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Highlights from our Victorian  
Day celebrating the legacy of  
our Founder Mary Tealby



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**Front cover**  
Back in time  
at Battersea

# Welcome

Claire Horton, Chief Executive

**'One lady's dedication and passion has gone on to create one of the world's most loved animal charities'**

One hundred and fifty five years ago, Mrs Mary Tealby opened the doors to a Home. It wasn't a grand affair – the walls were whitewashed and the beds were made of straw. But a fire burned brightly at the heart of that home and it was fuelled by determination, compassion, and above all, love. It was The Temporary Home for Lost & Starving Dogs now known and adored around the world as Battersea Dogs & Cats Home, and it all began in a disused stableyard in Hollingsworth Street, Islington.

Today, the welfare of companion and domestic animals – the dogs, cats, rabbits and guinea pigs we share our lives with – is protected by law. Battersea, and many other organisations, speak up for those who have no voice and care for those who have never known a loving touch or a warm word. But in Mary Tealby's time, homeless dogs and cats were vermin, to be shot in the streets.

“It was fuelled by determination, pity, and above all, love”

With Wilma at our Victorian Day



Mary's vision, and profound hope, was a simple one, a world which embraced gentleness and respect for all animals, and Battersea wouldn't be here today were it not for Mary Tealby. It's incredible to think that one lady's dedication and passion has gone on to create one of the world's most loved animal charities.

In this Winter issue, I am thrilled that we can celebrate our inspiration and shining light, who shows every lost and lonely soul the pathway Home. Meeting some of Mary's descendants at our Victorian Day was such a special moment for me, and one which brought home the breadth of her vision and the endurance of her legacy.

Every precious Battersea dog and cat who has that moment of fame in Paws owes their very life to Mary Tealby. Dogs like Lurcher Bailey, who was cast aside in the dark midwinter to die alone, but who found a Battersea light reaching out to him. And cats like gentle giant Grace, a Battersea resident last Christmas and a much-loved companion this. You can meet them on page 12.

“Winter, and its long nights and chilly days, is transformed by the kindly glow of Christmas”

And on page 24, find out about what we call grooming for welfare, when a warm bath, a much-needed haircut and a fluffy towel can start a transformation which isn't just skin deep.

Winter, and its long nights and chilly days, is transformed by the kindly glow of Christmas. Our wonderfully festive annual Carol Concert (see page 6) is just days away. And as our three rehoming centres prepare to bring out the tree, untangle the tinsel and make a list of what each of our homeless animals is getting from Santa Paws, I wish you peace and joy, and every dog and cat a safe and loving home, this Christmas and always.

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# Pan pipes up

Husky Pan won the hearts of the judges at our Annual Reunion and Fun Day this autumn – and the former longest-stay resident is now a top dog.

The four-year-old, who lives in Orpington, was crowned Best Battersea Dog in a hotly-contested class sponsored by [notonthehighstreet.com](http://notonthehighstreet.com).

Pan had a difficult start to her young life, after she was kept outside in a yard and not allowed indoors. She arrived at Battersea Brands Hatch with a filthy coat and a fear of being left alone.

Now, not only has Pan found a new home but she also spends her time

helping others. Owner Georgina Barnard explains: "Pan is a registered Pets as Therapy dog and in our spare time we take her to schools, hospitals and care homes to meet people. I was nearly in tears when she won Best Battersea Dog – Pan so deserves it."

Almost ten thousand animal lovers and their canine companions, including children's author and Battersea Ambassador Dame Jacqueline Wilson, came to Battersea Park to join the Reunion and make new friends. We raised almost £16,000 to care for our dogs and cats – amazing.

# Here comes the bride's dog

Battersea dogs are so special that they even take centre stage at weddings.

Siberian Husky Kobi was rehomed by the Coward family from Rochester two years ago, and when Nicola Coward and her fiancée Aaron set the date, they wanted Kobi to be part of the big day. So, complete with a tail coat and a floral buttonhole, he walked Nicola up the aisle as her Page Dog.

And although it's traditional to give the wedding attendants gifts, Kobi waived his right to a keepsake, and Nicola's mum Tracey sent us a cheque instead so we can look after even more dogs like Kobi.



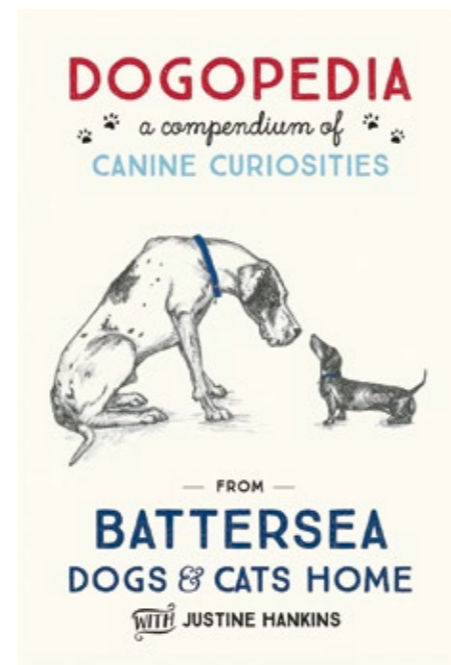
## Dogs from A to Z

Battersea's latest book for dog lovers is sure to bulge out of a few Christmas stockings this year.

*Dogopedia* is a fascinating collection of canine curiosities and entertaining anecdotes compiled by Battersea.

Discover everything dog, from the world of canine helpers and heroes, to why our dogs behave the way they do and, of course, the story of Battersea itself and tales from some of our best-known ex-residents.

**Dogopedia costs just £12.99 and the royalties will support our rescue work. You can buy it online at [battersea.org.uk/shop](http://battersea.org.uk/shop)**



## Rehoming news



**KASHA**

Staffie Kasha turned her kennel into toytown during her 38 day stay. The three-year-old had a huge soft spot for cuddly toys and amassed 31, including Paula the Polar Bear and Graham the Monkey, which she used as pillows as well as kennelmates. Fortunately, Kasha found a family with a toy room big enough to take her on and she and her collection are now settling in to their new home in Tunbridge wells, Kent.



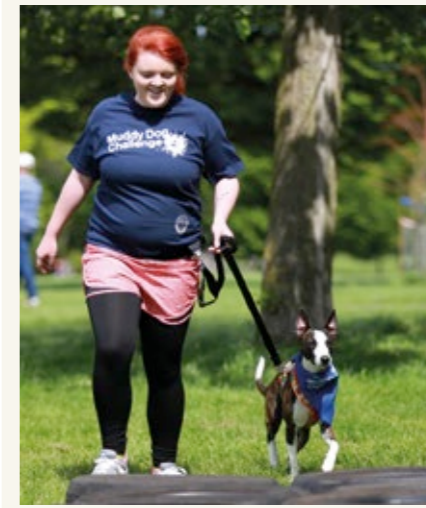
**NUTSHELL AND SAMWISE**

We thought moggie pair Nutshell and Samwise were practicing to become eskimos - they just wouldn't leave the safety of their igloo. Happily, now they've settled in with Becci Fagan and Ben Lewis of Lewisham the shy pair have come out from hiding and even made it into the garden. "They're both very affectionate and have completely made the place their own," says Becci.

**If you think you could give one of our animals the loving home they deserve, turn to page 32 for *Take us Home***

# Events

Do something amazing for Battersea. Find out more by emailing [events@battersea.org.uk](mailto:events@battersea.org.uk) or visit [battersea.org.uk/getinvolved](http://battersea.org.uk/getinvolved)



## Muddy Dog 2016

7 & 21 May 2016

Get down and dirty for Battersea next spring by joining in our Muddy Dog Challenge 2016. Our first challenge raised an amazing £40,000 for the Home – can you and your canine running mate help us beat that by tackling the 2.5km and 5km obstacle courses in Brockwell Park, London, on Saturday 7 May and Windsor Great Park, Windsor, on Saturday 21 May. **Make sure of your place by registering at [battersea.org.uk/muddydog](http://battersea.org.uk/muddydog)**

## The Brighton Marathon

17 April 2016

Team Battersea is making a trip to the sunny south coast in April, for a seafront marathon in beautiful Brighton. **If you're interested in one of the guaranteed places we have, register your interest at [battersea.org.uk/brightonmarathon](http://battersea.org.uk/brightonmarathon)**

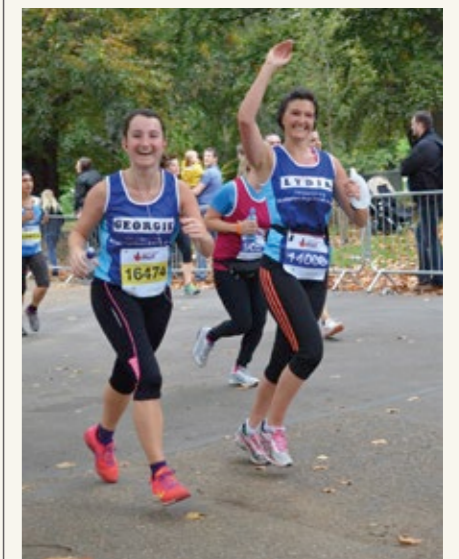


## London Marathon 2016

24 April 2016

Have you secured your place in the starting line-up for the Virgin Money London Marathon 2016? If you've got your number, we'd love you to take part as a Battersea runner, and raise money to help us look after our dogs and cats.

**For more info, contact Kate Reeve on 020 7627 9339 or email [events@battersea.org.uk](mailto:events@battersea.org.uk)**



## Royal Parks Foundation Half Marathon thank you!

A big Battersea thank you to everyone who took on the Royal Parks Foundation Half Marathon in October on behalf of the Home. The kindness of our Battersea runners means the world to us – and the homeless animals we care for.

# You're hired!

Battersea Ambassador David Gandy and Mollie King from chart-topping girl band The Saturdays have paced the trading floors at high-flying Canary Wharf, and all to raise money for Battersea.

BGC's Charity Day happens annually on September 11 and commemorates those who perished in the 9/11 World Trade Center attacks. Celebrities representing participating charities join licensed brokers on the trading floors to conduct transactions with BGC clients – and 100% of the revenues from the day are donated to charities.

Speaking about the event David Gandy said: "It was great to be back at the BGC trading floors again this year and raising money for Battersea. The pressure was on to get as many deals as possible to help all the dogs and cats looking for new homes."

And Mollie added: "What a fantastic event to raise money for so many deserving charities. The atmosphere was great and I tried my best to secure as many big deals as I could for the animals at Battersea."



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# Put an end to pup pain

Puppies too young to leave their mums, dogs kept in appalling conditions – and breeders making pots of money from this misery. That's the world of unlicensed dog breeding in Great Britain, revealed in a major report launched by Battersea.

The Government estimates 560,000 puppies are born in Great Britain each year, but our own research uncovers a shocking lack of regulation of this market.

Our report showed a staggering 88% of puppies born in Great Britain are born to unlicensed dog breeders and over a third of Local Authorities don't have any licensed breeders. This leaves the door wide open for backstreet breeders to own the market and pocket huge profits from overbreeding, without a thought for the welfare of the animals in their care, including Marjorie, who came to us showing all the 'scars' of overbreeding.

We're calling for a ban on the sale of puppies under eight weeks old, and a required breeding licence for any household producing more than two litters a year. We launched the report at the Labour Party Conference in Brighton, and also took our campaign to the Conservative Conference, where Chief Executive Claire Horton joined Animal Welfare Minister George Eustice MP and EFRA Select Committee Chair Neil Parish MP to call for new legislation and an end to backstreet breeding.

**Read about our campaign at [battersea.org.uk/endbackstreetbreeding](http://battersea.org.uk/endbackstreetbreeding)**  
Left Poor breeder – Marjorie



## Rehoming news



**BO PEEP**

TV Presenter Susie Dent and her family visited Battersea and left with good memories - and a new chum. "I was expecting to feel real sadness at seeing so many homeless animals, but you quickly realize that Battersea is their home, at least for now, and that they are safe, cared for and above all, loved," said Susie.

"The staff chose Bo Peep for us as she was the shyest of her litter. I have to say that has turned into mischief-making of the highest and most loveable order! She has brought us nothing but smiles (well, maybe some chewed shoelaces too). I now just need to fathom how to work with a kitten sitting on my keyboard."



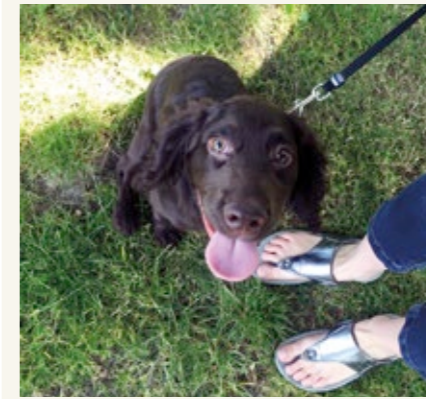
**VALENTINA**

Lynn and Michael Rushton from Aberdeenshire braved a staggering 1,156 mile, 25 hour round trip to rehome Valentina the Staffie. Michael said: "We'd been looking for an older Staffie that really needed the break for ages and after seeing her on the Battersea website it was love at first sight. She was so worth our long trip to Battersea, we absolutely adore our beautiful Valentina, affectionately known as Cookie."

**If you think you could give one of our animals the loving home they deserve, turn to page 32 for *Take us Home***

# Community fundraising

There are so many different ways you can raise money to support our dogs and cats. Just look at the wonderful things our incredible supporters have been doing.



## Champion Chums for Battersea

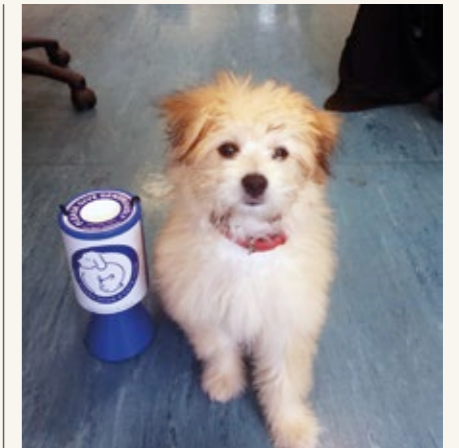
Dogs Day Out ran across four pubs in Surrey – a light breakfast was followed by a good old dog walk, then it was back to the pub for a barbecue, raffle, live music and drinks. Around 100 visitors helped raise £1,280, with special thanks to Marc from Time Well Spent pubs and Champion Chums Sara and Phil Lindsay, Sarah Fox, Hannah Kettell, Mandy Finch, Beverley Williams and Laura Shaw.

## Co-op stores make a local difference

Brands Hatch volunteer and Co-operative Food store manager Kate Collins rallied her neighbouring stores to raise much-needed funds for their local Battersea centre in Brands Hatch. To date the stores surrounding the centre have raised £628.

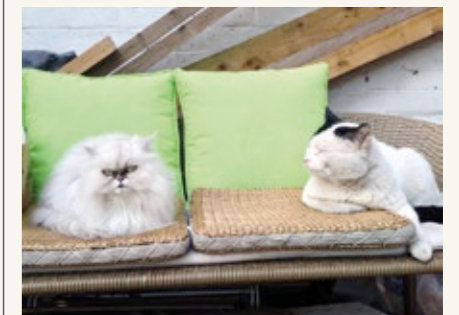
**To find out more about setting up a fundraising group for Battersea (supported by a Battersea Regional Community Fundraiser) contact:**

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- Janet Brewer** j.brewer@battersea.org.uk 07590 173458 (Berkshire, Surrey, Middlesex & bordering counties)
- Leslie Gold** l.gold@battersea.org.uk 07590 173456 (Kent & Sussex)



## Harper's birthday wish

Harper Lee raised £180.79 by asking friends and family to donate to Battersea rather than buying him presents for his 7th birthday, because he wanted to help the dogs and cats. Harper had Battersea collection tins to put his donations in – and mum Edeline said the best bit was visiting Battersea to hand them over.



## I do - donate to Battersea

Alan and Johnny adopted their adored cat Fleur from Battersea six years ago and were inspired by her to ask friends and family at their wedding to donate to Battersea instead of buying gifts. They raised a fantastic £600 to support our work.



Battersea Ambassador Paul with new pal Peanut

## It's a very O'Grady Thursday

Thursday evenings are once again the highlight of the viewing week at Battersea, and we hope you too are thoroughly enjoying the fourth series of our multi award-winning *Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs* on ITV.

Filmed across all three of our rehoming centres in London, Brands Hatch in Kent and Old Windsor in Berkshire, this series is putting a warm glow into the heart of autumn as dogs

like poor scared Hope, Cavvie oldies Gemma and Lady, and Mongrel Hector, abandoned in a locked flat, make the Battersea journey from helplessness to new hope.

It's a joy to see our POGDOGS going home, but we still have many more dogs and cats waiting patiently for their moment.

**If you think you could give a Battersea animal a home, visit [battersea.org.uk](http://battersea.org.uk)**

## Santa Paws is coming to town

Battersea dogs are tuning up for Christmas as we prepare to open the doors on our 2015 Christmas Carol Concert, on Monday, 7 December at 7.30pm, sponsored by Harrods Estates and Pet Pavillion.

Beautiful old St Luke's Church in Sydney Street, Chelsea, will be welcoming our Home into their 'home' once again, and this year Battersea Ambassador Dame Jacqueline Wilson has written a special piece, which she'll be reading out on the night.

**Tickets (£20 adults and £10 children) are still available, so if you want to join in the Battersea festive fun, enjoy a warm welcome from some of our dogs and sing your hearts out, buy online at [battersea.org.uk/carolconcert](http://battersea.org.uk/carolconcert) or call 0207 627 929. We'll be serving mince pies and mulled wine, too!**



## Thanks to our knitters

With our Knitting Kittens Club casting on for the winter, we think it's a purrfect time to say a blanket thank you to all the crafters who are helping our dogs and cats keep warm in the chilly weather.

The knitting circle at Kew House Care Home in Wimbledon have been busy with the needles, and they recently brought us some lovely blankets which we'll use as cosy bedding.

And the 'Knotters' of Staywell Day Centre in New Malden, Surrey, regularly donate bags of blankets they've knitted for our London and Old Windsor sites. Pictured above are Willow and Whippet collecting the latest delivery.

**Winter dates for your knitting diary are 26 November at Old Windsor, and 16 December in our London Cattery. Find out more at [battersea.org.uk/knittingkittens](http://battersea.org.uk/knittingkittens)**



Willow and Whippet collecting the latest delivery from the 'Knotters' of Staywell Day Centre in New Malden



The knitting circle from Kew House Care Home

## Have you had your chips?

Battersea staff and volunteers are counting down the days to a new microchipping law, which comes into force on 6 April 2016 and means all dogs in England must be chipped.

Three thousand stray dogs arrive at Battersea every year and in 2014, only 41% had microchips, meaning hundreds of dogs couldn't be reunited with their distraught owners.

Thanks to generous players of People's Postcode Lottery, Battersea's Community Engagement team is now able to provide even more dog advice and free microchipping across London and the South East with the use of a new mobile unit. "We are out on the road every day in our new van, chatting to pet owners about the change in law and chipping lots of dogs for free!" says the team.

The latest award from players of People's Postcode Lottery is £25,000, making a total of £625,000 to support our work.

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# A Victorian Day Out

Highlights from our Victorian Day celebrating the legacy of our inspirational Founder Mary Tealby



No one knows what our Founder Mary Tealby looked like. There are no known portraits, or even descriptions of the Victorian lady who started the work we are still so committed to today.

But on a bright early October morning the Home, and almost 1,000 visitors, found out what her world looked like – and met her proud descendants.

Mary died on 3 October 1865, before her Temporary Home for Lost and Starving Dogs moved from its first base in Islington to the site between the railways, on the banks of the Thames, where we live today.

She didn't survive to see us become the world famous Battersea Dogs & Cats Home, so to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her death, we brought Mary's life and times back.

And Mary's descendants Imogen Fagin and her children Phoebe and Freddie, from London, were special guests on the day. What an amazing moment for the Home, to be able to show Mary's relatives the incredible rescue their ancestor began, so they could see how her vision has evolved over a century and a half into a charity which cares for over 8,000 homeless dogs and cats every year.

There were many highlights of our Victorian Day, so here is our pictorial record of one of the most action-packed events in Battersea history. If you look carefully, you should be able to spot our first Royal Patron, Queen Victoria. →

From top: On the streets of London; Visitors loved meeting our dogs; The Punch and Judy man enthralls his audience





**THE PEOPLE'S MARY**

Battersea Dogs & Cats Home's remarkable Founder Mary Tealby has been celebrated with a People's Plaque at the Islington site where she first established The Temporary Home for Lost and Starving Dogs. 150 years after her death, the brave, dedicated woman who challenged Victorian attitudes towards stray dogs has gained a lasting tribute in the Capital, voted for by the public. Mary's green heritage plaque is on display at Freightliners City Farm in the heart of Islington and was unveiled by Battersea's Chairman Heather Love. And we were able to welcome our Founder's descendants to the ceremony. Jean and Kate Kennedy, Imogen Fagin and her children Phoebe and Freddie are the latest generation of this most supreme of animal loving families.

Claire and her Battersea dog Wilma also went on their annual pilgrimage to Mary's grave in Biggleswade, to say thank you for the vision and determination which created the charity.

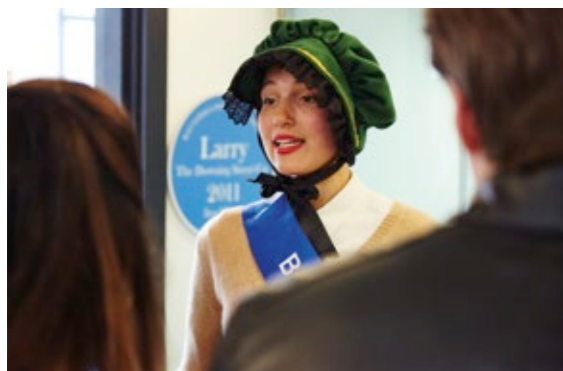
Sadly very little is known about Battersea's Founder. Moved by the sight



of stray and starving dogs in the city, Mary was inspired to establish a 'canine asylum' which seems to have been based in her scullery at first. People were soon delivering stray and sickly dogs to her doorstep and it wasn't long before her dogs had outgrown their new home and neighbours began to complain about the noise.

Undeterred, Mary began a search for an alternative location and close to her home in Victoria Street discovered unoccupied stables in a mews behind 15 and 16 Hollingsworth Street. Here she took in the first of the three million animals who have passed through Battersea's gates. Mary raised money, campaigned amongst the great and the good, and found influential allies including Queen Victoria, the Home's very first Royal Patron, and Charles Dickens.

Battersea's Founder died from cancer on 3 October 1865 aged 63, six years before the Home moved across the river to its current iconic site in south London, where it has now become one of the world's best known and most loved animal rescue centres. Battersea would not be here today, were it not for Mary Tealby. 🐾



Clockwise from top: I need a home; Taking a breather; Harry Mayhead and Doreen Golding, the Pearly King of Bow Bells and Pearly Queen of Bow Bells and Old Kent Road; Bow boys; Fun and games; Tours of the Home

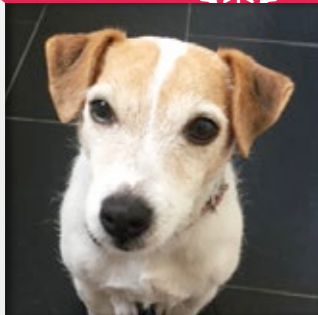
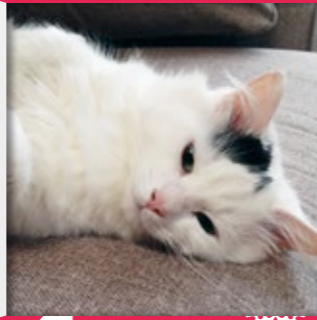


From top: Claire, Chairman Heather Love, Mary's descendants and Volunteer Laurence Smith; Our first Royal Patron was Queen Victoria; CEO Claire's dog Wilma gives thanks for our Founder



**Our grateful thanks for adding drama, authentic sights and sounds, and incredible tempting aromas to our day:**  
 The Seven Dials Rapsclallions, who brought the rough and tumble world of the Victorian streets back to life in Battersea's very own courtyard; Grymm Tooms Traditional Museum of Curiosities; Historian Professor Julie-Marie Strange; Griffin Historical Punch & Judy; Accordion player Nick Martin; Tony Palmer on the roast chestnut stall

# Advent Animals



*Paws catches up with some of the festive felines and yuletide pooches who came through our doors in days of Christmas past.*

**S**now became the face of Battersea when he appeared in a TV advert asking people to help us care for our dogs and cats. He showed starkly how Christmas goodwill is missing for many animals. Snow arrived at our Old Windsor centre on Boxing Day, 2013. He was a stray, turned out to fend for himself at the very time of the year when he should have been at the heart of a loving family.

Severely emaciated and malnourished, suffering pressure sores, it was touch and go whether Snow would see in the new year, but with intensive care from Battersea Vet Paul Dobson, he pulled through the winter, and five months later was ready to go home with David Lilley and Christine Cotton then of Berkshire, and take on a new name, Bailey.

Christmas is a magical time at Battersea with staff, volunteers and supporters all doing their utmost to make sure each dog and cat has reason to celebrate, with a visit from Santa Paws, Christmas dinner, toys, music, walks and lots of company.

But as festive waifs like Bailey demonstrate, Battersea unwraps many 'gifts' who are unwanted even before the festivities are over, and see in the new year homeless and hoping for a small miracle to make their lives worthwhile again.

So let's catch up with some of the dogs and cats who did come to the Home at Christmas, and did find love and safety, and discover how they'll be celebrating this year. Although Christmas at Battersea is very special, there's nothing better than spending it at home with family!

## BAILEY'S CHRISTMAS 1

"Our wonderful Lurcher Bailey is now enjoying a new life in France. We live in a village called Feuilleade in the Charente region. We have bought a house which is about 200 years old and has an old forge in the grounds that used to produce cannonballs during the Napoleonic War,

to be fired at the English.

"Hopefully our children will be here for Christmas, they are adults so they are still living in UK, but this house is still their home and it's definitely a house that has a soul and deserves to be filled with lots of people (and dogs of course). We're inviting other family members and friends over for Christmas too, our first one here.

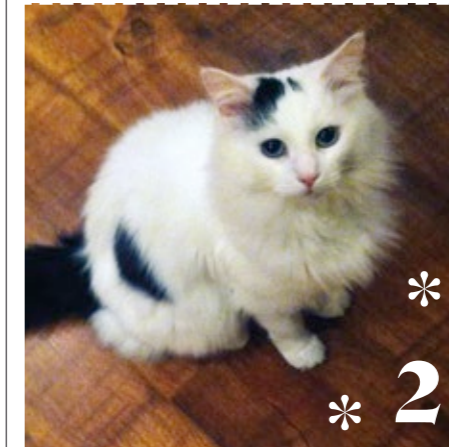
"Bailey has grounds and garden to run around in and plenty of country lanes for lots of walks with our other two Lurchers, Shadow and Mars. He is a much loved member of our family and his life now is a world away from what it was before."

**Christine Cotton, France**

## THE HENDRIX EXPERIENCE 2

*Chico's owner was moving and couldn't take Chico too, so he was brought to Battersea on Boxing Day last year. He was a nervous boy and hid away during his 23 days in our London Cattery.*

"After deciding to extend our family when we moved into our new home at the end of last year, we felt that rehoming was the only option as there are so many animals needing a fresh start. Chico (now known as Hendrix) was the last cat we saw, and I loved him straight away.



"It has been a slow process bringing him out of his shell and gaining his trust but it has been completely worth it. This will be our first Christmas together and I can't wait to spoil him with treats and cuddles."

**Becca Birkbeck, Cheam, Surrey**

## DANCING ALL THE WAY HOME 3

*Cha Cha and Samba were two of an unwanted litter of five who became our first guests of 2015 when they arrived early on New Year's Day, and were all named for celebratory dances - of which there are plenty to bring in the new year. After three days at Battersea Cha Cha and Samba were doing their own quickstep home.*

"We decided to get a kitten at New Year. (We already have a Battersea cat, Kate, who we rehomed during the 2012 London Olympics.) We went to Battersea and were introduced to a beautiful litter of six. At that point, my five-year-old girl/boy twins wanted one each and pointed out that they could have boy-girl twin kittens, just like them. I couldn't resist.

"We hadn't planned to get two more cats, but we now have a little boy, Cha Cha - who we call a 'Tippex tabby' as he looks as though someone has spilt correction fluid on a tabby - and pure tabby little girl Samba. They are still pretty cheeky, but lovely cats.

"Cha Cha is very fond of getting into things. No cardboard box is safe in this house. So I am sure they will LOVE helping to unwrap the Christmas presents, and playing with all the discarded wrapping paper. The children have decided that their kittens' birthday is on Bonfire Night, so this year's celebrations will start then. My daughter wants to buy Samba a collar, but I don't know how Samba will feel about that. And they have demanded that I make a tuna cake for them, too - I am not sure how to go about it.

"They will both probably be spending the festive season knocking down the tree and snuggling up in their favourite fake fur throw. It's potentially dangerous when Samba is on it, as she is so well camouflaged that she has been sat on before now... she was not impressed. I think they will be getting the turkey giblets, too."

**Lucy Bannell, Pimlico, London →**





#### AMAZING GRACE

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Grace found herself at Battersea's Old Windsor centre over Christmas 2014 through no fault of her own - or her owners'. In fact it was Grace's sister who was the culprit, bullying Grace until she no longer came into the house. A heartbreaker for the family who'd had her since she was a kitten, but a life changer for Irene.

"This Christmas will be my first with Grace, my beautiful Battersea cat, and I honestly can't imagine life without her now. I lost John, my wonderful husband of 47 years, in 2013, and I was feeling quite lonely. So last January, my daughter suggested I adopt a pet, as we had a cat for 19 years and she was such an important part of our family. I went to Battersea in Old Windsor as I knew Battersea made sure their cats were healthy, vaccinated and microchipped.

"I saw a box with what looked like a big dark shadow in it. Just all shiny black fur. I couldn't even see a face. Then these huge green eyes opened up and she stretched and it seemed like she was about 3ft long! She was so fluffy and immediately wound herself around my legs.

"She had come from wonderful owners who loved her, but her cat sister was bullying her very badly. Despite her size Grace has a very gentle and timid nature, and they were worried it was stressing her out or she might be injured. I knew immediately I could be her forever home.

"I kept the box, scratchpad and toys the owners gave her, and she settled in quickly. She's been such a lovely companion. She loves exploring the garden with me, and every evening she relaxes on the sofa while I paint or watch TV. She's very inquisitive and follows me around everywhere. Grace is so caring and even sleeps on my bed, and some mornings I've honestly woken up to find her paw in my hand.

"She's now got a lovely, peaceful environment - and her comfort with our home has rubbed off on me. For the

first time in a long while I look forward to opening the door to my house again, knowing Grace will be there to welcome me home.

"This Christmas, one of my daughters will be home. The other is in Chicago, but coming back for a holiday in July. I'm not sure what's on Grace's list for Santa Paws, but I'm sure it will involve some turkey and a nice cosy sofa!"

**Irene Rees, Maidenhead, Berkshire**

#### SVEN'S CHRISTMAS CAME EARLY

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It was 4.30pm on Christmas Eve, 2014, when most dogs and cats were safely at home with their families, that a litter of tiny kittens who had been abandoned in Wandsworth arrived at Battersea. After spending their Christmas in our Cattery, Chestnut (now Sven), Sparkle, Pudding, Mistletoe and Chestnut saw in new year in a foster home, and in January they all found loving new owners.

"I adopted kitten Sven in late January, and Sven and I are currently living in Streatham where Sven is very spoilt by my partner. He's a cat that does not want for anything and he is very happy sharing our home with us alongside his sister Squeak, who is my hamster.



"My partner Agne, Sven, Squeak and me will be spending Christmas together, just the four of us, and hoping it will be a cold and snowy one.

"We'll be roasting chestnuts on an open fire (in the oven really), drinking champers and eating our body weight in food. Sven will be hoping for a nice soft new 'bigger' bed because he is currently hogging ours.

"And we will happily toast and welcome in 2016 with the hope of continuing to prosper with the warmth, health and blessings God has given us."

**Deidre Padilla, Streatham**

#### A WHOLE LOTTIE LOVE

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It was a dreadful Christmas for everyone when golden oldies Jessie and Lottie were brought to Battersea on 23 December because of their owner's poor health. Much-loved, but sadly given up, they settled into their shared kennel and spent a bewildered Christmas. It was to be two months before Dario and his partner came along, and this Christmas will be very different for our favourite Jack Russell couple.

"We spent a while looking for the right dog, and didn't plan on adopting two - but from the moment we met Jessie and Lottie we were in love. While they were very shy at first, we instantly bonded with them during our first play date at Battersea and couldn't wait to get them to our home.

"They are such a lovable pair of dogs and in the seven months that we've had them, their personalities have really come through. Lottie is very much the princess and Jessie the protective yet overly affectionate companion - and they have become valued (and spoiled) members of our family. We are looking forward to our first Christmas at home as a family, and intend to spoil the girls even more with (very strong) chew toys for Lottie and treats and cuddles for Jessie. There's no doubt that we made the right choice and it's difficult to imagine life without them!"

**Dario Rolandi, London**

# Little paws

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Our resident experts Batt & Zee give you some great insights into how dogs and cats think, act and behave



### FANTASTIC FACT

#### TOP TIP

Ask your parents to help you groom your dog. Using a soft brush, brush the same way as the hair grows and always reward the dog if he is well behaved.

Some dogs have double coats (two layers of hair) - the bottom one being the undercoat.

The undercoat helps a dog stay warm and dry in cold weather but also gives protection from the sun.



Molly and Piper

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Reader thanks

Seven-year-old Evelyn Staker visited Battersea with her dad after she raised £110 for our dogs and cats with her own big bake-off. Evelyn got to have a special look round and meet some dogs and cats, which she really enjoyed.

11 year old Amelia Ross and her friend Ella Goosen came up with the idea to sell home-made lemonade to their neighbours. Dropping off the money raised (just under £60) at our Old Windsor centre, Amelia and Ella even got the chance to cuddle a Battersea puppy.



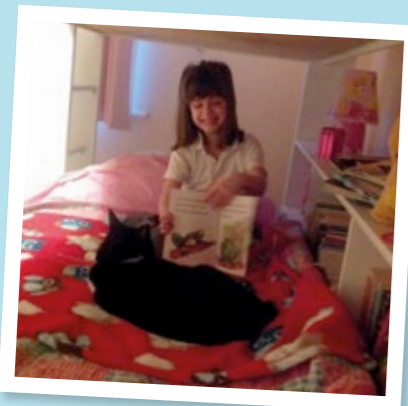
My niece Kacey and my pugs Alfie and Nancy. They are the best of friends!  
**Wendy Ashton, Aberdeen**

Little Paws Letters



This is Biscuit and Nugget. We got them in May 2014 and they were brother and sister. When we got them they were so frightened we couldn't even stroke them! They had been with other people but were abandoned. They don't like being picked up for bad memories. I love watching them play outside in the sun. Sometimes they go a bit crazy and chase their tails like dogs! When Biscuit or Nugget sits on my lap it makes me feel happy. They are brilliant cats and I love them.

**Scarlett Ludlow (age 8) with Biscuit (right) and Nugget (left)**



Alley cat came from Battersea as a kitten in 2008. She is really friendly.  
**Lilly Novak, West Wimbledon**

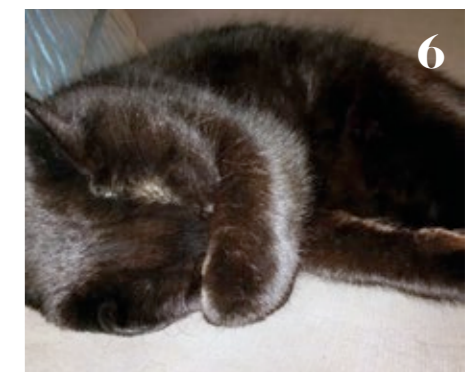
**GUM'S NOT FUN!**

Did you know that some recipes for chewing gum have been changed? If the gum has an ingredient called xylitol in it, it will be very toxic to dogs and can cause serious illness and liver damage. So make sure its always out of a dog's reach.



Cat gallery

We know all these happy cats will be toasting their paws in their new homes this winter. We've squeezed as many as we can into Paws, but you can enjoy more Happy Endings tales at [battersea.org.uk/cathappyendings](http://battersea.org.uk/cathappyendings)



- 1 Snickers, from John and Sue Ashton
- 2 Bluebell, from Stephen Pigott
- 3 Wilson, from Gary Wood
- 4 Sasha, from Beverly Kemp
- 5 Dinah, from Eleanor Butler
- 6 Hera, from Mike White

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# Legacy of Love

*Paws* looks at what recent legal developments mean for charities and those who are considering remembering a charity in their Will.

There has been a lot of coverage in the media recently about legacies to charities being challenged by family members. This followed the recent Court of Appeal Decision in the case of *Illot v Mitson*, where a lady died leaving her estate to three animal charities and made no provision for her daughter, from whom she had been estranged for many years. The daughter went to Court and successfully challenged the Will to receive around £150,000 from her late mother's estate.

Spencer Wisdom, Solicitor and Head of Legacies & Stewardship at Battersea Dogs & Cats Home looks at what the case means for charities and those who are considering leaving a legacy to charity.

## Should people leaving a legacy to Battersea in their Will be concerned that it will be challenged and overturned if their family are unhappy?

No, not unduly. It remains the case that, in the UK, people are largely free to leave their property, money and assets to whoever they like and many kind animal lovers choose to leave a legacy to Battersea Dogs & Cats Home. While it is true that more legacies are challenged than used to be the case,

“Our experience is that a Letter of Wishes, signed by the deceased is very strong evidence with which to fend off any challenge to the Will”

it is still, thankfully, relatively rare for a legacy to Battersea Dogs & Cats Home to be challenged. Fewer than 5% of the legacies the Home received last year were challenged in any way.

Whilst no one can be absolutely certain that their Will won't be challenged there are steps that can be taken to ensure it is as safe from challenge as possible. These include having your Will prepared by a solicitor and discussing any possible claim you think may possibly arise. They can advise you about preparing a Letter of Wishes, which could be stored with your Will, setting out your reasons for making the Will in the way you have and in particular setting out the reasons why you have chosen who will benefit.



## On what basis might a Will be challenged?

The two most common types of challenges to Wills that we encounter are a challenge to the validity of the Will, normally on the basis that the person who made it lacked the mental capacity because they were of 'unsound mind', and a challenge from family members or other dependants that the person who made the Will had not provided adequately for them financially.

## What steps can a Battersea supporter take if they are worried that their Will may be challenged?

Please do contact the Legacy team – we will be happy to discuss your circumstances with you, in the strictest confidence. Our experience is that a Letter of Wishes, signed by the deceased, in which they set out their reasons for leaving their estates in the way they have, is very strong evidence with which to fend off any challenge to the Will.

In the recent *Illot v Mitson* case one of the principle reasons the judge was

Battersea relies on the generosity of people who leave us a gift in their will to care for dogs and cats who are alone, frightened and upset.

In 2014 we cared for 8,435 animals - but we couldn't have saved a single one without your help.

prepared to overturn the Will was that the deceased appeared to have no particularly strong connection with the charities she had left her estate to. Had she left a letter of wishes setting out her reasons for wishing to benefit those charities, and her connections with them, it would have been harder for the daughter to challenge the Will.

The sort of thing a Battersea supporter might wish to include in any Letter of Wishes might be to mention any rescue animals who you have re-homed or how you feel about cats and dogs and how important it is to you to feel you are helping them when you have gone.

The latest legal guidance for anyone making a Will where they may have (or could be presented by others as having) capacity issues is to have a Will prepared by a solicitor who demonstrates that they have followed the 'golden rule'.

In short, this requires them to obtain a doctor's written opinion that the person

“Our Legacy team can provide you with guidance on how best to ensure your final wishes are respected”

making the Will has capacity. Naturally, there can be practical difficulties with this and it is not always going to be possible.

The next best defence will be for the solicitor to prepare a contemporaneous attendance note recording that the issue was specifically considered and discussed. Ideally the solicitor would record that the person knew and fully understood that they were making a Will and its effect, knew broadly of what their estate comprised, knew and recognised the identity of those who might expect to benefit from the estate, and that the person was not suffering from delusions.

## Are Battersea happy to talk to me about this in confidence?

Yes, we welcome the opportunity. Whilst we cannot help prepare your Will (and always recommend using a solicitor) our Legacy team are legally qualified and can provide you with guidance on how best to ensure your final wishes are respected and carried out. 🐾

Call Spencer on 020 7627 9209 or email [s.wisdom@battersea.org.uk](mailto:s.wisdom@battersea.org.uk)

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# Me and my Staffie

## With Gail Walker

Meet Winston! Winston is a one-year-old Staffie with a wonderful sense of fun and adventure and a gorgeous temperament. Dogs. People. They're all his 'best friend'.

Winston is the third Staffie my husband and I have rescued. They are a wonderful breed with so much to give and I can't imagine a time when we won't have at least one.

Winston has so many lovely traits but the best of all is his fantastic smile. It doesn't matter who he meets, he will greet them with a big grin, and wiggly bottom every time. He particularly loves playing with his pals and a good old-fashioned tennis ball. He's pretty inquisitive too so responds well to training. We are very lucky indeed to have him in our lives.

We rehomed Winston from Battersea Old Windsor in February after a friend spotted him on the Home's website and thought he'd be perfect for us. She was right – he settled in straight away with our other dogs; Sidney (a four-year-old male Staffie) and Red (a five-year-old female Ridgeback/Doberman Cross).

The people at Battersea are passionate about their work and will do their utmost to ensure that all dogs in their care go to the right home. We did introductions over

“Canicross is a fun and social way to keep you and your dog fit, and a wonderful opportunity for the two of you to bond”



two weekends to ensure all the dogs got along and then Winston was officially a member of the Walker family!

It wasn't too long before we introduced Winston to the world of Canicross – the perfect sport for anyone who wants to keep themselves and their dogs fit.

Canicross is basically cross country running with your dog. It developed from skijoring, where people ski with their dog pulling out in front of them. The owner wears a waist belt, the dog wears a harness and the two of you are attached to each other via a bungee line. It's that simple and, I promise you, it's lots of fun.

We live in the Guildford area, so are fortunate to have access to some great countryside around Surrey. We always run with a group of friends and their dogs, making this a great social activity.

And Staffies seem to be naturals at Canicross, which is a wonderful opportunity for the two of you to bond. And as well as making so many friends, my dogs have also grown in confidence as they can run safely alongside other canine pals – perfect if your canicross partner has poor recall or lacks confidence around other dogs.

I'm already finding that combining a physical workout for Winston with the use of directional commands is helping with his general training and confidence. Most of all, he absolutely loves it.

The sport suits all breeds – as long as both of you are willing participants and you always put the needs of your dog first then you are good to go. It's a case of using common sense; always keep your dog well hydrated, don't force him to run if he's not keen, and don't do too much too soon. If you are in any doubt as to whether this is for you and your dog then always seek professional advice first.

Winston thinks that all dogs should consider giving this a go and he hopes to meet you on a run sometime. 🐾

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Ally the West Highland Terrier had a severe skin condition that had been left to deteriorate because her owner couldn't afford to pay for medical care. Her plight was so severe that treatment continued after she was rehomed.



Tilly the Tibetan Terrier had severely infected eyes. Her owner could no longer afford the medical care that she needed. She also had infected ears, and bad mange around her back and tail. Vets at our London Clinic carried out an operation to remove her in-growing eyelashes, and tended her eye infection.

# Ultimate Makeover

Around 13 dogs arrive at Battersea every day, on the start of a journey towards a new life and a good home. Many have come from loving owners, where life and circumstances have tragically combined to make keeping their pet impossible.

Others, though, have been the victims of abuse, neglect, poor ownership, ignorance and indifference.

These lost souls will need plenty of healing and lots of love as they prepare themselves to face the outside world again. And for some, the physical transformation from beastly to beauty is a lifesaver.

These Battersea graduates (who all found new homes) needed intensive treatment to restore their good looks and failing health, and make them feel more 'human'. We call this grooming for welfare, and as you can see, it's a really beautiful treatment.



Hugo the Staffordshire Bull Terrier was one of a litter of pups who were all suffering from Demodex mange, a really painful but treatable skin condition.



Poor Gizmo the Lhasa Apso arrived at our London centre in such a matted state that his eyes were glued together and he couldn't see. His dew claws were so overgrown he could barely walk, and his ears were blocked with huge balls of ear wax.



Jake the Lurcher arrived at Battersea's Old Windsor Centre with a bad case of Demodex mange. He had many medical bath treatments and antibiotics to clear up his red and inflamed skin, and eventually his fur started to grow back.



Nancy the Chihuahua was found abandoned in an alleyway along with her brother Sid, mum and dad, all suffering with severe Sarcoptic mange, or Scabies. This took months of treatment to tackle, and for little Sid, who also had water on the brain, the battle was ultimately lost.

Battersea's full-time groomer Catherine Etheridge has been soothing ruffled fur for 22 years, and thousands of dogs have her to thank for their second chance in life.

In her small grooming room in our London rehoming kennels, Catherine "grooms for welfare, not to beautify", treating bewildered dogs in discomfort and even extreme pain to careful therapy.

"Sadly, I have seen dogs who are literally twice the weight they should be – and the extra is matts. They are soaked in and burned by their own urine, their ears are heavy with matts, their nails curl round and round and into their pads. They may have such a build-up of poo around their backsides that they can't go to the toilet anymore. Perhaps they can't see through the matted hair covering their ears. It must feel horrendous.

"One white German Shepherd was grey when he came in. When I put him in the bath, the water moved with a sea of fleas, and ran red with blood. I shaved another dog, and his matts



CATHERINE ETHERIDGE  
Full-time Groomer

came away in one piece, in the shape of a dog."

With suffering like this, the therapeutic benefits of quiet, unhurried grooming sessions are obvious.

"Grooming is really important for the dogs' journeys. Very often they come in nervous and fearful, and you can feel the relief flood through them as they start to feel more comfortable. It's a different way for them to start to trust again – I'm spending quality time with them in a calm and relaxed place, not doing formal handling but being very hands-on and close.

"Their problems may have been caused by neglect over many months, yes, but also through ignorance. If you buy a long-haired dog his coat will require upkeep to stay in good condition and be comfortable. Even a short coat needs regular grooming. All dogs should be treated for fleas, because if you don't you could alter the whole quality of their skin, leaving it thickened and painful.

"It's heartbreaking that these dogs have had to wait until they've been abandoned to get this care and attention, but once they do, you can see they have a different outlook on life – they've had a taste of home." 🐾



Ruby the Miniature Poodle arrived at Battersea's Old Windsor Centre in terrible pain where her severely matted curly hair was pulling and pinching at her skin, leaving it red raw.



Tia the Yorkshire Terrier was handed in as a stray. Tia's coat was badly matted and her long fur had become tangled and dirty, although fortunately she was healthy underneath all that hair. Battersea's vet nurses bathed and groomed her, filling an entire bucket with her excess fur.

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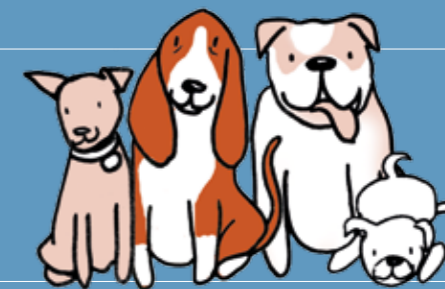
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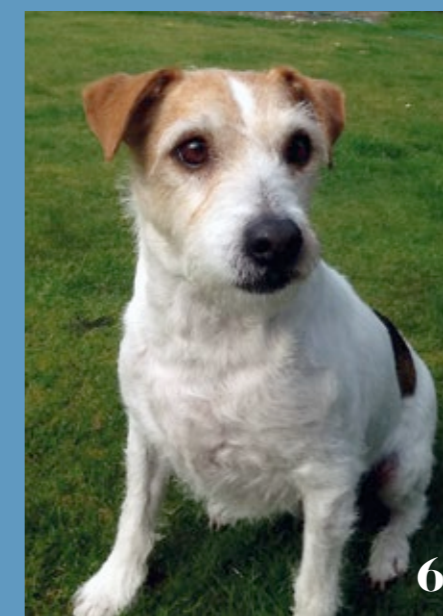
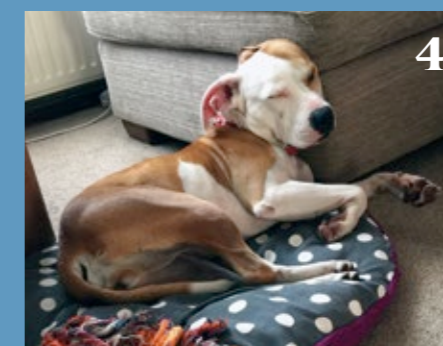
# Dog gallery



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Our smiling Battersea dogs seem to be looking back to summer - apart from Rose, who has come in from the cold. There are lots more uplifting pawtraits like these at [battersea.org.uk/doghappyendings](http://battersea.org.uk/doghappyendings)



- 1 Percy, from Philip Duffin
- 2 Archibald, from Beth Evans
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- 4 Rose, from Tracey Brooker
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STAR LETTER

# James and Fay say 'I do' to Penny



This is the story of how a Battersea dog made us miss our honeymoon in New York.

After my dear old Snowy died at the ripe age of 16½, my fiancé James and I completed the Shine half marathon, starting and finishing at Battersea Power Station, which meant I had discovered the exact whereabouts of the Home. The following day he suggested we go to Battersea Old Windsor, just for a look. I had already seen Penny online, and when we met, she stole my heart. She came home with us in October 2014.

James and I married in December in Eton College Chapel, with Penny as ring

bearer, and we changed our honeymoon from New York to a log cabin in Cornwall so Penny could be with us that first Christmas and New Year. We loved that we could take her in all the restaurants and cafes in and around Looe. We even had a family photoshoot with our wedding photographer.

She is a true joy and advert for why you should rehome a dog and give them a second chance at life. Jack Russell Terriers are the best dogs with the biggest characters. If they were people, they would be an old *Eastender* with a market stall or pub, all chat and happiness.

**Fay Fussey, Eton**

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My daughter and I fell in love with Kimmi when we first saw her, and were so happy we could take her home, but within the first few days I felt something was wrong. A trip to my vet confirmed I was right, and Kimmi had to go back to Battersea for a week. My little girl missed her so much.

The day she returned was amazing, she strolled out the carry box and wandered straight into the kitchen and demanded food. It was the first time we had ever seen her eat.

Kimmi is a wonderful little lady, she is playful but loves nothing more than to snuggle up for a cuddle. If you stop stroking her she paws you and pulls your arm back on her. She has such a lovely

nature. Thank you to all the staff for matching my daughter and I to our perfect little kitten and to the Veterinary staff of Battersea's Clinic for making her better when she was so ill.

**Claire and Ava Milburn, Uxbridge, Middlesex**



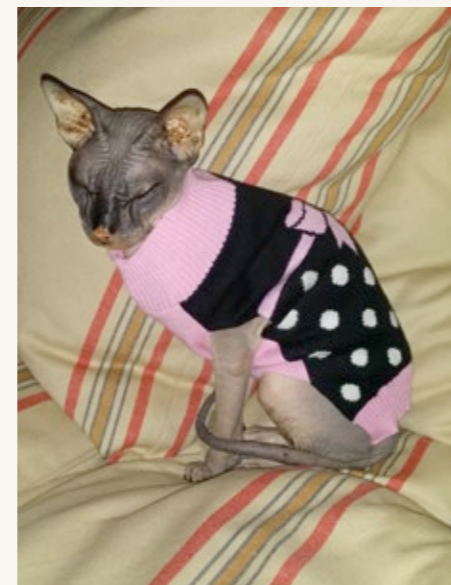
SHE'S GROWING ON ME

I rehomed Sphynx Anika in May. What an amazing breed.

She has grown some fab whiskers, short but curly, all around her mouth! She has also grown a lot of white hair on her ears (downy, but really white) and fine hair all over her body with little longer hairs growing here and there. So sweet.

She is great. I have totally fallen in love with her and think this breed is amazing. I am so amazed at her.

**Alyson Jackson, Battersea**



A DELIGHTFUL TEN YEARS

My name is Lou Lou and I was rehomed from Battersea Old Windsor as a puppy 10 years ago this October. I was named by the Battersea team temporarily as Delight, along with my sister Angel who was taken in by another family.

I now live in Berkshire and have the best life! My family love me very much and I am so happy. Thank you Battersea for all your hard work – without you guys I wouldn't be here to tell you my happy ending tale.

**Lou Lou Bolt, Berkshire**



MAD DOGS AND ENGLISHMEN

A few weeks ago we adopted an emaciated, highly strung Lurcher who had kennel cough. He was 4½ kilos underweight and untrained. This is to say thank you.

This photo was taken before he put on weight and became a true member of our family. It shows that after I had slept on sofas with him for three nights he knew he had a place. So much of a place that he now owns the house and the park, knows what time his friends play, and orders breakfast from me.

He reminds me of Noel Coward. He looks more handsome with new weight and is infinitely less nervous. If someone wishes to donate him a cigarette holder, glass of gin and tonic and some sheet music I am sure Barney could do a rendition of Don't put your Lurcher on the stage Mrs Worthington.

To those considering adopting, Barney is my 12<sup>th</sup> dog (plus several cats) and the most recent five have all been

rescues. I cannot recommend more highly careful selection but the key is your own patience. Two of my rescues gave me 30 consecutive years of pleasure between them.

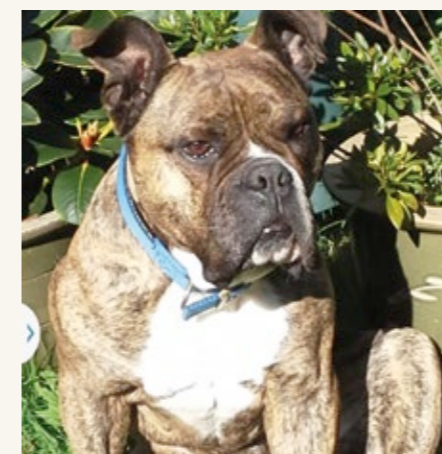
**David Butler, Twickenham**



THANKS LILLY

Our beloved Dorset Old Tyme Bulldog Lilly was a unique character – fun, loving, loyal, patient, protective and greedy. Thank you Battersea for the privilege of being temporary custodians of our Mighty Lil! She brought us much happiness and laughter.

**Chris and Aileen Mitchel, Wimbledon**



BARRY'S ON TRACK

As a previous Battersea cat owner there was only one place I knew we would get good advice and support whilst looking to rehome. And that we did, with Barry the Bengal on 28 June.

We knew about Bengal characteristics but always worried whether we would be the right owner for them and be able to give them what they need. He has settled well and loves to have mad half hours, stampeding up the stairs and then to his cat tree, then on the kitchen worktops and then the bed – exhausted.

Having a three year old son as well, we worried that Barry would get spooked by him, but no – the toys are just added extras for him to play with, especially the Scalextric cars, which he watches as they go around the track then pounces. Bedtime routine is simple, you go upstairs and he follows, and sleeps like a log.

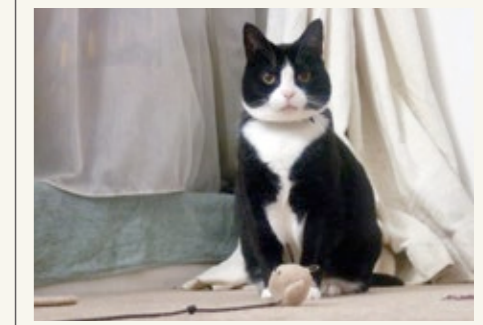
Thanks Battersea, our home without a cat wasn't the same and Barry will certainly get the love and attention he deserves.

**Kate Asghar, Morden, Surrey**

Happy Memories

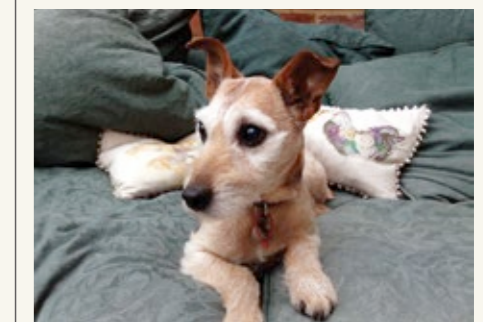
And so with huge sadness it's goodbye to Mittens. Thanks for everything and sleep tight. I hope cat heaven comes complete with extra strong catnip mice, a plentiful supply of your favourite duck and garden vegetable food and, of course, earplugs for everyone else when you're snoring.

**David Lowe, London**



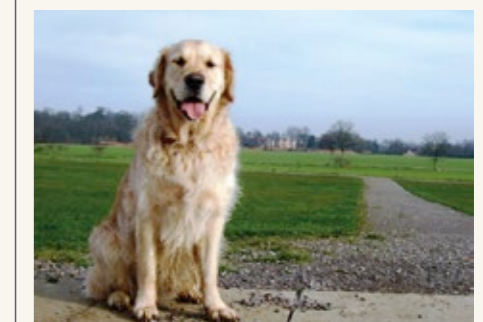
My heart is totally breaking but I wanted you to know that Tiffin had a smashing life. Everyone loved him and I can honestly say he was the sweetest dog I can ever imagine.

**Stephanie Fairbank, Canterbury**



Colin, Kerry, Adam, myself, and all of us, would like to say a huge thank you to Battersea Dogs Home for our gorgeous boy Battersea Buster, whom we miss so very much.

**Tracy Snooks and family, Chelmsford, Essex**



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# Ask the experts



LAUREN FINKA  
Feline Behaviour  
and Welfare Expert

Every issue, Battersea's experts answer some of the queries *Paws* readers have about their pets. Send your questions to [paws@battersea.org.uk](mailto:paws@battersea.org.uk) or write to us at the address on the contents page and we'll do our best to help.

**B**attersea's Feline Behaviour and Welfare Expert Lauren Finka has been studying the character of the cat for many years and, as Sir Winston Churchill almost said, it turns out this most complex of animals is a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma. Lauren set out to unravel a few threads for us.

**Q** My cat purrs a lot when I stroke him on my lap, but he also purred once at the vet's when he had damaged his leg, although I'm sure he was in pain. Why was he purring at the vet's?

**A** Purring is something that kittens can do almost from birth and they will generally purr when they are suckling from mum. Many of us think of a purring cat as being a happy and contented one, and if the cat looks relaxed and comfortable at the time this is probably the case. However, as more scientific studies are carried out, we are learning more about the purr and the reasons behind it, and it seems that sometimes there may be more 'sinister' forces at work than the cat simply telling us they are happy. Whilst the exact function of purring remains much of a mystery, it is thought that in some contexts, cats may purr to 'manipulate' humans in to providing care for them. When cats are hungry, they have been shown to make a sound when purring that is similar to the cry of a human baby. It is thought that cats may do this to tap in to our nurturing instincts so we're compelled to look after (and feed) them. Pretty amazing, right?

Cats also purr when they are very stressed or in pain and here it is thought that the purr is actually more of a cry for help to their human caregivers. This may explain why cats that have been in accidents and are at the vets will purr, although there may also be another advantage to purring when unwell. The vibrations caused when cats purr are also thought to potentially have healing properties and are similar to the vibrations that physical therapists will apply to humans to promote healing and relieve muscle pain. In cats, mothers may purr

# Purr

whilst giving birth, which could be a way of helping her to recover from the trauma of labour, as well as promote health in her kittens. So it's also possible that cats purr after an injury not only as a way of asking us for help, but also in an attempt to relieve pain and heal their muscles and bones. This is probably the reason why your cat was purring whilst he was at the vet's – he was asking you to make sure you took good care of him, but perhaps also trying to ease the pain he was feeling.

**Q** My cat is extremely affectionate, but sometimes she will be purring and rubbing against me and then suddenly turn around and bite me. Why is she doing this?

**A** Stroking our cats is a wonderful way for us to bond. This type of interaction helps us feel happier and more relaxed. However, every cat is an individual. Some are very affectionate and love nothing more than to curl up on our laps and be stroked for hours. Others can still be very friendly and loving but simply don't want to be stroked for long or frequent sessions, or don't like being touched in certain places.

In general, most cats that do enjoy a stroke prefer the focus around their

chin and cheeks and the base of their ears. Many cats will find having strokes to the back, tummy and base of the tail unpleasant. And for some, even when we do stroke the areas they generally enjoy, if we are too vigorous or carry on for too long, this can become too much, leading them to get 'over stimulated' and feel uncomfortable.

Even when cats aren't enjoying being stroked anymore, they may still tolerate it (inside they are probably secretly thinking "ugh, please just hurry up and get this over with!"). However some will be much less tolerant and more vocal about their dislike, and swipe or bite, in effect saying "stop it, I don't like that!" as loudly as they can. Perhaps your cat has a particular dislike of being touched on a specific part of her body, or she very quickly becomes over stimulated.

From now on, pay close attention to her behaviour and body language. If you see her ears rotate backwards, her head turn sharply towards your hand or face, notice that the skin on her back starts to 'twitch' or ripple, or her tail swishes vigorously and is held close to the ground, these are all important signs that she has become 'over stimulated' and is no longer enjoying herself. Ideally you should aim to stop stroking her before you see any of these



There are plenty of other ways you can keep your cat entertained when you're not home. These include:

- Letting your cat have access to a garden filled with plants and bushes they can explore and hide in
- Providing your cat with toys – ping pong balls and soft toys filled with cat nip can be especially good
- Sprinkling dried cat-friendly herbs such as cat nip and valerian around the house for your cat to sniff out
- Using interactive feeding devices to feed your cat in so that they have to 'work' for their food, stimulating natural feeding behaviours

**Q** My cat will often disturb me at night by pawing at my face and meowing a lot. How can I stop him from doing this?

**A** Unlike us, cats are crepuscular – which means they are generally more active at dusk and dawn. Many cats will learn to adapt to our routines, but that still doesn't stop them from naturally feeling more awake or full of energy at the times we're fast asleep in bed! So we need to provide them with enough things to stop them getting bored. Allowing the cat access outdoors at night if it is safe to do so may help keep them busy and stimulated, as will providing interactive feeding toys where they have to 'work' for their food.

**Q** My cat has a history of ongoing cystitis and my vet suggested I try to get her to drink more. She already gets fresh tap water but rarely touches it. How can I encourage her to drink more regularly?

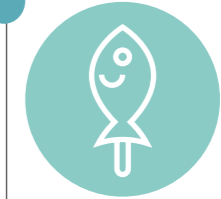
**A** Getting cats to drink enough is an age-old dilemma and, when they have a health issue such as cystitis it is really important to ensure the cat is taking in enough fluids. Many cats don't like the taste of tap water (because of all the chemicals and additives), so be a bit more creative. The ideas to the right can all be good things to try. 🐾

## CYSTITIS: BE WATER AWARE



### PROVIDE RAINWATER

Many cats much prefer the more natural taste of rainwater. You could either collect rainwater from a water butt so that you always have plenty even when it's dry outside, or simply leave out a large(ish) container in the garden when it rains so your cat can help herself.



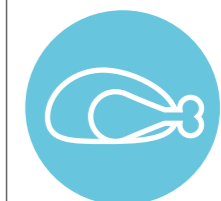
### MAKE TUNA ICE LOLLIES

Especially in hot weather, this can be the perfect way to keep your cat entertained and also hydrated. Simply make a very watery mix of flaked tuna (use tuna preserved in spring water, not brine or sunflower oil) and pour into an ice cube tray to freeze. Your cat should love to lick and paw at the ice cubes as they slowly melt.



### GET A DRINKING FOUNTAIN

Some cats love fresh running water, which is why they're so fascinated with dripping taps or the puddles of water left in the bottom of the shower. A special cat drinking fountain can be a great way to recreate this sense of fresh water. Many also contain a filter to remove some of the chemical taste tap water has. Cats can get a bit overwhelmed by new things, so give them time to get used to their fountain.



### MAKE CAT 'GRAVY'

There are several special products to mix with water for a delicious 'cat gravy', but you can also do this easily at home. Make a chicken stock by boiling a chicken carcass in water until the water becomes heavily flavoured with the chicken fat. Leave this to cool before serving. You can also freeze the stock and defrost when needed.



### MAKE WET FOOD REALLY MUSHY

Add a small amount of warm water to the cat's usual wet food and mush it in to create a delicious cat soup.


# Take us home

In the autumn of their lives, these beauties still have a spring in their step, and hope in their hearts. Contact Battersea on **0843 509 4444** or via the centre email addresses below.



## HAROLD AND BILLY

11-year-old Staffies


 [rehomeing@battersea.org.uk](mailto:rehomeing@battersea.org.uk)

We've given these two wonderful old Staffies a spot together because they share one endearing habit that turns heads and makes eyes water wherever they go. Yes, these greying gents are not only heartbreakers, but wind breakers. They're also absolutely gorgeous, and are just waiting to make a lasting impression in their retirement homes, where life's sure to be a blast.



## BUNGEE

2-year-old Domestic Short Hair


 [bow.rehomers@battersea.org.uk](mailto:bow.rehomers@battersea.org.uk)

We're looking for a farm or stable home for Bungee, who's the longest-stay cat at our Old Windsor centre. He loves being around people and is such a nice cat, but gets a bit excited and jumps on everything – hence the name Bungee. He's got a reputation for appearing when people least expect it, but that just adds to his comical character.



## LOLO

6-year-old Domestic Short Hair


 [bbh.rehomers@battersea.org.uk](mailto:bbh.rehomers@battersea.org.uk)

And here's long-stay Lolo. He's been with us for well over 200 days now, and how we'd love to give him a new home for Christmas. Lolo forms strong bonds with people, and will have a good chat if he likes you. He loves to play, and is a bit of a six kilo kitten, yet he can be a nervous boy too. We're looking for an experienced home who'll understand Lolo.

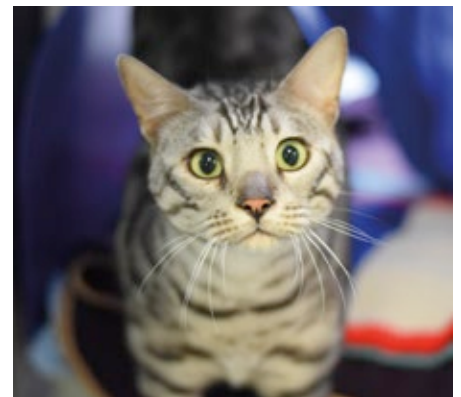


## NALA

4-year-old Cane Corso


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Worried soul Nala is a Cane Corso with a sensitive side – and a big appetite, so food will be the key to training, although she already knows lots, and walks nicely on the lead. She's a shy girl around new people, but once again, food whets her appetite to make friends. She likes to play with other dogs and is well up for a game or two. Nala would love to be in a quiet home.



## MOZZY

4-year-old Domestic Short Hair

 [cat.rehomeing@battersea.org.uk](mailto:cat.rehomeing@battersea.org.uk)

Mozzy has discovered his inner dog – he could be a Retriever (of balls), a Mountain Dog (loves being high up) or even a Collie (rounding up knitted mice). A typical Bengal, he's playful, vocal and intelligent. He'd love a home with space to stroll and trees. Mozzzy previously lived with two dogs, and may be able to be rehomed to a family with a calm canine.

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