



PAWPRINT

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Angela Sellers-Smith and everyone at Alsager Animals In Need would like to thank everybody who most generously gave money on the 2nd February, collection day at Tesco in Kidsgrove. The sum of £281.00 was raised, so, **THANKYOU ONCE AGAIN TO YOU ALL!** A big thankyou to Matthew for arranging this event and also not forgetting the food bank.

Another wonderful lady, Pauline Taylor and Sasha, her poodle dog, who go into schools and care homes, had a collection of food especially for us. **THANKYOU** to the staff at Agnes and Arthur Care

Homes and everyone at Newford Primary School (now an Academy) in Smallthorne for your generosity. Pauline brought the food to the last coffee morning, unfortunately Hilary and Lisa were unable to attend owing to illness. Do please come again Pauline, so we can 'meet and greet' both yourself and lovely Sasha. Another huge thankyou to Lynne at Feline Lodge Cattery in Crewe, who recently helped us out with SOOTY when the fosterer



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was away, We can't thank Lynne enough when we are hard pressed to find space.

Sadly, we had to say a very sad goodbye to fosterer Susan, SOOTY'S fosterer, as she has health problems. Susan has been a fosterer for many years, and will be greatly missed. We wish Susan all the very best for the future, she will be fondly remembered as an excellent fosterer going above and beyond the care involved.

Many thankyou's to old friends Paul and Yolanda Ravenscroft for a generous donation on the occasion of a special birthday (I won't ask which one!).

Thankyou to the relatives and friends of the late Dee Hibbert, for the donation in her memory.

To the relatives and friends of Irene Johnson, who sent a donation in Irenes' memory.

To everyone who goes that extra mile to donate. Paul Robinson, because of your kindness, we are able to keep going through trying times.



Now, a NEVER - NEVER GIVE PETS AS PRESENTS!

We received a call from a desperate member of the public, to ask if we could take in a kitten.

Apparently, a member of the family had thought it was a good idea to give their mother-in-law a kitten as a present-without her consent or wishes for one. Unfortunately she did not want a kitten and the relatives could not take it

either. Two staffy dogs did not like cats, and the situation was impossible. Fortunately, fosterer Laura had just got a space, so JESSIE, a sweet black & white domestic short hair female cat came into care.



We were only too pleased to help with a cat trap, in trapping GOOSE, a beautiful grey BSH boy, who managed to escape from his owners who had brought him on holiday with them to Alsager. Quite a scary experience for GOOSE, out in a strange area, and extremely upsetting for his owners. Thankfully, with the help of a kind member of the public, the trap was set in her garden, and GOOSE was safely caught. I suppose there could be a

moral to this story – don't take your cat on holiday? I know many people who do, and have no escapees, so I leave it with you to decide – you know your cat best, or do you?

IS IT NORMAL?

We were recently asked several questions regarding animal behaviour... is it normal for cats to play with elastic bands, hair bands, electrical cables? Yes, because it moves! An ordinary piece of string, if moved will attract a cat, rather than some expensive toys, sitting on the floor waiting to be played with. Playing with elastic bands or hair bands are to be discouraged because of the danger of swallowing – I think recently a cat had to have

an operation to remove a balloon (deflated of course!). Electrical cables are a NO for obvious reasons.

WHY DO
CATS LIKE
BEING HIGH
UP – IS THIS
NORMAL?



Yes it most certainly is. As their forebears perched high to avoid predators and also watch for prey. So if your cat sits on the top of your door, that is normal. The same reason kittens climb curtains, instincts never go away.

IS IT NORMAL FOR A CAT
TO LIKE A DRIPPING TAP
OR A TOILET FLUSH?

Yes, it is quite normal, the fresher the water the better. In the wild, cats rely on streams etc. and prefer to drink from a flowing source instead of static

water in a bowl. Water fountains for cats seem to be on the increase, although I know of cats who won't use one.

Kittens of course would love the flowing water from a fountain because the water moves!!

We wish Michelle Whitmore, who helps us greatly, a speedy recovery from a cat bite on her hand. She has had to spend many weeks in hospital as it became infected. Cat bites and scratches are one of the worst bites to have, as cats have bacteria in the mouth. If you have a cat scratch and are due for an operation, the surgeon will not operate until that scratch has healed. (Here, I write from the voice of experience, one hip operation cancelled!).

We have several queries regarding DOGS – IS IT NORMAL? And HORSES – IS IT NORMAL? Will save these for another edition, queries invited!

May I remind dog owners, that now SPRING is here, the sheep will be having lambs, so please keep your dogs on a lead (not a long line or extendable led please), and on no account to be let loose in a field of livestock. This reminder is at the request of a local farmer. Many thanks to all of you for co-operating.



Donations are always appreciated!

Nat West Bank, Alsager
Animals in Need
Account No: - 01007319
Sort Code 60-01-12

PayPal: -
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

Cats for adoption



Beautiful tabby tortie part grown kittens 11-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 very friendly, super sweet 12-week-old black and white female. Very affectionate and a delight to be around.

She will be fully vaccinated, flea & wormed up to date and ready to go by 18/3.

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



Beautiful dark tortie female kitten 10 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.



Tortie & white female, 10 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.



Beautiful black female
approx. 2 years 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.



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.



Beautiful silver tabby female part grown kitten 11 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 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.



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.



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 dark tortie female part grown kitten 11 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

Dogs for adoption



A beautiful 18 months to 2 years approx. male lab.

Lovely natured, easy going, quite strong on lead, just needs further basic lead training. Due to start 1 st vac shortly and due to be neutered once vet checked.



Coffee Mornings

Our next Coffee Morning is on **Saturday 14th March 2026** from 9.30am – 11.30am

Diary Dates
Coffee Mornings:
11th April 2026
9th May 2026
13th June 2026

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

CAT NEWS



YOSHI is back! Readers may recall that YOSHI got into a car in Alsager and jumped out of it near Congleton. As the days turned into weeks, and despite every effort from YOSHI's owner to find him, all was quiet, until one day, a lady in BUGLAWTON recognised him as the missing cat and got in touch with his owner. We love a happy ending !! The moral of this story....

NEVER GIVE UP HOPE!

What a dire month for re-homing! Every rescue full and little movement.

We have had cats with us now that should have been re-homed months ago, and are still with us. but never give up hope!

TOM & JERRY, two of Susans last fosters have gone to the most wonderful home and someone is interested in JASMINE and JESSICA – finger crossed!

DYLIS, the cat with the very bad skin condition, after promising progress, fell ill again when GEORGE – an unneutered male came into our care and obviously upset her- causing her to scratch and lose her fur again. The UPS AND DOWNS of Rescue!

EBONY and RAVEN have grown into two beautiful, affectionate boys, so endearing to fosterer Doreen, who, with all her years' experience with cats, has never had such special cats. EBONY's leg is mended, but he is limited in jumping capabilities,

which is why we are asking for an indoor home for him and his brother. Anyone who has seen two bonded brothers playing together, know that it would be a shame to part them.

A very unusual cat to come in to us recently is CURLY, an entire male who was spending all winter in a gap in the hedge and a shed.

Why is he unusual?

Normally, when cats run to greet you, or are happy, have their tails straight in the air. CURLY's tail is curled over his back – hence his name. He must have been someone's cat at some point as he is so affectionate. Now neutered and chipped, he will start his vaccinations and then look for a new home.

Another two are sisters who must be re-homed



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together- BETTY & TOOTSIE. BETTY had to have an eye removed after coming to us, so we are looking for an indoor home too. Two beautiful tortie girls, BETTYS eyesight is quite normal in a house or protected garden, cats with vision in one eye tend to misjudge distances in jumping from one obstacle to another if left to roam freely.

Please look on our Website or Facebook pages to see all our patient cats waiting for their forever homes. If you like what you see and meet the criteria for the cat then please ring Lisa or Hilary.

DOG NEWS



VERY QUIET with all the dogs gone, until along came MILO, a Golden Labrador dog he is 18 months old. With us as his owner, an Alsager resident had fallen ill, too ill to cope with a young Labrador. He is fine with children 8+, needs lead training as he has had little experience walking, but is settling in well in the kennels. Once checked by the vet, vaccinated etc

MILO will be looking for his new forever loving home.

PLEASE REMEMBER – WE NEED CAT FOSTERERS. WE STILL HAVE A BEAUTIFUL CATTERY NEEDING A HOME, KITTEN SEASON WILL SOON BE UPON US.



In the meantime, have a lovely Easter everyone, and once again, **THANKYOU** for your support.

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

Thankyou for reading this PAWPRINT, Spread the word, and the PAWPRINT!

If you can help please ring one of the following numbers :-

**07939 255444 – HILARY
or 07970 194929 - LISA.**

**OUR FACEBOOK
FUNDRAISING
PAGE**



is dedicated to helping us raise much needed funds and to advertise future events.

Please search for
**-Alsager Animals In Need
– Fundraising and Events.**

**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 last 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

**TALKING
WEIGHT**



*With Carl from ALSAGER
VETSforPETS*

Just like people, dogs, and cats come in all shapes and sizes, and weight alone is not a good measure to see if your pet is healthy. By looking at your pet's overall shape, and getting 'hands on', you can get a much better idea of whether your pet is doing well, needs to put weight on, or if they might be carrying a few extra kilograms.

Body condition scores mainly involve looking at, the ribs and waist, and are scored between 1 and 5, with a score of 3 being ideal.

Anything less than 3 would suggest being

underweight, where as a score above 3 would indicate our pet is overweight.

What to look for when body scoring

1. Very Underweight

Ribs, lower spine and pelvis all obvious from distance, and bones visible wherever they lie close to the surface.

2. Underweight

Ribs, lower spine, and pelvis all easily visible. Unable to feel any fat. Poor muscle mass. Clear waist when viewed from above, and abdomen tucks up behind the ribs when viewed from the side.

3. Ideal weight

Ribs are easily felt and have only a little fat covering. Waist and tummy tuck are easily seen.

4. Overweight

The ribs can be felt but there is a notable fat layer. Waist just visible from above and tummy still rises behind the ribs.

5. Considerably overweight

Hard to feel the ribs due to heavy fat cover. Fat noticeable over the base of the tail and lower spine. No visible or barely visible waist.

Just like humans, being over or underweight can be a sign of poor diet or ill health. If you are concerned regarding your pets weight, why not book them in for a free weight check with one of our nurses?

