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We have had a very good autumn for rehoming with 49 cats going to loving new homes. But the demand for cats needing help has also been high. With a number of homes with over 10 cats living in them needing help before the cats bred out of control. 10 unneutered cats quickly becomes 30 then 80 without help. We took over 20 cats from just 2 homes. Some with some injuries that required specialist nursing and operations.
We also sadly saw the result of cats being left unneutered in the same home with a litter coming to us with the most complicated genetic problems we have ever encountered.
We have been supporting owners on low incomes with vet costs and encouraging neutering. In this period we have issued 120 vouchers.

The Black and White Gang

We thought we were seeing double last October when we took in 14 cats from a small flat that had 18 cats living there. Many were all related and looked very similar. A mum cat with young underweight kittens went straight to a foster home, the other filled up the cattery. Some were quite nervous but we had some real little characters in the group.
All have now gone to their new homes where their cheeky personalities are really shining through. Some have gone on to meet and make some new cats in their new homes and are getting along very well. They all had good social skills after having to navigate such cramped conditions together.






Suzie

We collected Suzie from a gentleman that was moving and wasn't able to keep her. She was not a very happy cat, bless her. She had a number of health problems that needed looking into, a heart murmur, some dental work and treatment for her thyroid.
She was a very unhappy cat and kept the volunteers on their toes as they tried to make friends with her.
Once she had her dental and settled on her medication she started to come out of her shell. We worried at the age of 15 years old with all her little problems that no one would want to adopt her. But along came a fantastic couple who have loads of experience and the perfect home for her. She came straight out to greet them when they visited her and seemed very happy with her new owners. She has now settled very well in her new home and really is the queen of the household.



A Spicy gang

In November we were called to help with a litter of ginger kittens, we thought of a nice easy rehome as they are always popular. But soon realised this wasn't going to be straight forward. The kittens were in fact nearly 6 months old and near breeding age and they hadn't had much handling so were not easy to catch and transport. After 3 trips to the address we finally had all 6. We named them Cinnamon, Nutmeg, Clementine, Clover, Paprika and Saffron.

Poor Paprika had an eye injury and unfortunately the injury had gone all the way through to the lens so she required specialist surgery. Luckily we have an eye specialist who kindly helped. They performed a corneal repair and she went to a foster home where she needed eye drops administered every hour for a few weeks which was intense for her and us.

But after 6 weeks the eye was looking so much better.

Saffron and Paprika have been adopted and the others are now in the process of rehabilitation and finding their new homes.



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Bailey, Pearl and Dixie

The Inspectors were called to a house with 10 cats that weren't receiving appropriate care and living in very dirty conditions. We took 3 of them. Dixie and Bailey arrived in a bit of a state. They were underweight and their coats were in terrible condition.
But with some good food they quickly gained weight and all 3 started to show their cheeky side. Both Bailey and Dixie are very vocal and demand lots of attention. Dixie was a firm favorite with the vet nurses giving them all kisses and head bumps. Dixie is now recovering in a foster home where we hope her coat will all grow back and the other 2 should be off to their new homes very soon.





Nuthatch and Magpie

We took this young pair of cats in after they were found abandoned cowering in the corner of some garages. We think they were the last of 2 litters that had been thrown out on the streets. Again more victims of irresponsible owners not neutering their cats. This sweet pair were so friendly and desperate for love. Nuthatch would run up your body and launch into your arms for cuddles. Both have now found fantastic new homes with endless cuddles.





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Some happy ever after pictures from the past few months













