

THE AIMS & OBJECTIVES OF CATS' AID ARE

- 1) To rescue, rehabilitate and find good homes for unwanted cats on the explicit understanding that no health-recoverable cat taken in by Cats' Aid will be destroyed.
- 2) The establishment of a permanent shelter for cats.
- 3) The education of the general public in the care of cats with particular emphasis on the importance of spaying and neutering.
- 4) The promotion of the five freedoms of animals: - Freedom from hunger and thirst; freedom from pain, injury and disease; freedom from discomfort; freedom from fear and distress and freedom to express normal behaviour.

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SUCCESS FOR NOODLES.

Noodles was born in foster in March 2018. His mother was a beautiful all-black cat less than one year old herself. She had been living outside, heavily pregnant, just before the big snow last March. The kind woman who found her got her to Cats' Aid. As Noodles was the only tabby in the litter of five beautiful kittens he stood out a mile.

He was always a little character; he was the last of the litter to get a forever home but as he loved his mammy that suited him down to the ground. He and all his siblings were a dream litter to look after and they all matured into lovely placid kittens that adored all human interaction. The entire litter were very sociable, helped without a doubt by my neighbours and their small children who used to drop by to play with them regularly.

We were absolutely delighted that he landed on his four paws in a super home with Suzie and Fiadh and their cat, Funny.

Fiadh, (aged 8,) takes up the story.

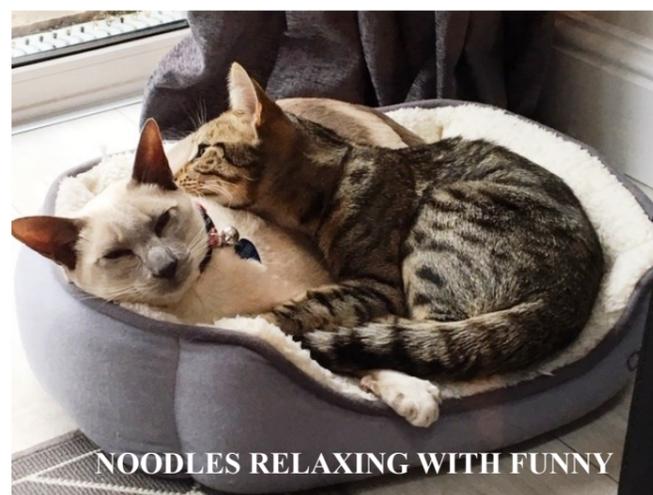
My kitten is called Noodles and he is almost 8 months old. He is a tabby. In June we got him from a lady called Sue from Cats' Aid. He likes to play a lot and is a bit crazy. He always steals my Lego pieces and takes my dolls' clothes. Sometimes he tries to help me do my homework. He is best friends with our other cat Funny who is 8 years old and a Lilac Point Siamese, who is also a rescue cat.

In October I took Noodles to the SABCCI and GCCFI cat show in Knocklyon. He hissed a lot at the judges because he was a little scared but still managed to win lots of prizes - 8 rosettes in all! At the show I was able to see lots of different breeds of cats and buy some cat toys for Noodles and Funny. Noodles was very tired when I brought him home but he was happy to have a big sleep with Funny.

I hope Noodles will live a long and happy life with me because he makes me smile every day!



NOODLE'S ROSETTES



NOODLES RELAXING WITH FUNNY



*We wish you a very happy Christmas
and a peaceful New Year*



Best wishes from Cats' Aid to all our supporters.

We are extremely grateful for your support during these recessionary times. We are particularly thankful for the continuous work of our Core Group, Foster Carers, Monthly Donors, Sale Helpers, Vets and many others who help in various ways.

We can't continue our work without you; your support helps us to save feline lives.

We (and the cats!) say a very sincere 'Thank you' to all of you.

CATS' AID CHRISTMAS FAIR



SATURDAY 1ST DEC., 2018
IRIS CHARLES CENTRE,
NEWBRIDGE AVE, SANDYMOUNT
12 NOON—2PM ADMISSION €2
CHILDREN FREE AND WELCOME



The Iris Charles Centre is near the junction of Newbridge Ave., Tritonville Rd. and Sandymount Rd., near Lansdowne Dart Station and the busses on Beach Rd.

Free street parking, but watch road markings; the claspers are strict.

We will have Christmas cards, cakes 'n bakes, Cats' Aid merchandise, good as new, jewellery, plants, wheel of fortune and raffle. Refreshments available.

We welcome donations of saleable goods, especially cakes and Christmas items.

Could you bake for us or do you know someone who could? Items for sale can be left into the Centre on Fri. 30th Nov. between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. Collection may be possible in some cases (depending on location).

Please phone our Helpline (01) 6683529 by Mon. 26th Nov. to enquire about collection.

(No CDs, DVDs, books, electrics, or clothes please.)

Donations to our Give a Cat a Christmas Dinner campaign are always welcome.

Please bring along some dry or wet food to help us feed the many cats in our care and the colonies that are monitored on a regular basis by our dedicated volunteers.

Our Christmas Fair is our main annual fundraiser, so we really need to make this a success. We appeal for your support. Some of our regular team aren't available, so we need people to help on the day and to clear up afterwards. Could you distribute Flyers in the Sandymount area? If you are one of our regular volunteers or a newcomer who would like to help, please contact us by phone or email to confirm your availability.

Please copy and distribute the enclosed Flyer and share on social media sites, etc.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD; HELP US TO HELP THE CATS.

Remember CAT — Contribute, Attend, Tell.

FROM THE EDITOR

2018 has been another busy year; more requests for help than ever before; more cats and kittens being abandoned. A feature of this year has been the number of kittens and cats coming into us with serious issues with their eyes—the result of cat flu. This necessitated multiple visits to vets and expensive treatment—sometimes the removal of an eye. Another striking feature of this year has been the number of cats that have been 'bereaved' i.e. their owner has died and they have lost their owner and home. Please consider making provision for your cats in your Will.

We also took in a number of pregnant cats (often little more than kittens themselves,) so that they could have their babies in safety. In several cases people stepped forward and looked after the cats and worked with the kittens to socialise them—this is such a help—if only more people were willing to 'help themselves'.

We would like to acknowledge an exceptionally generous bequest from a long-time supporter and animal-lover who sadly died last year. We are most grateful to her and to everyone who remembers us in their wills. If you would like to make a bequest please ask your solicitor for appropriate wording.

A FURTHER UPDATE FROM ANN BAKER

It's a while since I shared the kitties' adventures...

Throughout the warm Summer Lottie had a great time exploring the area, every road on our estate knows her, and every open back door was entered with her nosing around and getting the feel of the home. Thankfully she came home each evening; I would have felt very hurt if she didn't. She has a wanderlust and demands to be let out each morning. We have developed a sneaky trap to keep her in when she ventures home. If she sees us she gives us the run around and puts that bushy tail into the air and runs away, so her Daddy, Fred, cut one of my coasters in two, and we lodge it in the cat flap so she can enter but not leave. Sneaky I know, but at least I am more comfortable knowing she can find safety when I am not around.

Our Granddaughter is now walking, or should I say running, around and both the little ladies take a look and move to safer ground where the tails are safe. I think she has plans for Lottie's tail, Minion's one is a bit lacking in size and width, but even that one is kept clear of little hands. Catherine is not afraid of them at all, but I would not like to risk a paw or claw being used to defend so the distance is a great idea on behalf of the kitties.

(We endorse and emphasise the vital importance of careful supervision of children with animals.—ED.)

Minion is still a stay at home girl; she has stopped going up the wall and is very content to sit out and enjoy watching me work in the garden. At the moment both ladies are fascinated by the new bulbs being planted. Fred planted a load in the beds last week; the two ladies watched and the moment his back was turned they dug them up and played a type

of snooker with them... I thought it was funny, but Daddy was annoyed and had to bury them again. They both found nice shady areas to cool down before they planned their next moves. Lottie was very naughty and brought in a lot of poor deceased birds. Much as I like a gift, I was not very pleased with this form, I have a bird cemetery now in the flower bed covered with rocks; they only tried to dig up the poor souls so I had to make sure there were tomb stones over each little grave.

As usual, my stairs were used as back scratchers for the resident ladies, I spent most of my time cleaning them, the next day it would be covered with hair again!! The beds are the favourite place these evenings. They are nice and warm and I have to be careful as Lottie is very fond of my patchwork quilt and is known to tunnel in under it and was nearly sat on a few times, as she seems to be able to flatten herself out. Only we know she can be there I think she might be permanently flattened otherwise.

She was amazed at Blondie, the lizard last week as she was shedding her skin; there was a perfect lizard shape left and she was wondering where the other one had come from. She still watches the little wind dance and nearly managed to make an entry into the tank; the sliding door was open a bit and I caught her slipping her paw in to try to open it more. I hate to think what she would have done if she had managed it but maybe Blondie would be cute enough to hide behind the stones or something. They still have staring competitions with Blondie nearly always winning when she sticks her tongue out at her... the odd time she turns away as if bored with it all and shows her tail to Lottie which seems to amuse her.

Take care, and love to all the little kitties in your care, *Ann*

We received an email recently from Delia H., the mother of 10year-old Noah. Delia came across our website when she was surfing the internet with Noah. Noah loves animals and he recommends Pets or Cats 101 on Animal Planet. We are always delighted to hear from young people who care about animals—thanks for getting in touch, Noah.

We urgently need help in several areas. Please take a moment to read the attached/enclosed leaflet and if you can help please get in touch.