

SIAMESE WELFARE CHRISTMAS MEWS 2023

MERRY CHRISTMOUSE TO ALL



2023 has been a very emotional and busy year with higher numbers of Siamese needing rehoming than ever before. We have sadly seen the passing of several rescues who were special personalities this year. Many of the cats homed this year have been able to be homed direct from their original homes as the issue was a human problem, the cats were generally healthy so could go straight to their new slaves rather than coming into the Trusts cat houses plus the foster accommodation has been constantly full with cats who required rehabilitation for health and psychological reasons.

If you would like to Sponsor a Siamese as a Christmas or Birthday Gift please visit our web site for details of the long term cats needing financial support [SPONSOR A SIAMESE](#)

Micro Chip Update - On the 10th June 2024 it becomes law for all cats over 20 weeks to be microchipped and cat owners have 21 days to ensure their cat has a chip or

face a fine of up to £500. We are not sure how, or if this law will be enforced but we do support having your cat microchipped and cover this when we re-home our rescues. Good examples of why microchips are helpful are covered in this Mewsletter in stories from cats rescued this year.

As a Registered Charity we have access to the main UK based chip company databases enabling us to check numbers and make updates for cats we re-home or find. Niki is using our rehoming records since 2016 and if we have chip numbers recorded checking details and amending as necessary, any changed details are notified to the registered owner.

Chip companies are currently offering to update details for an additional fee. Siamese Rescue Cat owners do not need to pay this fee as the Trust are happy to do this for you at no charge. We feel it is a cheek to charge you for changing your details whenever you move or change phone/email details, plus under the Trusts adoption rules you should advise us of any changes. Your vet should check your cats' chip and will offer to install a chip if they have not got one. Ensure you keep a record of the number in your records. We have chipped our rescues for over 20 years, but occasionally it may have been missed, or not recorded on the adoption form. You can let Niki know the number and any change of details (address or phone change perhaps) when you give her your annual update on your cat this Christmas. If you would like us to check or change your cats' microchip details in the future please email the Trust on sccwt@siameserescue.org.uk supply chip number, cats name and your new contact details so we can update our own and the microchip records.

Poppy 11 year old Siamese found wandering - Earlier this year Brigid had a call from a caravan site manager from SE London. The site was mainly used by short stay

tourists and he thought she was with one of them so it was 10 days before he put out food for her, and the foxes got most of it. He was due to go on holiday and she was looking poorly, so he found our contact details and as he had gained her confidence was able to pop her in a cat basket and take her to Brigid who checked her for chip details and cared for her. Most cats found wandering either have no chip, or no owner details registered on the system, luckily this time the owner was registered and lived in Colchester, Brigid immediately contacted them and they advised that she had gone missing 3 weeks prior and her sister was very lonely without her. They had notified the chip company and publicised locally with no luck and had begun to fear the worst. They were very happy to hear from Brigid. Poppy was very thin and needed prompt vet care so they came to pick her up the next day and after a short stay at their vet she was allowed home to the care of her family. We think that she may have got into a car with a family holidaying at the site and just got out / escaped on arrival (the time she went missing and when she was first seen at the site tallied with this scenario). Thankfully a very happy ending thanks to up to date Microchip details.

Molly with her new slave



Molly was found wandering in the Cheshire area, she had obviously been well loved as she was friendly once we captured her but she was quite nervous when approached by the lady whose garden she took up

residence in during June. A local pet rescue had managed to scan her and noticed she had what seemed to be a huge lump on her lower abdomen. There was no chip and countless attempts to find her owner in the locality failed. Alison Wright our Facebook co-ordinator worked with the local rescue and managed to trap her and take her to Paula Hargan our Trustee with cat accommodation in the Northampton area. She was taken to the vets and had major surgery on the lump along with extensive bloods. It turned out to be a massive hernia with internal adhesions which she had probably had for years. Molly as we named her is a very lucky cat, as the hernia could have ultimately killed her and required two vet procedures. She proved to be extremely affectionate, and Paula could see in her eyes how desperately she wanted to be loved and feel safe. Molly is now very healthy, chipped, vaccinated and in her forever home with slaves which we found for her.



Mowgli-A large seal point Siamese entire male turned up in an East London garden, limping and very unhappy. The garden was unsuitable for cats with a rail line at the bottom and aggressive urban foxes who chase cats. The cat loving owners of the garden contacted some national rescue centres local to them for help (Celia Hammonds Rescue was the closest, but other London Rescues were also contacted). All refused to help giving the reason he could not possibly be a rescue as he was Siamese! He started to accept food and began to allow approach but not handling. After a month or so with no one posting him as lost they found the Trust on-line and rang for assistance. We suggested they ask Celia Hammond Rescue to assist capturing him so he could be brought to Brigid for care as he was injured. Again they refused

assistance, so we put a plan in place for picking up suitable equipment from Brigid, then tempting him into their conservatory with food and hopefully get him into the provided pen so he could be taken to Brigid's. We thought this may take some time but he just walked into the conservatory and sat in the pen on the 1st day of trying! Bless him. He was so grateful to go indoors after months of refusing to approach the house or family when in the garden. He was calm when transported to Brigid's and welcomed food but not attention, he had no chip and an obviously injured foot. Niki took him to our Suffolk foster facilities. His back foot was causing him pain but had no open wound, one toe was white and he was missing claws. The vet found it had been badly broken probably over two months previously, the bone and nail beds were infected, the only option was to x-ray and amputate any infected area to avoid losing the whole limb. He was so good throughout his examinations and treatment so we know he was very loved at some point, but in deep shock and frightened. It was over a month before he made any sound which for a Siamese indicated great trauma. He gradually showed affection and now, without pain, started to play. He was neutered, blood tested, boosted and was ready to find a new home. He was by that time interacting with Niki showing loving affection but was protective if you stroked near his back end. A country home was found and he started to settle with them. The home was experienced but as he started to relax and they gave him cuddles he exhibited affection aggression and started to panic bite whenever he felt too relaxed as his adrenaline kicked in. He had never exhibited any of these traits with Niki but it was part of his journey back to trusting humans. The biting was not acceptable so Niki took him back to work him through his emotions. He only exhibited affection aggression once when he returned so after building up his confidence when being handled we found another home where he could work through any future issues in safety. Experienced owners of Siamese who also rescued traumatised dogs offered to take him on and continue working through any issues. So he was taken to his new countryside home in Wales to live with two animal

OAPs- Milo Malinois a rescue dog and Declan an oriental tabby who was delighted to have a companion after three years of ruling his own roost; but Declan had CKD, and deteriorated after a month of being with Mowgli. He showed Mowgli how to act round his family and then sadly, we all feel, felt able to leave now we had another purr monster in the house.

Declan and Mowgli



Leonora (Luna)



Linda who takes in and fosters Siamese for us in Cambridgeshire adopted Leonora at the end of 2022 after taking her in when her owner died with the expectation of rehoming her as usual. Leonora wound her way into Lindas heart and proved an absolute delight in all respects, settling in really well with her non-pedigrees and two dogs. Linda has always loved showing her Non-Pedigrees so she started Luna competing in the Pedigree Pet section of local shows during 2023 and she has done well, gaining her Grand Master Cat title. The

main thing is that she enjoys her days at shows, so Linda decided to take her to the Supreme in October (the cat equivalent of Crufts) - a much bigger, noisier show than she had attended previously, together with a two-hour journey. She had also never been ring-judged before so there was a lot going on for her. However, she took it all in her stride and absolutely loved all the attention. She had a really successful day and was awarded her Imperial Certificate and Best of Colour in the AOC Shorthair Section. There was also a special class for any cat in the show, Pedigree or Pedigree Pet, who had Lilac in their GEMS code. It was judged purely on condition and temperament, and she won, beating all the Pedigrees. We are all so proud of her.

Having had rescued non-pedigrees all her life, Leonora was Linda's first cat from a recognised breed and she has been completely taken by Siamese. The only thing that she cannot work out is how can one cat take up so much of her bed at night? Luna seems to have half of it, leaving just half a bed for Linda and four non-pedigrees!



Dates for your Diary in 2024

Summer Fund Raising Afternoon Tea will take place on Sunday 21st July 2024 at our Suffolk homing base Old Bell House, Stowmarket Rd, Gt Blakenham, Suffolk IP6 0LZ. Come and enjoy the stalls, amazing food, and visit the cats in care.

Cat Show - Would you like to visit a **Cat Show** and perhaps see Linda and Leonora ? The Lilac Pointed Siamese Cat Society are running their annual show on Saturday 17th August 2024 at Bassingbourn Village College, Bassingbourn, Hertfordshire open to the public from 13:00 hours. Come and see a variety of Siamese

and Oriental cats and visit the cat based stalls which will include the Welfare Trust Stall.

Gifts For Sale



Front

Back green xmas fabric

We have 4 of these lovely American Christmas Cushions for sale. Approximately 20" x 11" £20 per cushion. They can be posted out asap after the money is received. Please send a cheque with the word 'Cushion' written on the back, made payable to SCWT to: Mrs C Howard, 74, Stour Close, Harwich, Essex, CO12 4TL or complete a bank transfer to Siamese Cat Welfare Trust, Lloyds Bank, Sort code 30-90-80, Account no 01091719, Reference 'Cushion'

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Have you bought your cats prezzis yet?

Why not go to our web site www.siameserescue.org.uk or contact Niki on 01473 830894 to order a selection of 5 toys in a cellophane bag with ribbon ready to give £5.00 including postage. (Cat nip xmas tree, Cat nip pouch, pipe cleaner twizzles and foil balls)



AND FINALLY MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM EVERYONE AT SIAMESE CAT WELFARE TRUST

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