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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello and welcome our first ever summer issue of the Taily Mail!

We've got some exciting updates coming your way, starting with the launch of our Advice Hub which you can read all about in this issue, and then later this year we'll be revealing a fresh new look, which you'll see in the next issue.



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OUR EXTRA SUMMER ISSUE?
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In the meantime, take a peek inside to see what we've been up to in the last few months, find out how far one couple would go for their beloved cats, and celebrate Charlie the cat's lifetime of birthday gifts.

All that and more inside!

**Ruffingly yours,
Ziggy**

RUN A LOVING HOME



CHARLIE'S STORY: THE BIRTHDAY GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING!



Charlie the cat celebrates his birthday every year with a gift to Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home.

Charlie found his forever home with Jenny twelve years ago.

Jenny recalls the first time she met him.

'It was love at first sight, to be honest. I asked to hold him and I could feel the weight of his head resting on my shoulder and that just cemented it for me. I can remember it as if it were yesterday.'

He's just the most comforting and reassuring presence ever.

Charlie was a little nervous when he first went home with Jenny, he's since become 'a wee sook'.

Charlie loves to roam and he has a great little routine of exploring, playing, napping, and talking to the birds.



'It's so funny, he's always got something to say to the magpies!'

Charlie celebrates his birthday every year with a gift to the Home.

Charlie is now 14 and still thriving. Every time he goes to the vet they remark on how well cared for he is.

Charlie couldn't have hoped for a better home than he found all those years ago.

A big thank you to Jenny, Steven, and their daughters for loving him so well all these years.

OUT AND ABOUT WITH EDINBURGH DOG AND CAT HOME

You may have spotted us and our supporters out and about in Edinburgh recently. Here are some of the fun things we've been getting up to.

TOUGH MUDDER

Michelle, one of our dedicated volunteers, recently took her support to a whole new level by completing a Tough Mudder event to raise money for the Home.

She told us, "We are bashed bloodied and bruised but it was such an incredible experience and we will definitely do the big one next year!! Even though today I still can't walk!"



Michelle raised an incredible £1200 which was generously matched by her employer bringing the total to £2200.

A huge thank you to Michelle for her impressive skills and dedicated support!

ABSOLUTE BODY ART

For the second year in a row the team at Absolute Body Art hosted a birthday fundraiser day in support of the Home.

A few of our team members headed along to see how it was going, they said: 'The charity tattoo and piercing day at Absolute Body Art was a great success, with everyone in high spirits and excited about their new designs but also knowing all the proceeds would go

to a great cause and will help dogs and cats in need in Edinburgh.'

In total £2597 funds raised to help dogs and cats in Edinburgh! Thank you to all who came along!

AT HOME IN EDINBURGH

Our team have loved getting out to some great events recently. You may have seen us at Leith Festival, Porty Pride, Dunbar Dog Day, Foodies Festival, and a recent event with our friends at Good Time Running Club.

Community Engagement Coordinator, Aaron, told us: *'I had the pleasure of representing the Home from Portobello Town Hall, meeting both locals and people travelling from farther afield to enjoy the pride event.*

I saw many dogs with pride flags following the iconic pride dog walk, and spoke to a lot of people having a great day. My face hurt from smiling by the end! The volunteers at the town hall were all incredible and the community felt joyous and united.'

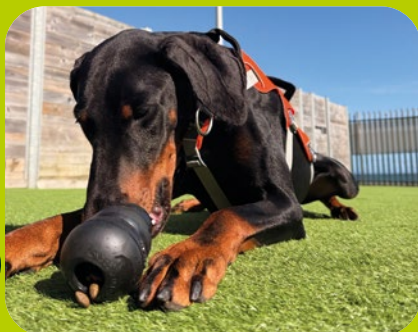


OUR NEW ADVICE HUB IS COMING...

Our animal welfare carers, dog trainers, and pet first aid experts have been working hard behind the scenes to create an Advice Hub packed with trusted advice for dog and cat owners.

Launching in September this year, we'll be sharing articles and videos filled with guidance about how to manage separation anxiety, how to prepare your dog for new additions to the family, litter training, enrichment and much more.

Keep your eyes peeled for the upcoming content, and please email media@edch.org.uk with any feedback or requests. We'd love to hear from you!



CAT FIRST AID: HOW FAR WOULD YOU GO FOR YOUR PETS?

For Karen and Justin, the answer is about 300 miles!

When they were unable to find another dedicated Cat First Aid course in the UK, they decided that it was worth the trip from North Wales to attend our course.

Karen told us: 'Not only does attending the course support the incredible work of Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home, but the course itself was excellent. It covered a wide range of cat illnesses and emergencies in fantastic detail, while still being easy to understand. The practical activities were particularly helpful and really reinforced what we had learned.'

We thoroughly enjoyed the day and left feeling much more confident in recognising and responding to potential health issues in our cats.'

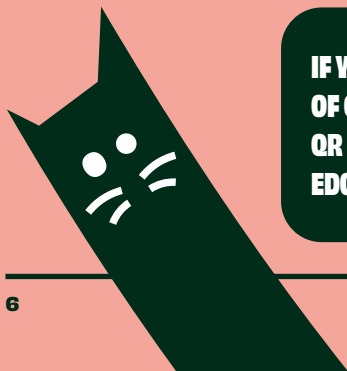


Karen and Justin have three cats who can all sleep easy knowing that their parents would do anything for them!

'We are so glad we made the journey. We would highly recommend this course to any cat owner.'

Thanks Karen and Justin for being such committed cat parents!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND ONE OF OUR COURSES, SCAN THE QR CODE OR FIND OUT MORE AT [EDCH.ORG.UK/CAT-FIRST-AID](https://edch.org.uk/cat-first-aid)



SKYE'S STORY

Lost and alone, three-year-old cocker spaniel, Skye, wandered onto the right street at just the right time.

Kylie and her family are animal lovers who run a pet food shop, and they were more than happy to take Skye in when a customer found her running along the road. They called the police and reluctantly dropped her off but they just couldn't stop thinking about her.

When they found out that Skye had been placed in our care, they called up to apply.

When they came in to visit, Skye was delighted to see them. But poor Skye was suffering from various medical issues that required a lot of treatment before she'd be ready to leave. Kylie and her family travelled to visit her every weekend for six months, patiently waiting to welcome her home.

It took Skye a while to fully settle into her new life.



'At first she was quite manic in the house. She couldn't really understand mirrors and windows and she was so unsettled. So I started learning everything I could about treat training.'

'She had to learn to trust us, and we had to learn to trust her too.'

'Now she's living her best life running about all over. It took months and months of training but finally it just clicked and it was so worth it.'

'It's like she's always been here. She's just happiness, she's so happy. We love her to bits.'

IN AN EMERGENCY, WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO?

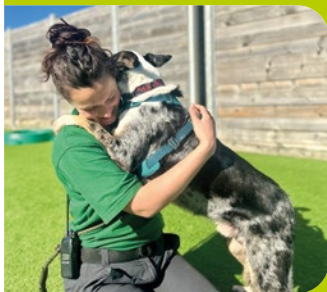
Don't wait to find out, learn CPR, wound dressing, and other life-saving skills at our Cat First Aid course.

Visit edch.org.uk/cat-first-aid for more information.

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1:1 DOG TRAINING AT EDINBURGH DOG AND CAT HOME



Book an individual session with our expert dog trainer to help your dog overcome behaviour issues, improve their obedience, and learn some fun tricks!

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