



KITTY MEWS!!

The Ginger Cat House

Quarterly Newsletter May 2022



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, an amazing [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Insta](#) pages, some wonderful foster parents, and superb support from Voo Vets. Starting with two cats June now has 13 permanent rescue residents, as well as 8 cats of her own, and 6 in long-term foster care. In 2021, there were 145 cat adoptions and 75 kittens. This year so far there have been 53 cats and 14 kittens adopted. The rescue work is 24/7 and it thrives thanks to June's commitment, expertise, care and love of our feline friends, along with fantastic support from our amazing followers. Thanks to June and all of you, GCH really is a very special place: a cat sanctuary.

Lula



A story that has touched all of our hearts these past few months is that of lovely, little Lula. We received a call, in late March, that two year-old Lula had been caught in an illegal trap on private land behind her owner's house. The owners were unable to afford the huge vet bills for the damage to her leg, and were not wanting to surrender their cat to the RSPCA, so they came to us for help. We paid the emergency vet bills of £700, took Lula to Voo and agreed to fund her treatment. The initial estimates were for leg amputation (£1k) or skin graft and pinning the leg (up to £7K). With the amazing generosity of supporters, we were able to raise the money in 72 hours.

Lula was due for her a ligament pin and skin graft in early April, but we discovered that she also had a ruptured carpal joint. Surgery was put on hold to consider putting in a plate to stabilise her leg and do a punch graft in May, followed by 12 weeks pen rest. Lula's foot was swollen, but a vacuum machine was removing dead tissue and speeding her healing. We admitted her to hospital so that she could have more intensive care, at £150 per night. By May, she was doing really well with the vacuum machine on her leg to the point where surgery might no longer be as serious as we had first thought.



In the end, they repaired the joint with a nylon suture and her whole leg became more stable (and no skin graft required). She is now on strict pen rest and on her first night back at GCH she ripped off her bandage so had to wear a cone of shame, which she was not happy about! Now the cone is off, and she is about to return home. Lula will be having ongoing physiotherapy and hydrotherapy at Voo Cobham. It has been a long uphill battle, but we are now



close to the end, and we can't wait to reunite Lula with her family. She is currently on heat, and is very vocal about it, but the vets won't neuter her at the moment as she has had too many anaesthetics recently. She has been yowling the house down, bless her! Hopefully, they can do that operation within the next few weeks! Catnip seems to help!

All the way through, Lula has been an absolute darling. All the nurses and vets at Voo love her, she is so sweet natured. She absolutely loves being stroked and she has coped with all her procedures and treatments so well. Her family has also been able to visit her at the rescue and are so delighted with her progress and grateful for our help. It has been a pleasure to help her recover from her terrible injury. We wish her all the best for a trouble-free future!



Hope



Hope is one of our huge stars at the rescue. Everyone who meets her falls in love with her because she is so adorable. Hope doesn't realise she is disabled and in March, she fractured her tail, so she had to have it amputated. This was actually helpful for her, as her tail was just dragging along the ground anyway. The fracture was due to issues with her growth plate; the X-rays showed that her pelvis has not grown and there is more damage to her spinal cord. This means that her back legs are now useless. Thankfully, Hope has also stopped growing so her pelvis will not press any further on her vital organs. Her tummy is now good, and she is no longer incontinent – she even manages to use her litter tray most of the time!



Hope's life may be shortened, but we are delighted that she came through the surgery, and she is still with us, living her best life! Now ten months old, Hope is a huge

hit at the Cat Cafés, because she loves being cuddled and is so sweet with all our visitors. If you get a chance to come to visit her, please do! She is the most adorable little cat who has come such a long way from being found abandoned at a railway station. We are blessed to have her.

Pitter-Patter



Pitter Patter is now out of his pen at night and most of the day in Kitty Palace. He still manages to cause chaos! He recently broke a cat tree, by knocking it off the top of one of the pens! He has developed a very sweet little friendship with Lizzie, but Chakka was not so keen on him as he is so full-on. Pitter Patter does have long claws on his many paws, and he often scratches the core volunteers in his enthusiasm to say hello, either by jumping on their heads or running up their legs! He also loves meeting visitors at the Cat Cafés, when he is allowed to run around in the front room and play with his toys, particularly the ones with feathers on.



Even though Pitter Patter is now 10 months old we are not quite ready to let him outside yet as he is such a bundle of energy, and young for his age. He is enjoying free range indoors at the rescue, even if he is a mini tornado, and he loves to go back to his pen for a little rest even when we leave the door open!

Otis & Remy



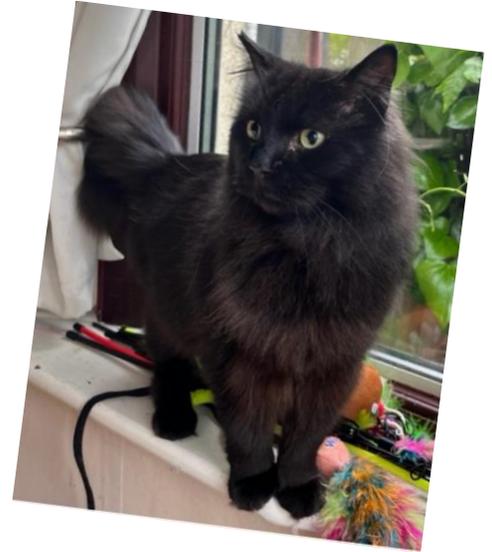
We have seen a huge rise in the surrender of pedigree cats at the rescue recently. At the end of March, we were lucky enough to acquire two beautiful 5 month-old Sphinxes for rehoming; something June has always wanted. Their owner had moved to a home with a dog, and she was desperately sad to have to give up her indoor beauties. We searched long and hard for the right owner for these two adorable kitties who loved their blanket and heat mat. Otis & Remy had their own 'apartment' in Kitty Haven and their own special carer, Taylor, who doted on them. They were stars at the cat Cafés as everyone wanted to see what they looked like! Now, they have gone to a

lovely home with one of our long-term supporters, Eve. They are settling in well (though the resident cats are a work in progress!) and even have their own electric blanket to keep them warm! Taylor will be cat-sitting when Eve goes on holiday, so she gets to see them again!



The return of Chakka

Chakka went missing from the rescue in October 2021, and despite no response to our posters and social media posts, we always thought he might return one day as he was a streetwise cat who was chipped to us. On the 2 April 2022, we got the call that a kind couple only a few roads away had been feeding him for a few weeks. They took Chakka to the vet and he was returned to us. What a wanderer! He was very hungry and a little bit chastened. We put him in a pen in the lounge, and he was so friendly and sweet; it was lovely to have him back. We were delighted when the finder couple wanted to adopt him, to join their resident cat and two cat-friendly dogs. Sadly, Chakka didn't take well to their cat, so he was returned to us. He has now been adopted by Denise & Martyn who will give him all the love and attention he needs. Let's hope the wanderer has hung up his boots!



Gin the Bengal



Over the Easter bank holiday weekend, we were delighted and surprised to see a beautiful Bengal cat on our driving talking to the Mafia! June then found him asleep in her wardrobe, after he found his way through the cat flap. It transpired that this beautiful male stud has slipped his harness on Good Friday, and we were able to reunite him with his owner by Bank Holiday Monday. We were connected by the power of social media, and we found Gin asleep in the gazebo when his owner came round. Then in mid-May, he turned up again! This time he had escaped out of his catio! Luckily, we were able to contact his owner quickly, and then had comedy fun chasing Gin up and down the road for a bit! Thankfully he likes treats, so we were able to catch him again. Gin clearly knows where he is welcome and likes to be around our cats – what a clever boy he is!!



Gizmo the wanderer

At the beginning of April, this sweet little lady followed Lesley home all the way from the station-end of Worcester Park to the top end. We were called out to scan her, but she was not chipped, and she seemed happy to stay with her new owner. Lesley looked for her owner on the local Facebook page and Next Door app, and it transpired that she was an ex-GCH cat, Gizmo, adopted 5 years ago as a kitten by Amy, who takes in rescue cats. Gizmo's pregnant mum had been taken in by June in 2017. But one of Amy's cats bullied Gizmo who started to wander, and Amy was happy for her to stay in her new home



with Lesley. After a few weeks, Gizmo went walkabout again. After another social media search, Christina who also lives nearby got in touch to let us know that 'Mollie' had been staying with her for the last 2 years! All three owners are now in touch, and Gizmo/ Mollie is currently choosing to live with Christina. What a lucky lady to have so many homes!

Lord Roscoe



Many of you will know Lord Roscoe, our wonderful wanderer, who was rehomed to Ham House in March 2020. Since then, he has been on the Antiques Roadshow and appeared in several magazines. In June, he has a full double-page spread in [Your Cat](#) magazine, where he is described as the 'first official feline employee' of the National Trust, whose job description includes 'pest controller, meeter & greeter and retail assistant'! He is looked after by Janette and is a firm favourite with visitors in the grounds and the café, many of whom now ask to see him at the entrance. Pop along to see him if you can, the house and gardens are wonderful too!



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Over The Rainbow Bridge

Bonnie



Bonnie ('Bonbon') was surrendered to GCH six years ago, aged 12, when her owner was no longer able to care for her. Two years previously, her leg had been removed when it had got caught in a radiator. When she first came to GCH, Bonnie only weighed 5 kilos and she was quickly rehomed with her brother Clyde. Unfortunately, Bonnie was so hideous to the other resident cats that she came back to us within 8 weeks and stayed. In that short time, she had put on a lot of weight which she never lost, going up to 8 kilos!!!

Bonnie was a character who never really liked any other cats or humans except June's husband, 'Cat Daddy'. She absolutely adored Ian. When he passed away in 2019, Bonnie had to learn to like other people, but it took a while. Sadly, she was not keen on June! First, she grew to love Steve and then June's son, Chris. Gradually she softened towards Lee and the rest of the volunteers, and eventually used to come up looking for cuddles and getting her tummy rubbed. She would also sit beside us on the sofa.



Bonnie loved her cat beds. One of her jobs was to be the official rescue bed tester for all the new cat beds that are donated; this was a job she took very seriously. Her favourite was a huge dog bed! Although she was grumpy with the other resident cats, Bonnie did quite like kittens (in small doses!). She had a love/ hate relationship with Gabby, and tolerated Koji pretty well but she did growl at the others and keep them in their places. More recently, Bonnie had been visiting the front drive and had even started to enjoy greeting the passing children with the rest of the Mafia, getting cuddles from them.

Bonnie did love her food, especially the stuff she wasn't supposed to eat, such as Gracie's biscuits, which always made her sick! She became very popular at Cat Café's, because she loved all the attention and cuddles from her new-found friends.



Then at the start of this year, Bonnie started to lose weight. By the beginning of March, she had gone down to 4.5 kilos from 8 kilos. On the one hand, she had become much more mobile, but we knew that something was not right. We took her to the vets, but they couldn't find anything wrong initially. She was due to go in for bloods, but on 7 March, Bonnie passed away quietly on the kitchen floor, near her food bowl at 3am. She had reached grand old age of 18. We all miss her grumpiness and her pretending not to like people (when really she loved it!). She leaves a huge hole in our lives. RIP, Bonbon.



Holby Kitty

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 assistance for such unexpected and difficult circumstances. As you all know, vet bills are our biggest source of stress. Last year we ran up £50,000 worth of treatment! This year, we have already had a number of issues to deal with, here are some of our stories:

Memma



Memma came to us as a tiny kitten, and she was very unwell. When she was 4 months old, Memma went in for surgery for a diagnosed perineal hernia, but it transpired that her internal plumbing (bowels, intestines) were all in the wrong place and it took two surgeons to rearrange her insides. When she went to have her prolapse looked at in February, we found that she had no uterus, but she had testicles instead; Memma is a hermaphrodite! She had her neutering operation in March and recovered well at home, though she did not like wearing the cone of shame!



Recently, Memma's anal glands became infected, which she had more surgery for, and now we are waiting for the results of tests, to see where we go next. Now 11 months old, Memma has been through such a lot, but she is a remarkably resilient little girl, though she does not like sharing her roast dinners (or anything else!) with her foster-sister Emma! Foster-mum Julie does a wonderful job looking after her and they are devoted to each other, but she can be a little madam at times!

Kamran



Kamran came to us at 6 months old from a breeder, with his brother Kaspar. They both had coronavirus and were very ill indeed. Sadly, Kaspar passed away but Kamran recovered eventually and, since then, he has been thriving in long-term foster care with Mel. Now just over a year old, he loves being out of his pen and cuddling up with Mel's daughter Jade, who adores him. While the coronavirus cleared, Kamran still had a lot of tummy trouble and after extensive testing he was admitted to hospital in May where they found he has tritrichomonas, which is a microscopic parasite.



Following treatment for that, he was a lot better, but he is currently back in hospital with a temperature and a high white cell count (a sign of infection). Latest update is that he is eating and is feeling brighter. We are confident Kamran is in the best place and in safe hands – what a little trooper he is! Get well soon, little man!!!

Harley



Sisters Harley and Mika came to us in the New Year, but Harley had a leg injury and a dislocated hip joint. Harley had surgery to pin her hip followed by 8 weeks of pen rest, which was successful, but the surgeons discovered that she has a condition affecting her growth plates, which means her bones will always be prone to fracturing. She has since joined her sister Mika at their forever home, and she is doing really well. We have received an update that the surgery was so successful that she has now been discharged. Paul and his family are delighted with their lovely sibling kitties.



Daisy



Daisy (11) and her sister Cilla (10) came to us just after Christmas. Daisy had a grade 3 heart murmur, but she needed to have two broken teeth extracted. In March, Daisy went in for her operation, but she needed to have a heart scan first, and it showed she had an enlarged heart. We decided to take the risk and the operation was successful, even though her heart rate dropped in the



middle of it! Daisy and Cilla loved being in foster care firstly with Lindsey, then with Nina and Paul. Now they are both loving life in their forever home with Lou.

Tazz



10 year old Tazz is one of June's favourite pets, who was adopted as a kitten. He is very sappy and puts his paws around her neck to dribble on her! He also loves to sit on the volunteers' laps! He has a few health problems including calicivirus and pillow foot. In March, he had a mouth infection, for which he had a steroid injection and antibiotics, but we noticed he was losing weight and was generally not well. Usually,



it is a big stress getting him to the vets, but he was surprisingly placid for June and Lindsay to get him there (not a good sign!). In mid-May, he had four teeth extracted, but his gum has thickened which may be a sign of cancer. He has had a biopsy and we are awaiting the results. He had to stay overnight at Voo, and June missed him loads, so we are giving him loads of TLC to make up for it! He has to go back to the vets for antibiotic injections though as he is a terrible patient!

Elm



When Elm (Fifi) came to us, she was a beautiful soft-haired girl whom we knew would be easy to rehome. However, shortly after she was adopted, she developed an ear infection, and kept being sick. We took her to the vets to treat the ear infection with antibiotics, but we were unable to get to the bottom of her sickness. We thought it might be a food allergy, maybe to chicken, and so we tried hydrolysed biscuits and fishy wet food, but to no avail. After several visits to the vet, we decided to bring her back to the rescue so we could investigate further. Further testing showed that she was perfectly normal after her ear infection cleared, and she has not been sick since her return. We were aware that Elm really didn't like travel,



and her new home had not been nearby, so it could have been the long-distance vet visits themselves which were disagreeing with her. Elm now has another viewing this week with a potential owner who lives locally. Fingers crossed it works out for her, she is an adorable and exceedingly pretty cat.

Dodo



Dodo is a 12 year-old diabetic cat whose owner was struggling to administer his daily doses of insulin so she surrendered him to our vets. We offered to put him into emergency long term foster-care and we decided to place him with our new and highly experienced fosterer Natasha. Natasha is doing amazing work with Dodo, with some expert guidance from her friend Olga. Natasha has already worked out how to administer his insulin on her own, and in a way that doesn't stress him out at all. She has changed his diet and he has already lost half a kilo in weight. Our aim is to see if we can get Dodo's diabetes into



remission with a better diet. His glucose curves are being looked at mid-June and then we shall be making decisions about his long-term future. Dodo is loving life in his new foster home, and has claimed his favourite spot on the window-sill. Well done, Natasha!

Monty



Born at GCH, Monty is now 5 years old, Unfortunately, for a few years he has suffered blocked bladder issues, which has been very stressful for his owner Kirsty. This time, his life was in the balance as her Vet had recommended an Urethrostomy, but was not confident about performing the operation himself. We agreed to take Monty into our vets, who have a lot of experience in such operations, and to help her with the funding. The surgery was successful, and should now allow him



to urinate normally. There were no stones or crystals found just scar tissue from his repeated blockages. Some cats are just prone to this condition, but this operation should break the cycle and transform Monty's life. Monty is now happily reunited with his family.

Kittens Galore!

We have not had as many kittens at the rescue as usual this quarter, but the ones we do have are absolutely gorgeous!! Skye and Scamp have both been living with Julie. Scamp has just been adopted and Skye is waiting to be neutered, but she really doesn't like going to the vets, so we are biding our time till she is ready. The adorable Bethany is being fostered by Karla and her family and they have all fallen for her.



Skye



Scamp



Bethany

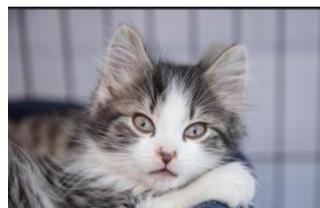
Lucky was a semi-feral stray cat, who came indoors to give birth to her litter of kittens in Peter's house. She went home neutered and chipped to Peter, her self-chosen owner, and we are looking after her litter of lovely kittens until they are ready to be adopted: Aston, Astra, Lotus and Riva are stunningly pretty, and love being cuddled and played with. At first, they had very sore bottoms and were very poopy, until Lee and Taylor gave them a much-needed bath. They are a lot better now, and are blossoming & gorgeous!



Aston



Astra



Lotus



Riva

Ferne is a lovely mum cat who recently gave birth to her kittens Flora and Forrest in a local garden. We were called out to rescue them and the kittens were about 4-5 weeks old. Mamma and kittens are doing really well, and they are all stunning. Ferne is the best mum and dotes on her little ones. They are getting more confident every day.



Forrest



Flora

Double Trouble!

We have been inundated with pairs of gorgeous cats this year. Cilla & Daisy were fostered first with Lindsay and then with Nina. Mika was rehomed, while her sister Harley recovered from surgery at Lindsay's house, and then rejoined her sister. Lindsay then looked after Willow and Diego, the Siamese pair.



Cilla & Daisy



Harley & Mika



Willow & Diego

Currently up for adoption are Venus and Atlas (Cornish & Devon Rex), Nimbus and Cirrus (Ragamese) and Thalia and Oscar (Birmans). See our [Adoptions](#) page for more details:



Venus & Atlas



Nimbus & Cirrus



Thalia & Oscar

We have also just taken into the rescue Persians Molly and Portia, and moggies Tabby and Toby.



Molly



Portia



Tabby



Toby

Cat Chronicles

This year, we have noticed a sad and significant increase in people surrendering their older and pedigree cats. Here are some more of the gorgeous kitties we have rehomed, or are about to rehome, this quarter:



Teddy



Star



Smithy



Purdy



Chloe



Prada



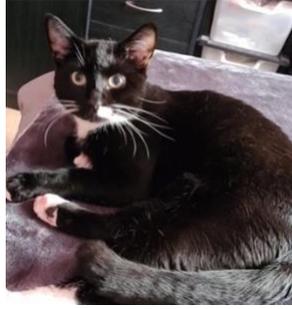
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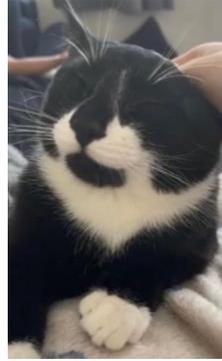
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Melvyn



Patchy



Bobby



Tuppence



Tiger



Bash



Bruce



Pumpkin



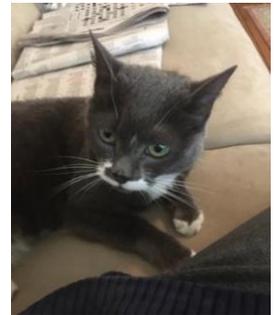
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Kizzie



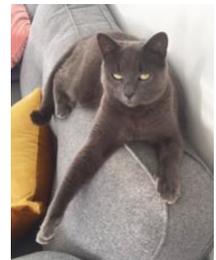
Jasper



Pumpkin



Kitty



Toulouse



Pip



Alfie



Charlie



Nellie



Luka



Ferne

GCH International

We continue to be very proud of our collaboration with international rescues, and we have had some wonderful cats and kittens from Europe in recent months:

Louis, from Fiona in Bulgaria (fostered by Steve and Keeley), now has been adopted for the second time; Mungo & Jerry, also from Fiona, were turned back at Romanian border in late Feb, arrived at 4am on 5 March. Sparky and Sonny came from Xristiana in Greece; Lulu and Mishi also came from Bulgaria and we are hoping to receive 3-legged Juno from Sarah in Dubai in June.



Louis



Mungo & Jerry



Sparky



Sonny



Lulu



Mishi

All of our hearts were touched by this recent heart-breaking story from Xristiana in Greece. Mum cat Julia was attacked by dogs while giving birth to her 4 kittens and appeared to be paralysed. She had broken her spine trying to escape the dogs by climbing up a tree. Xristiana was bottle feeding her kittens, hoping that Julia would recover quickly enough from the attack, to begin to feed them herself. Julia was seen by neurological specialists, who confirmed that she is paralysed in her hind legs. Julia was to be isolated in a crate for 3 weeks and Xristiana would have to continue bottle feeding the kittens and to express Julia's bladder twice a day. A week later Julia was eating, cleaning herself and cuddling her kittens, so there are definite signs of improvement. After an appeal, our wonderful supporters raised £1700 to send to Xristiana in Greece to help pay the bills for Julia and her kittens. We hope to be able to transport them all over here when they are well enough. Thank you so much!!!!



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 all live under the permanent protection of GCH and there are currently 13 with June and six (Emma, Memma, Barclay, Dodo, Kentucky and Kamran) in long-term foster care with Julie, Linda, Natasha and Mel. Thank you to those of you who sponsor them monthly. Please see the website if you are interested in [sponsorship](#). Here are the cats you can sponsor for a recommended minimum of £5 a month:



Symon [7]



Millie (5)



Dodo [12]



Charlie (9)



Shiloh (4)



Gabby (3)



Gracie (3)



Ellie May (4)



Benny (8)



Lily (3)



Lizzie (6)



Salzi [13]



Hope [10 months]



Emma [17]



Fudge [15]



Kentucky [4]



Barclay [16]



Memma [11 months]



Kamran [1]

Fostering at GCH

If you are interested in fostering, please fill out the application form on the [Fostering](#) page of our website and email it to us on team@gingercathousecare.co.uk. We are delighted to welcome Natasha and Kasia to our fostering team.

This year we have had an enormous number of cats staying with our foster parents. Without their help, all of these kitties would have been in trouble as the rescue was full. Huge thanks to:

Julie: Sisi, Emma, Memma, Scamp, Skye, Nelly, and Charlie; **Lindsey:** Melvin, Luka, Willow & Diego, Bobby, and Mika; **Steve:** Otto, Tilly, Purdey, Nelly, and Pip; **Lee:** the Xmas litter; **Mel:** Kentucky and Kamran; **Amy & Will:** Smithy, Stormzy; **Nina:** Cilla & Daisy, Honey; **Linda:** Barclay; **Keeley:** Lulu, Louis, Abbi, Prada and Tuppence; **Karla:** Pumpkin, Bethany; **Cathy:** Roe; **Natasha:** Dodo

Fundraising & Support

Fundraising is a huge part of the work we do at GCH. Last year alone we had over £50,000 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.

Partnerships

We are very proud of our recent partnerships with local businesses as we are all working together to improve our local communities. We really enjoy working together with like-minded people.



The Gin Kitchen

[The Gin Kitchen](#) in Dorking is an award-winning artisan distillery, whose 'Ginger Cat' gin range caught our eye! They have generously awarded three pairs of Golden Tickets for our three Bazaars this year, as well as some Gin & Chocolate for our Easter Bazaar raffle. We have welcomed Hannah and Dexter, Reeba & Charley to our Cat Cafés, and we look forward to meeting their distillery cat, Tikka, when we visit them over the summer.





Sitting Pretty Cats At Home

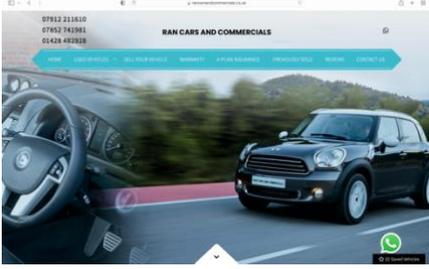
[Sitting Pretty](#) is a local cat-sitting service run by one of our core volunteers, Joanna, and her daughter Laura. Cat-sitting takes all the stress out of going away, and it means that your kitties can stay in the comfort of their own home. They offer a professional, reliable and reasonably priced service which also can include clipping nails, worm and flea treatments and medications if required.



Awesome Paws Cat Grooming

[Awesome Paws](#) is run by Pauline, our specialist cat groomer. She regularly grooms our Persians Louis, Gabby and Gracie, and keeps them all looking their best. Pauline is a cat whisperer who has a calm and professional demeanour which our cats really respond to. They are all safe in her care, and so much happier and healthier after her visits. Pauline has a salon service in Worcester Park and also does limited home visits.





Ran Cars & Commercials

[RAN Cars and Commercials](#) is a family run business in Hindhead, which provides some of the finest quality used cars and vans in Surrey. Owners Russ and Noeline have been loyal supporters of GCH for a while and he have kindly offered to donate £10 to us on every used car their business sells. They specialise in finding the best car for you, and also offer a delivery service to your door.



The Willow Tree Pub

[The Willow Tree](#) is our local pub and it has been fantastically supportive in hosting our Easter and Christmas bazaars in its back room for a long time now. It is a Greene King pub, family and dog friendly with a beer garden. You can watch sport (BT and Sky) and live music, play pool, eat a Sunday Roast or enjoy a quiz. Thank you to Tash and her team, who have all been so welcoming!



Fundraising Events

One of the things we really enjoy at GCH is the [events](#) we hold to raise money for the rescue. It is so lovely to see our supporters come to meet the cats and see the work we do first-hand, as well as taking part in our online fundraisers:

Sponsors' Day

On the 5th March, we held our second [sponsors' day](#), where our monthly [sponsors](#) were able to come to meet the cats they donate monthly towards. The big stars (as usual) were Hope, Pitter Patter, Gracie and Bonnie, who was still with us then. It was also Steve's birthday!



At the beginning of March we also had an [Online Bag Sale](#) where we raised £360 for the Bulgarian cat rescue, and our [Jewellery sale](#) raised £270 for GCH.

We have hosted three [Cat Cafés](#) in March, April and May. The [Cat Cafés](#) have been such fun, and the cats have all been brilliant ambassadors for the rescue. The Mafia greet people on the front drive. Gracie, Louis, Fudge and Salzi entertain in the garden. Hope and the kittens come down for a brief visit and then Pitter Patter runs riot in the front room! It's great fun!!





One of our biggest events of the year is the **Easter Bazaar** which was on the 9 April at the Willow Tree pub. Once again, we were overwhelmed by the generous donations for the **Easter Bazaar** and the amazing support from our followers who turned up to buy items. Even Graham, our local councillor, came along to support us. The cake table (as usual) was a huge hit, as was our themed 'pink table'. Anne, our electrician, won the gorgeous, raffled cake and in total we made £3480. Long-term supporter Eve then treated the whole team to a pub meal, for which we were hugely grateful.



The Bazaar was followed by the **Easter Raffle** on the 14 April. We had 41 fabulous prizes including Gin Kitchen Golden Tickets and a fabulous portrait by local artist [Janice Kutzner](#). We sold over 1250 tickets, raising £1349 in total.



Following the raffle, our **Good Friday Online Sale** raised £700, and our **Yard Sale** a week later, where we sold all the cat trees in the back garden, raised £1000.



In late April, we began **Car Booting** again and at the three sales at Hook Road Arena so far, we have raised £400, £380 and £230 respectively. If you enjoy [Car Booting](#), do join us at Hook Road Arena on Sunday mornings.





We were also delighted to find out this week that several of our followers, including Lorna, nominated us for a **Tesco Jubilee Heroes prize**, and we have won a £700 Jubilee Card with which we can buy cat food – what a wonderful surprise!!! Thank you all so much! #TescoJubileeHeroes



Socials

We are very lucky to have over 10,900 followers on **Facebook**, but we are also delighted that our **Instagram & Twitter** accounts now both have over 400 followers! This is all thanks to Nina, our social media guru, who regularly updates both sites with photos and news. Please follow us!

[Facebook](#): @gingercathouse118

[Twitter](#): @ginger_rescue

[Instagram](#): @thegingercathouserescue



Core volunteers

A huge thank you to our Daily Volunteer group, which visits the rescue every morning to clean the pens and look after the cats and kittens. This Daily Volunteer group is run by Kym, who comes herself on a Friday, and includes Amanda, Margaret, Joanna, Laura, Gaynor, Karla, and Lynn. They have great fun competing for Hope's affections and taking photos of Lizzie! We love looking at their photos, and we are so grateful for their hard work. Joanna is also our House photographer, and we get loads of wonderful photos from her.



The core team which assists June with admin, rescuing, fostering, fundraising, car boot sales, vet runs, cat care, events, social media and odd jobs is Lee, Steve, Julie, Kym, Mel, Nina, Margaret and Brenda. More about us on 'Meet The Team' on the website www.gingercathouserescue.com.

Dates for your Diaries

There will be a number of fundraising events coming up over the next few months so please look out for them. So far:

The **Royal Garden Party** on Saturday 4 June and **Cat Cafés** on 18 June and 9 July. We'll also be **Car Booting** again on Sunday 12 June.



