

# Animal Aid & Advice

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### Charity Shop News

2025 started with a few nasty incidents. As you can see from the photo the front window on the right side of the shop (looking in) was vandalised in April and we had to get emergency window repairs done



as it was badly cracked and splintered.

On 27th October it happened again to the right side entrance to the shop, see photo left so more repairs were needed.



We try to keep our spirits up by keeping up with seasonal window displays



The witch has been created by some of our very talented volunteers and they looked like they excelled themselves with Santa watching over the windows for vandals.



## Rescue News

Having received many calls, we went out to a mum and kittens running around the alleyway back of some shops. When we arrived there were cats running all over the place and they all looked black at first. After realising it was a bigger job that we thought we set up our traps. They were so hungry they couldn't get in the traps quick enough but as one went in it growled so much the others weren't too keen so we ended up having to catch them all one at a time.

Four adult cats, two tabby and two black. Seven kittens in total, two tabby and five black that two of the females must have produced between them and off we went with eleven cats in total! What a night mare.

They all stayed in the traps overnight but went to the vet the next day. One female that was too pregnant to be spayed and had to go to a foster home so she could produce in due course. The other three all females were spayed. Seven very hissy spitty kittens turned out to be all Boys!

We were lucky to get the three females into a rescue in the country so we are very grateful to them for their help.

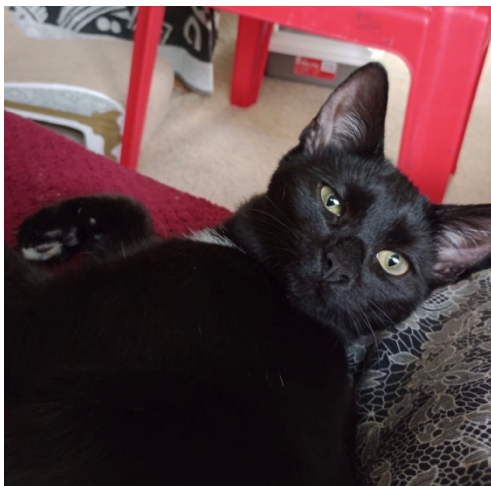
A decision had to be made about how to go about dealing with seven feral kittens. Its not a great life for cats to live on a farm or stable and we may have had to wait a long time for places to come up for seven.

We decided, but to be honest we didn't really have much choice, that we would have to tame them up to try and give them some sort of life.

After spending all summer working intensely on them we have had some good results and the photos show how far they have come.



Louie



Toto



Remy

## Four more of the (7) kittens are still waiting for homes

photo of Stripe and one of his 3 black brothers Buddy



### Erica's Cats

Another phone call and another mess of cats that should never have happened.

It started with two cats who she did not get neutered and ended up with twelve, eleven shown in the photo.

Erica's mum Natalie was desperate to get help for her daughter and had been nagging her ever since she got the first two to get them neutered but all Erica said was don't worry mum I will get them done and then another lot was dropped.

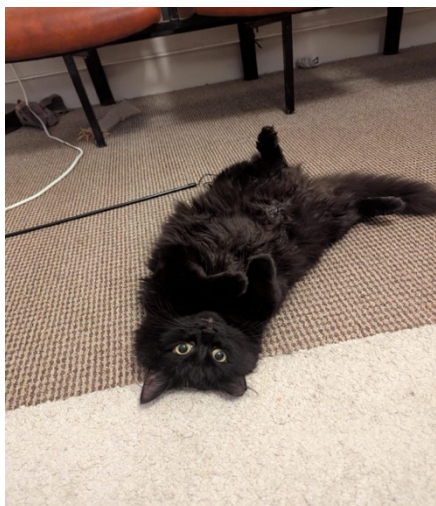
Natalie said if we can get them neutered she will cover the costs and she was true to her word. Although it took a lot of effort on our part to trap them and take them back and forward to the vet we got the job done. We kept back four of the smallest ones to work on and hopefully will be rehomed in the coming months.



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### AGM:

Our 2026 AGM will be open to members at 2:30pm Sunday 12th April at 48 High Road, East Finchley, London N2 9PJ. Due to the small venue we ask that you let us know if you will be attending, by Text/Phone on 07795 662154 or 07533 268649 or Email: [animalaidandadvice@gmail.com](mailto:animalaidandadvice@gmail.com) Letters to 48 High Road. Thank you



## Meet Merna

Merna was an un-neutered female stray in a garden. She looks very cute as if butter wouldn't melt in her mouth but really she's quite a grumpy unpredictable little cat. We were very lucky to find a foster home for her and they have been very good with her and she is quite a bit better but she will never be perfect.

Boy oh boy did we feel lucky when the fosterers asked if they could adopt her as they liked her quirky nature and challenging ways and I think they thought she would have a sad and difficult life with people who wouldn't understand her.

Merna agrees wholeheartedly



## What's wrong with Midge?

Midge came from a chaotic household with two other cats and five children. The lady was struggling so we took her in as we had had call from someone who wanted a child friendly cat. We thought a perfect match.

I phoned him up and said I have a lovely little cat for you. He said 'Oh I think I'm allergic to cats'

Midge is a cheeky playful mischievous little cat but does not like other cats so she's a bit naughty sometimes if she meets them as she seems to almost double her size when her hair stands on end and chases them.

Midge has been on our website for some time now but the right home hasn't come up for her yet. The last enquiry for her was an indoor home where they wanted to buy a harness for her and take her for walks in the local park. We advised them they needed to get a dog.

Some people don't like the look of torties as they can look a bit odd with bits of black and orange in odd places. They are like Marmite you either love them or hate them. **ON GOING TO PRINT MIDGE HAS FINALLY GONE TO A NEW HOME!**

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Email: [animalaidandadvice@gmail.com](mailto:animalaidandadvice@gmail.com)

Or by letter to our Charity Shop at 48 High Road, East Finchley, London N2 9PJ

## Meryl

This cheeky stripey kitten now called Meryl happy in her new home



## Luna

Luna says she hopes it will be her time soon for a new home



In their new home  
Fred & Bert are best pals

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**Please make sure your pets Micro-chip details are up to date:**

Lily-Rose was happily sitting on Catherine's front wall where she had regular people come and say hello to her. One afternoon Catherine was working at home from her kitchen table and could see Lily-Rose on the wall. A short time later she thought she would call her in but she was nowhere to be seen. Catherine called her and looked for her but no sign of her. Catherine then recalls a young man making a fuss of her then as he turned sideways open his coat then left. Lily-Rose had gone.



Catherine did posters and put it on the local neighbourhood sites that she was missing. Three weeks later she got a message to say that there was a cat they were feeding in their back garden who looked very much like the photo of her. They had taken her to the vet but there was no email address and the phone number was unobtainable. The address was 3.4 miles away from the address on the chip details so they assumed someone had moved to their area and then moved out and left her behind.

We went to see them and got the chip number and checked who this cat was registered to and it turned out to be Catherine. We could not believe that Lily-Rose had gone 3.4 miles from her home on her own so we believe whoever stole her took her there and dumped her. We made sure that Catherine updated her chip details and added emails and phone numbers in case it ever happened again



## William & Harry

These princely named brothers are both beautiful ginger boys. Both are very shy and one is a bit more friendlier than the other. Now approaching a year old they would need very experienced and patient owners.

## Pepper



Pepper is the complete opposite.

She is friendly, fun loving little cat who would make an ideal pet for any family who have that something missing in their lives, a cat!

## Remember Me – 2025

Each year we lose some of our cats and we like to be able to remember them as they are always a part of someone's life. Be it a home or a foster home, long or short, they touch our hearts in many ways.

Even strays that don't make it sometimes, we like them to be remembered as their little lives were just as important as the much loved ones.

- Dolly** Dolly was a very young kitten who got very poorly and had to be pts
- Little Ginge** Little Ginge again a young kitten who suddenly took a seizure and died.
- Wolfie** Wolfie was only 12 weeks old when he took ill and had to be pts. Your foster mum was very sad to loose you as you were such a cheeky chappy
- Liam** Liam oh Liam you never quite trusted us after being a street warrior. But we gave you all the care you needed to give you a second chance which you started to enjoy. Taken too soon, the other boys miss you.
- Barty** A difficult lad who took a long time to settle but eventually life got better and you made friends with the other boys but not the human kind. Will remember your funny little ways.
- Stray** Another lost soul where help came too late. We came for you, we cared for you, we said goodbye to you. We will remember you.
- Ginger** Cared for by Susan who watched over him to give him the best life she could. A much loved and sadly missed ginger boy.