

# TAILY MAIL



Edinburgh

**Dog  
&  
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**AUTUMN/WINTER 25**

# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

## Welcome to the Autumn/Winter edition of the Taily Mail

Hello,

The Taily Mail is back! And avid readers may notice that this issue looks slightly different...

You told us that you love to hear our heartwarming behind-the-scenes stories, and keep up-to-date with what's going on at the Home. So, from 2026, the Taily Mail will be released three times a year, sharing more regular insights on the impact of your support and the animals you've helped rehome.

In this edition, hear about some very special visitors we recently welcomed and learn how old man, Arthur found his happily-ever-after.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm for our work, we're delighted to keep bringing you stories of our impact



and the dogs and cats we all love so much.

If you have any questions or suggestions for our new format, we'd love to hear them! Email [info@edch.org.uk](mailto:info@edch.org.uk) and let us know.

**Wishing you all the tummy tickles and good sniffs, Ziggy**

**P.S. IF YOU'RE ALREADY LOOKING AHEAD FOR SOME 2026 INSPIRATION – CHECK OUT THE AWESOME EVENTS WE HAVE COMING UP!**



# 'HE'S MORE HUMAN THAN CAT': OLD ARTHUR FINDS PEACE AT LAST



Because of his old age and health issues, it would have been hard to find a good home for Arthur, but the second Lorna, our Senior Individual Giving Officer, laid eyes on him, his fate was sealed!

Arthur arrived in our care as a stray, so we can only estimate that he's around 15 years old. Lorna tells us,

*'He just wants to be around people. My kids adore him and he'll curl up and sleep with them at night, it's very sweet.'*



He also gets on well with Lorna's other cats, Dougal and Katniss, *'He follows Katniss everywhere, he's infatuated with her.'*



Lorna says *'when you adopt an older cat, you really are giving them a second life. Arthur will want for nothing in his retirement years, and we honestly can't imagine life without him now.'*



# WHEN IT'S COLD OUTSIDE... THERE'S NOWHERE LIKE HOME

Nothing beats the comfort of coming home, kicking off your shoes, and cosying in after a long day.

Home is so much more than somewhere to sleep, and when it's cold and dreich outside, there's nowhere like your home.

Every animal deserves to experience the comfort of a warm home, and for dogs like Wilbur, your support makes it possible.

Wilbur, a 7-year-old husky malamute cross, was found lost and alone. He's a big boy who's had a tough life and deals with a lot of anxiety as a result.

Wilbur's fears and his size made it challenging to find the right home for him. He spent 135 days in our care before Emma, James and their dog, Kodee, came along.



Wilbur was terrified of the outside world. It took Emma and James three weeks to get him out for a walk, but they were determined to do their best for Wilbur. They hired an Animal Behaviourist to understand his phobias.

Kodee also became a source of comfort for Wilbur in his new home and before too long the pair were snoozing together and harmonizing their howls.

Today, Wilbur is a lot braver and gaining confidence every day. Emma and James told us:

***'It's not been perfectly easy with Wilbur, he is a special dog but each day we see progress with him.'***



Sadly, Kodee, passed away a few months ago and is sorely missed by the whole family. Thanks to him, and Emma and James' love and perseverance, Wilbur has found the happy home he always dreamed of. *'We absolutely adore him, and he's not going anywhere.'*

You can help more dogs like Wilbur find the peace and safety they deserve.

**THIS WINTER, WE NEED TO RAISE  
£200,000 TO KEEP EDINBURGH'S DOGS  
AND CATS PROTECTED, FED AND WARM.**

**HELP CHANGE  
THEIR STORY –  
VISIT  
[EDCH.ORG.UK/  
WINTERAPPEAL](https://edch.org.uk/winterappeal)**



# OUR PET FOOD BANKS GET A CELEBRITY SUPPORTER!

Earlier this year, we had an exciting visit from Pop Idol winner, Will Young, and the team at Miraculous Meals who stopped by to offer their support.

Will Young co-founded Miraculous Meals with the aim of raising awareness and support for animal rescue centres in the UK. The dog food brand, which donates 50% of their profits to animal rescue centres, was taking part in a nationwide tour of beloved animal charities, donating £50,000 worth of food along the way.

They enjoyed meeting our adorable residents, including mischief-maker, Cooper, who grabbed his chance in the spotlight and ran off with a microphone boom!



Will Young says: *"I'm really proud to help raise awareness and to deliver food to the incredible teams working tirelessly to give rescue dogs the second chance they deserve."*

We're blown away by the generosity and support of Will Young and his team. From all the dogs, cats, and our team - thank you!



# PETS FOUNDATION FUNDS VITAL FOOD BANK ROLE

Earlier this year, we were honoured to receive grant funding from Pet's At Home's Pet Foundation!

Pets Foundation have long been fantastic supporters of the Home through their Lifeline Vouchers which are, quite literally, a lifeline for us allowing us to purchase expensive specialist food for sick animals.

This new grant will help part-fund our dedicated Foodbank Coordinator Role, ensuring that our pet food bank can continue to support pet owners across our community.

Since launching in 2019, our pet food banks have provided essential meals to owners facing hard times. Last year alone we provided 647,734 meals to pets in need!

Thanks to this funding, we can keep helping pets stay in loving homes where they belong.



## **IF YOU WISH TO SUPPORT OUR PET FOOD BANKS THIS WINTER, BELOW IS A LIST OF ITEMS THAT WOULD HELP THE MOST:**

- Small bags of dry dog and cat food
- Large bags of dry dog and cat food
- Tins and pouches of wet dog and cat food
- Dog treats
- Cat treats

**THIS FESTIVE SEASON WE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR HOME IN ANY WAY YOU CAN. THANK YOU FROM OUR HOME TO YOURS.**

# CAT FIRST AID

## DOES YOUR CAT HAVE 9 LIVES? DON'T RISK IT!

Our new Cat First Aid course will teach you life saving skills and how to spot early signs of illness or pain.

**Duration:** 7 hours • **Cost:** £110

**Location:** 26 Seafield Road East,  
EH15 1EH



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TODAY:**



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Looking for a way to help our dogs and cats find their forever homes? Community fundraisers are an impactful way to support our work.

From hosting a pub quiz to taking on a physical challenge - we need your help!

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to find out more:**



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