

SILK CAT

RESCUE

'Paws & Claws'

4th
Edition

Kitten Overload

Kitten season is well and truly with us and a tidal wave of little lovelies needing help - in each and every case the result of an unplanned pregnancy. We love kittens. And they are great fun. But, sadly, they deny adult cats in

desperate need of help, access to our limited foster places.

And all for the sake of a routine procedure. Expensive, yes! But if you genuinely can't afford to neuter your cat, boy or girl, please give us a call and we can, hopefully, direct you to someone offering **financial assistance**.

Let's please break the cycle.



Welcome

Silk Cat Rescue continues to help stray and unwanted cats and kittens in our area to the best of its ability and capacity.

The telephone constantly rings and the email constantly pings with requests for help and its heart-breaking for our volunteers that we can't do more.

But limited time and limited money means we have to be realistic in order to maintain our standards and not end up with mental health issues.

So when you ring up and we can't help, please don't take it personally - like lots of other small rescues in the country, our volunteers are giving their time freely and are only human. Our heartfelt thanks go out to them all. **#heroes**



Microchipping

From June 2024, it is to become a legal requirement for cat owners to microchip their cats before 20 weeks of age and to ensure their contact details are stored and kept up to date in a pet microchipping database.

But it is **common sense** too, significantly increasing the chances of your cat being reunited if it strays - the pain of a companion animal straying, and never to return, can only be understood if it happens to you. And, just so you know, the fine for non-compliance is a £500 fine. Ouch!



Meet Jaws

Jaws is just one of our rescue cats currently looking for his new home - he looks a real bruiser that's been dragged through a hedge backwards.

We had to humanely trap him and, yes, he did chew his way through a tin can, but he's now one of the nicest guys you could ever hope to meet!

Jaws had joined a feral colony and peer pressure made him act like a gangster! But neuter him and give him regular food, and love, and it turns out he's just a big teddy bear.

For an up to date view of all our cats ready and looking for new homes, please take a look on our website.



Silk Cat Rescue - based in Bollington, Cheshire we are a volunteer only, registered charity helping find homes for lost and unwanted cats and kittens.



● ● Trap-Neuter-Return

The charity continues with its **Trap-Neuter-Return** (TNR) programme. Under this scheme feral cats and community cats which are unowned but fed by kind members of the public are humanely trapped, neutered and returned to site. This is a recognised means of population management.

Any socialised cats we come across (and young kittens) we'll take into care for homing. Jaws, featured overleaf is one such example.

● Our Cat Hotel

A major DIY project, our hotel for rescue cats waiting for new homes is finally complete and is now fully operational. It has five, heated cabins each able to house one or two cats and a safety corridor so there is no chance of escapes.

It's increased our capacity and is easy to keep clean - the cats like it too with views over the fields behind providing ample 'cat TV.'



All about us

Registered with the **Charity Commission** we are obliged to file annual reports and accounts which are publically available.

If you'd like to learn more about the details on how we are doing, head over to the Charity Commission website and search for us by name.

Happy Tails

Meet Jeffrey, a rough living, scraggy, community cat from Wilmslow who thought he was doing OK but then his feeder, sadly and unexpectedly, died.

Jeffrey was now bereft of any help. Then, a distant relation to the late feeder reached out to us for help.



Result - he's now living a life of luxury, with a bed and home he can call his own, and a loving family right here in Bollington.

Our volunteers



We'd be nothing without our volunteers. And we must say thank you for all the hours they contribute.

Most come on a regular basis; some help clean out the cat cabins and some spend time playing and cuddling the cats and kittens in care.

If this is something that appeals to you, please register via our website or give us a call to find out more.

The Prince's Trust

Were pleased to be partnered with **The Prince's Trust** and we welcome three participants a year on 'work experience.'



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It's always enlightening and we hope the candidates benefit from their time with us - we certainly do!

Bolly Super Vets

The charity relies heavily on **Bollington Veterinary Centre** who always go the extra mile to help us and our cats.

If you're looking for a friendly, professional and caring vet, look no further. (Tell them we sent you!)

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