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Caversham Kitties Mewsletter

November 2024

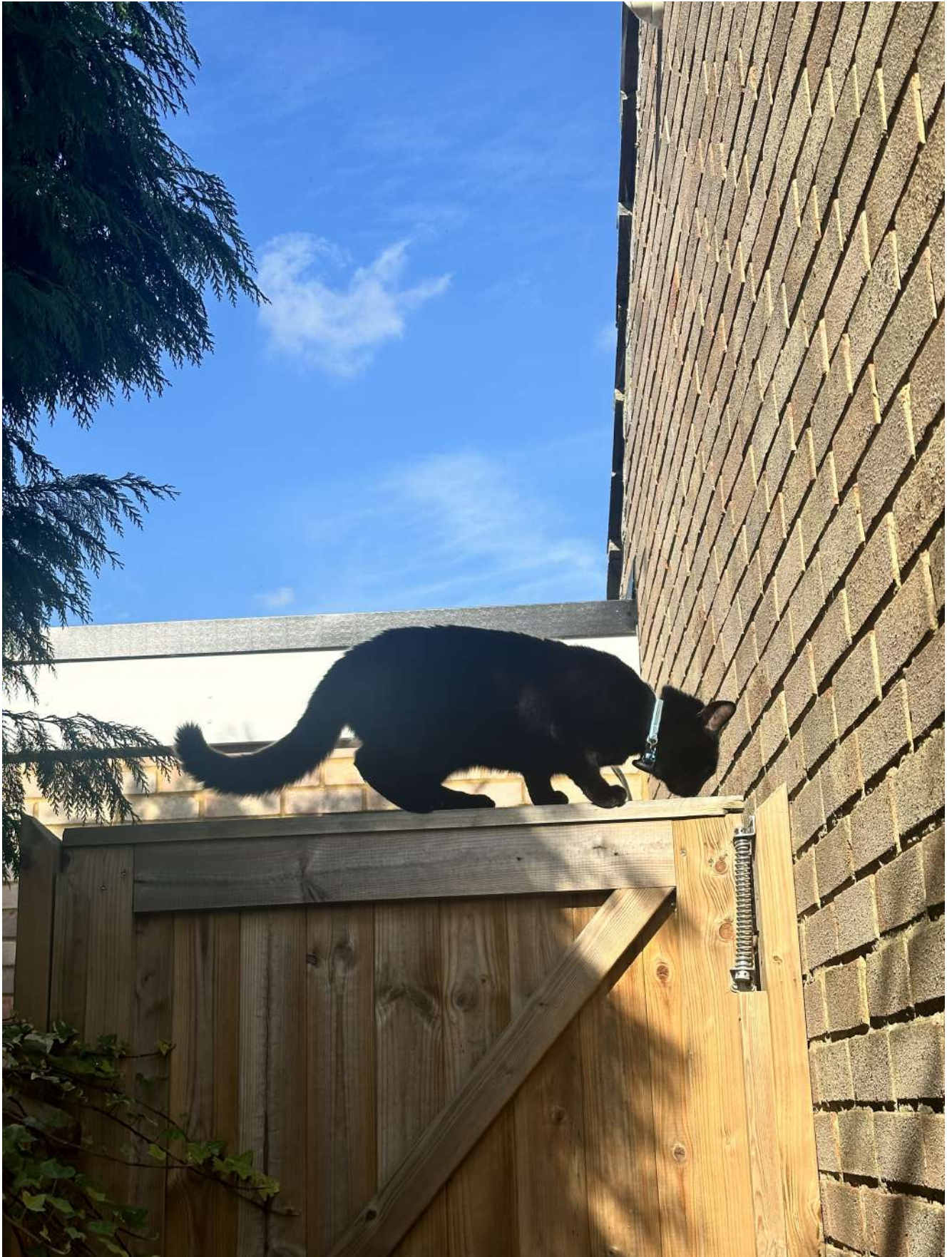
Welcome to the second edition of the Caversham Kitties Mewsletter!

Every month, you will receive an update on our local kitty pals, look ahead to what's coming up soon, as well as a few other bits and pieces we hope you'll enjoy!

Tails from last month

October was another jam-packed month, and that was even before half term kicked off! I visited **83** different kitties, rabbits, parrots and iguanas over **438** visits this month!

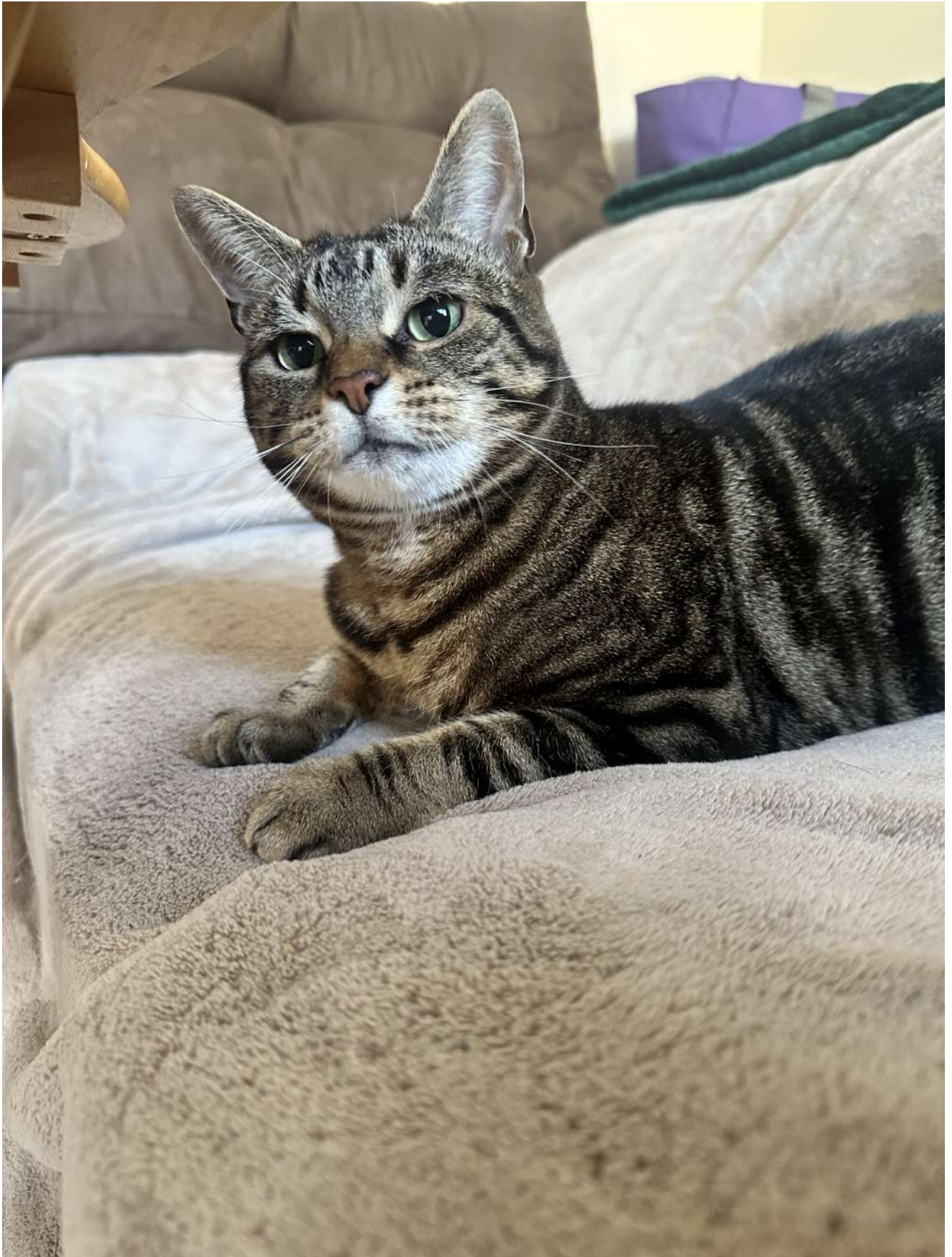
Dalton had a big month as he was finally allowed outside for the first time since we adopted him! Other than a brief run-in with a fluffy grey neighbourhood cat, he's been thoroughly enjoying himself!



Welcome to the Club

This month we welcomed 14 (!) new members to the Caversham Kitties Club! Say a big hello to Sammy, Casper, Clover, Shadow, Cleo, Kali, Ruby, Nala, Stormy, Nova, Clemmie, Sky, Shadow and Lionel, we hope we get to see them all again very soon.

Sammy



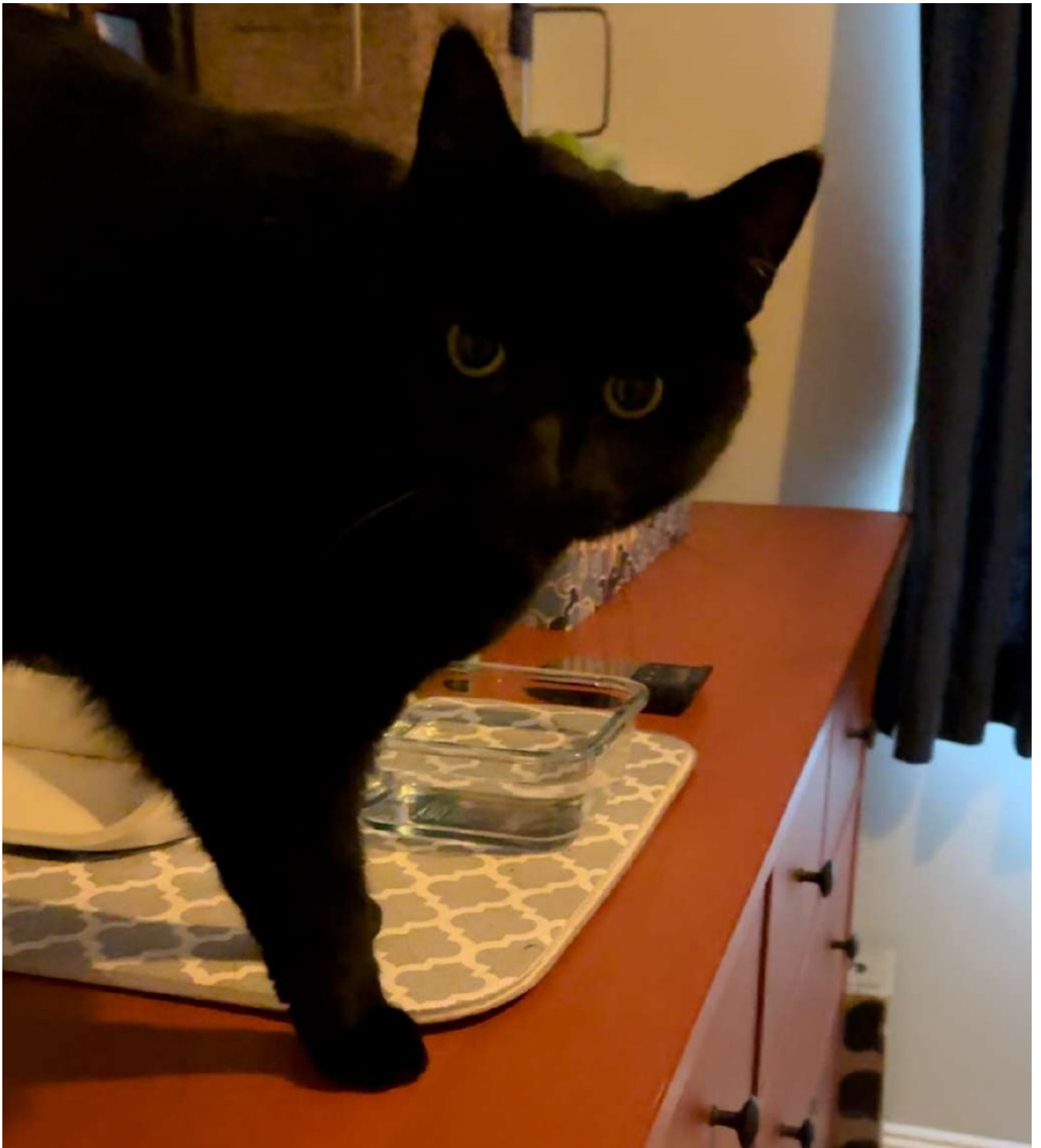
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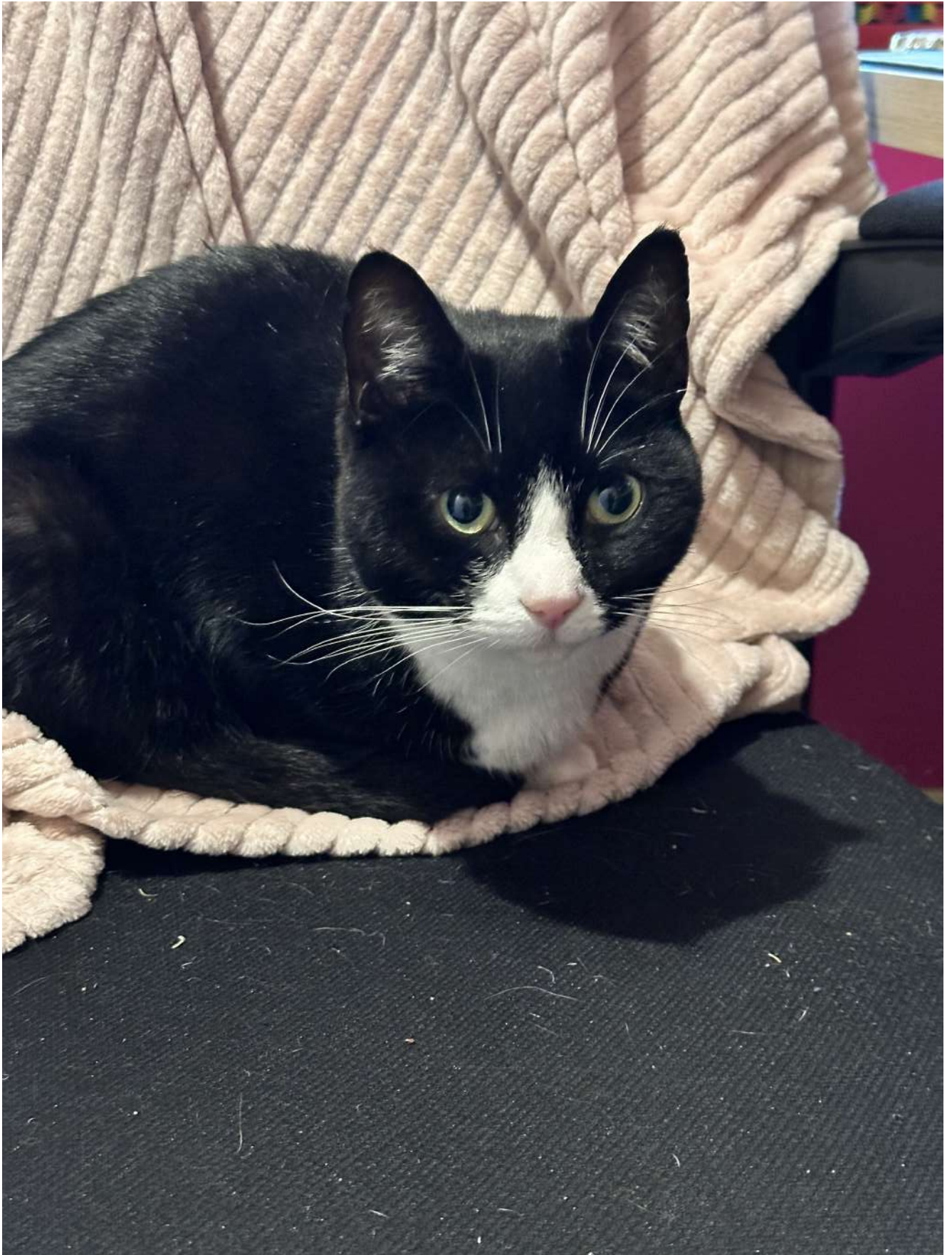
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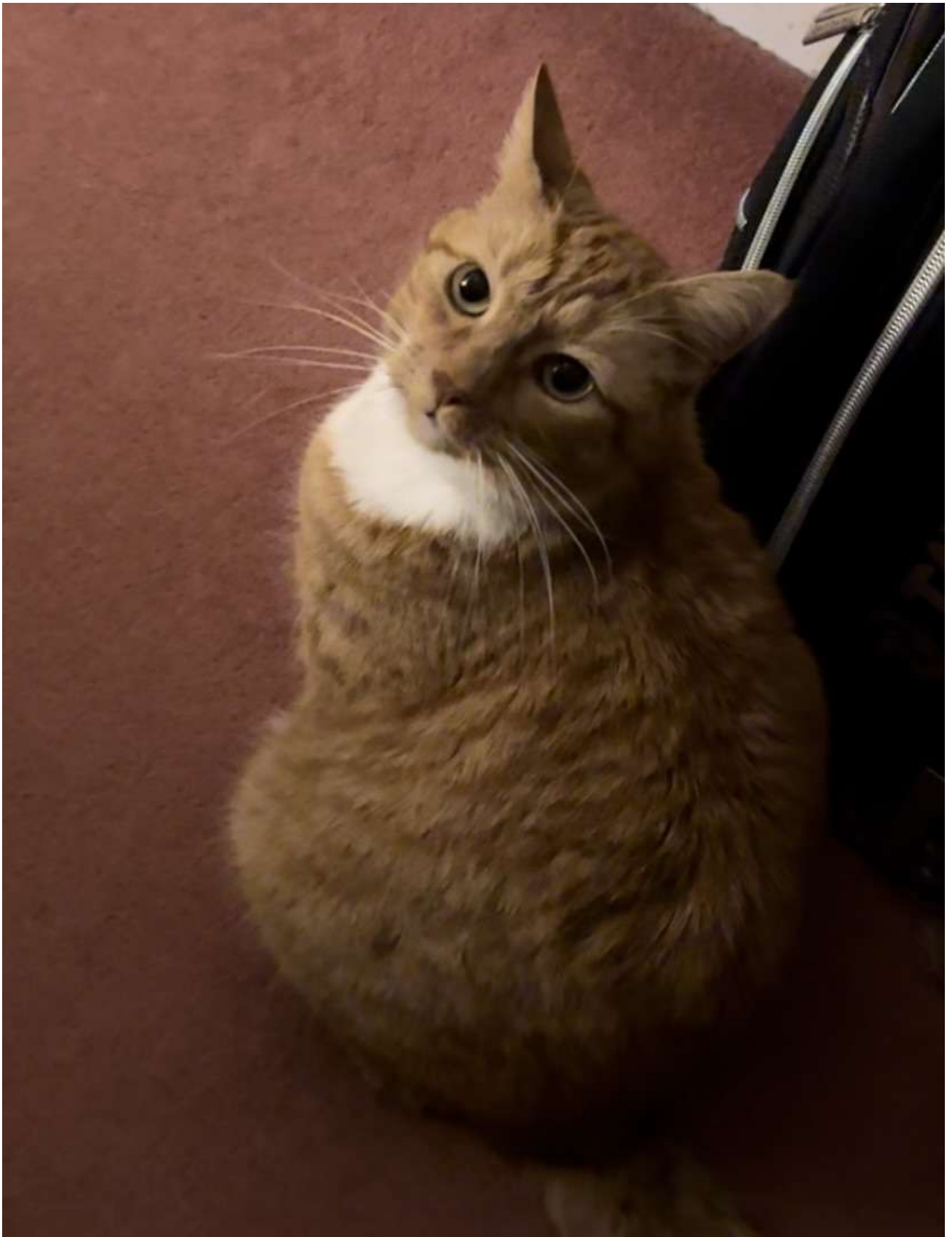
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Kali



Ruby



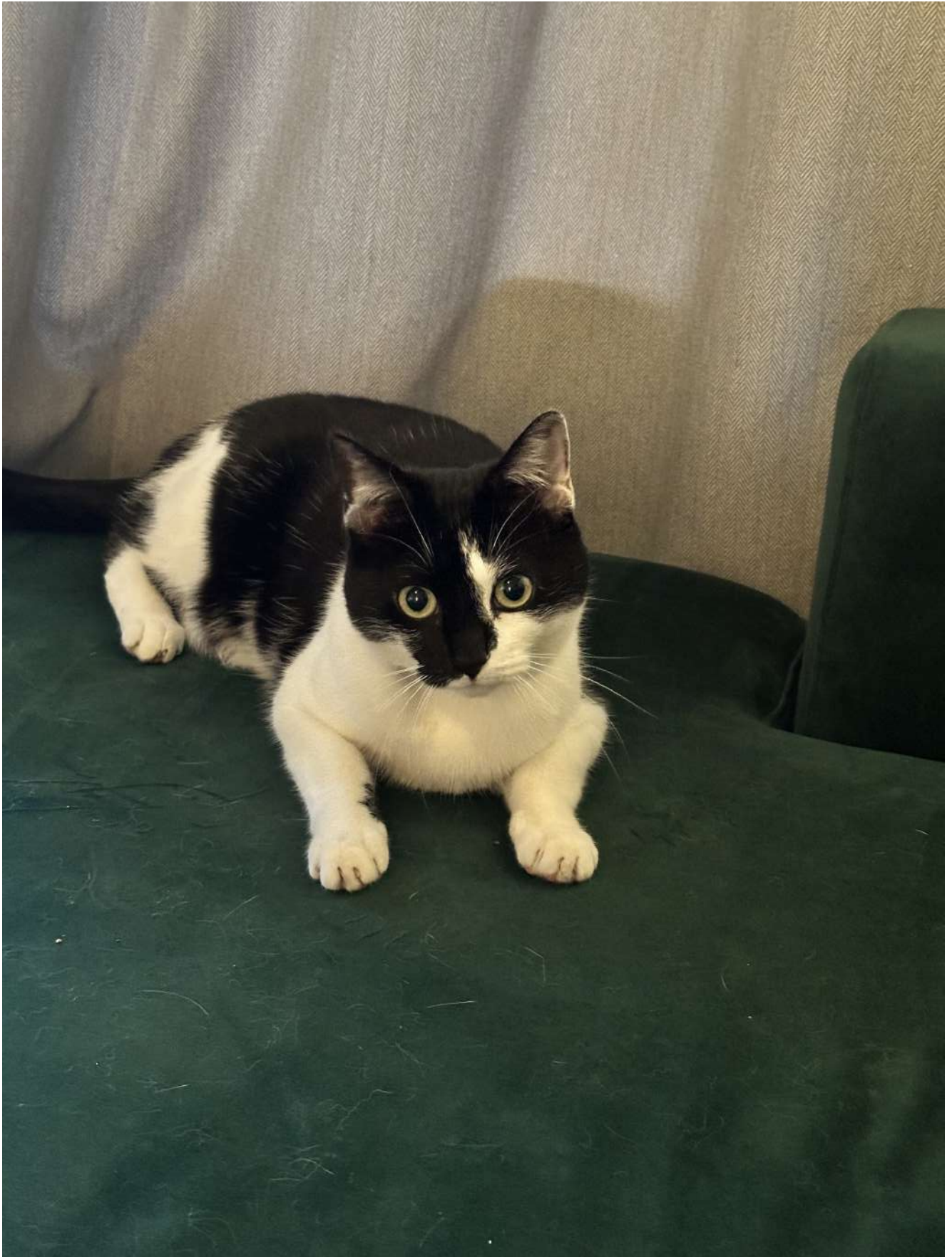
Nala



Stormy



Nova



Clemmie



Sky and Shadow



Lionel



News from the Club

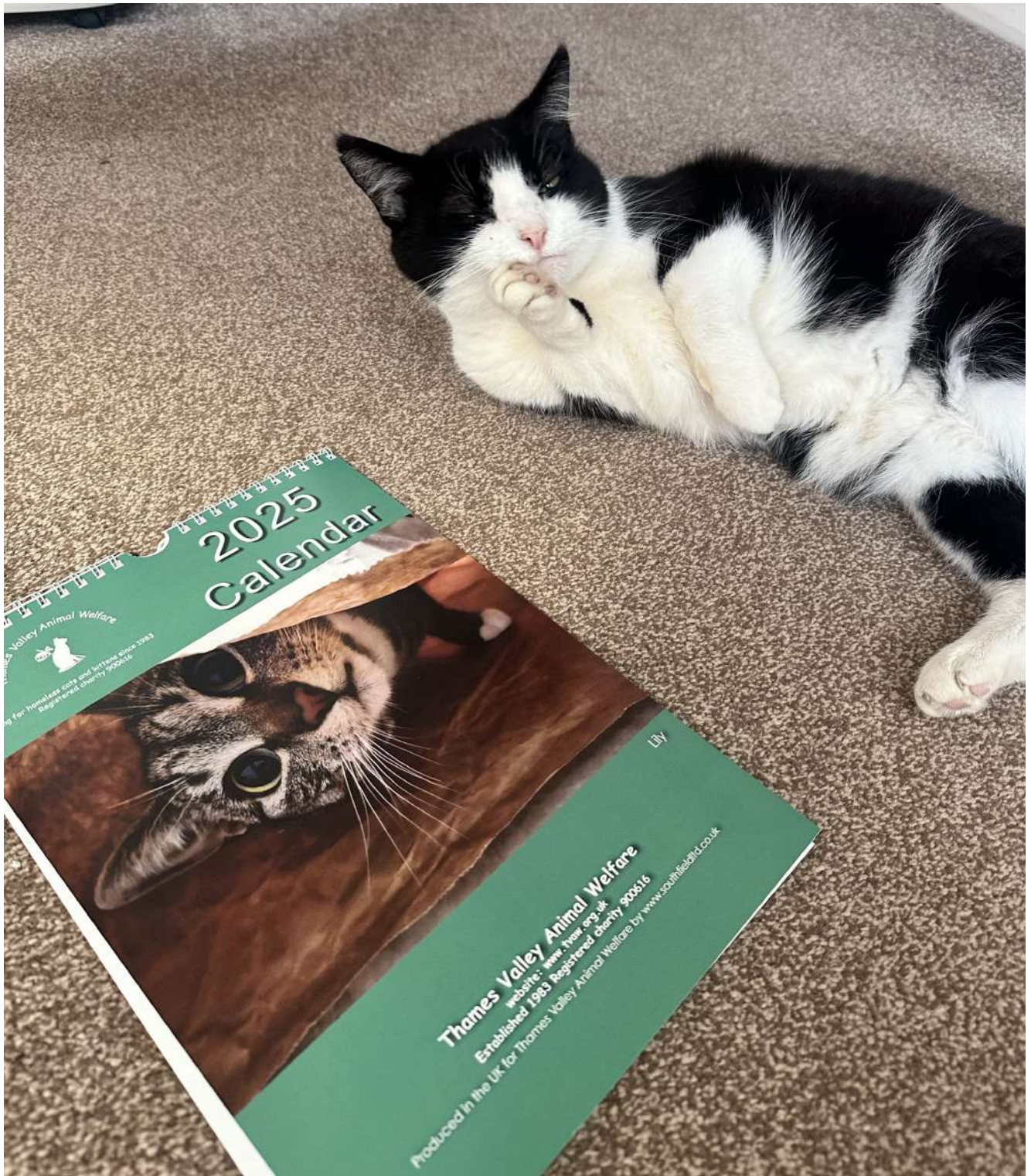
Congratulations to Sumi's mum and dad who get married on the 2 November! We wish them a lifetime of happiness together ❤️



A huge well done to Binky and Oscar's mum and dad who completed the Berlin 5K and Marathon, and the Amsterdam Half and Full Marathons recently!



Our very own Tessah features in the Thames Valley Animal Welfare 2025 Calendar! To order yourself a copy for £10, email tvawcats2018@gmail.com



A massive congratulations to Sammy's mum and dad who got engaged while holidaying in Yosemite National Park, California!



Congratulations to all of those kitties who are celebrating anniversaries of being members of the Caversham Kitties Club this month!

Bella (3 years)

Cali (3 years)

Winter & Snow (3 years)

Marlie (2 years)

Henry (2 years)

Mishka (1 year)

Do you have news you'd like the rest of the club to know about?

Email hello@cavershamkitties.co.uk or send me a message on 07967305562!

What's going on

Looking after community cats in winter



Do you feed stray and community cats?

As the weather gets colder, it might be worth considering putting together a shelter for them to hunker down and stay warm. There are lots of ready-made shelters you can buy on the market, but it's just as easy to provide your own.

What makes a good shelter?

- A shed, outbuilding or garage is a great place for stray cats to keep warm and dry (make sure you put any chemicals away securely)
- A simple cat carrier, lined with straw or shredded newspaper which won't freeze, and covered with a tarp, bin bag or roofing
- A small recycling bin or storage box
- An unused rabbit hutch or dog kennel
- A shelter with two entry points is ideal as the cat won't feel trapped

Where to put the shelter?

- Place the shelter somewhere that is familiar to the cat, ideally in a quiet area that is as out of sight as possible
- If you or your neighbours have dogs, ensure the shelter is somewhere they can't access
- Face the shelter doorway away from the wind, for example facing a wall
- The shelter needs to be protected from the weather, e.g under a bush or overhanging roof
- Keep the shelter off the ground to prevent it from freezing or flooding, for example on wood pallets or bricks. Keep it level so the shelter doesn't wobble
- If the shelter has only one entry/exit point, place it somewhere the cat can escape quickly and easily. This will help them feel more secure

Once your shelter is being used, make sure to change the bedding and insulation regularly to make sure it isn't wet or frozen.

Cats Protection provide some great information and resources for helping stray and community cats during the winter. Read more [here](#).

Petition to make Caversham roads safer for cats and wildlife



A petition calling on Reading Borough Council to reassess traffic calming measures on two notorious roads in Caversham has gained over 200 signatures. Lowfield Road and Caversham Park Road, both in Caversham Park Village, saw a surge in cat fatalities over the summer, and residents are keen for the council to do more to slow down speeding drivers.

[Read and sign the petition here.](#)

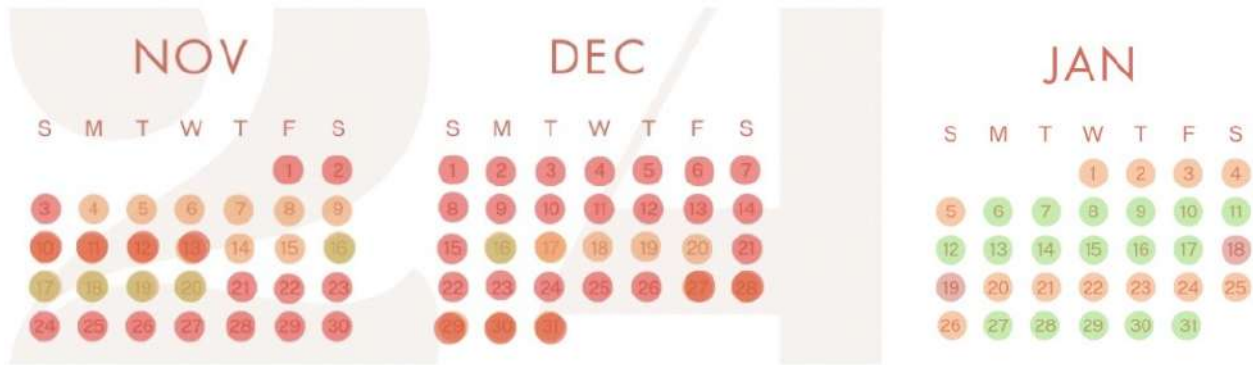
Keeping cats safe during fireworks season



Here's a reminder of our top tips for keeping your kitty safe and happy during fireworks season:

- Keep cats indoors during the hours of darkness
- Close your curtains and put the lights on
- Put on the TV or some calming music to drown out the bangs. Classic FM always play a programme of relaxing music especially for pets during fireworks season!
- Provide some hiding spots for your cat in case they do get scared: drape a blanket over a chair, or pop one of their beds underneath a table so they feel secure
- Try a pheromone plugin or spray which could help your cat remain calm
- Don't fuss them! Try to act as normally as possible to keep your cat as relaxed as possible

Planning ahead



How is it November already?! I can't believe how quickly this year has flown by, and now Christmas is just around the corner! The Christmas holidays are still **FULLY BOOKED**, but I do have some availability mid-December for those of you looking to get away before the schools break up!

I am away myself for my long-awaited holiday from the **21st November until the 15th December**, so will be unavailable for visits during this time! There will also be a delay in responding to any messages and emails due to the time difference (and having fun!)

Don't forget, I upload my latest availability every week on social media, so give us a follow to make sure you never miss out!

Google reviews



If we've looked after your cat recently, why not leave us a Google review? Reviews are the lifeblood of our business, and a lot of our new enquiries come through recommendations!

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Archaeologists find first-ever evidence of a cat kneading

Gone but never forgotten...

Nancy



We were truly heartbroken to hear that beautiful Nancy passed away on Monday 28th October, aged 9.5 years. I had the pleasure of looking after Nancy and her brother Percy only recently, and she was so full of life. I started looking after Nancy, along with Percy and their late brother Charlie, in December 2022, and I was so lucky to be able to look after them many times over the years.

Nancy was such a special girl and will never be forgotten. Sleep tight, fancy Nancy ❤️



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