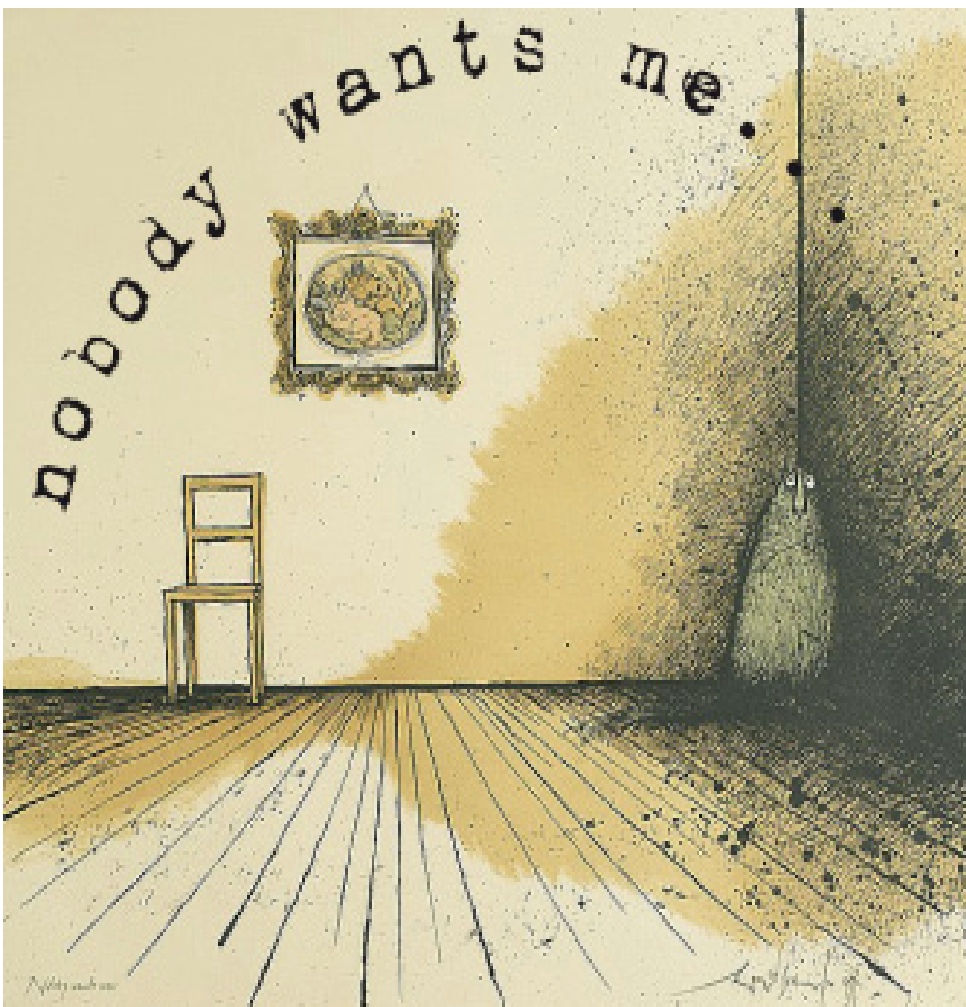


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We now have a new Website and this has already been very helpful in getting some new homes for our rescued cats and kittens. The website will be kept up to date so pictures of the cats ready to be re-homed can appear on there as soon as possible. If you haven't already seen it please take a look.

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Wishing all our members a very Happy New Year. Thankfully all the cats we rescued over the past year had the best Christmas they have had in a long while.



Our AGM

This years AGM will be held on Saturday 7th April at 2pm.

The venue will be the same place as usual at the

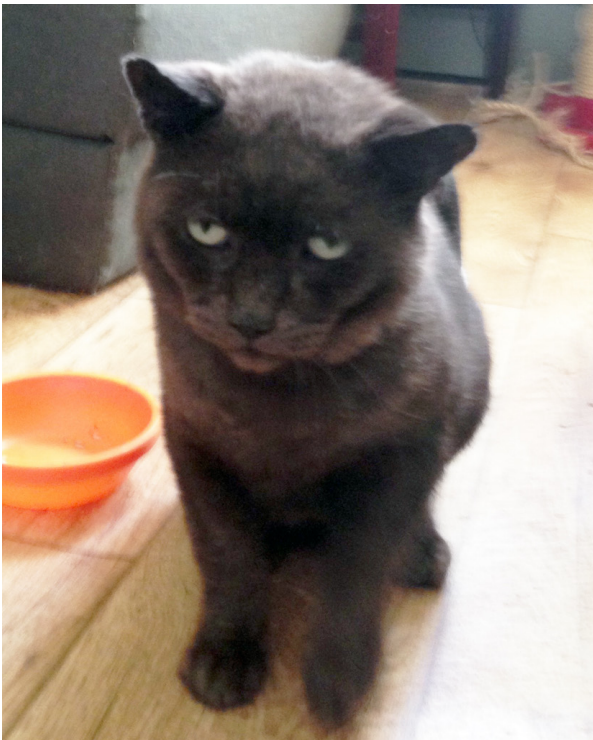
**Loraine Estate
Community Hall
on Holloway Road
N7 9SA**

Don't forget to bring a photo of your cat for the cat competition and win your pet a hamper of goodies! (only present cats accepted no past pets please)

Cats that have found new homes

RUBY

After a difficult start and bringing up four kittens the beautiful Ruby has now found a lovely home with Jackie in the country. All the space an ex-young girl about town can enjoy in a village setting.



RITCHIE

Ritchie was an un-neutered stray male who tested FIV+. He is a sad looking cat who has come a long way since being picked up. He is a handsome chocolate brown cat with beautiful green eyes, still a bit unsure of himself. One man came a long way to see him, but took one look at him and didn't want him.

His story has a happy ending for him and his new owners. The people who lost Miles (see *Remember me*) are now going to adopt Ritchie.

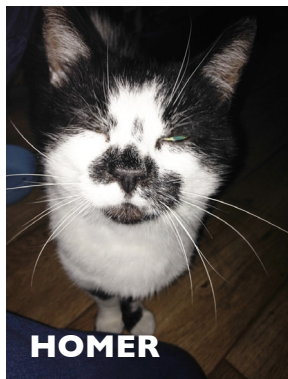
YOYO

YoYo had a really hard start to his young life. He was born in a garden where many cats had been left to breed and he was one of the latest litters. We arrived just in time to save him from a life of misery where food was never enough with hot summers and cold winters out in the open.

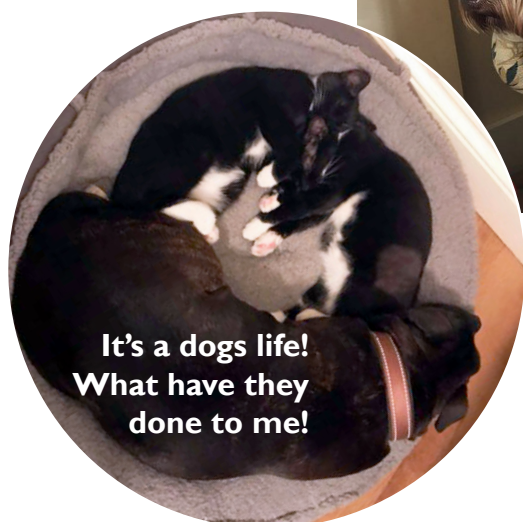
Paula his new mum loved him from the first time she saw his photo and heard his story. Now, as you can see, he is settling in really well in his new home with his new family.



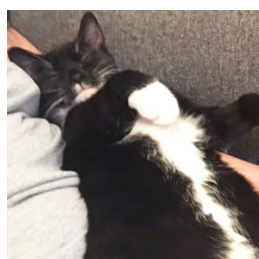
Other cats and kittens that found new homes in 2017



And the little one said 'move over'...



A kitten enjoying a well earned snooze in a warm lap



A BIG THANK YOU!

We are pleased to say that we have been very fortunate to have Linda and her daughter Sam this year to help us in our fostering and re-homing.

Linda is the champion kitten fosterer and had 14 at one time. This has helped us tremendously in being able to offer help and assistance to various calls regarding mums and kittens.

Sam her daughter has been fantastic at promoting our charity through the local press thus generating many offers of homes for our cats and kittens and doing the home checks for many of them.

A big thank you to Maria who deals with our emails and gives out advice. Maria also does many home checks and homings for us and is also able to help with the collection of cats that need rescuing.

We would like to thank Sam and Maria for their outstanding efforts this year to help the process of finding homes for our rescued cats as both Sam and Maria work full time.

the allotment cats' story



Dude

Dude is one of the cats from the allotment where we were asked to help neuter some cats. In total there were 25 adults and 10 kittens that needed to be trapped.

He was struggling to eat and kept pawing his mouth and after we managed to catch him the vet found he had a bone stuck across the roof of his mouth.

He was an un-neutered male who was estimated to be around 9 years old and was lucky enough to test negative for the FIV virus.. Now all topped and tailed he is ready to start his next adventure, he just needs to learn some manners first, like 'stop hissing at us we are your best friends and trying to help'.

Royston

Royston another allotment cat who was in poor shape. He was called sick cat by the people over the allotment and who had watched him from one year to the next looking quite unwell. We were very lucky to catch him as he was not joining in with the other cats for food so we had to work out where he was hiding away.

Eventually we caught him, again he was lucky to test negative for the FIV virus. He had a badly damaged tail and the bone was sticking out the end so the vets had to amputate part of his tail. He was very good when he had to

wear a collar for four weeks to stop him chewing the end of his tail. But now the collar has been removed he thinks he is in charge so we just have to persuade him that a cat with catitude is a big NO NO.



Lottie

Lottie is a friendly if nervous little cat that is still over the allotments she has been neutered but was put back.. To the right person she could become a home cat.



Another Big Trapping Problem

This came about when a man over the allotment said he had a lot of cats in his garden back home.

Same old story, many cats left to breed in his garden. He was feeding them but left them un-neutered. These cats had been in-breeding amongst themselves for years and they were all different ages and colours.

It was very sad to see them but then at least we could get them neutered. There were around 15 cats and some kittens. We were able to rehome the smallest five kittens eventually after a lot of intensive work on them to make them friendly. The adults were neutered and returned to his garden.

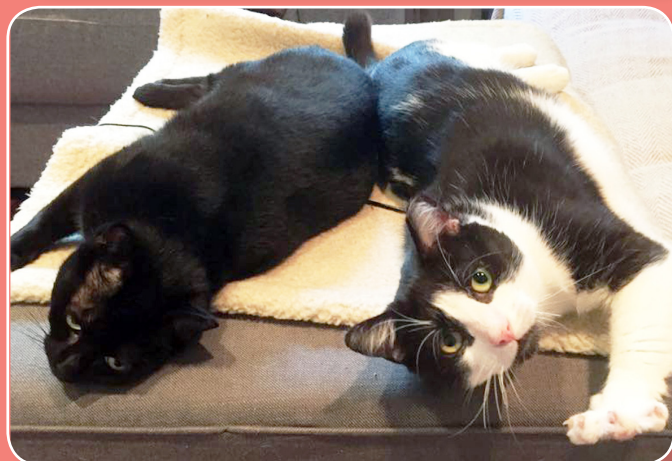
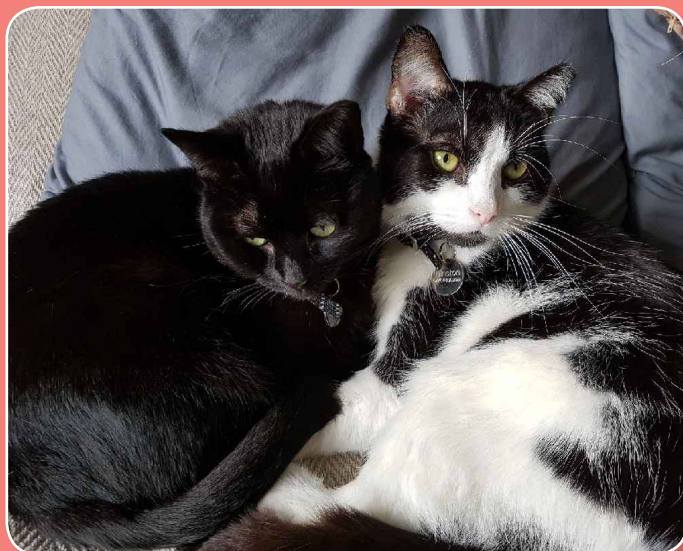
It also came to our notice that this was the same man who had been taking his young cats and dumping them on the allotments (as above) and letting them breed over there!

All we can say about this man is – we did not wish him well!

Winston and Clementine revisited



Winston and Clementine were rehomed in 2017 and live with Tom and Charlotte in Kensington. They are great pals as you can see by the way they mirror each others movements purrfectly...





Rough sleeper

After a restless night and some really weird dreams I was glad to get up.

I wasn't quite feeling myself until I looked in the mirror –

Yep! that's me, everything's fine,

What a relief!

Decided to go for a walk in the park to see what I could sniff out.

Upset a few birds as usual, silly things, they all decided to take off and sit in the tree.

Couldn't get near them!

Next Time!!



How long is a piece of string?

I'm sure many of you have heard this saying. It's the same with finding a permanent home for a cat. There is no way we could ever say homing this or that cat will take a x amount of time as each cat is an individual and has different needs.

Most of our cats come from the streets and the time and effort spent on them getting them to a place where we could actually offer them to someone is endless.

This is where fosterers are very important to us, but again we are not able to say to them fostering this cat or that one will be for only 4 weeks 6 weeks or whatever.

So when a potential fosterer gets in touch but then states they can only do it for a set amount of time this, unfortunately, is not practical for us as we are not able to guarantee a cat home in a specified time and as we have no premises, we are not able to take them back and find another foster home for them.

So we find we are not able to use some people who come forward to offer foster care.



Christmas for Animal Aid



A fund raising event in November at Kensington Town Hall raised a pleasing amount of £340 for our charity.

All thanks to the hard work of Irene (left) who spent any spare time she had during the year knitting all the hats, scarves and socks.

Catherine (right) her usual jolly self enjoyed encouraging people to try before they buy the hats.

Harris & Hoole of Crouch End every year choose a charity to support through their fund raising event called 'The Giving Tree' and we were fortunate enough to be chosen this year. We would like to thank everyone who kindly donated items to us and as you can see from the photo it was a very successful event. With over 60 items donated to enable our foster cats to have some extra treats over the Christmas and into the coming year.



Thank you



Remember me



Yes, remember me.

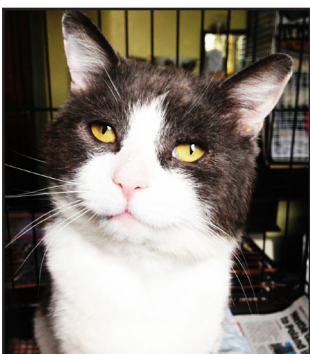
I trust in my friends to follow and ensure that what I wanted has been done and my wishes completed

For now I am gone, there is only you, my friends to make these things happen.

BRENDA FRIEND was a great supporter of Animal Aid and enjoyed her time with us. Her three cats Lady, Tramp and Boots were a great comfort to her, after her husband died. Sadly, Lady went before her and Tramp was very poorly and just hanging on so Brenda had arranged that she be taken to the vet soon after she passed away. Brenda, her two cats and Russell are all together again.

Boots being only a young cat was provided for in Brenda's will and went to live with a friend's mother. We hope that he is happy in his new home.

A most important lesson to us all, make sure your family and friends are well aware of what you want and that your pets are well taken care of as these are often overlooked at these difficult times. People say they will take care of them and when the time comes they back out of it. If you make a will make sure that any pet you leave behind is part of the estate and is provided for.



SCOTTIE *(left)*

A handsome young male cat who was playing one day and we heard a loud thump in the room above. On investigation Scottie was found dead on the floor. He had had a heart murmur so his heart must have given up. Behave yourself wherever you are, you cheeky chappie.

A very sick **KITTEN**, sleep well.

MAGIC An elderly gent who had a happy long life.

MILES *(left)*

A very special lad with a beautiful soul. Sadly missed by all who knew him.

PETER

Another mystery. A young boy cat who passed away suddenly at 6 months.

SMOKEY

Who had been with us for a number of years has now joined his partner Flame who went the previous year. A great character and a bit of a rogue.

