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CARING FOR DOGS AND CATS**



# WELCOME

A new year always brings a sense of hope for change, and at Battersea we are marching into the new decade striving to change the nation's perception of rescue animals.

This includes helping to raise a generation of animal lovers who will take care of future four-legged friends in a safe and responsible way. For tips on introducing a new dog or cat, check out page 26.

For Battersea, 2020 is a particularly special year as it marks an incredible 160 years since our founder, Mary Tealby, set up her Home for Lost and Starving Dogs. Since then, we have cared for more than three million dogs and cats and are increasingly working beyond our gates to help vulnerable animals.

Over the last decade we have brought about key changes in the law, such as stronger sentences for animal cruelty, compulsory microchipping for dogs, and a ban on the third-party sales of puppies and kittens. Read more about our rich history in this issue's cover feature on page 10.

I have been greatly privileged to work with so many dedicated staff and volunteers over the past 10 years, to achieve these changes and position Battersea as a world leader in the provision of exceptional dog and cat care. In this auspicious year for our charity, I would like to thank everyone I work with, across multiple sectors and disciplines, as well as within Battersea, for their commitment to continued shared working and cooperation. Between us, we are changing the world for animals in need.

**Claire Horton CBE, Chief Executive**  
Pictured with Bella the Shi-Tzu, who found a happy new home after spending time out in foster care.

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# WHAT'S NEW

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From left: Battersea's Head of Policy and Public Affairs, Michael Webb, with Lord Goldsmith and Sir Oliver Heald MP

[CAMPAIGNS]

## OUR CAMPAIGN FOR TOUGHER ANIMAL CRUELTY SENTENCES

70,000 OF YOU JOINED US TO SAY 'ENOUGH IS ENOUGH'.

In 2017, Battersea launched its campaign to increase the maximum sentences for animal cruelty to five years. The current maximum sentence of six months in England and Wales is the lowest in Europe and one of the lowest in the world.

Seventy thousand of you joined us in campaigning for sentences that would truly fit the crime, and politicians listened. Now, change is finally getting nearer across the UK. The Scottish Government has brought forward the Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill, which is currently making its way through the parliamentary process.

As a result of our campaign and

cross-party political support and work, the Animal Welfare (Sentencing) Bill was laid in Parliament on 26 June 2019. Disappointingly, the Bill fell at the general election but the Government pledged in the Queen's Speech to deliver this much needed legislation. This Bill has subsequently been brought back via a Private Member's Bill. We hope it will proceed as quickly as possible to become an Act, providing a deterrent for the worst acts of animal cruelty, ensuring offenders are punished proportionately and safeguarding animal welfare.

At a recent event in Parliament hosted by Sir Oliver Heald MP and Battersea, 101 MPs pledged their

support for a change to the law.

Claire Horton CBE, Battersea Chief Executive, said, "This Bill has been backed by every major political party and animal welfare organisation, has the support of tens of thousands of members of the public and has made its way through much of the parliamentary process already. Our animals have waited long enough – it's time for the new Government to prove that it takes animal welfare seriously. Passing this long-promised, virtually uncontested Bill is just the start."

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# A REMARKABLE RECOVERY

BRYN CAME BACK FROM THE BRINK AFTER BEING ABANDONED.

Staff at our Old Windsor centre were shocked when they were asked to take in Bryn, who had been discarded on a busy road in Slough. When he was found, the six-week-old was malnourished with a visibly protruding spine and was covered in fleas and lice, as well as suffering from cat flu.

After two weeks of loving care with one of Battersea's foster carers and lots of naps with his favourite toy, a cuddly seal twice his size, Bryn had transformed into a lively, affectionate kitten and was ready to go to a new home with a family in Kent.

Lindsey Quinlan, Head of Catteries at Battersea, said; "This kitten's story is truly heartbreaking. We have all been asking ourselves what kind of person could be so cruel to such a young, defenceless animal. Fortunately, Bryn was rescued before it was too late and we hope he will now live a long and happy life with his new family.

"One of the most shocking things about Bryn's story is that under current laws, the harshest punishment the person who severely neglected such a



young animal would face is still only six months in jail. Animals like Bryn are the reason we're campaigning for animal cruelty sentences to be increased."

[SUPPORTERS]

## PLAYING IT FORWARD

Over the past five years, generous support from players of People's Postcode Lottery has helped us to care for and rehome the thousands of dogs and cats that come into Battersea every year.

We are thrilled to announce that, for 2020, Battersea has been successful in securing funding of £750,000 from People's Postcode Lottery. This support, through Postcode Animal Trust, will go towards Battersea's Volunteering & Fostering programme and Battersea Communities project. This will be our sixth year of funding and takes our total up to an amazing £3.65m since 2014. Catherine Miles, Director of Fundraising at Battersea, said, "We're incredibly grateful for this continued support. The money truly makes a difference to the animals in our care and we couldn't do what we do without such support from the animal-loving public."



Brian's family set up a Tribute Fund to help dogs and cats in his memory.

[IN MEMORY]

## A LOVING TRIBUTE

After losing someone special, sharing happy memories, stories and photos can be a lovely way to keep their memory alive and celebrate their life. That's why we created the Battersea Tribute Fund, a special place where family and friends can continue to commemorate the life of a loved one, while also raising much-needed funds for animals at Battersea.

A Tribute Fund can be used for individual donations in memory of someone special, to collect sponsorship money if taking part in an event for Battersea, or to set up

your own fundraising events. You'll be able to see the total amount raised in memory of your loved one and know that their legacy is making a difference to the animals in our care.

When Brian Charlton Dowd passed away in 2019, his family decided to fundraise for Battersea in his memory. A devoted animal lover throughout his life but also a stationer by trade, Brian could often be found visiting Battersea and was immensely proud of the logo he designed for us in the 1990s.

Brian's family say he would be "delighted" that a Tribute Fund has been set up in his memory to support dogs and cats. To set up a fund visit [tributefund.battersea.org.uk](http://tributefund.battersea.org.uk).

## WHAT'S NEW

### [PARTNERSHIPS]

## EMBRACING THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Battersea is excited to announce a new partnership with clothing company Regatta Great Outdoors. When customers purchase from the Great Outdoors collection, specially curated for Battersea, they will be contributing to the care of thousands of vulnerable dogs and cats. With Battersea's expert input, Regatta will also highlight the importance of getting the family together to enjoy the outdoors, share tips for walking your dog safely, and celebrate real people's stories. View the collection and find out more at [regatta.com](http://regatta.com).



### [AWARDS]

## CBE FOR OUR CEO

Battersea is pleased to announce that our Chief Executive, Claire Horton, has been awarded a CBE in recognition of her services to animal welfare in the 2020 New Year Honours List.

Claire joined Battersea as Chief Executive in March 2010. In 10 years, she has led the total transformation of our charity, securing year-on-year growth and increasing Battersea's income, profile and animal services.

Claire says, "I'm thrilled and deeply honoured to have been awarded the CBE. Recognition such as this never comes from the work of just one person, it is borne from the combined efforts of hundreds of people over many years, each one working to deliver better lives for dogs and cats, not just within Battersea but across the British Isles and beyond."



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## LONDON MARATHON

26 April 2020

Were you lucky enough to secure your own place in the world-renowned London Marathon? Run for Battersea's dogs and cats in this incredible, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and help raise vital funds for our animals. [battersea.org.uk/londonmarathon](http://battersea.org.uk/londonmarathon)

## EDINBURGH MARATHON

24 May 2020

The UK's second-largest marathon and one of the fastest and flattest routes in the world. Take on this brilliant run through the beautiful streets of Edinburgh, whilst also helping us to care for dogs and cats in need.

[battersea.org.uk/support-us/challenges/edinburgh-marathon](http://battersea.org.uk/support-us/challenges/edinburgh-marathon)

## GREAT MANCHESTER RUN HALF MARATHON

24 May 2020

Be part of one of Europe's largest half marathons and run the Simply Health Great Manchester Run Half Marathon. There's a huge amount of support from spectators to keep you moving through the streets of Manchester. Plus, with DJs and live music along the route, there is a real party atmosphere.

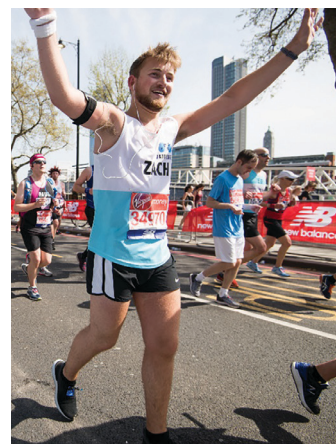
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## VITALITY 10,000

25 May 2020

Join thousands of runners for one of the UK's most popular 10k runs on a route that features some of London's most famous sights. You'll start on The Mall, passing Nelson's Column, St Paul's Cathedral and Big Ben before finishing in front of Buckingham Palace. Take on this unique 10k while supporting dogs and cats in need.

[battersea.org.uk/support-us/challenges/vitality-london-10000](http://battersea.org.uk/support-us/challenges/vitality-london-10000)



## ROYAL PARKS HALF

11 October 2020

Battersea is proud to be an official Charity Partner of the Royal Parks Half Marathon this year. We will be there to help every step of the way with tips on fundraising, a Battersea shirt for the race, and encouraging you on the day.

[battersea.org.uk/support-us/challenges/royal-parks-half-marathon](http://battersea.org.uk/support-us/challenges/royal-parks-half-marathon)

## OWN PLACE CHALLENGE

Are you thinking of taking on a challenge this year: a run, a cycle or even a swim? Why not raise money for Battersea while doing it? Get in touch with the Events Team and tell them more.

[battersea.org.uk/support-us/challenges/own-place-challenges](http://battersea.org.uk/support-us/challenges/own-place-challenges)

Isle of Wight Challenge: 4/5 May

London 2 Brighton Challenge: 25/26 May

Jurassic Coast Challenge: 8/9 June

Lakes 4 Peaks Challenge: 14-16 June

Cotswold Way Challenge: 29/30 June

Chiltern Challenge: 27/28 July

Peak District Challenge: 13/14 July

3 Peaks Challenge: 9-11 August

South Coast Challenge:

31 Aug/1 Sept

Thames Bridges Trek: 7 Sept

Thames Path Challenge: 7/8 Sept

Snowdon Trek: 21-22 September

North Downs Challenge: 28 Sept





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## 160 YEARS ON

Battersea has been helping to care for animals in need since 1860.



# A WHOLE LOT OF HISTORY

SINCE BATTERSEA WAS FOUNDED 160 YEARS AGO, WE'VE BEEN COMMITTED TO HELPING EVERY DOG AND CAT THAT NEEDS US; CHAMPIONING THEIR RIGHTS, LOVING THEIR IMPERFECTIONS AND EXPERTLY CARING FOR THEM. FOR AS LONG AS WE'RE NEEDED, WE'LL BE HERE. BECAUSE RESCUE IS OUR FAVOURITE BREED.

Before the 1800s, animal welfare was an alien concept to many people in Britain. Dogs were predominately used only for working roles and any that strayed were left to roam the streets or, at worst, be killed by local enforcement. However, in the Victorian era, opinions thankfully began to change.

With popular literature including more animals as lovable characters and wealthier families aiming to replicate this idyllic notion, dogs were becoming more common as family pets. Queen Victoria herself also helped buoy the notion of 'man's best friend' by keeping her own dogs, ponies and goats as pets, even reportedly requesting that her beloved Pomeranian lay with her on her deathbed.

In 1860, Mary Tealby may not yet have been entitled to vote, but she was part of a wave of women that pushed boundaries in other ways. A staunch animal lover, Mary opened the gates to the Temporary Home for Lost and Starving Dogs after having found so many starving dogs in the district of

Holloway, where she lived.

Mary and her small-but-dedicated team were faced with no end of challenges surrounding the legal rights to help rehome London's stray dogs, plus scathing attacks from the press, but there were Victorian heavyweights ready to show their support. One of the most prominent was Charles Dickens, who published a magazine article in 1862 reportedly calling Battersea an "extraordinary monument of the remarkable affection with which the English people regard the race of dogs".

Many of the subsequent animal rescue centres and organisations

opened in the UK and across the world benefited from the precedents that Battersea established.

Now, 160 years after Mary Tealby first opened Battersea's gates, we continue to help the most unfortunate and unwanted dogs and cats in society. Not just those that are brought into our care, but animals that we may never meet.

We're influencing decision makers to change and improve animal welfare policies, educating and empowering other rescue centres to do the best for dogs and cats with the resources they have, and – as we have done since 1860 – putting our animals at the centre of everything we do.

One hundred and sixty years and more than three million dogs and cats later, we're still working hard to achieve Mary Tealby's vision that every dog and cat should live in a home where they are treated with love, care and respect.

[See over the page for a look back at some of Battersea's magic moments from the last 160 years...](#)

## SOMETHING ABOUT MARY

If you have any photographs, letters or other records of Mary Tealby or the early days of Battersea, we would love to see them and possibly add further layers to our rich history. If you think you may have something of interest for our historical archive, please contact [archive@battersea.org.uk](mailto:archive@battersea.org.uk).



Battersea moved to its current site in 1871

# MAGIC MOMENTS

There are many achievements we're proud of here at Battersea. Read on for a selection of just a few of them.

## 1860

Mary Tealby's Temporary Home for Lost and Starving Dogs opens its doors in Holloway, North London. While relatively little is known about our visionary founder, her legacy has helped improve the lives of animals all over the world.

## 1871

After moving to our current south-west London site in 1871, we become known as Battersea Dogs Home. The new location means more space, improved kennel facilities, plenty of surrounding green space for walks, and – most importantly – an increase in the size of our workforce to continue honouring Mary Tealby's vision, even after her passing in 1865.

## 1883

Less than a quarter of a century after opening, Battersea begins to take in stray or unwanted cats until new homes can be found for them. More than 100 years later, in 2016, Battersea would go on to rehome more cats than dogs for the first time ever (705 dogs and 802 cats).

## 1898

Battersea purchases a countryside annexe in Hackbridge (near Croydon) where dogs can 'be admitted to daily exercise over grass'.



## 1914

The dogs for Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic Endurance expedition are kennelled at Hackbridge, free of charge. As many as 500 visitors a day come to see the dogs ahead of their trip.

## 1917

Select Battersea dogs make up the first recruits for the War Dog School at Shoeburyness. Airedales, Collies, Sheepdogs, Whippets, Retrievers and Deerhounds are trained to carry messages in the trenches, while Great Danes, Boarhounds and Mastiffs are in demand as guard dogs.

## 1930s

A Battersea dog named Scruffy, trained with tinned salmon, becomes the highest paid canine star of the decade.

## 1940

On September 15, a bomb falls on Battersea. Right after the initial repairs are done, a second bomb in October causes further damage. This will happen several times throughout the war, but no animals or humans were ever injured.

## 1979

Having acquired Bell Mead kennels on the edge of Old Windsor, Battersea Old Windsor opens for operation in 1979 to help stray dogs and cats outside of Greater London.

## 1998 ▼

The BBC produced a 25-part documentary series about Battersea.

## 1999

With numbers of stray or unwanted dogs and cats across the UK showing no signs of decreasing, Battersea's Brands Hatch Centre is opened in Kent.

## 2002

Having been known as 'The Dogs Home' for over a century, Battersea Dogs & Cats Home is launched, including a new logo to reinforce the fact we look after cats as well as dogs.

## 2011 ▼

Battersea pet Larry the Cat takes up his position at Number 10 Downing Street in February, a year after the Camerons moved in. Now 13 years old, media favourite Larry is the first cat at No.10 to be given the official title of 'Chief Mouser'.



## 2015 ▲

In 2015 our brand-new intake kennels are opened by HM The Queen – our patron at the time. Named after our founder, the Tealby Block allows bigger, air-conditioned kennels, where the priority can be giving dogs a better and calmer experience.

## 2016 ▼

Our state-of-the-art Veterinary Hospital opens. With ever-increasing numbers of challenging medical cases, the hospital allows Battersea's vets to remain at the forefront of animal welfare, pioneer more complex surgeries, train clinic staff on the latest veterinary techniques, and help more dogs and cats every year.



## 2012 ▼

Accompanied by a Staffordshire Bull Terrier named Rory, footballer Michael Owen carries the Olympic Torch through Battersea as part of the relay around Britain.



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## 2018

Battersea reveals a new brand identity that reflects our purpose – to be here for every dog and cat and provide unconditional care. We also welcome delegates from rescue centres the world over to attend training programmes at the newly launched Battersea Academy.

## 2020 ▲

We want to continue getting the entire nation thinking differently about rescue animals. With so many loving dogs and cats waiting patiently in shelters all across the country, it's time that everyone who has opened their heart – and home – to a rescue animal stood up, loud and proud, to shout it from the rooftops that 'Rescue is my favourite breed'.



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Taking on a trek or Muddy Dog Challenge are both great ways to raise money while having fun.

# TAKE ON THE CHALLENGE

WHY NOT TACKLE A FUN CHALLENGE WITH YOUR MOST FAITHFUL FRIEND THIS YEAR, TO HELP RAISE VITAL FUNDS FOR BATTERSEA?

Battersea is travelling to even more locations across the UK this year, looking for people who are willing to get stuck in to help raise vital funds for our dogs and cats.

Whether it's a challenge to step out of your comfort zone, beat a previous personal best, or you just fancy getting out and about in the fresh air, grab the lead, your four-legged companion and get ready to have some fun with Battersea.

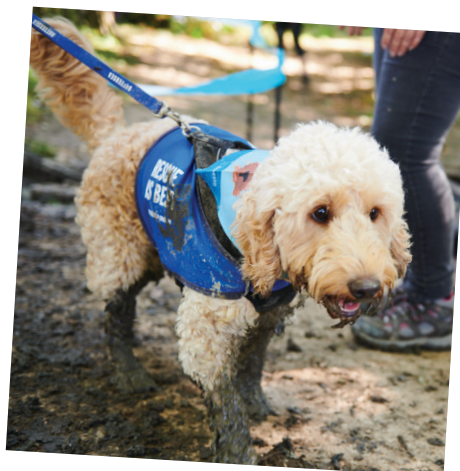
Here are some of our challenge fundraising events coming up in 2020...

## MUDDY DOG TREK

Take on the scenic South Downs or charming Cotswolds together with your best friend by your side. If you enjoy long hikes in the countryside and getting some fresh air, then this is the thing for you. There's a 10k or 20k walk, which

you can enter as a dog and human team or go solo. Battersea will be there to guide you along the way and provide route maps with pit stops.

The South Downs trek will take place on 17 May, with the Cotswolds trek scheduled for 26 September.



## MUDDY DOG CHALLENGE

Bigger and better for 2020, the muddiest human and dog obstacle course is back! Last year's Muddy Dog Challenge raised over £1m for Battersea – and it's all thanks to our wonderful participants. This year, Muddy Dog Challenge is back and open to families, including children aged 8–17, with the support of Seresto flea and tick control collars. This time, there are even more locations and opportunities to take part across the UK. Join us to get muddy at one of the following locations:

- Nottingham: 4 April**
- Exeter: 25 April**
- Cheltenham: 9 May**
- Windsor: 6 & 7 June**
- Manchester: 5 September**
- Tunbridge Wells: 12 September**
- Stansted: 19 September**
- Newcastle: 3 October**
- Leeds: 17 October**

## PARTICIPATE FOR BATTERSEA

If none of these events tickle your fancy, keep a lookout for future events from Battersea, or why not choose your own challenge in aid of our animals? Battersea receives no Government funding and every penny raised from fundraising goes back into the care of dogs and cats. We are extremely grateful for the generous donations from our fantastic supporters; we couldn't do what we do without people like you joining in and getting involved.

For further details on how to register for any of the above events and more, visit [battersea.org.uk/support-us/challenges](https://battersea.org.uk/support-us/challenges).

# HAPPILY REHOMED

DOGS AND CATS ENJOYING THEIR SECOND CHANCE AT HAPPINESS...



## DANNY FINDS THE YIN TO HIS YANG

Two-year-old Saluki Danny came into our Brands Hatch centre in August. He was soon adopted by Ms Darrell-Smith and went to live by the sea in Margate with his new owner and her other ex-Battersea

dog Scampy (previously known as Warren). Danny (now Saluq) and Scampy quickly became firm friends and the inseparable pair have kept busy ever since by attending specialist sighthound events together.



## PLAYTIME FOR PHOEBE

Phoebe (formerly Molly) and her siblings were brought into Battersea by a neighbour after they were abandoned on a balcony. At two months, Phoebe was the smallest, but made up for it in personality. A month later, Phoebe was rehomed to the Ward family in south London, where she is doing well and growing into a playful and proud cat.



## ELVIS HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

As with all superstars, five-year-old Persian Elvis had a list of demands for his new home before he could leave Battersea Old Windsor: no young children and daily grooming. Luckily, Ms Vick from Hayes came through and says that Elvis is certainly worth it: "He's a wonderful feline friend and has settled in with the family really well!"



## SWEET AS PUMPKIN PIE

Loli came into our Old Windsor centre when his owners had to move. Nervous and noise-sensitive, he hissed if anyone came near. But, after lots of patience from our Cattery staff, Loli began to settle and show his affectionate side. In October he was rehomed to Bhavna from Hampshire, who renamed him Pumpkin in time for Halloween.



## GOOD GOLLY, MISS MOLLY

Donut arrived at our Old Windsor centre in August with two other Bichon Frises, when their owner began working full time. In September, Donut went home with Sharron from North London and apparently decided she's a human: now Molly, she sleeps on the bed and waits at the table for her dinner. Glad you've made yourself at home, Molly!





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**Eve with Jasmine**



**Sky with Hunter**



**Jayla with Chappie**

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**Stanley with Jet**



**Ted and Parker with Colin**



**Leah with Lucky**

### WIN!

This issue's lucky winner can pick either of these charming A5 notebooks, decorated with adorable drawings of debonair dogs or curious cats of all shapes and sizes.  
**HOW TO ENTER:** Send a photo with your dog or cat to [littlepaws@battersea.org.uk](mailto:littlepaws@battersea.org.uk).





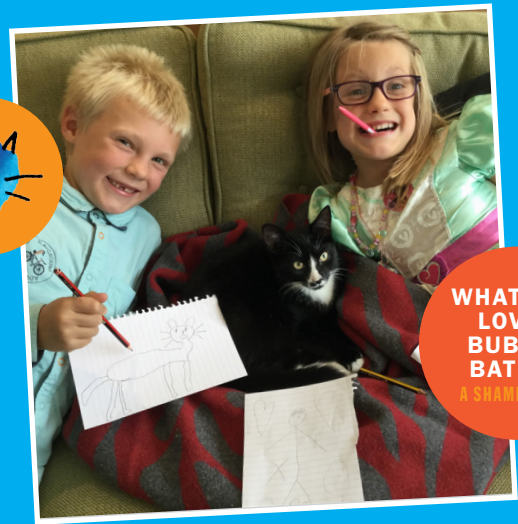
Found as a stray, Lurcher puppy **Fernando** had a tough start in life. When he was brought into Battersea's Old Windsor centre after being found wandering the streets, Fernando was estimated to be around only six weeks old. Fernando stayed at Battersea for one month before he was ready to go and live life to the full in his new home in south-west London.

WHAT CAT LIKES LIVING IN WATER?  
AN OCTO-PUSS



## FOR THE LOVE OF CATS

A decision by cat-lover Loa Purdie Innes to save her pocket money resulted in a very generous donation for our dogs and cats. The seven-year-old, who has a Battersea cat, decided to help animals still waiting to find a home. By squirrelling away the pennies for a few weeks, Loa saved an impressive £55.82 and visited our London centre with the donation. Loa said, "I really love my cat, Ziggy. He's so nice and friendly, I thought there might be other cats and dogs I could help. I hope my pocket money can be used for lots of helpful things."



WHAT DOG LOVES BUBBLE BATHS?  
A SHAMPOODLE

## HIDDEN TALENTS

Here at Little Paws, we're used to receiving updates on how our dogs and cats are settling in with their new families. However, for one cat it appears his new home revealed a hidden talent. Walter and Ada sent in this lovely photo with their cat Mr Sparks (Garibaldi while at Battersea Old Windsor) after an art session. Walter and Ada both drew cat pictures, and Mr Sparks drew a picture of his favourite things – humans! While we suspect Mr Sparks had a little help, it looks like his new home is bringing out his artistic side!



## THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

Over the last three years, 12-year-old Tom, who has Asperger's syndrome, has run an online dog and cat show, where people send in photos of their pets to be judged by Tom. Entrants are asked to donate to Battersea when they sign up. His innovative idea was an astounding success last year, raising over £3,720 for our dogs and cats. He was even filmed by Channel 5 (pictured) when he visited Battersea and ended up beating his donations target for 2019 by a staggering 42%. Find out more about Tom and watch his videos by searching @TODACS online. A big 'thank you' from us all at Battersea, Tom!

## WORDSEARCH

Can you spot all seven of these words?

BATTERSEA DOG CAT  
RESCUE CHARITY  
PUPPIES KITTENS

WHY DO DOGS RUN IN CIRCLES?  
IT'S HARDER TO RUN IN SQUARES!

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# TAKE US HOME

VISIT  
[BATTERSEA.ORG.UK](https://battersea.org.uk)  
 TO SEE MORE DOGS  
 AND CATS LOOKING  
 TO FIND A HOME

THESE BATTERSEA DOGS AND CATS STILL HAVE EIGHT LIVES LEFT TO LIVE. COULD YOU PROVIDE A LOVING HOME FOR THEM?



## KIRA

10 years old

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

Sweet Kira came to Battersea as a stray. She was a little shy, but with time and love she started showing staff how affectionate she is. Kira will need owners with experience of dog-to-dog socialisation, who can take time building a lasting, loving bond with her.



## MAURICE

8 years old

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

Maurice is a sensitive cat looking for a home to call his own. He takes time to trust people but as he comes out of his shell you can see what an affectionate boy he is. He would love a calm home where he can gain confidence and have his own garden to explore.



## RIVER

3 years old

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

River has flown through her Battersea assessments and is a hit with everyone here. We're not sure if she was a racer, but she has oodles of energy so would like a secure garden to run around in. She loves people, so her owners would ideally be around for most of the day.



## WHISKARS

11 years old

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

Missing a leg due to a road accident, sensitive soul Whiskars is more than capable of navigating her environment. She needs owners with the time to build a bond with her and bring her out of her shell. Whiskars will need access to a private garden via a cat flap.



## TURNIP

4 years old

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

Turnip loves to learn new things! While she can get frustrated around new dogs, she has shown lovely social skills with regular walking buddies. Turnip needs her new owners to carry on her training, and socialise her with calmer dog friends once she has settled in.



## MYLA

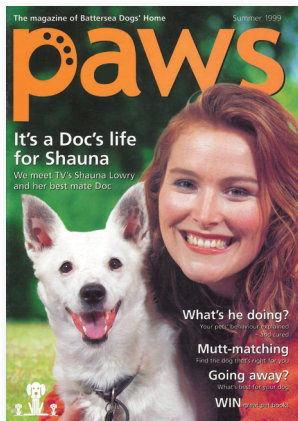
4 years old

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

Sweet Myla has a friendly personality when in the mood. Like many cats, she prefers interactions on her own terms and has been known to get frustrated if over-petted. Myla is therefore looking for a patient new family, willing to give her the choice and control she needs.

# STEP BACK IN TIME

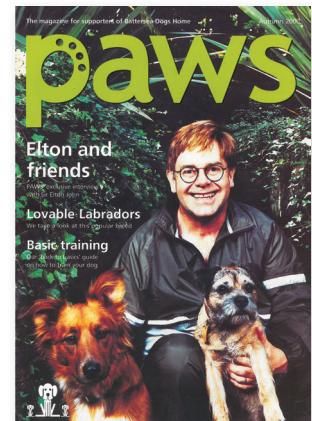
TO MARK TWO DECADES OF PAWS MAGAZINE, TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF OUR FAVOURITE COVERS FROM OVER THE YEARS.



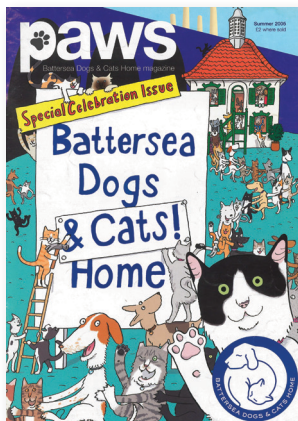
**Summer 1999** The first issue of Paws as we know it launches, with Shauna Lowry – presenter of the TV documentary *Battersea Dogs Home* – gracing the front cover.



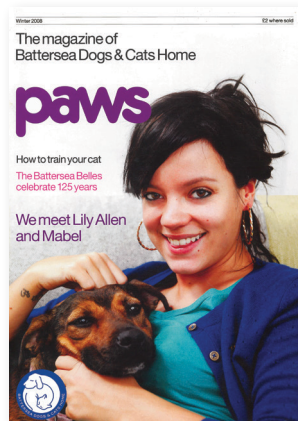
**Spring 2000** Paws paid homage to the Battersea staff and volunteers of yesteryear with a historic black and white cover to mark the charity's 140th anniversary.



**Autumn 2000** Our celebrity supporters over the years have been nothing short of A-list, as shown on this gorgeous cover featuring Sir Elton John and his two precious Battersea dogs, Dennis and Joseph.



**Summer 2005** It was all change as we unveiled our new logo and – for the first time since we began taking them into our care in 1883 – revealed that cats had finally been incorporated into our name.



**Winter 2008** Singer Lily Allen took over our cover with her beloved dog Mabel, and talked openly in an interview about how important rescue animals have always been to her.



**Autumn 2010** Not only were we celebrating 150 years helping dogs and cats in need, but our new cattery was opening its doors and our Chief Executive, Claire Horton CBE, had begun her new role at Battersea.



**Autumn 2012** There was huge excitement all round as we took Paws readers behind the scenes of our brand-new ITV documentary, *Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs*.



**Spring 2014** Our four Ambassadors – David Gandy, Paul O'Grady, Dame Jacqueline Wilson and Amanda Holden – laid the cornerstone for Battersea's new Tealby kennel block, named after our founder, Mary Tealby.



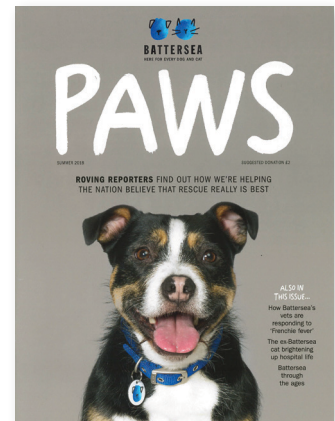
**Spring 2015** Our Royal Patron, Her Majesty The Queen, officially opened the new Tealby kennel block, an occasion commemorated in this special issue of Paws.



**Spring 2016** Paws magazine took readers on a special, behind-the-scenes tour of Battersea's brand-new, state-of-the-art veterinary hospital, helping us to provide essential care for cats and dogs.



**Spring 2017** Battersea's Muddy Dog Challenge returned for its third year, bigger and better than ever with four locations across the country for people to have fun and raise money with their four-legged friends.



**Summer 2018** Time for another new-look Paws magazine as we launched our new brand identity and set out to get the nation backing the belief that rescue is our favourite breed.

**READER SURVEY**

To coincide with Paws' 20th birthday, we'd like to ask you – the readers – what you like best about the magazine. Along with this magazine, you will have received a printed reader survey, which you can complete and return in the enclosed business reply envelope. Alternatively, you can fill out the survey online here: [battersea.org.uk/pawssurvey](http://battersea.org.uk/pawssurvey).



**CAN YOU HELP?**

Do you have any copies of the precursor to Paws magazine? If you think you can help us track down any issues of *The Dogs Home Battersea* magazine, please let us know by emailing [archive@battersea.org.uk](mailto:archive@battersea.org.uk).



# FOSTERING KINDNESS

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JUST SOME OF BATTERSEA'S  
INCREDIBLE FOSTER CARERS, WHO SELFLESSLY STEP  
IN TO LEND DOGS AND CATS A HELPING HAND.



At Battersea, we often see expectant and new mums arriving at our centres in need of a little extra care, like sweet Staffie Wispa and her two-week-old pups Buttons and Twirl. Or Beanie, who arrived at Brands Hatch heavily pregnant and in need of some help.

Last year, around one quarter of the animals that came into Battersea were under the age of six months. This included many who were only a few weeks old and too young to fend for themselves, like the eight kittens discovered in a cemetery near our Windsor centre, with their mum nowhere to be found. Fortunately for these young

cats and dogs, Battersea has dedicated foster carers who generously give up their time to look after rescued animals who need a little extra love and care until they are ready to be adopted.

Playing the role of mum to animals in need is such a rewarding journey that some of our carers have looked after dozens or even hundreds of animals during their time volunteering for Battersea. One such impressive person, Tina Moore, recently took in her 100th foster animal, a tortoiseshell kitten named Raven, along with her six siblings. Tina began caring for animals that come into our Brands Hatch centre almost five

years ago and since then has fostered a staggering 110 cats and kittens, including many motherless litters in need of a maternal figure.

Speaking about her experiences, Tina said, "As a big animal lover, being a foster carer is a really rewarding way to spend time with lots of adorable animals while feeling like you're giving something back. It has been a joy to care for so many animals in need and I hope I can help many more for years to come."

Meanwhile, fostering double act Tanya Baker and Ingrid Thorpe have already managed to care for almost 40 Battersea animals in their home in



Foster carers like Gary and Naomi are an essential part of Battersea's tireless team of volunteers.



## COULD YOU PROVIDE A TEMPORARY HOME?

Animals in our foster scheme often have quite complex needs. It is beneficial if foster carers have experience of dog or cat ownership, but willingness to follow advice and guidance is a priority. We do ask that potential foster carers:

- Have no other pets. Most foster animals are uncomfortable with them.
- Do not have young children (older children may be considered).
- Live within one hour of a Battersea centre.
- Care for the animal until it is rehomed, however long that may be.
- Assist with the rehoming process by providing photos, videos and updates.

London after moving to the UK from their homeland of Australia, where they had previously fostered hundreds of animals. When they emigrated to England, the couple were keen to continue helping animals, so they opened their home to Battersea's cats and kittens. While caring for their most recent charges, a cat named Boo and her three offspring, Ingrid said, "The hardest part is letting them go, which is why we decided to work with Battersea. We know they make sure the cats are going on to owners who will love and care for them and that makes it so worthwhile."

At Battersea, we're fortunate to have around 250 carers like Tina, Ingrid and Tanya, who open their homes to some of our youngest or most vulnerable dogs and cats. As well as providing temporary care for litters of puppies and kittens and their mothers, many of our foster carers have turned

their homes into safe spaces for nervous and stressed animals of all ages that are unable to cope in the alien environment of the kennels or cattery. This can often include animals that have more complex medical or behavioural needs, or simply those that aren't coping well with being in a kennel or cattery environment.

If Battersea's expert staff feel that a particular dog or cat might benefit from some home comforts, we try to place them in a home with carers who are prepared to look after a four-legged lodger for an extended amount of time.

Over at our Old Windsor centre, Naomi and Gary Wordsworth have built up a reputation for taking in nervous dogs that have incredibly long waits until they can go on to a permanent home. This included Aidan, a Staffie that was with the Wordsworths for over 600 days before going to his permanent home. In foster care, even the most anxious and stressed dogs have been able to let their true personalities shine, proving

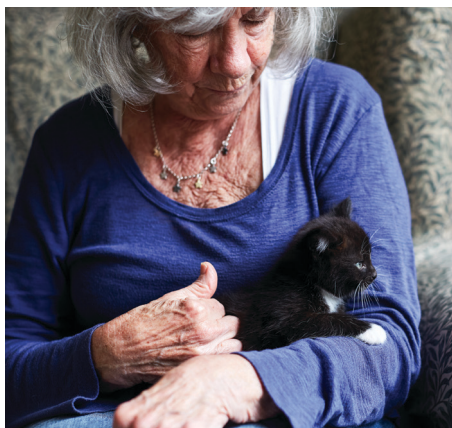
just how beneficial a temporary family home can be.

Battersea's foster carers are part of a team of 900 volunteers who help make a positive difference to the lives of the dogs and cats that come into our centres each year. Coordinating and supporting so many volunteers is no mean feat.

The brilliant work our Volunteering and Fostering department does, to ensure both our volunteers and animals are happy, wouldn't be possible without the generous support of the public.

One of the biggest supporters of Battersea's voluntary work is People's Postcode Lottery and the people who play it every week. Over the past six years, Postcode Animal Trust has awarded a staggering £3.65m to Battersea to help thousands of the nation's unwanted or abandoned dogs and cats that come through our gates, for which we are incredibly grateful.

Find out more at: [battersea.org.uk/support-us/volunteer](http://battersea.org.uk/support-us/volunteer).



## PEOPLE'S POSTCODE LOTTERY

- Players of People's Postcode Lottery have generously supported all aspects of Battersea's work.
- We received £750,000 this year to directly benefit the work of our Volunteering, Fostering and Communities teams.
- People's Postcode Lottery has awarded a staggering £3.65m towards helping our dogs and cats.
- Players of PPL have raised more than £500m for charities across the UK and beyond.
- Find out more at [postcodelottery.co.uk](http://postcodelottery.co.uk).





## OUR TOP TIPS FOR INTRODUCING DOGS AND CATS TO CHILDREN.

### MEET OUR EXPERTS



**Ali Taylor**  
Head of Canine  
Behaviour

Meeting a new dog or cat can be exciting at any age, but especially for children. Animals and children can become the best of friends if they are introduced properly. It is important not to rush introductions. Instead, gradually introduce your pet and child to each other at a pace that suits everyone. Even if a new pet has been used to children in the past, it may take time with their new young companions.

### STEP 1: SETTLE DOWN

At Battersea, we require all family members to be introduced to a new dog or cat at our centre before rehoming. Even then, it's important to make sure your new dog or cat is not overwhelmed by lots of attention when they arrive home. Ensure your new pet has a chance to explore the house when it's quiet and children aren't around.

Ask the children to sit quietly and calmly in a room for their first at-home meeting, ensuring your pet has the option to easily leave the room if it is all getting too much for them and they want some space.

Once the children have settled, they should wait for your dog or cat to approach them first. This prevents your new pet from feeling overwhelmed and being less likely to approach and become friends.

Due to the natural curiosity of a cat, they are likely

to approach and sniff children first, before instigating any interaction. Children can encourage your dog or cat to interact with them by offering a treat or game with a suitable toy. However, it's important not to force your pet into something they may be uncomfortable with. It may take a few tries for your pet to be confident with a new child, so don't be disheartened if they aren't keen the first time.

### STEP 2: PET ETIQUETTE

It's important to teach safe interaction with animals and children to remind them that pets are sentient beings – not toys.

Although it may be tempting for children, not many dogs and cats enjoy being cuddled, heavily petted or picked up. Teach your children to interact with dogs and cats in a way the animal will enjoy.

Allow dogs to approach and sniff your child's hand first. If the dog is relaxed, get your child to gently stroke the dog's shoulders, chest or under their chin. After doing this for a few seconds, ask the child to gently move their hand away. If the dogs enjoys this and wants more, they will lean into you or nudge for more attention. If they seem disinterested or don't want any more attention, ask the child to quietly move away.

Similarly, cats prefer to initiate contact (by

facial rubbing on a person) and may then enjoy gentle strokes on their head and under their chin. Teach your child to only stroke for three seconds and then remove their hand to see if the cat re-initiates contact again with them.

Children should also be taught to respect an animal's space, especially when they are eating or sleeping, and not to tease or antagonise an animal in any way. Ensuring your pet has access to at least one child-free area can also help your pet settle around children; you can do this by using safety gates or creating spaces that are out of reach from children that contain your pet's food and water bowls and sleeping areas.

You should train your dog how to behave around new people and children. With puppies, especially, you should teach them not to jump up or mouth children during play, in case they accidentally cause injury. It is also your responsibility to monitor all interactions between dogs, cats and kids, to ensure every interaction is a positive one.

### STEP 3: SMALL STEPS

If your pet will spend a lot of time with a child, slowly build up their time together, which should always be supervised.

Remind your child to always stay calm around the animal, as high-pitched squealing or erratic movements could make your pet nervous.

Cats may take longer to adjust, so allow your cat time and space to become more confident.

It's also a good idea for a child to spend time



with a new pet in ways that don't involve direct handling, such as playing with a toy, helping with basic training, helping to prepare meals or accompanying a dog walk. This way, your pet won't feel overwhelmed with the company of children, and your child will also learn how to be a responsible owner.

If you follow these simple steps, it could be the beginning of a beautiful friendship.

#### PICTURE PERFECT: DOS AND DON'TS

We all want to make our memories last as long as possible and, with almost everyone having a smartphone these days, many of us will often choose to capture a moment with a photo. Here is some guidance.

- Taking a photo of a child with a dog or cat should be the same as any other interaction between them. While posing for a photo, make sure to remind your child to respect the animal's space.
- While it may be tempting for your child to pull their pet in tightly for a photo and hold them there, this could make the animal feel extremely uncomfortable and may cause them to scratch or snap.
- Never lay across an animal for a photo or put them into a position that will restrict their movement and ability to leave the



situation through choice if they become uncomfortable.

- Captured in the right way, photos of kids and their pets growing up together can be a beautiful thing to share in

years to come – we certainly love to see them in *Paws* magazine! With a little consideration for your pet's wellbeing, there's no reason you can't fill your camera roll with thousands of precious memories.



Dogs and puppies at Battersea Old Windsor now have dedicated maternity facilities.

# NEW START FOR PIPPIN PUPPIES

THE DOGS AT BATTERSEA OLD WINDSOR HAVE BEEN PUTTING THEIR BEST PAW FORWARD AS THE FIRST RESIDENTS TO BENEFIT FROM THE CENTRE'S NEW PIPPIN KENNELS.

Thanks to its quieter surroundings, Battersea's Old Windsor centre provides a calmer and more comfortable environment for many of the dogs that come to us, particularly those that find kennel life a little hard or pregnant dogs brought into our care while expecting a litter of puppies.

However, until this year, the Old Windsor centre had no dedicated maternity facility. Staff had no option but to use kennels that had become increasingly less fit for function since the centre was first opened in 1979.

Forever searching for new ways to make life more comfortable for dogs

in our care, Battersea launched an ambitious plan back in 2017 to raise almost £3m to demolish and rebuild Old Windsor's oldest kennel block, the Pippin Kennels.

Thanks to an incredible effort from Battersea supporters and donors, our colleagues at Old Windsor have borne witness to a flurry of construction activity over the past year. Work has been well under way to transform the old Pippin Kennels into a brand-new block that includes a dedicated maternity area and puppy paddock, isolation kennels, and improved outdoor paddocks and chill-out rooms.

Although staff, volunteers and visitors to the centre will have gradually seen the new building rising from the ground, we are finally pleased to be able to announce that the Pippin Kennels are now open and ready to take dogs.

Kaye Mughal, Centre Manager at Battersea Old Windsor, explains, "The Pippin development really started to take shape over the past few months and it's been exciting watching it spring up.

"We had lots of input with the architects to make sure the design was just right, in order to give our dogs the maximum benefit. The new block



### THE NEW AND IMPROVED PIPPIN KENNELS PROVIDE:

- Four heated blocks containing six kennels, each with an integrated run and glass frontage for natural light and fresh air, helping to reduce stress and maintain infection control.
- A chill-out room in each block, where staff and volunteers can spend time with the dogs in a more natural, domestic environment.
- Dedicated puppy kennels and a separate maternity area, along with a special puppy paddock for socialising and play.
- Three isolation kennels for housing quarantined dogs in a safe and comfortable environment.
- New and improved outdoor paddocks for exercise, games and training, with sensory plants and agility equipment.
- An integrated music system to play different types of music throughout the day, to help the dogs stay relaxed.



is quite a transformation from the old, and so many animals will benefit from this redevelopment.”

Kaye continues, “A vital part of this kennel redevelopment is the specially designed maternity block and garden. This area, which is the first of its kind across the three Battersea sites, will offer some of our most vulnerable dogs – those that are heavily pregnant or with new litters – the space, comfort, and level of care that they desperately need, without meeting other dogs.

“Our focus is simple: provide mothers and puppies with the necessary facilities to reduce stress and infection.”

To help achieve this, staff will be on hand to care for the animals around the clock. Sensory equipment and a variety of surfaces and noises will aid puppies’ development and provide a relaxing and domestic environment for mothers to give birth in – something that is incredibly difficult to achieve in standard kennels.

Kaye adds, “A dog could spend up to 10 weeks in this new maternity unit, so we wanted to ensure it was more than fit for purpose. The new Pippin block will take mothers and puppies from across all three of our centres, and it is anticipated we will care for 50 mothers

plus their litters each year.”

The new facility not only houses a state-of-the-art maternity wing to help pregnant dogs even more than before, but – mirroring the success of the newest kennel block in the London centre – Pippin’s layout and design ensures dogs can be housed in kennels that offer the very best in animal comfort and wellbeing.

Kaye says, “This will have a significant and long-lasting impact on the welfare of these dogs. By keeping them calm and healthy and reducing their length of stay, they can begin their journey to a new life even sooner.”



**Lenny** (formerly Coyote) sent in by Jo Cloke



**Binx** sent in by Charmaine



**Chocolate** sent in by Angela and Wayne

# LOVING LIFE

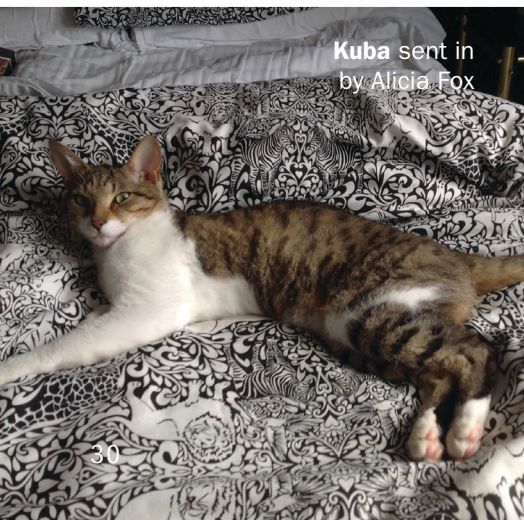
NOTHING BRINGS US MORE JOY AT BATTERSEA THAN SEEING OUR FORMER ANIMALS ENJOYING THEIR NEW LIVES AND PROVING RESCUE REALLY IS BEST.



**Daisy** (formerly Mouse) sent in by the Fisher family



**Miss Penelope** sent in by Anna Allen



**Kuba** sent in by Alicia Fox

SHARE YOUR PICTURES! SEND YOUR BATTERSEA PET PHOTOS (1MB MINIMUM FILE SIZE) TO: PAWS@BATTERSEA.ORG.UK



**Bella**  
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Shannon  
Wathen



**Marlene**  
sent in by  
Joanne  
Carswell



**Pixie** sent in  
by Mara Ricci



**Tess** sent in by  
Belinda Tong



**Scampi**  
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by Penny  
Hales



**Panda** sent  
in by Tanya  
Millard



**Treacle** sent in by  
Karen Nestola

# YOUR LETTERS

SHARE YOUR SPECIAL PET MOMENTS WITH OTHER SUPPORTERS.



[STAR LETTER]

## A TRUE FAMILY FRIEND

Having renamed Taz to Koda, which means Friend/Little Bear in Native American, he slotted straight in with our family and has been wonderful from day one. He is a very happy boy who is admired wherever we go, and we love him to bits.

We were heartbroken when we lost our two previous German Shepherds due to illness, just a few days before adopting Koda. But this boy has really helped to heal the pain and is already a huge part of our lives.

Our daughter Lauren got married just five weeks after Koda joined our family. The wedding reception was held at our home and Koda was an absolute star on the day, taking everything in his stride and joining in with the celebrations – particularly during the evening when he parked himself next to the catering tent where the hog roast was situated!

Lauren and her new husband, Charlie, who serves in the Royal Gurkha Rifles, are currently based in Brunei and are very much looking forward to seeing Koda again when they next visit.

*Yvonne & Carl Woodwiss*

### Your prize

This issue's lucky winner will receive a Regatta made-to-move shell jacket\* made with Isotex 10,000 stretch-fabric to offer waterproof yet breathable protection and durability for even the most adventurous dog walkers.

\*Male and female designs shown, winner to select one option.



## HAPPY DAYS FOR DUSTIN

We adopted Dustin about 10 months ago. The poor wee thing had a tough start to life after getting lost and attacked, which left him badly wounded. Luckily, he was found and taken to a vet, who fixed him up then took him to Battersea to find someone to love him forever. That lucky someone turned out to be two people – me and my husband, Mark. Dustin has FIV, which he probably contracted after his attack. For anyone interested in adopting a cat with FIV, we want to mitigate any concerns they may have. His health has gone from strength to strength and he loves nothing more than galivanting around our walled garden. He is a cat full of gorgeousness – in both looks and personality – and we love him so much.  
*Nikki & Mark Hanford*



## REGGIE REIGNS SUPREME

Having previously been a foster carer, I adopted little Reggie from Battersea in July, after falling victim to his ridiculous eyes. Amazingly, it only took a week for him to start demanding my lap on a daily basis, followed by what I suspect was his first-ever garden. Apparently, grass is scary stuff! Needless to say, he has me in the palm of his little paw and is a very inquisitive and different little fellow to the nervous boy I met in the cattery. I thought it only fair to share his cuteness with the wider cat- and dog-loving community.  
*Kirstin Lambert*





## GRIGRI SHINES AFTER SHY START

When we first met Grigri he was so shy and scared of everything. He didn't come out at all for the first three weeks after we took him home. He found every possible hiding place and stayed there until we left the house. We even had to set up a webcam to check he was OK! Then, with some gentle coaxing and lots of patience, he started to come out – first to me, then to both of us, then without any coaxing.

Nowadays, he's a totally different cat – he's so cuddly, confident and silly. Grigri loves playing with his fish toy and having his chin and belly stroked. He is more than happy to demand attention if he feels we're not spoiling him enough, and he even comes out to play with strangers when



friends and family visit. It's quite incredible – he has such a great personality; we feel privileged he now lets us see it! Adopting him was the best thing we've done.

*Georgie & Steve*



## MARVELLOUS MABEL

Mabel is adjusting well to family life. Sasha, our Husky-cross, has accepted her really well, although we are sure we have seen a few eye rolls from Sasha at Mabel's reactions to her new home! Mabel loves her food and going exploring on walks. We still have a lot of training to do but she is picking up the rules of the home quickly. She has been such a lovely addition to our family that now we can't imagine her not being here. Thank you for all you do at Battersea.

*The Redpath family*

## EMMY IN OUR HEARTS

Though clearly very old and slow, Emmy enjoyed life pretty much to the end, which sadly came at the grand age of 22-and-a-half. We miss her terribly, though expect to be finding white cat fur for many years to come! We're both very grateful to Battersea for giving Emmy a second chance after a rough start in life and allowing us to give her a loving home, for far more years than we expected when we brought her home 12 years ago. We'd love her legacy to encourage more people to rehome pets, especially more mature ones.

*Rachel Kerry and Ian Brash*



## ALWAYS LOVED, NEVER FORGOTTEN



### NELLY

It's with a totally broken heart that I had to say goodbye to my darling girl, Nelly. Hopefully she had a happy few months before being diagnosed with Cushing's disease and a brain tumour. She gave me love until the end and took a piece of my heart with her. Thank you so much, Battersea, for letting me adopt her.

*Roz Funnell*



### ALBERT

We adopted the lovely Albert back in 2006 from Battersea and had 13 amazing years with him. He was a real member of the family and was the most loved dog by many. We open our garden to the public and Albert loved to greet visitors as they purchased their tickets. He was so special that we held a private funeral for him to honour his life. RIP, Albert.

*Geoff Stonebanks*

We love to hear from you and catch up with how our rehomed pets are getting along in their new homes. Send us your stories and photos by email to [paws@battersea.org.uk](mailto:paws@battersea.org.uk) or by post to Paws magazine, Battersea Dogs & Cats Home, 4 Battersea Park Road, London SW8 4AA.

# CANINE COMFORT

DANIEL FRYER, A COGNITIVE BEHAVIOURAL THERAPIST, TELLS US HOW HIS BATTERSEA STAFFIE, LARA, HELPS HIM PROVIDE ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY AND ACTIVITIES.

## Tell us about how Lara came into your life...

In March 2014, having just gone through a break-up, my mum suggested I volunteer at Battersea since I lived just up the road. They didn't need any more dog-walking volunteers, but they did mention foster caring, which interested me. It took about three months to become a foster carer. When the staff brought Lara out, I recognised her immediately. She was one of the dogs I'd seen in kennels on the first day I visited Battersea – all skin and bone but with a lovely face. When staff rang me about three weeks later to check on Lara's foster care progress, I said something along the lines of: "She's perfect, I'd adopt her myself if I could." Once I said that, my fate was sealed.

## How did Lara come to end up joining you as a therapy dog?

I moved to Bristol in January 2016 to set up a new private psychotherapy practice, but also began working for the Priory Hospital. I mentioned Lara at my interview. The therapy services manager also had a Staffie so we got talking about our dogs and I recalled how I had brought Lara to therapy a few times. When I was offered the job, I was asked if I would like to bring her in as an official therapy animal, so I undertook an animal-assisted therapy diploma and had Lara assessed by – and then registered – with the Pets As Therapy charity. She is a member of the therapy services department team and even has her photo on the information board. Next to 'Daniel Fryer, therapist' it says, 'Lara Fryer, therapy dog'.

## What benefits does she bring to your patients?

In therapy sessions, Lara has acted



as an icebreaker and rapport builder. Studies show that people trust a therapist more when an animal is present. She is good at providing comfort in times of distress and is a great cuddle monster. Once a week we do ward rounds, where she provides joy and comfort via pat and stroke sessions. She is a famous face all around the hospital and people are always so excited to meet her.

## How do you enjoy spending time together outside of work and at home?

I prefer sitting at home with the dog on the couch watching a movie or reading a book than going out these days. Either that or exploring the forests, woods and coastal paths just outside of Bristol. Lara is a people magnet; wherever I go, people stop to admire and stroke her. She is a brilliant ambassador for the Staffie breed – she's calm, placid and very up for cuddles. If she isn't in a therapy room with me (not every patient likes dogs, and some are allergic), people know



Once therapist Daniel fostered Lara, he couldn't give her back. Now she helps other people by going to work with him.

what room I am in because Lara will be sitting right outside. It's the same with toilets, unfortunately! She's very vocal, not just with barks, but grunts, whines and other strange sounds to communicate her needs, which can be quite comical at times.

## Why do you think rescue animals deserve a chance as much as any other pets?

A rescue dog is as good a companion as other dogs, if not more so. I think the bond is often stronger because you've provided them with something they have previously lacked, be it love, safety, stability and so on. Helping them become the dog they are supposed to be is a privilege. Bringing Lara home is, hands down, one of the best decisions I've ever made.

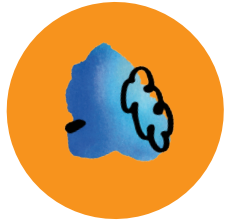
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