

# Newsletter

## Sunny Harbour April 2011

Welcome to this edition of the Sunny Harbour Newsletter which we hope you will enjoy as we have lots of news to update you on from the last few months.

The end of 2010 was exceptionally busy for Sunny Harbour and the start of 2011 has been no different. We continue to be packed to the gunnels with cats and kittens from a wide range of circumstances that desperately need our help.

The last 6 months have seen a big increase in the number of cruelty and abandonment cases we have dealt with along with an increase in the number of cats finding themselves in high stress homes, confused and scared after repeatedly being sold through free ad websites such as Gumtree. Cats like Frankie, Marco and many others we are pleased to be able to report are now happy in new homes but these poor babies should never have to endure such suffering, pain and fear simply so a person can fill their pockets with cash!

You can read more about these little ones later in this Newsletter in our stories section.

We were also delighted to be granted our Registered Charity Status at the end of 2010 and are working hard in the background to finalise longer term fundraising schemes including Gift Aid to help us continue our work for the cats and kittens that so desperately need the care of Sunny Harbour Cat Rescue.

In the meantime we continue to work on regular smaller fundraising and are constantly looking for ideas or people to partake in Sponsor activities to help with raising the much needed funds to enable us to meet the ever increasing care costs for the Harbour Babies. If you have any ideas or could organise events such as cake sales at work, with friends, etc then do get in touch as every little helps the cats and kittens in need.

As well as the manic daily routine of life at Sunny Harbour Cat Rescue we were also to discover around Xmas 2010 that there will be a new permanent arrival at Sunny Harbour Cat Rescue in the form of a new slave... yes Paul & Sarah are expecting their first born in July of this year.

Needless to say there are times when we wonder if there really are going to be enough hours in the day to see us through all the daily chores, tasks, fundraising, adoptions, etc but in true Sunny Harbour fashion we are muddling our way through and are very grateful for the wonderful team of volunteers we have at the moment. You guys are amazing and we cannot thank you enough for all you do for the cats and of course us too!

## Have you found us on Facebook yet?

If you are a user of Facebook then do look us up and 'Like' our page. The Sunny Harbour Facebook Page has evolved into a wonderful, friendly little community where we all share ideas, cat stories and photographs and keep up to date with the regular happenings at the Harbour.

Lately there have been some great ideas for home made cat toys and thoughts and ideas on food puzzles and keeping Indoor cats happy and stimulated not to mention fantastic updates on residents past and present.

To find us go to Facebook and search for Sunny Harbour Cat Rescue or alternatively follow the link from our own website at

**[www.sunnyharbour.org.uk](http://www.sunnyharbour.org.uk)**



# Resident Updates

As always we are full to the brim with cats and kittens of varying ages including a group of 7 month old kittens who came from a very bad cat hoarding situation. All were suffering from pneumonia on arrival and were emaciated to a point of near death.



Out of the 12 kittens we originally took in sadly we lost 2 as their condition was so severe we just couldn't save them however the remaining 10 have come on brilliantly and a few have even made their way to new homes with only 5 of them still seeking forever homes.

Tolkien came to us a couple of months ago after being sold on the free ad sites. He was taken from his life long companion of 12 years and found himself in a high stress home where he became so stressed he stopped eating and his coat began to fall out.

Thin, depressed and looking terrible he found his way to Sunny Harbour and



a few short weeks on he has put weight back on, regained his coat and is looking amazing and very much daddy of the Cat Ward, he rules the roost.

Tolkien is an

amazing boy and like them all is a firm favourite at the Harbour. A chatty happy wee man, he is now seeking his forever home and full details about him, photos and the type of home he is looking for can be found on our website.

Korky has been with us for around 8 months now and it would appear that the combination of being a big black cat and 8 years old is proving difficult for this wonderful boy to find a new loving home. Definitely one of Sarah's favourites Korky is a very happy, independent chap whose size can be a little imposing but underneath his talkative bagheera look is just a big teddy bear of a cat.



Beau is a new arrival at Sunny Harbour and yet another free ads cat that has found himself at just 10 months old in his 5th home following repeated sales! This amazing, gentle and very loving little man will very shortly be seeking his 6th and final home on leaving Sunny Harbour where he will deserve the very best in love and care and will repay you in love and gentle kisses.

Marco is a beautiful little boy and to say the state



he arrived in following being sold on the free ads would break your heart, would be an understatement. It was very clear he had been subjected to repeated beatings and was full of fear and pain that made him repeatedly sick. Following veterinary care and lots of TLC he

has started to make a fantastic comeback as a very loving, sookie wee boy. He is now available for adoption with full details on our website.

Purdy found herself with Sunny Harbour at Xmas as a reported stray brought to our door however we believe that she was in fact brought in by her owners. We are running a special appeal for Purdy, full details can be found on our website and later in this Newsletter.



Monty is a little cat we term as a Xmas Kitten. Bought as a Xmas present for someone and a short couple of months later found himself in rescue as a very confused, un socialised and scared little boy. After neutering and a few short weeks of TLC he is making

a great turn around and finally well on his way to a happy future once we find him a wonderful, loving forever home. Full details on Monty can again be found on our website.



Ollie has been with us for nearly a year now. He is a cheeky wee rascal who through no fault of his own see's hands as toys. A behaviour which has been re-enforced so much that it is nigh impossible to break this

habit completely. Ollie needs a firm yet gentle hand to keep his cheekiness in line and so really needs a very experienced home. Full details about Ollie can be found on our website.



Toby came to Sunny Harbour originally as a very badly injured stray cat as a result of being hit by a car he was suffering with a fractured pelvis. This has begun to heal however he still has a way to go and we are still working to get his digestive system back on track following the accident. He is making good progress but will

be at the Harbour for another couple of months yet at least. Once ready he will be an amazing addition to any family and in the meantime if anyone would like to help us meet Toby's care and medication costs we would be very grateful for anyone will to provide sponsorship for him. Even just £2 per month / 50p per week would be a great help. Full details on sponsorship can be found on our website.

Charlie came to Sunny Harbour around 6 months ago with his brother Scamp. Sadly at the turn of the year Scamp, who had never quite been 100 percent passed to Rainbow Bridge due to liver failure at just 3 years of age leaving his brother behind. We have kept Charlie behind to make sure that he is doing as well as he seems but hope to be able to soon find him a wonderful new home. Image below shows both brothers together.



Smudge is a very happy, cheeky little girl who is very much in need of a loving new home where she can basque in the garden sun and enjoy lap time snoozes and playtime with her favourite toys. As

ever black and dark torti cats somehow have the hardest time in finding new homes but we are very hopeful our wee Smudge can find a home in time to enjoy some garden sunshine this summer. Full details of this amazing wee girl can be found on our website.

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## Did you know that Sunny Harbour Sell Cat Toys to help Support Our Work?

Check out some of these great buys online at [www.sunnyharbour.org.uk](http://www.sunnyharbour.org.uk).....

Feather Tickler Sticks - Just £1

Pure Cosmic Organic Catnip Banana/ Cigar - £2.95 each or 2 for £5.50

9 Pack Catnip Mice only £3

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# SPECIAL APPEAL



Purdy is a wonderful little lady who is currently charming staff, volunteers and visitors at Sunny Harbour Cat and Kitten Rescue with her amazing purrsonality. Strangely enough she is very aptly named and it was (we felt) the best possible name for such a happy, purry little girl.

Purdy was brought to the door of Sunny Harbour Cat Rescue a few days before xmas of 2010 by someone claiming she was a stray. We do believe there is a strong possibility they were in fact her owners who realised that they had a cat that needed medical treatment and were unable to provide for her.

When Purdy was assessed by Sunny Harbour's vets we discovered that she has a heart murmur and thyroid condition and approximately 13 - 15 years of age.

Purdy is of an age where it is only honest to mention that her twin conditions are life-limiting and the strain her thyroidism has placed on her heart due to non treatment has left her with a weak heart. But don't tell Purdy that. She's determined, with each 'paddy paws' she makes, to enjoy every day!

Purdy has mostly good days with the occasional bad when her heart can struggle a little but we feel that this old lady really deserves to see out her days in a home of her own. Given her advanced years and medical conditions we think it unlikely anyone would want to adopt her even though her thyroid medication appears to have stabilised the symptoms of her thyroid condition and greatly eased the strain on her weakened heart. She is in no pain and is suffering in no way from either conditions she has.

Therefore Sunny Harbour Cat Rescue are seeking a foster home not too far from the base of our vets (Lochgelly / Cowdenbeath / Milnathort / Kinross) where Purdy can continue to be monitored by Sunny Harbour vets. As a foster placement her veterinary care costs will continue to be met by Sunny Harbour cat and kitten rescue.

It takes a big hearted person to foster or adopt a cat like Purdy but we are hoping that someone would be willing to offer Purdy a retirement home where she can live out the rest of her time as a loving lap cat who will reward your care with almost continuous purring, affection and those 'paddy paws' of hers!

If you would like more information on the placement we are seeking for Purdy, have queries regarding fostering her or would even like to contribute towards her care costs by means of a monthly sponsorship then please do contact us.

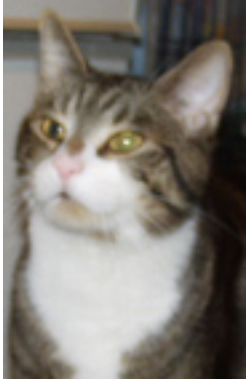
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# Harbour Baby Updates

## Madame Lucypops

We are delighted to hear from Madam Lucypops as she approaches her 3rd birthday and is very much the spoilt, happy wee girl she should be with her slave to cater to her every whim. Great to hear you are keeping daddy in line little girl!



Frankie is a cat that spent just a few short weeks at Sunny Harbour after coming to us as a very traumatised little boy as a result of repeated sales on the free ad site Gumtree. He has now begun to settle into his new home and thriving on the love and attention his new pawrent lavish on him and thoroughly enjoying having a

safe, loving, permanent home of his own.

## Marcie & Merlin

2 little semi hand reared kittens that left us at the end of 2010 these 2 inseparable little black beauties are thriving on life in their new home and it is great to see them happy and loved.

Honey who spent a long 19 months at Sunny Harbour finally found her forever home in March 2011. She is now settling into her new home brilliantly well and after brief visit to see her just last week she has most definitely decided she is staying put giving us a brief head butt hello before retreating to a safe distance to watch our every move and make sure we left without her.



Smokie our resident old girl for a few months has now been in her new home since Xmas 2010 and is going from strength to strength. She is looking amazing and such a change from the once grumpy girl, she is all smiles and cuddles.

Molly was also another long term resident at Sunny Harbour who spent nearly a year with us after arriving with her 2 babies from a horrific situation leaving her at deaths door. She made a fantastic recovery however it did leave her with a few trust issues which had made it problematic in finding a suitable new home. We were delighted when she finally found her purrfect match in pawrents this month and is currently settling in very very well .

Fred & Wilma were 2 very cheekie little tikes who were hand reared by Sunny Harbour Cat Rescue after they were attacked by their mother at just 2 weeks old leaving fred missing part of his nose. They have now moved onto their new home and are settling in very well and certainly teaching their new pawrents a trick or two. We are delighted they are doing so well but still miss our little babies.



Ash was brought to Sunny Harbour 2 days before Xmas after being taken to be euthanized

due to suffering from stress as a

result of living with very large dogs. After just a few days at Sunny Harbour Cat Rescue this wee boy really turned around and showed himself to be the most amazing, cuddly little boy. He has now been in his new home for around 3 months and is going from strength to strength and thriving in his new home as you can see from this fabulous picture of him.



Indy who was found wandering the streets with a shattered femur has gone on to be an amazing little cat for his new pawrents. Very intelligent his new moewmy likes to keep his mind active with lots of puzzles. This is him enjoying once such puzzle.

# Could you spare £2 per month to help us care for the Harbour Babies....

For as little as 50p per week you could help us help more cats and kittens in need and enable us to generate a steady income each month to help Sunny Harbour cover the cost of food, care and veterinary treatment for the hundreds of residents who need Sunny Harbour Cat Rescue each year.

50p doesn't get any of us far these days however we are hoping that you will consider donating this 50p per week to help cats and kittens like Frankie, Toby, Marco, Smudge and the many others who need our specialist care to bring them out of the dark existence of a life they have suffered into a bright, happy future.

You can also help us spread word about our work by sharing this Newsletter, asking friends or family if they too could consider helping through donating goods, money or monthly sponsorship to the cats and kittens in Central Scotland who so badly need our help.

All staff and volunteers at Sunny Harbour do so voluntarily and none of us receive any funding, pay or kind for the work we do so you are assured that 100% of any donation given goes directly to the cats welfare.

If you could spare a little for the cats and kittens of Sunny Harbour Cat Rescue then you can learn more about our Sponsorship program at our website [www.sunnyharbour.org.uk](http://www.sunnyharbour.org.uk) or alternatively please find our bank details below if you would like to make a direct or monthly donation.

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