



# PAWPRINT

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As we look back at 2025, and look ahead to the New Year, everyone at Alsager Animals In Need would like to give our most sincere greetings for Christmas 2025; to everyone who has donated to our Rescue, and to all our amazing team of cat fosters who work tirelessly behind the scenes and also to our most loyal volunteers who turn up for every event to fundraise. Loading/unloading the van, setting up the stalls and sorting goods etc can be very time consuming, and we all have our private lives to lead too, all unpaid volunteers.

## **MANY THANKS TO YOU ALL, YOU KEEP OUR RESCUE GOING.**

May we look ahead to 2026, working together for the benefit of the Rescue. We have lots of “THANKYOU’S” this month.

Donations in memory of Sue Evans, which were spent on the raffle at the last coffee morning, thank you. I am told that Sue

preferred animals to people, and was a quiet and reserved person, she was also a member of the guitar club. We received a further £100 in Sue’s memory, for which we are most grateful.

Another donation, this time in memory of Dorothy Goddard has been received, and also donation in memory of Mr Yuri Reynolds. We are so touched when relatives remember us at such a sad time, we send our gratitude and sincere condolences to family and friends.

We have **TWO RAFFLES** on the go as we speak, one at **VETS FOR PETS** Alsager and another at the **ONE STOP SHOP** in **CHESTERTON**. Please pop in and support us. Many thanks to both companies for supporting us.

**SUPPORT THOSE, WHO IN  
TURN, SUPPORT US.**



Long term supporter Christine Fitch, formerly from Crewe but now living in London, has been knitting adorable fun cat mice, please look out for them on the stall, and help us by buying a treat for your feline furry friends. What a lovely gesture, to accept money instead of birthday gifts, as donations for the rescue.

Thankyou Judith Lawton for your generosity.

Every Christmas, friends and supporters Val & Malcom Parr, bake a gorgeous Christmas Cake for us, which is a “Guess The Weight Of The Cake” competition. They will be at December’s coffee morning

with said cake, please have a go and test your skill at guessing the correct weight. Thankyou Val & Malcolm for your efforts for us.

A big **THANKYOU** to Feline Lodge Cattery in Crewe, who helped us out when we had a problem. Such help is invaluable when it’s “backs to the wall”!

The fabulous light switch on in Alsager was a huge success again. Thankyou to the volunteers who manned the stalls and to everyone who supported the Teddy Tombola and Bottle Stall.

Our next fundraising event is at Morrisons, Milehouse near Newcastle on December 20th & 21st, where we will be collecting donations.

SADLY, we are ending this news section by saying goodbye to **PAULINE ROWLEY**, who is retiring from the committee and position of Chairperson. Pauline has been a devoted member of the Rescue for 22 years. It all began 22 years ago, when they adopted two gorgeous cats from us, Syd & Charlie.

These boys were to cement our friendship with Pauline, Barry and the Rescue, and pave a way for the future love of cats. Pauline loves to show her beautiful cats, and gains many certificates and rosettes to their credit. Now, if it all had been different then, 22 years ago, who knows... Pauline will be greatly missed, but will be bobbing about and we will always be pleased to see a dear friend and colleague.

**ALL THE BEST FOR THE FUTURE PAULINE XX**



# CAT NEWS

Novembers' numbers for re-homing were dire, with 5 cats in and 1 out, compared with Octobers when we took in 12 and re-homed 12!

The one cat going out was a ginger male cat, reported to us from Kidsgrove. A very poorly cat indeed. After examination by our vet, the poor cat had so many infections in his little body that we were advised that it was in the cats best interest and also the kindest thing to do, was to have him put to sleep. He had no chip, no-one came forward, just another stray living a rough life. RIP ginger boy.

## THE CAT WHO BECAME FAMOUS!!

On the 20th November, we were alerted by a member of the public, of a ginger and white cat. A neutered male, crying piteously at her patio doors, even scratching as if to say "let me in". She did not recognise the cat, and appealed to us for help. Following scanning, he had no chip, but was neutered. This is a picture taken by the lady of the house, and a video was to make him famous, for it went viral

and reached as far as the USA, France, Spain and Germany. People were responding "Let him in!" . An owner that had him for a brief time when he went missing did come forward, but now felt he would be better rehomed through ourselves.

Following a visit to the vets, he had a fractured upper canine, so had to have dental work, vaccinations and a MICROCHIP! Spencer now has a home check pending. So fingers crossed for him.

We are nation of cat lovers, but have to know whom to say NO to, or else a hoarding situation occurs, made even worse if you don't have both male and female **NEUTERED!**

This was a situation we were called to recently concerning an older person who kept on having cats, some pedigree, some strays, and getting into a mess with litter trays and vets costs as well as feeding so many. We have taken in **OPHELIA**, a tabby cat with 2 kittens –one tabby and one black. With the right feeding, worming and vaccinations, they are coming along beautifully and will be ready for rehoming in the New Year.



We have a second litter which will also be ready in the New Year. MILEY'S litter of 3 – 1 female and 2 males, black & white and black.

We are still hoping before we close for Christmas on December 14th , that we may home some of the older kittens and also the older cats we have in our care. Re-homed in time for Christmas.

Please look on our Facebook page or Website, or pop into **VETS FOR PETS** in Alsager, to see the cats displayed on their board.

A friendly reminder from our cake stall...please can you return plastic boxes that the cakes are packaged in. This will enable us to recycle them.



For more details on rehoming any of our beautiful kittens/cats or dogs, please ring Lisa on 07970 194929 or Hillary on 07939 255444

## Coffee Mornings

Our next Coffee Morning is on Saturday 10th January 2026 from 9.30am – 11.30am



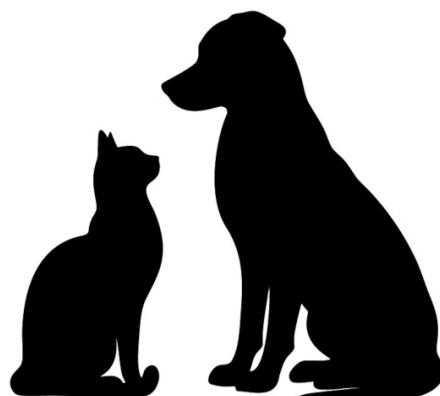
We are now getting a steady flow of Pledges of Loyalty, through Standing Orders, again, forms can be picked up at Coffee Mornings, or ring 01270 875260. Many thanks for your support. Hilary

### Diary Dates Coffee Mornings:

13th December 2025

10th January 2026

7<sup>th</sup> February 2026





**Carly**

A Beautiful dark tortie female kitten 8 months old. A sweet little girl, shy and timid. She will need a quiet, experienced understanding home, no children. Would benefit being rehomed with her sister SILVY. Flea and wormed, vaccinated, spayed, microchipped and ready to go.



**Tansy      Tilly**

Beautiful tabby tortie kittens 8-month-old sisters. We would like them to be rehomed as a pair as very bonded. They are very sweet, affectionate loving girls, very playful. Full of character. Fully vaccinated, flea, wormed, spayed and microchipped and ready to go.

A Beautiful dark tortie female kitten 8 months old.

A real character, super affectionate, playful loving and adventurous. Flea, wormed, vaccinated, spayed, microchipped and ready to go. Would make a super pair with her sister BETTY, with a cat proofed garden.



**Tootsie**



**Cosmic**

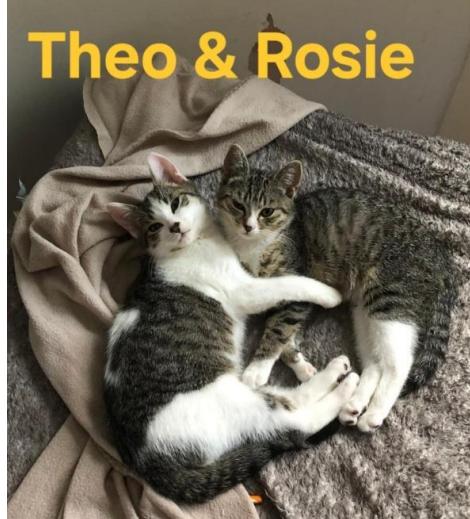
Beautiful black female approx. 18-month-old. A laid-back loving very sweet young girl, who has done a fantastic job raising her 5 kittens after she came into us heavily pregnant. She is now fully vaccinated, flea / wormed, spayed and microchipped and ready to go to her forever home.



Tortie & white female, 8 months old, spayed, vaccinated, microchipped, flea & wormed. Very inquisitive, playful, loving, and affectionate. BETTY was the kitten who had her eye removed, but she has made an excellent recovery from this. We would be looking for an **indoor** situation for BETTY, preferably with a cat proofed garden / catio. She is very bonded with her sister TOOTSIE as a pair.



A Beautiful 7-year-old black female. Daughter to Jasmine. Must go together. Jessica is more on the shy side. BOTH House cats. Fully vaccinated, flea, wormed, microchipped and ready to go.



Gorgeous tabby and white brother and sister kitten due. 6 months old. They were born on the streets and came around beautifully after initially being shy. Very playful and loving. Would suit a quiet experienced home. Older children only. Fully Vaccinated, flea, wormed, neutered, microchipped and ready to go together.



Beautiful tabby & white / b/w brothers, 6 months old. Very affectionate, loving, friendly and playful. Found as strays. Fully vaccinated, flea, wormed, neutered and microchipped and ready to go. Can either go as a pair or separately.



A Beautiful 9-year-old black female with white chest. Mother to Jessica. Must go together. Jasmine is a friendly loving girl.

BOTH House cats. Fully vaccinated, spayed, flea, wormed, microchipped and ready to go.



A Beautiful silver tabby female kitten 8 months old. A sweet little girl, shy and timid. She will need a quiet, understanding, experienced home to bring her round, no to children. Would benefit being rehomed with her sister CARLY. Flea and wormed, vaccinated, spayed, microchipped and ready to go.



Beautiful mother & daughter duo found in Alsager potentially dumped. 9 & 10 years old. Cookie is still very playful both very affectionate loving. Vaccinated, flea, wormed. Ready to go together.



A Beautiful b/w 7-month-old female kitten. Slightly on the shy side with strangers, but very playful, sweet and affectionate, loves sitting on your lap and having lots of loves. Fully vaccinated, flea and wormed and ready to go. Would benefit from having a young amenable play friend.



Beautiful approx. 2-year-old black with white chest female mother cat that we took in pregnant with a terrible skin condition, which she has gone through an amazing transition with, and is looking so much better! Beautiful natured, friendly, loving girl. Vaccinated, flea, wormed, spayed & microchipped. Dylis will need to be a **house cat** only as she requires daily medication. She will be one of our long-term cats in SANCTUARY where the rescue will pay her vet costs and on-going medication.



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## Cats waiting for adoption...

We still have kittens waiting for homes, ranging from 8 weeks to 6 months old, various colours from beautiful black to tantalising tabby and tortie, and don't forget the black and white beauties. If you need a companion to keep you company during the long nights ahead, please remember all the cats and kittens in our care as winter approaches. Although all the catteries are cosy and warm, there's no place like home is there?

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR CATS AND KITTENS, PLEASE GO TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE OR WEBSITE. If any appeal to you please contact Lisa or Hilary.**

## Interested in adoption?

For more information on rehoming any of our beautiful kittens/cats or dogs, please ring Lisa on 07970194929 or Hilary on 07939255444

# DOG NEWS

Such sad news to begin with, as we have had to have **GYPSY** put to sleep. Do you remember the very overweight dog who came into our care earlier this year? We were so fortunate to have Helen from Mow Cop come forward to foster her, and proceed with diet and exercise which helped **GYPSY** lose 9KG! We shall be eternally grateful to Helen for all her care, and also a special mention to Bryn, Helens dog, who helped Gypsy walk and be her friend. Gypsy came through her pyo emergency operation, having all her remaining teeth out, she also coped with an ongoing UTI, cancer being the probable cause in her bladder. She was closely monitored on palliative care. However, she started to decline in health, her UTI was worsening and her quality of life was compromised. The kindest decision was made by the vets and us all, which was to let her go with dignity and peace.

To the staff at **LIME TREES VETS**, who initially treated her, to all the staff at **VETS FOR PETS** in Alsager – especially **BECKY** our vet - for all the care and attention

given to **GYPSY**. She had a peaceful passing, surrounded by love with Helen and her son Andrew by her side.



**RUN FREE GYPSY**, there are many people who remember you, and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

New girl on the block is **LEXIE**, a mixed breed bitch, who came to us when her owner was taken into hospital on palliative care. She was such a sweet, affectionate busy girl, who has now been in for a spay and vaccinations. And joy of joys... the right person has come along and she will be in her new forever home for Christmas.

The next little beauty to come to us is **DEXTER**. A 1 year old black cockerpoo, he came to us through no fault of his own. He was a little nervous to begin with, but in the settled, calm atmosphere of the kennels and also with the help of the kennel staff, this lovable bundle of black curls has turned out to be a vigorous, bouncy boy, loving life! As we close our doors on December 14th 2025 for the Christmas season and re-opening once the New Year is out of the

way, we look forward to a well-earned break.

However... we are still here in case of emergencies and strays for scanning etc. We are always at the end of the phone for advice.

**For more details on re-homing any of our beautiful kittens/cats or dogs please ring 07970 194929 (LISA) or 07939 255444 (HILARY)**

We also have a new **FACEBOOK FUNDRAISING PAGE**, dedicated to helping us raise much needed funds and also advertise future events. Please search for - **Alsager Animals In Need – Fundraising and Events.**

Thank you for reading our **PAWPRINT** – please pass it on!

Please keep on with supporting your local Animal Rescue, enabling us to do our best for the Community, we appreciate you all very much.

Finally, we look forward to seeing you all at our first coffee morning of 2026, **HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE, AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.**

*Hilary, Lisa, Daniel and all the team at A.A.I.N. x*

# **Donations are always appreciated!**

Nat West Bank, Alsager  
Animals in Need  
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Sort Code 60-01-12

PayPal: -  
[alsager.animals@gmail.com](mailto:alsager.animals@gmail.com)

Cash/cheque to: 24 Close Lane Alsager ST7 2JT

**Also, PLEASE REMEMBER, that any donations can now be Gift Aided – forms can be picked up at Coffee Mornings, or ring 01270 875260**

If you have items to contribute to our coffee morning, cakes, bric a brac, books, good quality clothing, shoes, toys etc please ring 01270976340, 01270875260 or 01270 662458 in Crewe

**Email:**  
[alsager.animals@gmail.com](mailto:alsager.animals@gmail.com)



# Permanent Cat Fosterer



## Urgently Needed!

We cannot stress how desperate we are for someone to take on our cattery. As most of our readers will know that our Fosterer, Jeanette, passed away suddenly earlier this year. There is a large cattery still in her garden which really needs a home so we can care for more cats in comfort. Besides being dedicated to cat welfare you will need to be a homeowner. Realistically a car owner so you can get to the vets easily.

Interested? Please contact Hilary 07939 255444 or Lisa 07970 194929

We hope you have enjoyed reading this **PAWPRINT**, if so, please pass it on to a friend/neighbour/relative to enjoy too. Please keep on with supporting your local Animal Rescue, enabling us to do our best for the Community, we appreciate you all very much. If you currently receive a copy of the Pawprint in the post perhaps you would be happy to help us cut costs and receive it electronically or if you would like to join our **PAWPRINT** mailing list, please email us at [alsager.animals@gmail.com](mailto:alsager.animals@gmail.com)

### A note from Pauline...

I couldn't finish putting this Pawprint together without a quick thank-you to Hilary for letting us adopt Syd and Charlie. As they say every cloud has a silver lining and when Charlie died we then had 2 Birman kittens. Their breeder said one had show markings and suggested I show her, the rest as they say is history, doors were opened I never knew existed and I have had made a lot of friends through the cats.



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### Our Committee

Please welcome Sue H, Dave and Kirsten L to our dedicated, hardworking committee. We are delighted to have you on board!

# Helping Your Dog Through the Christmas Season

Christmas can be magical for us, but for dogs it can feel overwhelming. New decorations, lights and changes to the home can make even confident dogs unsure. Add extra visitors, excitement and rustling wrapping paper and it's no surprise many dogs need a bit of support.

Help your dog feel secure by providing a safe space – a crate, a quiet room or their bed tucked away from busy areas. Make this spot positive with treats, chews or toys so your dog learns it's a calm retreat. Anything licky or chewy can be soothing. Ask visitors, especially children, to give the dog space when they're resting. "If the dog is on their bed, they're left alone" is a simple, helpful rule.

Excitable dogs often seem even more "over the top" at Christmas. With so much movement and noise, they may jump more, grab toys or wrapping paper, or find it harder to settle. This isn't bad behaviour – it's just big feelings in a busy environment.



Channelling this energy into short, calm activities and simple training games can help them relax.

Baby gates can keep dogs safe while still feeling included. They prevent access to busy areas, gifts or food while allowing your dog to watch from a comfortable distance. Praise calm behaviour, offer treats for settling and give your dog regular breaks.

With a little planning and kind, reward-based support, you can make Christmas a comfortable, happy time for every dog in the home. For more support please contact

**Nicole Parkinson - Dog Training & Behaviour** on [info@npdogs.co.uk](mailto:info@npdogs.co.uk)



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