIVE!!!](#) Margaret & Brigid are going to be doing a SPONSORED TANDEM SKYDIVE with GoSkydive to raise funds for GCH. On Friday 28 June, we shall be heading down to Ashford in Kent where Margaret & Brigid will jump out of a plane for us at 12,000 feet. Many of you will have bought one of Margaret's gorgeous, knitted cats at our Bazaars. Brenda's mum Brigid will just have celebrated her 83rd birthday and she 'has always wanted to fly'!

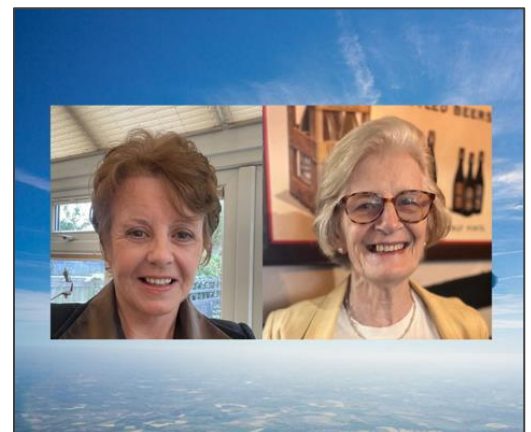
We are thrilled that the pair of them are crazy and eager enough to do this for us! Our vet bills this year have been very

large and we hope that you will all be able to sponsor them so that we can continue to take care of our many cats with ongoing complex medical issues such as Elvis, Bruno, Hawkeye, Kentucky and, of course, Nelson. So far, we have raised £3414, which is amazing!!

We would be very grateful if you are able to sponsor Margaret & Brigid through the link below which will take you to our JustGiving fundraising page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/margaret-and-brigid-gchskydive>

No amount is too small, we really appreciate your ongoing support!



Summer Bazaar



Our Summer bazaar is almost upon us! On Saturday 8 June we shall be out in force at our local pub the [Willow Tree](#) to raise funds for the rescue. There will be numerous stalls, cakes, a bottle tombola, GCH merchandise with lots of lovely items to buy either as gifts or to treat yourself. We will also be taking the opportunity to celebrate June's 70th birthday (Monday 10th June) on Bazaar Day with all of you.

In addition, there will also be raffle tickets on sale with some great prizes to be won. The raffle draw will be on **Saturday 29 June**, the day after the GCH Skydive. Come along to meet June & the team and have a great day out at the same time. We can't wait to see you!!



Cat Cafés



Despite the weather conspiring against us for weeks, we were finally able to get our Cat Café season underway on Saturday 25 May. It was a beautiful day! It was so lovely to be able to welcome people to the rescue again. We have two sessions (morning 10-30am-12.30pm) and afternoon 2-4pm) and everyone had a lovely time, including the cats. Outside, guests were entertained by Gracie, Tammy, Louis and Razz as well as the Mafia on the front drive. Symon also made a well-timed appearance! Inside, the superstars were Falkor, the Brambles, Hope, Pitter Patter & Lizzie. Everyone who visits gets a tour of the rescue and cuddles with the residents. They can also view the mums & babies upstairs.

Demand for this event far exceeds supply so for the first time we awarded the tickets by ballot a week in advance. This worked well and seems a fairer system for everyone. We can accommodate up to 60 guests in one day, so we hope to see as many of you as possible over this season. The next Cat Café is due to be on Saturday 22 June (weather depending). Details will appear on our Facebook page in due course.





New T-shirts



Back by popular demand are our lovely GCH t-shirts, now in white. They are produced by [PB Leisurewear](#) and designed by [Suzannah](#). T-shirts are Fruit of the Loom, 100% cotton and unisex.

Sizes: S (35-37); M (38-40); L (41-43); XL (44-46) and XXL (47-49). Please specify the size when you order. Up to 3 t-shirts can be posted for £3.50 postage (2nd class).

To order, please email team@gingercathouserescue.co.uk. See the full range of our merchandise [here](#).



New arrivals in the last few weeks:



Meadow was found on a construction site pregnant, and she has since given birth to 5 kittens **Barley**, **Savannah**, **Clover**, **Pampas** & **Haylee** at the rescue. Mum and babies are all doing well, Meadow is a great mum; she is very calm & sweet-natured and her babies are gorgeous.



Xena & Mattie Xena was found near Voo Vets, dumped in the street though wearing a distinctive collar. Mattie was dumped in carrier at the back door of Voo Vets (away from the cameras) two days later wearing very similar collar, so we think they are related. They have now bonded. Both were traumatised at first but are now starting to enjoy people and the other cats. Xena loves Pitter Patter, Logan and Tiny Tony, while Mattie just loves everyone!

Xena



Mattie



Biscuit litter



These three beautiful babies were born in a shed, but tragically their mum was found dead in the garden nearby. They came to us when they were one week old, and June has been bottle-feeding them since then every 3-4 hours. All their eyes are open, and they are putting on a pleasing amount of weight. Their finders came to visit on 26 May and were delighted to see how well they are doing. Biscotti shouts the loudest for his milk! All of them are doing really well.

Biscotti



Florentine



Rosetta



Soup Dragons These stunning kittens were found in a flowerpot in an accessible garden underneath a lemon tree. Unfortunately, there was no sign of mum, even though the finders watched out for her for days. The kittens were very hissy at first, but they are getting better all the time as we socialise them. They now are much better about being stroked but still a bit shy.



Miso



Ramen



Kimchi



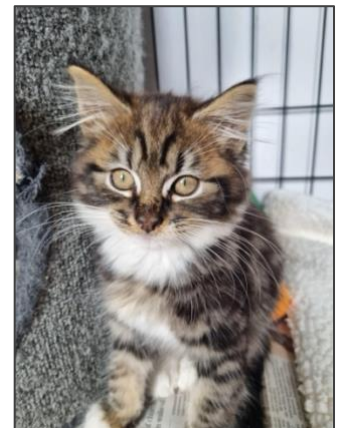
Twiglet & her babies Scampi, Wotsit & Dorito



We were called out to rescue three kittens born in between two brick walls in the hot weather spell. Our intrepid pair Steve and Lee went to the rescue. At first there was no sign of mum, so we waited patiently and eventually Steve was able to trap mum and then scooped up the babies with a fishing net. They were taken straight to foster with Julie, and now mum and her babies are all doing really well. Twiglet is a great mum.



Bruno (11 wks) was surrendered to Voo Vets because he has plumbing issues like our lovely Memma. He will need surgery in a couple of months, but he is currently too young. He has toileting problems and is partially incontinent, so he needs regular bathing. Bruno is having problems with constipation, so we authorised a CT scan, which showed that his bladder is attached to his rectum, similar to Memma. Fortunately, it is fixable with surgery when he is a bit older. In the meantime, he will have weekly enemas and lactulose every day so we can keep him healthy till he is able to undergo surgery.





Bill & Ben

The finder of these two beautiful boys collected them when their owner threatened to leave them outside a charity shop. They are only 6 weeks old and too young to be separated from their mum. They are now safe in foster care with Julie.

Khan is 22 years old and was found wandering near Selsdon vets. His chip shows that he came from Enfield but it is not up-to-date so we can't find the owner. He is a lovely old boy, so we have brought him into the rescue, and he is going to foster with Julie.



Over The Rainbow Bridge



Tazz [14]

June and her late husband Ian (Cat Daddy) found baby Tazz on the internet as a kitten, he was only 8 weeks old. From day 1, Tazz had a lot of health issues, and was not thriving, so he needed a lot of extra care. Tazz was always a mummy's boy. Even though he would spend a lot of his time roaming around outside, he would always come in a few times a day to cuddle with June by jumping up on her lap, putting his arms around her neck and dribbling on her! You could never keep him in for long though, he was an adventurous loner who loved to explore and climb things so he could view the world from up high.

About 6 years ago, Tazz mysteriously disappeared for 4 days. Eventually he came home by himself and Cat Daddy found him cowering underneath a car. It took ages to coax him back inside. We never found out what happened while Tazz was missing but then after that he developed pillow foot on his paw, and it came and went periodically after that. It wasn't too long before Tazz was back to his usual, loving self though.

At the beginning of last year, Tazz's pillow foot began to track up his leg and it became infected. For a while Tazz had to go to the vet daily to have his bandages changed, but he continued to have trouble with his leg wound healing, as he was not a fan of wearing a cone or taking medication. He was also diagnosed with stage 3 kidney disease at this time, which affected his healing. To protect his leg, we had to bring Tazz indoors but, somewhat surprisingly, he adjusted to indoor life really well. The pillow foot cleared on his paw but the leg wound never healed. He made friends with Salzi and Shelby,

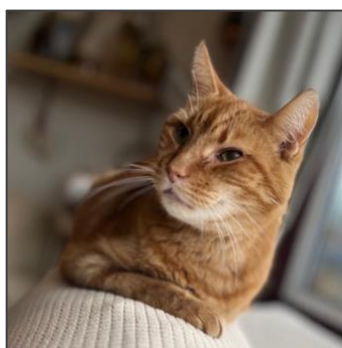




and he would climb up high on top of cupboards and pens, and sit surveying the scene. Tazz also became really affectionate with all the volunteers and liked to sit on everyone's laps, not just his mum's! Now and then, he would make a dash for freedom, even trying to escape out of the top window once – June found him hanging from the window locks!

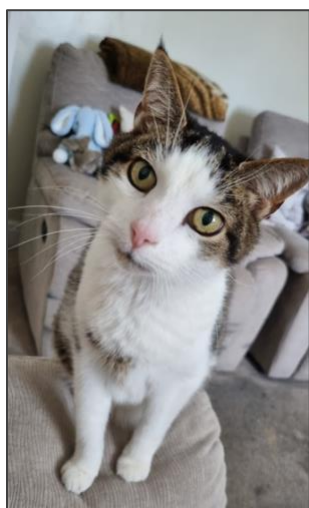
Recently Tazz had to have a dental, as he had some infected teeth. He was subdued after the operation and didn't seem like himself. We sent him in for more tests as he was refusing to take his pain and antibiotic medication (as usual!). Unfortunately those tests showed he had developed advanced heart and kidney disease, and he was going downhill quickly. June had to make the really difficult decision to have

her beloved boy PTS. June and Lee were with him as he went over the rainbow bridge, but he has left a huge hole in our hearts and we miss him greatly. RIP, our gorgeous boy Tazz.



Cuddles [15] came to us in August 2023 when his elderly owner went into care. The care worker Charlotte visited Cuddles daily and cared for him until the house was sold. Cuddles was due to become homeless, so we took him in. He was in long-term foster care with Caroline, who also fosters Taffy [13] for us and has a resident cat Hope [2]. Cuddles had some tummy issues from the beginning and always needed a special diet and steroids to try to manage it, with varying degrees of success. Caroline was stoic in maintaining his litter trays! He was an adorable, old boy who just wanted love and he received plenty of that from Caroline.

Cuddles was quite a character. He was very fussy with his food, and he even worked out how to get Taffy's microchip food bowl to work with his chip!! He liked to wake Caroline up in the morning by sitting on her chest, and then he retired to the garden room for the day and snoozed on the deck chair – it was as if he had his own deluxe penthouse suite! Cuddles was not so keen on the other two cats, who have bonded, he preferred to do his own thing.



At the beginning of March, Caroline became concerned that Cuddles was subdued and not eating properly. We visited him at home that weekend to supervise him and arranged a vet visit for the Monday afternoon for a check-up. On Monday morning, he suddenly became floppy, so we changed his appointment to an emergency one that morning. Lee and Caroline rushed him to hospital, but tragically he passed away in the car on the way. Cuddles' decline was so sudden that we were all shocked and, even though he was an old boy, he had seemed in very good health. The vets suspected that he may have had kidney disease. He had a wonderful 9 months with Caroline and couldn't have asked for a better foster mum, she was distraught at his passing.

We then found out from Charlotte that Cuddles' previous owner, who had been taken into care, had passed away herself three weeks previously. She had rescued Cuddles as a kitten and had always adored him. She had remembered him at Christmas, saying 'Cuddles' with a big smile, when she saw his photo. Charlotte thanked Caroline for taking such wonderful care of Cuddles and for giving him a lovely home to live out his days. She believes that his previous mum was waiting for Cuddles to join her, and they are now reunited. We believe that too. RIP, Cuddles.



Roger [12] was found in a field by dog walkers in the middle of nowhere. He was named Roger by the vets, who thought he was about 4. He came to GCH at the same time as Shiloh. He was Julie's first ever foster and first foster fail! From the beginning, he had some health problems, so his first potential homing fell through: he had stud tail and swollen lymph nodes, so he became a long-term foster cat and settled in to rule the roost!

Roger bonded very quickly with resident kitten Bailey and 3-year-old George. He was always very loving and affectionate with people and other cats. He quickly became known as 'Uncle Roger' as he would groom the kittens, such as Blue and Skye, and would sleep alongside them. He

enjoyed playing with ping pong balls, and especially loved his Dreamies (no other brand but Dreamies would do!). He would even chaperone Julie to the toilet at night, much to her delight.



Over the years, Roger had mostly been healthy. He had some problems with his teeth and had to have few removed. Last year, he started to lose weight, and tests revealed that he had lymphoma. From that point he was on palliative care, and Julie decided to spoil him rotten. He went onto daily steroids, and picked up quite well, remaining his good-natured, sweet self. But last week, Roger suddenly started to go downhill; he stopped eating and started hiding. Julie and Lee took him to the vet on Sunday 26th and, while there, the sad decision was taken to PTS with Julie and Lee at his side. Julie is devastated and George has been missing his companion and crying for him, but it was the right decision to let him go. RIP, lovely Roger.



Holby Kitty

Our main expense as a rescue is our vet bills, last year we spent in excess of £140,000. We have so many cats and kittens through our doors, that inevitably from time to time we come across some serious and unusual health issues. We are fortunate to have access to excellent surgeons at [Voo Vets](#) and generous supporters, who help out when we need extra financial assistance for such unexpected and difficult circumstances. In addition to Nelson and Bruno:



Remy [6mo]: After a while in her new home, Remi had two small seizures, affecting her sight; her pupils became huge and there was clearly a medical issue. We sent her for numerous tests including a spinal tap, which showed no coronavirus or FIP. A further CT scan showed toxocara. Her medical records showed she had the infection as a kitten in Bulgaria, which had been treated, but it had returned. Remi was put on medication for a month and has now completely recovered.

Elvis [12]: still has very unstable diabetes. His Libra 2 sensor records his progress daily. Elvis has his own iPhone and iCloud account, so we can monitor his progress 24/7 and we send the graphs over to our vets every day for inspection with their diabetes specialist. We then adjust his insulin levels accordingly. Elvis is making some progress with the low-carb food Bozita, but he is a work in progress and is under constant vet supervision. In himself, Elvis is well – he is bright and friendly, his coat is glossy, he has stopped overgrooming and he loves his food. In addition, the MRSA in his ears has almost totally cleared up. He certainly keeps us on our toes!





Harvey [17]: we originally homed Harvey in March 2021, but after 4 months he went missing. In early April, we got a call from Brelades vet in Dorking to say he had been found, as he was still chipped to us. His finder had been feeding him for 7 months but couldn't coax him in. Finally, Harvey was returned to us, and he went into foster care with our golden oldie specialist Natasha. We noticed he had a lump on his back, and we suspected cancer. We were initially unable to remove the lump because his thyroid levels were through the roof. When Harvey's thyroid was back under control, we had the lump removed, but sadly it was found to be cancerous. Harvey is now on palliative care. Harvey is bright in himself; he likes a groom and purrs like a tractor. He is in safe, loving hands.

Calli [16+]: has been staying with Natasha since mid-January, since she was found wandering in the streets. She is almost completely blind and deaf and has a grade 4 heart murmur. On 7 April, Calli suffered a burst blood vessel in her 'good' eye, which initially blinded her. After an emergency dash to the vets, she was put on 11 doses of meds every day for a week. High blood pressure had left her with only partial sight in one eye. She is now on blood pressure and heart medication, and she is doing really well. Natasha looks after her golden oldies with great care.



Shiloh [7]: we became worried about Shiloh's intermittent limping; he potentially had some inflammation/ stiffness on his left hock. He was prescribed Metacam, anti-inflammatories and joint supplements and we suspected possible arthritis. We noticed that he developed a sore paw, but blood test and an X-ray were inconclusive. We put Shiloh on bed rest and antibiotics in Kitty Haven for a week, much to his initial chagrin! Thankfully his paw has now healed, and his limp seems to have gone, but we'll keep a very close eye on him. Ellie May missed him a lot when he was indoors!

Hopper & Hawkeye [11mo] are in foster care with Lee. Both of them have been receiving ongoing treatment for FIP. Hopper is now in the observation phase of his FIP treatment, and he is doing well. Unfortunately, Hawkeye also has some joint problems in his right-hand front and back legs, which could be due to traumatic breech birth. A CT scan showed joint issues which require surgery to stabilise his leg joints; this hopefully should sort out his problems. We are now waiting for a date to go ahead with his surgery.





Memma [3] is our lovely hermaphrodite cat whose internal plumbing is all in the wrong place, causing her many medical issues. She lives with foster mum Julie. In April, Memma had a massive operation to reroute her urethra so that she can wee out of her tummy. This is helping to keep her numerous kidney infections under control. Memma still has some behavioural issues though, and is weeing out of the litter tray, which we are trying hard to resolve.

Kentucky [6] is our long-term foster cat, who was an RTA cat with bladder and bowel damage from fractures in his pelvis when he came to us in April 2021. He currently lives with foster mum Louise. Kentucky has been to the vet about his ongoing urinary/ bowel problems and some sickness. He has had numerous tests including an ultrasound, X-ray and blood tests for thickening of intestines and high inflammation markers. He is currently on prescription ZD food and antibiotics. Kentucky has also just had an endoscopy which showed inflammation of the bowel, and he possibly will require steroid treatment to help improve his problems. We hope to be able to find a solution for him soon when we get biopsy results from the endoscopy.



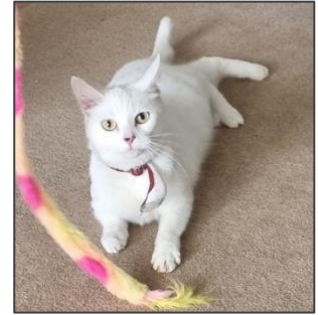
Shelby [8mo] has been on Remdesivir for FIP, with ongoing blood tests, and he is making very good progress. His bloods returned to normal, he put on weight, and he responded well to the meds. Shelby is now in his 80 day observation period, and he should then be able to go up for adoption.

Maxwell [6mo] had a bad reaction to a shaving patch after some blood tests. He had a sore patch, which was irritating him and was not healing as it should. After a week wearing a sphinx top, the wound healed, and he was back to normal. He has since been adopted.



Tommy [1] came to us in September with his back legs paralysed from a crush injury. He had two major spinal surgeries and has been recuperating with his foster mum Jackie. He is still a little bit wobbly, so he will always need to be an indoor cat. Tommy still has 6 monthly check-ups, but his physio is now finished – he is doing really well. He is very happy with Jackie and has bonded with her resident pair Willow & Pixie.

Eevee [3] is our deaf cat currently in foster with Lindsay. When she went in for her spay, they found she has heart problems. We arranged for a heart scan which showed, Eevee has a bad heart murmur and arrhythmia, so her heart is under strain. She is well in herself – with no symptoms. She had an ECG harness on for 24 hours, and she will have special heart drugs from next week. Then we can do another ECG scan and, all being well, will then be able to spay her. She is a lovely, sweet girl.



Kittens Galore!

Kitten season started early for us this year. We have had some lovely orphan babies growing up with us in these last few months:

Mattie & Xena



Soup Dragons: Kimchi, Ramen & Miso.



Biscotti, Florentine and Rosetta



Bruno; Bill & Ben in foster with Julie



Mums & Babies

We have also had numerous mums with their lovely babies, now growing up fast and strong!

Twiglet [Scampi, Wotsit & Dorito] and Rupee [Florin & Rouble] in foster with Julie.



Meadow [Barley, Savannah, Clover, Pampas & Hayley]



Lenor [Daz, Persil, Omo, Skip] formerly in foster with Wendy, now at the rescue



Calibri [Tahoma, Dingbat, Rockwell, Arno & Minion}



Portia [Cobweb, Regan, Fabian, Lorenzo & Orlando]



Elm, Aspen [Spruce, Poplar, Rowan & Joshua] in foster with Julie, all now rehomed.



Eleanor Rigby [Jude, Pepper, Maxwell & JoJo] all now rehomed.



Vixen [Donner, Blitzzen, Dasher, Prancer & Comet] in foster with Julie, all now rehomed.



Chiffon [Satin, Silk & Cotton] in foster at Julie's, all now rehomed.



Double Trouble!

We are very lucky also to have had so many gorgeous pairs of cats & kittens at the rescue and at foster in this last quarter:

Evie & Elodie now rehomed; Monsoon & Puddle in foster with Katerina and still available.



Hawkeye & Hopper in foster with Lee, Archie & Oscar reserved, Elm & Aspen rehomed.

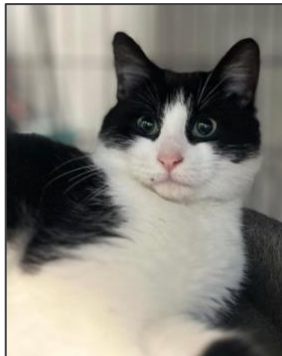


Cat Chronicles We have also had some fabulous single cats available for adoption in recent months including:

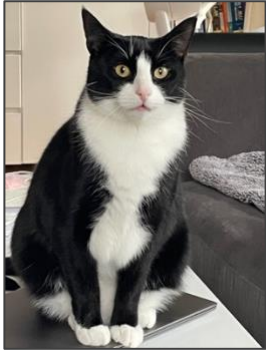
Eleanor Rigby, Sookie & Vixen all rehomed



Chiffon, Ariel & Maisie all rehomed



Bella rehomed; Darcy & Looshie owners found, and cats returned.



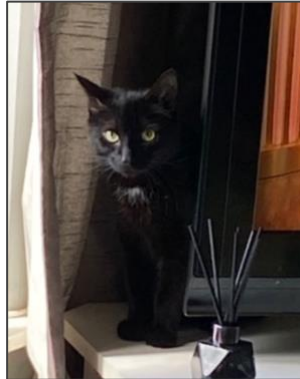
Daisy, Betty Boop & Serrano all rehomed



Holly Hop & Spook rehomed.



Eevee, Lenor & Doodles still in our care with foster mums Lindsay, Majella and Evelyn



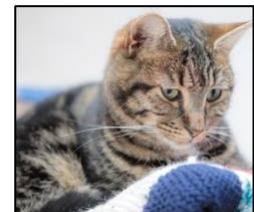
Sponsorship

Some of our cats cannot be rehomed because of illness, old age, disability, anxiety, or the difficult circumstances from which they were rescued. They are all rescue cats and live under the permanent protection of GCH and there are currently 15 with June and 8 (Memma, Kentucky, Calli, Harvey, Koda, Tinkerbelle, Taffy & Tommy) in long-term foster care with Julie, Louise, Natasha, Brenda, Jill, Caroline & Jackie. Thank you to those of you who sponsor them monthly. Please see the website if you are interested in [sponsorship](#). Here are the cats:

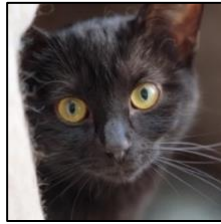
Symon [10], Millie [9], Charley [12] & Shiloh [6]



Benny [9], Gabby [5], Gracie [5] & Ellie May [6]



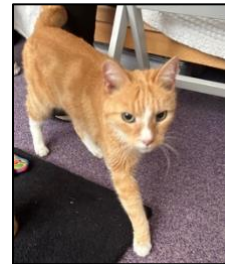
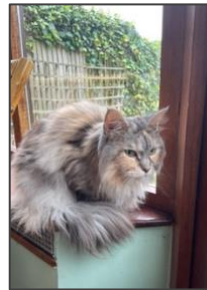
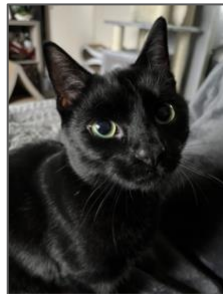
Hope [4], Lily [6], Lizzie [10] & Salzi [16+]



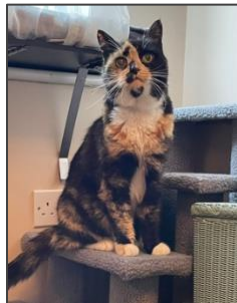
Razz [14], Elvis [12], Tiny Tony [1] and Tommy [1]



Kentucky [7], Memma [3], Koda [12] & Taffy [14]



Tinkerbelle [11], Calli [16] & Harvey [17]



Fostering at GCH

Fostering is very rewarding and an invaluable part of our operation here at GCH. If you are interested in fostering a cat, whether for short-, medium- or long-term, please fill out the application form on the [Fostering](#) page of our website and email it to us on team@gingercathouserecuse.co.uk.

Our current long-term foster cats above are **Tommy** (with Jackie); **Kentucky** (with Louise); **Memma** (with Julie); **Koda** (with Brenda); **Taffy** (with Caroline); **Tinkerbelle** (with Jill); **Calli & Harvey** (with Natasha).

Events

We love being able to invite visitors to the rescue to meet the cats and the team. Although we are limited by time and space, we try to host an event every fortnight from April to October, so as many supporters as possible can come. The summer months will see our **Cat Cafés** and **Car Booting** making a welcome return, as well as our **Summer Bazaar** on 8 June. Watch our Facebook page for more details.

Fundraising & Support

Fundraising is a huge part of the work we do at GCH. Last year alone we had over £140,000 of vet bills and the work and day-to-day care is ongoing. We have a number of initiatives, such as [Ping A Pound](#), which enable us to keep looking after our feline friends 24/7 all year round. We are so grateful for the fantastic support of our followers who are incredible generous with their financial donations as well as food, toys, and cat furniture & treats. We couldn't manage without them and all of our volunteers who give so generously of their time.

Run Olly Run!



We were delighted when one of our young supporters, Olly, ran 20 miles for us between his 10th birthday and the 20th of April in honour of his beloved cat Toots who passed away last April. Olly did this run as part of his Cubs Personal Challenge, and he aimed to raise £500. Olly's mum Emma set up a JustGiving Fundraising page on our account so that the funds could come directly to us. Olly raised an astonishing £1505 in total. We invited Olly, mum Emma and brother Jake to the rescue to visit the cats. Thank you, Olly – we think you're amazing!



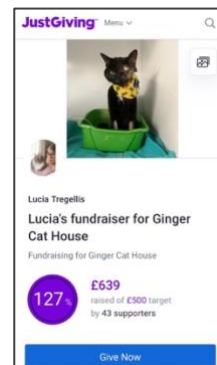
Cath & Lucia

We are also delighted that two more of our followers are raising funds for us through our JustGiving account.



Cath has just completed a sponsored marathon walk in the West Midlands for us and, so far, she has raised £448. It is still possible to donate [here](#). Thank you so much Cath!

Lucia is undertaking the 4x4x48 challenge for us, running 4 miles every 4 hours until she has run 48 miles starting on 30 May. So far, she has raised £639. It is still possible to donate [here](#). Well done, Lucia!



Anyone who wishes to fundraise for us can do so through our JustGiving fundraising page. Follow [this link](#), set up a fundraising page, and off you go!



Nelson & Elvis Prints by Shanée

We are delighted that talented local artist Shanée Buxton has designed some gorgeous watercolour prints and postcards for us to help raise funds.

The postcards of Nelson are £5, and the prints of Nelson and Elvis are £8 and will be available at the summer bazaar (and via Facebook PM thereafter)



Hooray Henry!!

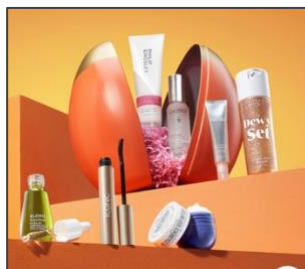
Another wonderful young supporter is Henry who made his own GCH bookmarks and leaflets for his School Charity Fair in April. He won 1150 votes and his parents matched that with a £115 donation to us. Thank you so much, Henry!



We are thrilled at the generosity of Andrea, Emma and Daisy at [re:act marketing](#) who have offered us a free month-long marketing campaign in June, running sponsored ads on Facebook and Instagram to raise the profiles of our Summer Bazaar and the Skydive. Thank you, ladies! We are so grateful for your efforts and all your hard work.



Thank you also to [Jane Tyrell](#) who has made us some beautiful, unique, hand-stamped and inked cards, which will be available for sale at the summer bazaar. See more of Jane's lovely work [here](#).



Beauty Egg Raffle: we had two gorgeous beauty prizes donated by supporter Abigail which raised £333, drawn on Friday 22 March.



This was followed by the **Easter Raffle** which had loads of fantastic prizes and raised an amazing £1400, followed by **the Easter Weekend Online sale** where we raised a further £1597.

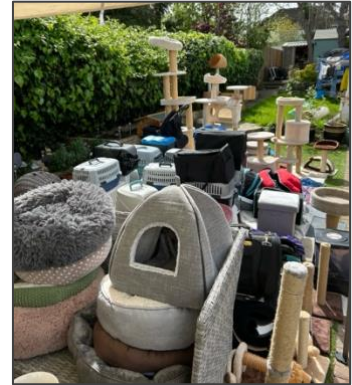




On Saturday 16 March, Brenda was invited to the **Woking Cat Show** at the Woking Leisure Centre by Pauline from [‘Awesome Paws’ Cat Grooming](#). We had a lovely day and met lots of our followers there, one of whom had knitted a gorgeous blanket for Elvis.



At our **Yard Sale** on 13 April, we couldn't quite believe how much stuff we had to sell. The weather was on our side, so we were able to raise a fantastic £1205 and have a good clear out at the same time! This was followed by a mini online sale where we raised a further £331.



Our **Car Booting** season got off to a slow start this year because of adverse weather conditions but we managed to get there on 21 April and 12 May raising £475 and £365 respectively, which we are very pleased with. It was really cold the first day, and balmy the second!! Hopefully, we'll get third time lucky!!

We're back at Hook Road Arena, KT19 8QG on Sunday 2 June, come to see us if you can.



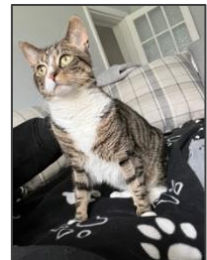
Ping A Pound

On the first of every month, we raise money through [Ping A Pound](#) to go towards cats with specific medical needs.



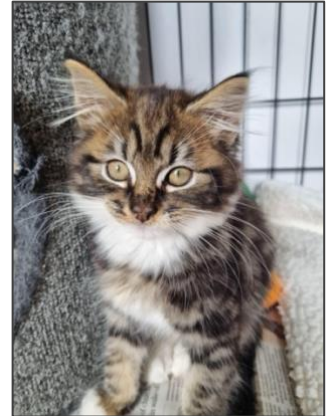
In March, our Ping A Pound appeal was for **Elvis**, **Shelby** and our gorgeous boy **Kentucky**.

In April, we raised funds for **Rowan**, **Spruce**, **Poplar** & **Joshua**





In May, we focused on **Nelson, Kentucky & Shiloh** and in June, we are highlighting **Nelson, Hawkeye & Bruno**.



To donate to [Ping A Pound](#), you can:

- 1) Facebook PM us or email on team@gingercathouserescue.co.uk for our bank details.
- 2) PayPal donation via our [PayPal Giving Fund](#).
- 3) You can also donate through the '[Make A Donation](#)' page on our website.
- 4) Donate directly to our account at Voo Vets: 020 8399 6666/ 020 8337 9166.

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Do you love online shopping and booking holidays? Would you like to donate to The Ginger Cat House Rescue while you shop online at no extra cost to you?

If you are doing your shopping online with any of the 7000+ retailers registered with 'Easyfundraising', (including Amazon, eBay, Waitrose, Sainsbury's, Tesco, M&S, John Lewis, Asda, Currys, Iceland, Apple), they will make a donation to The Ginger Cat House Rescue. It costs you nothing!

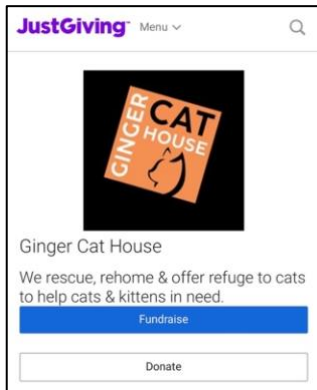


Simply set up your account with [Easyfundraising](#), and select The Ginger Cat House Rescue as your chosen cause.

For step-by-step instructions, go to the [Make A Donation/ Easyfunding](#) page on our website.

Now you can shop away with your favourite retailers and donate to us!! Happy shopping!!

Just Giving



We are registered with JustGiving as a charity, see our profile [here](#) and the [JustGiving page](#) on our website.

If you would like to fundraise for us by taking part in an event, celebrating an occasion, remembering someone or doing your own fundraising activity, you can set up a page on our account via [this link](#).

You can also donate directly to us via this [JustGiving link](#).



GCH Merchandise

We are very excited to have lots of fabulous new merchandise. Please visit the [Merchandise page](#) on our website to order. Please email your order to team@gingercathouserescue.co.uk. Payment is by bank transfer.

T-Shirts (White) £12



Our new white t-shirts are now in. Fruit of the Loom, 100% cotton and unisex.

Design by [Suzannah](#), T-shirts by [PB Leisurewear](#).

Sizes Small-XXL, see our website for more details. Up to 3 can be posted for £3.50 postage (second class)



Mugs £6

These three fabulous mugs (Pitter Patter, Symon & Gracie) designed by [Andy](#) are ideal for your daily tea & coffee. Please note the mugs are not available for posting.



Cotton and Canvas Shopper Bags £5



Our long-handled shopper bags (in cotton and canvas options) are both attractive and durable. Take us shopping with you! Design by [Suzannah](#)



Pens £3

Our GCH Pens write beautifully and would make a lovely gift.



Fridge Magnets £3

We have fun fridge magnets of Symon, Gracie and Pitter and a new range of Ginger Is The New Black, all designed by [Andy](#).



Key Rings £3

Our unique GCH key rings are a fun design and are easily identifiable.



Goodie Bags £15

If you would like a little bit of everything, treat yourself!

- One bag (specify cotton or canvas)
- One mug (specify which)
- One pen
- One key ring
- One fridge magnet (specify which)
- (also includes a complimentary calendar)

Bargain price of £15 (value would be £20).
This item is collection only.



Socials

We are very lucky to have over 34,000 followers on **Facebook**, but we are also delighted that our **Instagram** account now has over 1400 followers! Please follow us!

Facebook: @gingercathouse118

Twitter: @ginger_rescue

Instagram: @thegingercathouserescue

Link tree: @gingercathouse



Volunteers

Cat Care Daily Volunteers



Every morning, our daily volunteers come to clean the pens, organise the rescue rooms, and look after the cats and kittens. This Cat Care Daily Volunteer group is run by Brenda, and is made up of regulars Amanda, Debs, Heidi, Mel, Dee, Taylor, Zoe, Majella, Jo, Bev, Michelle, Fabi, Viki, Yvonne, Taija & Jackie. We also have a further bank of lovely ladies, including Suzanne, Denise, Linda, Keeley, Nikki, Lynn & Tina who are ready to step in if we need the extra help or at busy times of year. We are so grateful for their invaluable help every day. It's not always glamorous work, but it is very rewarding and there are cats & kittens to cuddle!

If you are interested in being a volunteer, whether that be in Cat Care, Events, Car Booting or Fostering, please email us on team@gingercathouserescue.co.uk.

Cat Care Social

On 15 May, it was lovely to be able to welcome the Cat Care daily volunteers to the rescue for a social evening drinks and nibbles. We are so grateful for the hard work they all do every day to keep the rescue running and the cats looked after. It was a pleasure to treat them all to an evening of fun with the cats 'helping'. The weather was glorious, and much fun was had by all!



Dates for your Diaries:

Summer Bazaar: Saturday 8 June at the [Willow Tree Pub](#), KT4 7ED from 12-5pm.

Cat Café: Saturday 22 June. Ticket Ballot dates to be announced.

GCH Sky Dive: Friday 28 June with GoSkyDive at Headcorn, Ashford, Kent.



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