



The Ginger Cat House Rescue

Rescue, Rehome & Refuge Centre

KITTY MEWS

Quarterly Newsletter May 2023

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 13 permanent rescue residents, as well as 8 cats of her own, and 7 in long-term foster care. In 2022, there were 117 cat adoptions and 128 kittens, total of 245. This year so far there have been 42 cats and 26 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.

The Brambles

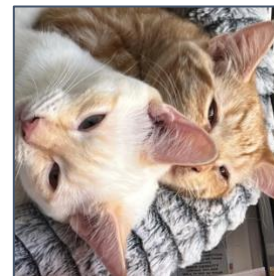


Logan & Bramble

The huge news of this last month is that June has decided to adopt the Brambles (no surprise there!), so-called because they were found in brambles having been abandoned by their mother at 2 days old. Their brother, Blackberry, was adopted by Jani and her family earlier this year, but ongoing health concerns meant that Bramble (white) & Logan (ginger) had to stay with us a while longer. Somewhat inevitably, June fell for them, and they for her, so they will now be given a permanent home at the rescue. They are a very bonded pair who love to rush around the front room, playing with Pitter Patter and entertaining all the visitors. June adores them and they have fitted right in with the GCH family. Welcome to GCH, boys!



Blackberry

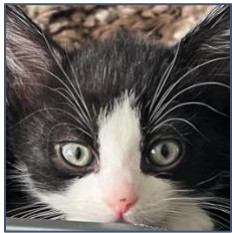


Matilda

Matilda came into her finder's house at the end of last year. They kept her for four months and, when they took her to get neutered, it turned out she was heavily pregnant. Matilda gave birth to four lovely kittens in mid-March, and they all came to us. The finder is happy to keep mum, but Matilda will stay with us until her kittens are weaned. The kittens **Evita, Hamlet, Hamilton, Barnum**, have all just had their first weigh in at the vets and are fit and healthy. They are all up for adoption now.



Matilda



Evita



Hamlet



Hamilton



Barnum



Betsie was surrendered to us along with her brother **Billie**, in mid-March. Betsie came in unvaccinated and developed a respiratory infection. She has now fully recovered, and she gave birth to three lovely babies **Bonnie, Barclay, & Bradley**. The kittens have had their first vaccination and a clean bill of health and are now up for adoption, and so is their gorgeous 2 year-old mum. They have all now been allocated for adoption.

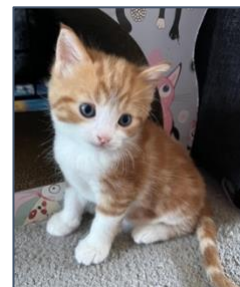


Billie

Betsie



Bonnie & Barclay

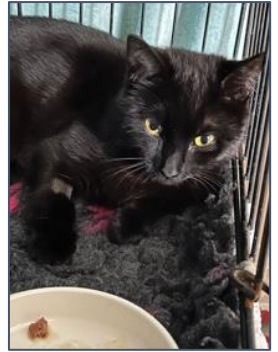


Bradley



Black Velvet

Black Velvet & Suzi Quattro are both garden cats, whose founder was not able to keep them. When the founder contacted us in April, **Black Velvet** was pregnant, and he wasn't sure about Suzi as she was so timid and hiding. Black Velvet had four kittens in the garden, who were two hours old when we collected them all: **Joan Jett, Steely Dan, Davy Jones & Toyah**. Mum & kittens are all doing really well.



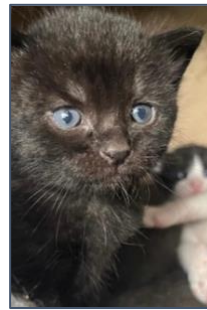
Suzi Q



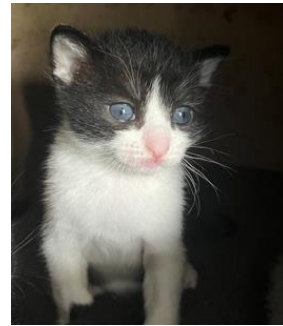
Joan Jett



Steely Dan



Davy Jones



Toyah

Suzi Q went into foster care with Julie but, unfortunately, she had a detached placenta so her one kitten was still-born at her foster home. We sent her to have an emergency spay as her condition was life-threatening, and she is recovering well and making really good progress with her confidence. Suzi Q is now in a quiet foster home with Steve while we get her ready for rehoming.



Beauty had been with her temporary owners since last September, but her rehoming fell through in March. They had been looking after her since their neighbour Janet had died last summer, but they were moving house, and unable to take Beauty with them. We agreed to take Beauty in and upon investigating further we discovered that Janet had taken Beauty in as a stray four years previously. We scanned Beauty's chip and..... 'she' turned out to be an 8 year-old boy called Rollo!! The chip company traced his original owners who had lost their cat Rollo 4.5 years ago! They had thought their cat had died in an RTA, and they were delighted to be reunited on 18 March. We do love a happy ending!





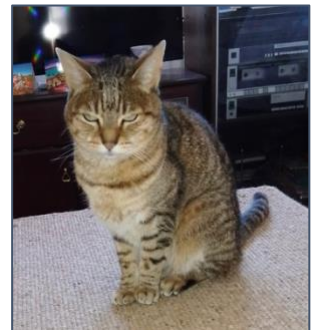
Boro was found crying in the street at the end of March and was taken in by Lisa & her son Jake. She was severely dehydrated and very hungry. Luckily, she was chipped, but that told us she was 20 years old! It turned out that Boro had been missing for a week from her owner's house, and she had been out in the rain all that time. Sadly, Boro's owner was not well enough to continue caring for her, so she has come into respite care with us. Boro does have kidney issues and dementia, but she is now happy settled with our foster mum Natasha who specialises in the golden oldies. Boro is thoroughly enjoying being spoiled.



Penny Black turned up at the Wimbledon Royal Mail sorting office 6 months ago and stayed! They advertised for the owner, but no one came forward, so they kept her as a mascot. As Easter weekend approached, the team became concerned about the office being closed and the possibility of Penny being knocked down by the postal vans, so they surrendered her to us. Penny is about 3 years old and, though she was very nervous at first, she is now settling in nicely at her foster home with Brenda.



Libby was surrendered to us in April when her 91 year-old owner became unable to care for her any longer. Libby was being cared for by the other residents of the retirement home where they all lived. Libby is a beautiful girl, part-Bengal, who is very vocal and was devoted to her previous owner. She is now in foster care with Mike and is adjusting very well to her new foster home. She is a fussy eater and very much Queen of her Domain, but she is also very

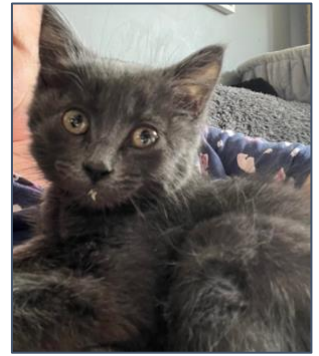


affectionate, and has become very attached to Mike. We have discovered she does not like other cats or going to the vets, but she has recently been chipped and vaccinated. We are delighted that Mike has now decided to adopt her.

Blue came to us in mid-May at 7-8 weeks old having been given away on

Facebook. He was very underweight, and not properly weaned with very pale gums. He went straight to our super foster mum Julie, who has been bottle feeding him as he was vomiting a lot and only licking at gravy. We are still concerned about his weight. At first, he was crying in his pen as he was missing his mum and his litter mates, but now he has settled in, and he loves a cuddle and purrs all the time. He has had his first vaccination, and Julie will continue to wean him. He is already showing signs of wanting to come out of his pen and likes to yowl to get his own way! Julie adores him, but he is not out of the

woods yet, and is having more blood tests this week. Fingers crossed he turns a corner soon.



Romer was originally found as a stray by Ceri in Carshalton but when she

took home to the vets in North Cheam to get scanned for a chip, he burst out of his carrier and ran away. He was then found and taken in by Emily in Cheam Common Road. When she contacted us about the stray she had found, we recognised him and contacted Ceri who was delighted to re-foster Romer until he can be rehomed. Romer is 3-4 years old and is now neutered and chipped to us, so we all plan to keep a very close eye on him from now on!



Lord Roscoe has just celebrated his 3 year anniversary at Ham House,

with an article in *The Times* and the 'Cats with Careers' section of *People's Friend* magazine. Many of you will remember when wanderer Roscoe came to stay with us, and we were delighted when Janette and her team were able to offer him a wonderful home at Ham House. Roscoe greets the guests, lolls around in the gardens, and even chases mice and squirrels occasionally. Many of our followers visit him and he is always delighted to greet them.





Basil & Beatrix are our regular foxy couple who have learned to steal and open our treat tins outside. They wait in line behind the cats to get treats in the morning and evening, and we think Beatrix may recently have had cubs! The Mafia are very tolerant of them, though Ellie May is not happy with them getting her food at times!



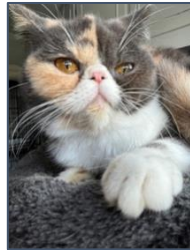
New arrivals We have also had several new arrivals in recent weeks including **Freya** [6 months] who was not getting on with the resident cats, and is now with Julie; **Cambridge** [1] who will be in foster care with Linda while we try to reunite him with his owner who has been evicted from her home; the Persians **Kenzie & Kiwi** [1] who were left in our porch (!); **Olivia** [8] & her kittens **Ryder, Katrina, Gina G & Suri** are all with Julie – the kittens have now been allocated for adoption but poor Olivia is pregnant again; **Soleil** [11 months] from Xristiana in Greece has already been adopted and we have just taken in three 9-week old kittens (**Maurice, Barry & Robyn**) who will be staying with Mel, Zach & Jade.



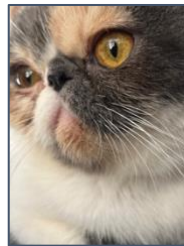
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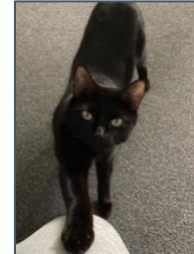
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Kiwi



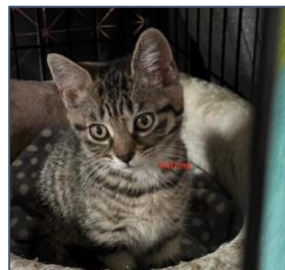
Olivia



Ryder



Gina G



Katrina



Suri



Soleil



Barry



Maurice



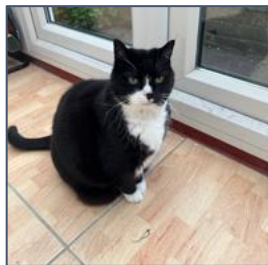
Robyn

New direct adoptions

We have also been able to help out with several direct adoptions in recent times, these are the most recent: Pudding [3] has been adopted; Snickers [12], Jazzy [12], Tinkerbelle [10], and Teddy [6] are still available on our website.



Pudding



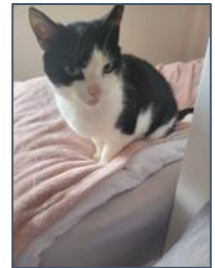
Snickers



Jazzy



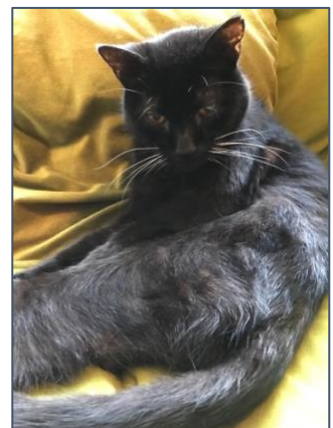
Tinkerbelle



Teddy

Over The Rainbow Bridge

Barclay (18 years old) was one of our long-term foster cats who had been living with mum Linda for 2 years. He was a loving affectionate cat and they adored each other. In early November he had a minor episode which may have been a fit or a mini stroke, so the vets were keeping an eye on him but they found nothing untoward. He then began to have some trouble eating and so we arranged for him to have a dental at the beginning of February to get the troublesome teeth extracted. This procedure unfortunately triggered a Herpes flare-up. Barclay stopped eating and ended up in intensive care, where he stayed until the end. They were tube feeding him but he became very distressed. He had some fluid on lungs which was a possible indication of pneumonia, but a further scan showed he also had a growing mass.



On 8 March Barclay went to sleep with Linda at his side to kiss him as he went over the rainbow bridge. RIP, Barclay.



Ollie was our 17 year-old boy who came to us in December, as he had been living outside, and he was in foster care with Natasha. He was a very chilled-out and loving boy who wanted to be friends with everyone. He had a dental for a suspected impacted tooth and a lump on the side of his face. The lump on his face was sent off for a biopsy in March, which turned out to be a very aggressive cancer. He remained in palliative care with Natasha, where he was thoroughly loved and spoiled, but eventually he stopped eating and so we made the difficult decision to have him put to sleep. Natasha, Lee and June were with him at the end. RIP, Ollie.



Maya was found emaciated on a stairwell near to death in early May, a possible lock-in for several weeks as she was starving and severely dehydrated. We placed her in intensive care straight away and she was found to have pancreatitis. She also had two fits which may have been a sign of neurological damage. We approved a CT scan which showed that she had kidney stones blocking her urethra, so she would need an operation to remove them. Due to the wonderful support of our followers, we raised in excess of £5000 in a couple of days to fund the scan and operation. Unfortunately, Maya was not well enough for the operation straightaway, and so we arranged for a blood transfusion from Lee's cat Scorpio, which would stabilise her so she could be operated on. Tragically before she was able to have the transfusion, Maya crashed, and the vets were unable to save her. She touched all our hearts on the short time she was with us. Unfortunately, the damage to her frail body was too severe. RIP, Maya.



Holby Kitty

Our main expense as a rescue is our vet bills and 2022 was no exception. 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. Here are some of our recent stories:

Jupiter a former GCH kitten has been diagnosed with floating patellae, a genetic deformity, which could affect her in later life. We were happy to help with her tests and treatment. There are various options being discussed such a 3D implant or pinning the leg. She is currently doing well, so her owners are keeping options open while she is still growing.





Millie Moo had some X-rays and tests as we were worried about her recent weight loss and blood tests, which showed some worrying markers. Unfortunately she is terrified of going to the vets, but it has to be done! Antibiotics seem to have worked, and she is now back on track. It may just have been just a coronavirus flare-up.

Logan periodically has a herpes virus flare-up, which usually affects both of his eyes. His health has been up and down, but he is a lot better now. The vets are not keen on antivirals at this early stage of his development, so we are monitoring him carefully.



Timmy came to us on pen rest for an RTA in March. With a broken pelvis, he was very lucky to be alive and continent. Gradually he put on weight and his x-rays in mid-April showed that he was healing well. He went to foster with Margaret, but settled in so well that she has decided to adopt him. Timmy (now Biscuit) is a lovely affectionate boy who already sleeps on her bed and enjoys her garden!



Pixie (12 years old) came to us when her owner died. She turned out to be rather unwell with suspected hepatitis, pancreatitis and possible liver cancer. Initially she was treated with antibiotics, pain relief and liver support. Pixie didn't respond to the treatment, so the next stage was a liver biopsy, which has revealed a cyst on her liver so further investigations and treatment are now pending. Firstly, Pixie was in foster care with Keeley and now she is with Dee. She is lovely, affectionate cat with an uncertain future, but she is happy and safe with Dee and her husband Andy.



Boro 20 years old, came in with severe dehydration, inflammation, kidney issues and dementia. She has been in foster care with Steve, Nina and now is with Natasha, who specialises in golden oldies. Boro's owner is unable to care for her, but she is in long-term foster with us and doing very well given her age and medical conditions.



Hope recently suffered a prolapse, and she was admitted to hospital where she was X-rayed and repaired. It turned out to be a more complicated operation than we had first thought. Now Hope is better but unfortunately it has adversely affected her continence, which is not now so good as it was. Apart from that Hope is currently doing well, and she is very happy with her more independent lifestyle outside of her pen.





BB When Baby Buddy came to us at 14 weeks old he was not thriving and he was diagnosed with coronavirus, crypto-sporidium and C.difficile. BB was treated with medication, and almost doubled his weight. Since then, he has been thriving and eating well. He had his second jab, and he was neutered. He has been in foster care with Mel and her family for a while and he has just been adopted. Good luck in your new home, BB!!

Jaq is our amazing and unique FIP survivor, our first ever recovery from it. He was four months old when he started going downhill, and was put on the groundbreaking medication Remdesivir, which costs £78 per tablet. Luckily because of his age he only needed half a tablet a day, but it was a six-week course. After a week in intensive care, Jaq recuperated with us and has made a brilliant recovery. Recently he has been doing really well with his brother Gus in foster care with Lindsay. Jaq has the odd sneeze or watery eye when his coronavirus flares. He adores his brother Gus, and they are having a great time together. Jaq and Gus are an adorable, bonded pair who have just been allocated for adoption. Lindsay will really miss them!



Cambridge Is our lovely white boy whose devoted owner has been evicted from her home.



While we try to reunite them, Cambridge has not been eating and has been a bit congested. We had a swab done which revealed Herpes and Mycoplasma, both treatable with antibiotics. Cambridge is already showing signs of improvement, and he visibly brightens whenever his owner comes to visit. Hopefully he will be able to go over to his foster mum Linda very soon.

Tazz is not one of our rescues, but one of June's beloved pets, whom many of you also like to hear about. He suffers from pillow foot and recently his medication was not working as well. We tested a new antibiotic for the pain in his front and back paws. The Doxycycline worked much better at first, but Tazz has a deep hole in his back foot which needs regular cleaning; this not easy as he is an outdoor cat who hates going to the vet! Unfortunately, he developed an infection which then became pancreatitis and exacerbated a heart issue. Things were touch and go for a while and he stayed in intensive care for 3 weeks. Fortunately, his huge vet bill was mostly covered by insurance. Tazz is now home on bed rest, and he is being through spoiled!



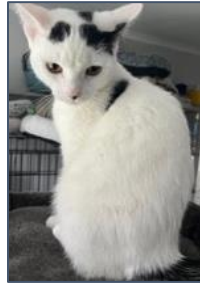
Kittens Galore!

Kitten season started early for us this year, and we have had many wonderful babies growing up with us. Meet **Bertie**, **Clive**, **Luna 23**, **Figgy**, **Pickles**, the Matilda litter (**Hamlet**, **Hamilton**, **Barnum**, **Evita**), the Betsie litter (**Barclay**, **Bonnie**, **Bradley**), **BB**, the Black Velvet litter (**Joan Jett**, **Steely Dan**,

Davy Jones, Toyah), Grady, Freya, Bert & Ernie, Blue, the Olivia litter (Ryder, Gina G, Katrina, Suri), and our new arrivals Maurice, Barry & Robyn.



Bertie



Clive



Luna 23



Figgy



Pickles



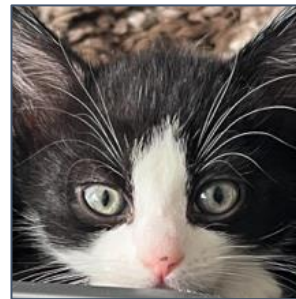
Hamlet



Hamilton



Barnum



Evita



Barclay & Bonnie



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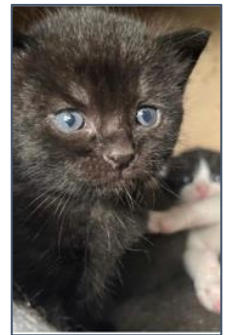
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Davy Jones



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Double Trouble!

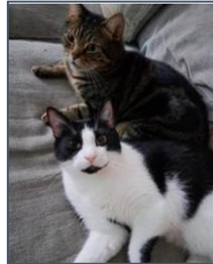
We were very lucky to have so many gorgeous pairs of cats & kittens to adopt in this last quarter: Jaq & Gus, Boo & Oreo, Cassy & Casabian, Lils & Trev, Reno & Jackson, Ronnie & Paddy, Kenzie & Kiwi



Jaq & Gus



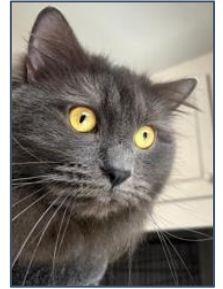
Boo & Oreo



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Ronnie & Paddy



Kenzie

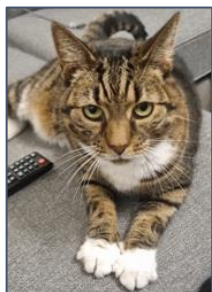


Kiwi

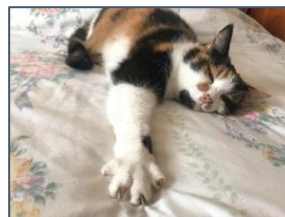
Cat Chronicles We have also had some gorgeous single cats available for adoption in recent months: Figaro, Dolly Buns, Jenny, Maggie, Macy, Billy, Pixie, Tod, Timmy, Penny Black, Bartholomew, Libby, Rosie, Pudding, Cambridge, Skye, Betsie, Woodie, & Romer.



Figaro



Dolly Buns



Jenny



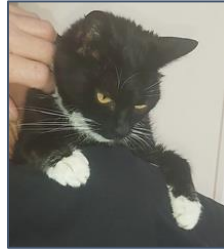
Maggie



Macy



Billie



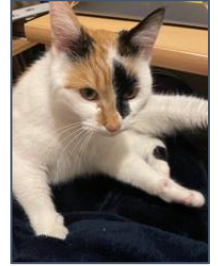
Pixie



Todd



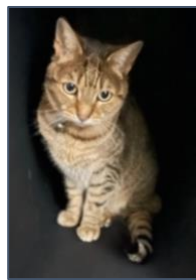
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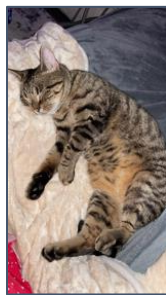
Penny Black



Bartholomew



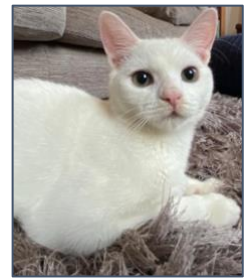
Libby



Rosie



Pudding



Cambridge



Skye



Betsie



Woodie



Romer



GCH International

We are delighted to have been able to help our international rescue friends again this year. **Soleil** has come to us from Xristiana in Greece. Just like Jaq, 9 month-old Soleil is her 1st ever recovery from FIP with with the wonder drug Remdesivir. Xristiana also did a fundraiser for her medication and recovery, Soleil has already been adopted by Megan who also adopted Mickey from us previously, another one of Xristiana's

cats.



Sponsorship

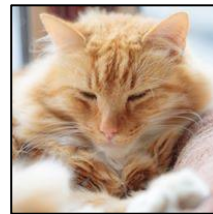
Some of our cats cannot be rehomed because of illness, old age, disability, anxiety, or the difficult circumstances from which they were rescued. They are all rescue cats and live under the permanent protection of GCH and there are currently 13 with June and 5 (Memma, Kentucky, Kamran, Pebbles and Koda) in long-term foster care with Julie, Linda, Mel, Natasha, Lea & Brenda. 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:



Symon [9]



Millie (8)



Charlie (10)



Shiloh (4)



Gabby (3)



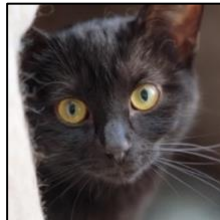
Gracie (3)



Ellie May (4)



Benny (8)



Lily (4)



Lizzie (9)



Salzi [13]



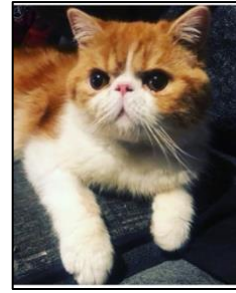
Hope [1]



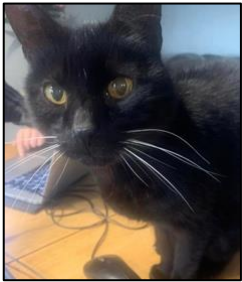
Rasputin [10]



Kentucky [5]



Kamran [2]



Memma [1]



Boro [20]



Pebbles [18]



Koda [10]

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, please fill out the application form on the [Fostering](#) page of our website and email it to us on team@gingercathouserecuse.co.uk.

New fosterers this quarter are Dee (Pixie), Mike (Libby), Brenda (Penny Black), Pam (Renna) and Nicola (Woodie).

Fundraising & Support

Fundraising is a huge part of the work we do at GCH. Last year alone we had over £83,000 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.

Easter Bazaar

Our Easter Bazaar at the [Willow Tree](#) pub on 1st April was a fantastic success raising £7000 for the rescue. We had wonderful Easter egg & bottle tombolas, an amazing cake stall; beauty, home & cat stalls; as well as our new merchandise on sale and an exciting raffle. It was a wonderful day, made possible by our superb team of volunteers and loyal supporters. Thank you so much to everyone who was involved.



Online sales Following on from the bazaar, our two online sales on 15/4 (Cat items) £400; and 23/4 (general sale) raised £400 and £600 respectively, which was amazing.

Car Booting

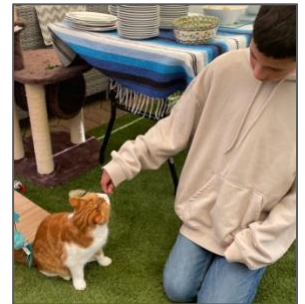
Our regular car booting at Hook Road Arena, KT19 8QG, has been delayed this year due started again on 14/5 where we raised a record breaking £699 and then the following week of 21/5, we raised a very pleasing £397. We look forward to car booting at on most Sunday mornings, as long as the weather allows! Volunteers are always welcome so look out for posts on our Facebook page. Our next car boot is on Sunday 4 June.



Cat Cafés

We were also delighted to host our first Cat Cafés of the season on 20/5.

It is such a pleasure to welcome followers to the rescue to meet the cats and see the work we do. It was a lovely balmy day, and the cats loved meeting all the visitors. Everyone had a great day. We look forward to the next ones in 10 and 24 June. Thank you to all the volunteers who make such a day possible.



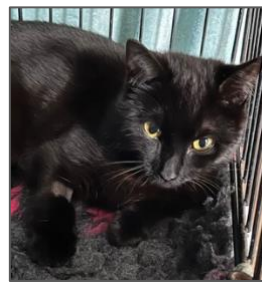
Awesome Paws Our wonderful cat groomer and long-time supporter Pauline was at the Surrey and Sussex Cat Show at Woking Leisure Centre on 19 March. Pauline was promoting her new Cat Exclusive Spa Salon at Smithbrook Kilns, Cranleigh and she took some of our marketing materials to spread the good word about GCH! Thank you, Pauline, and good luck in your new venture!



Sponsored Walk Our enthusiastic supporters Jenna and Kaylea raised an extremely impressive £426 doing a sponsored walk, because we took in and rehomed their cat Luna 23. What a lovely gesture! Thank you so much, ladies, and well done!



Ping A Pound On the first of every month we ask our followers to donate a pound to raise money for specific projects. In March, we raised money for Ollie [17] for his biopsy and treatment on his impacted tooth. In April we asked for donations for Hope's prolapse operation. In May the donations were for Suzi Q's emergency spay operation. We also had a special Ping A Pound for Maya which raised nearly £5000, an amazing sum for which we were so grateful. We have set up 'Maya's fund' to help with other special cases.



Rebrand

In February, we were approached by super-talented, local graphic designer Suzannah who offered to do a complete rebrand for us including our logos, icons, fonts, strap lines etc. We are delighted with the results! Check out her company website [Suzannah Leigh Design](#).



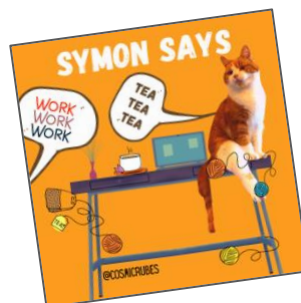
GCH Merchandise



T-shirts One of the first things we ordered with our new logo was our fabulous GCH T-shirts. If you would like one, please see the [merchandising page](#) on our website or PM us on Facebook. T-shirts are £15 each + postage, and come in S (35-37"); M (38-40"); L (41-43"); XL (44-46"); XXL (47-49") sizes. The t-shirts are Fruit of the Loom, 100% cotton, and unisex made for us by a local firm [PB Leisurewear](#). We hope you like them!



Mugs & Fridge Magnets We still have lots of lovely GCH mugs (£6) and fridge magnets (£4) (all plus postage). These wonderful designs are by our lovely supporter [Andy](#).



Socials

We are very lucky to have over 19,000 followers on [Facebook](#), but we are also delighted that our [Instagram](#) & [Twitter](#) accounts now have over 800 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

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Volunteers

Daily Volunteers

Every morning, our daily volunteers come to clean the pens and look after the cats and kittens. This Daily Core Volunteer group is run by Kym, and is made up of Amanda, Dee, Ellie, Jo, Nicola, Jackie, Viki and Gabi. We also have a further bank of lovely ladies, 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. If you are interested in being a daily volunteer, please email on team@gingercathouserescue.co.uk.

Dates for your Diaries:

Car booting at Hook Road Arena, next date is Sunday 4 June

Cat Cafés at the rescue, 10 and 24 June

Summer Bazaar at the rescue 15 July



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