



## NEWSLETTER 88 DECEMBER 2024

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### NEWS FROM HQ

New Telephone Number for CLAWS  
**07516 753743**

As the supporters of CLAWS know we are permanently full

This year there has been a particularly high demand for places at the sanctuary as CLAWS is well known for bringing round elderly, infirm and abused cats, the ones that other cat rescues do not take in.

The stories we hear of human thoughtlessness, stupidity and downright cruelty are deeply concerning.

Thanks to your constant support we have managed to keep everyone healthy and well.

We have even rehomed a few.

Once again, thank you for all the kindness and generosity that you show to CLAWS and our feline friends.

I do hope that you have a peaceful Christmas and Happy New Year.

From Beverley and all the gang at Bear Cottage.



### **CLAWS CALENDAR 2025**

There are still a few copies left.

**They are £5.00 each**

To obtain a copy ring the C.L.A.W.S. Helpline ON

**07516 753743**

*Helping cats since 1995!*

### **THE FIREWORK SEASON IS UPON US**

Diwali and Bonfire night occurred at the end of October and beginning of November and it will soon be the Christmas and New Year season.

Both cause untold suffering to domestic and wild animals so we are including the article that appeared in the last newsletter which includes helpful advice on how we can



#### **THE FIREWORK SEASON IS UPON US**

From now until January 2024 fireworks will be a feature of our lives as this period encompasses not only Guy Fawkes night but celebrations from other creeds and religions.

It is a stressful time and many children, domestic and wild animals will be injured and that is why CLAWS supports the campaign to restrict their use to organised displays.

We advise you to : -

- Bring your pets in before it gets dark. Lock the doors and windows pull the curtains and switch on the radio or television to help deaden the noise of the fireworks.
- Keep calm. Animals pick up on your emotions and your anxiety will transmit itself to them.
- Try to acclimatise your pets to firework noises. Download sounds of fireworks and play them at low levels to your pet, slowly increasing volume over time
- Search log piles and bonfires to make sure no hedgehogs and other creatures are sheltering in their depths

Please help to protect these innocent creatures which rely on us for their every need.



**COX GREEN CHRISTMAS FAIR**



We raised £165.00 at the fair. We would like to thank our helpers who manned the stall and all those who supported us.



### FOOD BIN DONATIONS



Thank you to the customers at ASDA Lower Earley and Sainsburys in Winnersh for their generous donation of food and also treats and toys.

Christmas has come early for our resident cats – they are delighted !

### AMAZON WISH LIST

Thank you to everyone who has sent us items from our Amazon wish list.

The resident cats were particularly pleased to receive a large box of treats



To view a full list of items Please go to the CLAWS Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/247821365852205>

where there is a link to the wish List.

### SANTA



Peter, who has been a CLAWS supporter for many years, rang - very upset,. His neighbour for several years had been feeding a little stray cat. The lady had to go into a home and the house was being sold. No one wanted the cat.

Beverley took a trap round straightaway.

Luckily the cat was microchipped. Beverley got the phone number of the owner from the microchip company and rang the lady concerned. She rang several more times but received no reply.

Eventually she rang again and left a message. If she didn't receive a reply within 7 days, the period stated by law, she would transfer SANTA, as the cat was called, to CLAWS.

Apparently she had disappeared when the family moved from a house near Maidenhead Bridge and found her way to Peter's garden in Altwood Bailey.

She is a Burmese X and was very nervous,

Beverley asked the owner if she wanted Santa back. She said "NO" as she now had 7 children and 2 large dogs

The lady completed a waiver of ownership form and Peter went round to collect Santa and took her to the sanctuary so Santa stays quietly at CLAWS.

### KITTY AND LUCY

Laura writes : -

Silly Stewart thought it would be a good idea to put his Hornby Christmas train set under the Christmas tree as he always does. Lucy has found this most interesting and I'm sure you can guess what happened next !

It's lovely to have furry friends to share Christmas with again. The decorations have been rearranged several times already as they just seem to be SOOO tempting for them.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and thank you so much for helping make ours so special  
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### **BERTIE**

Teddy, our big fur ball who sadly passed away this year, left a tremendous void in our family. Before Teddy left us he had a job to do and that was to show his little brother, Bertie, the ropes.

Bertie fills our hearts with absolute joy and keeps us on our toes with all his adorable mischievous naughtiness.

He is our third cat over 20 years and I have to say he is the cheekiest little fur ball we have had.

Sam

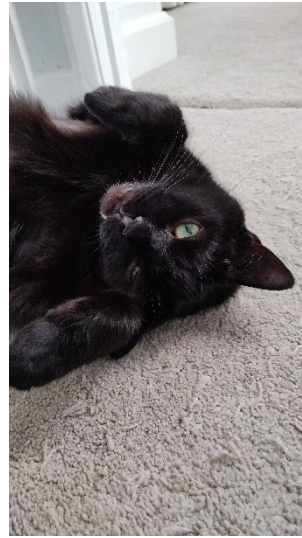




### PUMPKIN MARMITE AND ZAC



**PUMPKIN (front) ZAC (back)**



**MARMITE**

Lauraine has been in touch.

“All is well here, the kitties have been enjoying the warm spots on the carpet where the heating pipes run underneath! Only Pumpkin is occasionally brave enough to sit on the wall for a while before finding a warm spot inside.

Pumpkin and Marmite celebrated their 10 year birthdays recently. Can you believe they're 10? They don't act it. Although we get a lot less "presents" than we used to, we came home to find a huge dead rat as an offering the other week!! “

### SHEBA

Sheba continues to be adorable, and constantly seeks us out for cuddles, food and play time. (Not necessarily in that order). She also loves watching her cat TV which is what we call the back window, where she can look out into our garden.

Annoyingly a big fat squirrel has taken to taunting Sheba by sitting directly in front of her at the window, while she casually eats her breakfast (a quince that she takes from the neighbours tree).

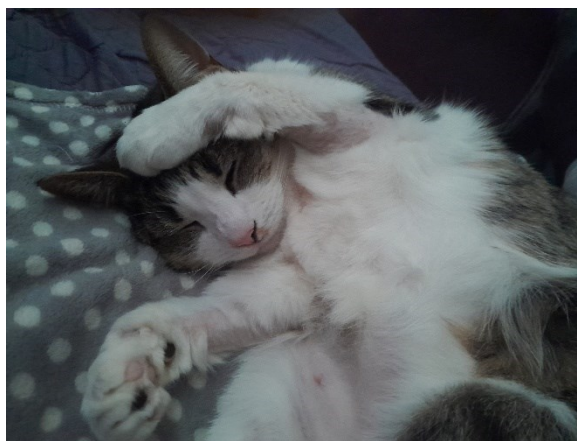
Sheba always becomes most put out by this bold display and looks around frantically for a way to get outside and chase the squirrel. Luckily for the squirrel, there is no way out.

A trio of cats have also stopped by to introduce themselves to Sheba, individually of course. A very elderly tabby gentleman, who belongs to one of our neighbours. We think he just wanted to say "Hello", but Sheba shouted at him and angrily pawed at the window. He hasn't returned since, so it looks as if Sheba has scared him off.

There is also a large male ginger cat who occasionally comes hunting in our garden. Sheba becomes quite excitable when he is around, but we're not sure if she wants to join him or fight him.

Finally there is a very sweet female cat who looks just like Sheba. We jumped out of our skin the first time we saw her in our garden, until we realised Sheba, who is a house cat, was still in the house. Unlike her reaction to the boys, Sheba was quite relaxed and the two of them were quite content to just settle down and look at each other.

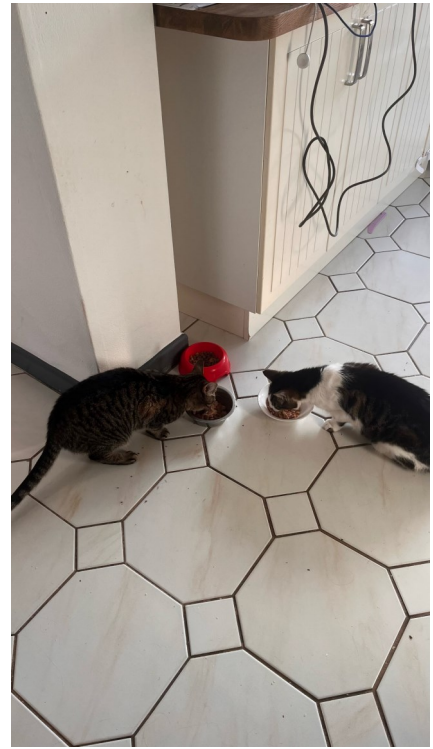
So apparently Sheba is fine with cats, as long as they look just like her.





### DOLLY

Dolly is doing really well - we have had her a year today!! (November 2023) She is a wonderful girl and very popular with everyone in the neighbourhood - she quite often lies on the driveway waiting for tummy tickles from anyone passing by!!



### MERLIN

You may remember that Chops had a fantastic home to go to.

Well, not only does he have a new home but a new name - MERLIN -and, as you can see he has already made himself very much at home!,



He is now looking forward to his first Christmas in his new home and sends you Festive Greetings and wishes you a Peaceful and Healthy 2025.

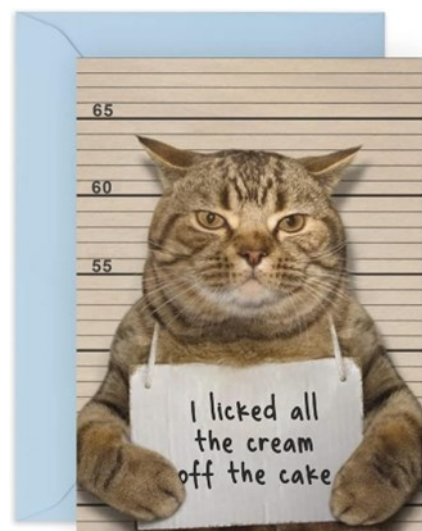




## ON A LIGHTER NOTE



Me to myself: This is annoying. This conversation is annoying, this person is annoying. I hope I'm hiding it well. My face:



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