

# MannCat Sanctuary 2025

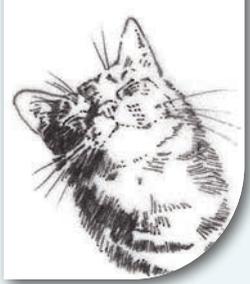


Freddie

# Welcome.....

*Dear friends and supporters*

Welcome to our 2025 newsletter. There is only one way I can start this foreword and that is of course writing about the very sad death of the sanctuary's founder, Sue Critchley, who we lost in the Summer of 2024. Sue had been courageously and quietly battling cancer for a number of years but she didn't let that detract her from her ambitions of promoting animal welfare or continuing the work she'd been carrying out at the sanctuary for more than 25 years. Sue was still personally welcoming visitors to the sanctuary during her final months. We have an obituary page in this edition, paying tribute to Sue in full.



Whilst this year has been as busy as ever, it has obviously brought about the biggest change in circumstances here with Sue being the integral part of the sanctuary and its driving force. As the sanctuary's General Manager, I have tried to ensure that things remained running as smoothly as possible during the transition period where we all had to adjust to things that were naturally going to be different. We have a very small team here of very hard working, dedicated and caring people and continuing with the mindset of putting the animal's best interests first at all times has helped us continue with the sanctuary's standard practice and morals. I must thank everyone who sent cards, messages and of course donations in Sue's memory, your support was very much welcome during that period and whilst we still feel Sue's loss at times, I would say we are 'getting used' somewhat to life here without her. Even writing this newsletter is strange as it's something we always did together so I find myself writing and then thinking if Sue would approve, hopefully she would! As you will see from the stories, we have had all kinds of situations to deal with and it has been a very challenging second half of the year. I must thank our team, particularly Helen, for ensuring we could

continue the sanctuary's operating code, helping every cat possible when required. There is no rescue service on the island that will attend sick or injured cats and therefore should we not attend, there is no alternative for the cats but to remain outside in the cold and vulnerable with their only prospect being a very unpleasant and painful death. Our conscience won't allow us to leave them suffering.

We made the decision to remain open during winter, on Sundays only, and hoped to continue that until May where we would revert to our summer openings of Wednesday and Sunday 2pm-5pm. Unfortunately due to the severe storms we sustained damage and this meant to had to remain closed. Please always refer to our Facebook page for opening updates. We also held special Halloween and Christmas opening days and it was great to see these well attended.

Thank you to everyone who donates towards our cause, whether it's cash donations, purchasing from the gift shop or sending us items from our Amazon wish list. However little that might be I can assure you it all helps us. I hope you enjoy this newsletter and if you can't visit us in person, please keep up to date via our Facebook page and live webcams which are available on our website.

*Darryl Hill*



**Saffie**



**Teddy**



**Daisy**



## Mann Cat's guiding principle



“Until he extends the circle of his compassion to all living things, man will not himself find peace.”

*Albert Schweitzer*

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# Our largest cat rescue operation

Throughout the years we've undertaken some pretty big rescues, but one which we were called to in August, turned out to be our biggest yet.



We received a call from a mental health nurse requesting if we could help with a situation in a house where she regularly visited the occupant. The nurse explained that the lady had become overrun with cats and kittens, all of which were un-neutered and so there had been numerous litters born in the house and that she estimated there were up to fifteen cats, the eldest being no older than two years old. The occupant was unable to afford the food for them and had accepted that she couldn't keep them anymore. Although we primarily try to only take in elderly, unwell or feral cats, this was a situation we couldn't say no to.

We scheduled the collection for a couple of days after the call so that we could shuffle things around and prepare some

space for the arrival of fifteen cats at once. Helen, who was using her day off from regular sanctuary work to do pet food bank deliveries and was in the area, initially attended with a friend of hers who has experience with animals. However, on arrival it was very quickly evident that the situation was far worse than we were originally told. Once in the house, there were cats and kittens everywhere, in every room, behind the sofa and chairs and in cupboards, including a newborn litter under the stairs. Helen immediately rang Darryl and knowing the importance of making sure we took all the cats and kittens in one hit, Darryl then packed the ambulance full of baskets and made his way to the house.

After more than an hour at the property, they were confident they had all the cats and kittens and left with both of the vehicles full to capacity! Keen to leave the property quickly to ease distress for the owner it was only when back at the sanctuary that we first did the proper count and the total number of cats and kittens came to a staggering twenty eight!





Having not prepared for nearly double the estimated number, the space we'd prepared wasn't big enough. The Willows building was open at that time so we very quickly put new fresh bedding in the room and the building then became our nursery! We separated the male cats who were at breeding age and our understanding vets neutered these the next day so that they could remain together as a group. We were really pleased that all twenty eight looked in very good health and it was evident the lady had cared for them the best she could, the mother cats were just very run down from feeding too many kittens over a prolonged period of time. To help them out, we bottle fed the smallest kittens and this gave them a good rest so they could build some strength up.

As they all settled in and we were satisfied that they were doing well, we decided that we were going to try and home as many as we could. We made the back room in the Rowanberry complex our homing room and moved all the cats which were ready to be homed into there. There had been quite a big mention of this situation on social media, as we wanted to raise awareness of how quickly having un-neutered cats can become a problem and as such finding homes wasn't difficult. Everyone who



met our homing criteria were spoiled for choice and we are pleased to say that the vast majority of the twenty eight have now started new lives in family homes.

Sadly, although we were able to help with this situation, this isn't an isolated incident and we can't stress enough how important it is to have your cats neutered or spayed. Even if you just have one cat and it lives indoors, this situation all arose from the lady owning one unspayed female, and an un-neutered male came in through an open window and impregnated the feral. Things just escalated from there and unfortunately we believe there are multiple situations very similar to this one.



# Binki and Belle

**Binki and Belle's arrival at the sanctuary came about in the worst of circumstances which thankfully doesn't happen that often.**

One night in February, we battened down the hatches as the island prepared for a typical storm for that time of year. There were severe gales and torrential rain, causing widespread damage and flooding. We made sure everything was as good as it could be at the sanctuary and prepared for the morning.

That morning, Helen came in very early as she was out doing her own horses and we needed to assess if the storm had caused any damage or flooding on site. On arrival at the gates, she saw an old tired looking basket. She got out of her car and went

to it, but to her horror as she neared closer to it, the basket moved and she realised there was something in it. Indeed, confirming her worst fears, there was not one, but two extremely frightened, cold wet cats inside the basket. The basket was very unstable so Helen was very carefully to place it into her car and bring the cats in.

Once we had the cats inside, we could see they were two young, beautiful Manx cats but they were petrified. The basket they were in could have given way at any time and they could quite easily have



**Binki**

then been out roaming around in the storm not knowing where they were. As well as the wind and rain they were also close to traffic which must have added to their fright. We needed to dry them off as they had not been sheltered from the rain and we didn't know how many hours they'd been down at the gate. Once dry we placed them in a cage together so we could monitor them. We gave them a heated pad and food, as they were starving. Generally though, they both looked to be in good health and were very friendly and well fed.

After a couple of days, the trauma of what they went through was beginning to wear off and they began to realise that they were now safe again. They enjoyed fuss, were eating normally and have some walks around the kitchen. We named them Binki and Belle and eventually moved them into the first room of the Rowanberry. They were a little nervous of the other cats at first but soon familiarised themselves with their new surroundings and enjoyed the space. Binki, the light grey, was much more outgoing and bubbly whereas

Belle remained shy and still had some lasting trauma.

Now, as we write this newsletter, Binki and Belle are still here but they have reached a stage now where we have put them up for adoption. Whilst they went through their ordeal together, they have not remained particularly close and we are hopeful that they will either start a new life as a pair or separately. We still shudder to think how bad things could have been that night for them and we're really satisfied and relieved every day to see them comfortable and settled.

Binki and Belle's situation of being left at our gates is one that thankfully doesn't happen that often, although it isn't the first time. We can never know fully what their owners were going through but we do feel it's very sad that they felt they couldn't advise us somehow that they had left the cats or even sent us an anonymous message.

**The cat's welfare is always our sole concern and we will never judge when people make a plea to us for help.**



**Belle**



**Binki**

# Flora and Islay

Flora and Islay came to the sanctuary last April, when a local farmer contacted Helen to see if there was any possibility that the sanctuary could accommodate them.

This was due to the fact they both had eye issues. The lambs were around 2/3 weeks old and had varying degrees of blindness. They were both suffering from untreated entropion, a condition where one or both eyelids turn inwards and sadly, Flora had already had her other eye taken by birds.

Once Flora and Islay were here at the sanctuary and we assessed them, we realised their eyes were much worse than they thought and immediate veterinary treatment was required. Both girls had very ulcerated eyes and little Flora's was badly infected.

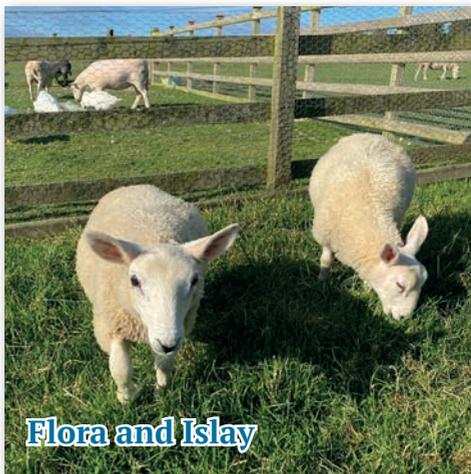


After stitching their eyelids back and administering a course of antibiotics, the girls began to improve. Their treatment was intensive for a few weeks and they were also being bottle fed but with the correct care we could quickly see improvement. During the day, Flora and Islay would go in a pen outside in the goat field and at night they'd be in a stable. As their treatment took effect and they improved, it was lovely to see them grow and frolic, just as lambs should.



Flora and Islay

After all our hard work, mainly down to Helen who took them under her wing, the girls have some degree of vision and still prefer to live in the smaller field with the goats. Unless you knew their background you would not know that they were mostly blind and after plenty of TLC, Flora and Islay have turned into lovely, healthy sheep who can now live their lives out together at the sanctuary, happy and safe.



Flora and Islay

# Lulu – our new Welsh pony

**Lulu is a two year old, chestnut Welsh section A pony. She came to the sanctuary last July after Sue received a phone call from someone who was concerned about her future and welfare.**

After Sue and Helen discussed the circumstances, it was decided that the best option for this young pony was to be removed from the situation and be brought to live at the sanctuary.

It became apparent after her arrival that Lulu had not been exposed to that much, as she had been living out in a field with minimal handling. After an initial period of isolation and worming treatment, Lulu quickly settled into the sanctuary herd, having the older ponies as guidance. We have walked with her daily to teach her good ground manners and all the basics. She will now stand for

the farrier, have her legs hosed, is happy to be rugged and leads nicely. She has also adjusted to all the new animals and surroundings really well. Having previously never been stabled, Lulu now loves coming in for the night to a lovely warm bed and plenty of hay, especially in the winter months!

Since Bubbles, our very old Shetland pony passed away, Lulu has befriended our donkey, Mary. They are often seen together in the field, grazing and grooming each other.

Had Lulu not come to the sanctuary, her life may have been very different as she was very timid and uneducated. She now has a safe future where she can grow and thrive. She can continue to be educated by Helen, who is very passionate about horses and has two of her own.



# Sue Critchley – our co-founder will be sadly missed

As mentioned in the foreword, during the Summer we had to share the news that founder of the sanctuary, Sue Critchley, passed away peacefully following a long and courageous battle with cancer.



Despite her long fight, her death devastated us here and made for a very difficult period following this as we adjusted to a new way. Sue was an incredibly strong woman and held the sanctuary as her primary focus until the very end. We remember her with great fondness and admiration and here we reflect on her life and just some of her notable moments.



Sue co-founded the sanctuary in 1996 with her late friend Carole Corlett with what initially started out as a small barn with a handful of cats. Things very quickly escalated and continued to do so and following the sad death of Carole very early into the sanctuary's foundation, it was Sue who continued their work and she was instrumental in taking the sanctuary through 28 years of growth and changes, expanding the area to help as many animals as she could. Sue built a truly unique sanctuary, with animals of all types living amongst each other in peace and harmony and whatever situation arose, the animal's best interests was always her priority. It's this which has gained the sanctuary the support, followers and visitors from all over the world and she leaves a tremendous legacy.

Sue hand-reared an extraordinary amount of kittens – many of which became well known characters of the sanctuary. They were featured in previous editions of the newsletter and remained very spoilt! These included Timothy, EllaBella, Trinity, Daisy, Olive to name but a few and of course Sue was also personally responsible for securing futures for many animals who were destined for death by offering them sanctuary here. These included horses, ponies, donkeys, and goats who were scheduled for slaughter and we can't forget Sky the German shepherd who had a destruction order on him but Sue through the courts managed to convince the judge to let him live a further six years at the sanctuary. Sue also ran many campaigns on island to promote and educate the general public on animal welfare and the

importance of neutering and spaying their pets. Working with a UK trust one year which covered the cost of neutering cats, the campaign neutered over 500 cats belonging to the general public.

The facilities have grown stage-by-stage from what started as the small barn to now include the Lounge, Conservatory, The Cabin which houses the blind and disable cats with an outdoor Catio, The Willows, The Rowanberry complex and of course, one of Sue's final projects was seeing Thie-Noa converted into our on-site vet surgery.

Sue was remarkable woman and her strong will towards animal welfare was unmatched. She has left us enormous footsteps to fill but we are very much continuing to operate the sanctuary in the same fashion and in her memory.

Sue will always remain a massive part of the sanctuary and we are certain that she will always guide us to make the correct decisions with whatever situations arise!



# Please sponsor one of us...



Dennis is one of the sanctuary's real characters! He started life here as a very small kitten. At the time, we didn't have any other small kittens so Dennis started living in the sanctuary's house. He was never the healthiest kitten and gave us numerous concerns but from his very early days, he was very cheeky!

Whilst in the house, Dennis grew up with the dogs and at that time, we'd rescued a German Shepherd puppy, called Trixie. They became great friends and the two of them enjoyed passing the time with plenty of games! It wasn't very well planned but it was necessary to have a new kitchen fitted and whilst Dennis and Trixie thought they were helping, sadly the installers didn't! It was even more difficult when the kitchen was painted, as Dennis made sure the paint went everywhere except on the walls!

Despite being small for his age, Dennis progressed well and we decided to let him out and see how he'd be. As expected, he was very bold and very excited when he discovered there was a big outdoor world! He ran into the cattery and never looked back. He reached a healthy weight to be neutered and had no side effects and has now grown into a lovely cat. He hasn't lost the cheeky chappy attitude, nor would we want him to. He loves the open days and is of course, a big hit with the visitors. He would love to be sponsored.



Jenny came to us a feral kitten. She was at an age where she was eating for herself and a lady had started feeding her in the garden. She appeared to be alone and so we caught her and brought her to the sanctuary. We had some other kittens here so Jenny went with them but was very timid. As the months passed by, Jenny had begun to trust us more but we did notice that she wasn't growing much and she always had small health issues which is very common for feral kittens.

In the summer of 2024, we noticed Jenny was not looking herself and going downhill, quickly becoming seriously ill. Dr. Ruth ran tests on her confirming she had a condition called Toxoplasmosis. It was effecting her neurologically and she had no balance whatsoever. Her vision had also become impaired. She began treatment immediately and whilst on it, we had her in a cage in the house as she was unable to walk. She thankfully got over the Toxoplasmosis although it's left her with almost no vision but she can walk. Jenny knows our voices and always relaxes when she hears us. After a long period of treatment, she was able to go into the cabin which has access to an enclosed outdoor area. She learnt her way around, using the cat flap with ease and can climb onto chairs. She enjoys listening to us whenever we are in there and enjoys strokes and cuddles! Jenny has been through a lot and now deserves a sponsor or two!

There are many cats at the Sanctuary in need of a kind sponsor. You can visit the Sanctuary, fill out the form on page 18 or visit our website [www.mannecat.com](http://www.mannecat.com) for more cats awaiting sponsorship.



Olive is one of our well known cats here and is well overdue being made a sponsor cat. She has featured in many previous newsletters, appears regularly on our Facebook page and is very popular with visitors.

Her life here started at a very young age, when she was found on a grass verge at the side of the road by a van driver one night. The driver stopped and was able to pick her up, he rang us and Sue advised him to bring the kitten in straight away. On arrival, the kitten was at an age where she wasn't able to feed herself so Sue made up a bottle for her. She was a very small, black fluffy Manx kitten and wouldn't have survived long in the precarious position she was in. Throughout the weeks that followed, Sue named her Olive and hand reared her in the house where she grew into a lovely cat. She discovered the cattery and when Sue would be out on open days, Olive enjoyed being in there with her and meeting the visitors.

When Sue passed away, we were worried for Olive as she was still very fond of Sue and it was apparent that she missed her. Now that several months have passed Olive is doing well and we make sure to give her as much fuss as she needs when she asks us to, as it's always on her terms! We think it's fitting now that Olive is made available for sponsorship and she is just one of many constant reminders of the wonders Sue worked here.



Tiger is a firm favourite with everyone at the sanctuary. He is one of multiple cats that came to us from Cyprus several years ago via a rescue centre there, along with another of our great characters and sponsor cats, Olivia! Tiger is a very outgoing and confident cat which meant he settled very quickly and loved the attention whenever we were in the room with him. Once he ventured out, he found his way to the cattery, made himself at home and loved being the centre of attention! After some time, we saw one day that Tiger was walking with a slight limp. When Dr. Ruth next visited, she took a look and thought something wasn't right so she suggested he should have a scan. The scan showed, similar to other cats we'd taken from Cyprus, that he'd had a previous injury to one of his front legs which had been poorly treated. It also showed he had a small amount of detached bone which was moving in his leg and causing inflammation. It was apparent that the colder climate was affecting his joint, this was the case with Olivia too, who also has a past injury.

Tiger began a course of treatment to reduce the inflammation, together with painkillers. This appeared to work and he became more agile again. Thankfully surgery wasn't necessary and he's back to the demanding, attention seeking cat we know and love!

# January rescue story



**This is a very recent story, happening in the first few weeks of January, 2025. It was featured on our Facebook page and our radio outlets also shared it.**

It was a Sunday afternoon and we hadn't opened because it was a very wet day with gale force winds. The phone rang and the call was from a man who advised us that he was at the gate and wanted to come in to "give us three cats". After trying to seek clarification on what he meant, the man became irritated. He then replied asking if we are a charity which takes cats in as he has three in the car to give to us. We attempted to advise him that it isn't really how it works, that we need to plan in advance so we know where is best for the cats to go initially. The man provided no information on the circumstances of the cats, only that they'd been dumped on him, and also accused us of acting fraudulently should we not take these cats in. He then finally said that we were either to let him in or he'd leave the cats at the gate as he wasn't driving away with them still in the car. Of course, we had to let him in...

Initially, we put them in a large cage in the utility room as we needed to monitor them and see what they were like, we didn't even know their sexes. We

fed them and they were extremely hungry and then we left them to settle down. Over the next few days we discovered that they weren't too feral, just frightened which wasn't surprising. We were able to sex them and saw that they were two females and a male and were around five months old. They were neutered and spayed later that week and once back at the sanctuary, they really settled down and started relaxing a lot more around us. We are looking forward to seeing their progress over the next few months.

We will always accept cats when the circumstances are right for the cat(s) but we have to have prior information where possible so that we can plan accordingly for what is in the best interests of both our existing cats and the ones being brought in. Of course emergencies can always happen but this situation could have been a much better, amicable one. From the number of the call we were able to trace it to a country park on the island which houses a large variety of animals, rearing animals for slaughter and also to sell live, as well as being open to the public and inviting families to visit and interact with the animals. It's troubling to think that there are people involved there who can treat animals as unethically as was the case with these cats.

# Vego's rare health condition

**Vego is living here at the sanctuary due to him having a very rare condition.**

His condition is called Patellar fracture and dental anomaly syndrome (PADS) which is a congenital bone disease of cats that is characterised by atraumatic bone fractures, the persistence of deciduous teeth and impaction of permanent teeth.

Vego's condition came to light when his owner noticed him having dental problems and took him to her vet. Further investigations showed that Vego had PADS which also included him having no knee-caps. This makes him very vulnerable to fracturing any bone and the vet advice to his owner was to either have Vego in a completely empty room with just food, water and a tray so he couldn't injure himself, or put him to sleep! Vego's owner decided that neither of those suggestions were an option so she contacted us and asked if he could come here.

We decided we were going to let Vego try and live as normal life as possible and he initially went into the cabin. He seemed very agile and was able to jump on chairs and windowsills with ease but that did make us concerned given how weak his bones were, as he could fracture a bone just through jumping.

Despite our concerns he managed very well and seemed to always take care when jumping. Soon after we let him

outside and he really enjoyed exploring the grounds, especially the pond area. Towards the end of 2024, we noticed Vego struggling to eat and very quickly a large abscess occurred around his lower jaw. He was treated by Dr. Ruth and following a course of medication, the abscess cleared up.



# Fern's story

**Fern is the perfect epitome of why we do what we do and how rewarding it can be. She had a very rough couple of months with us at first, and probably countless ones prior to that.**

We were contacted by a lady who told us that a cat had been hanging around her garden and she'd been feeding it. However as the cat had become more used to her and she could get much closer to her, she had noticed that one of her eyes was in a very bad way.

It was a Sunday afternoon which meant that we were open for visitors and so we called Helen who was enjoying her day off and she was able to go and attempt to catch the cat. Once Helen was there, she was able to see that Fern was in need of help and set her mind to catching her. Fern wasn't totally feral but it wasn't possible to pick her up so after some perseverance she had Fern in a basket. Once Helen had brought Fern to the sanctuary, it was apparent she had a very badly ulcerated eye. We knew the treatment for that so started her on it straight away, however she was very aggressive and would try to scratch and bite us. After a while it was clear that we weren't getting anywhere and in fact it was getting worse. We contacted Dr. Ruth and once she



saw her, the decision was immediately made to remove her eye.

The surgery went well and it was the best thing that could have happened to Fern. As soon as she was back at the sanctuary her behaviour changed. She was friendly, relaxed and very affectionate. As she recovered over the next few weeks, she demanded attention off us and is now one of the most affectionate cats we have here!

As we write this, we're not sure what the future holds for Fern. If she remains with us, we are sure she will enjoy being outside in the summer and will be a hit with visitors however if the right home came along for her, it would be great to see her find somewhere and settle given the rough patch of her life that she endured.

It's cases like Fern's which reminds us on the dark and not so enjoyable days why we are here and how it makes us feel, to be able to help cats in Fern's situation.



# Standing order mandate

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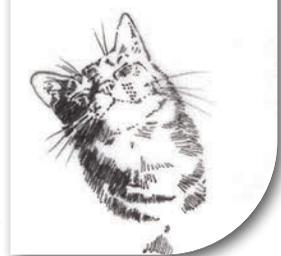
\*Minimum payments – Monthly £10/Annually £90 or become a Friend of the Sanctuary for £100 a year.

\*\* This date should be at least ten days from the date of sending this form.

Please return the completed form to:

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MAIN ROAD, SANTON, ISLE OF MAN IM4 1EE

# Sponsorship scheme



There are many permanent residents at the Sanctuary and we operate a sponsorship scheme with 12 monthly payments of a minimum £10 per month or an annual payment of £90.

If you would like to help these animals, please fill in the form below or become a Friend of the Sanctuary for an annual payment of £100 (or more if you wish!) by cash, cheque or standing order (see form on the previous page). You will receive a sponsorship package. For even more cats to choose from please visit us online at [www.mannecat.com](http://www.mannecat.com) or look through the sponsor book if visiting the Sanctuary.

**The Sanctuary welcomes visitors during the summer (1st May – 30th September) Wednesday and Sunday 2-5pm.**

Thank you.

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# New arrivals at the sanctuary

**Maisie and Pippin arrived at the sanctuary separately, but both in the same unusual circumstance in that they simply appeared here! Whilst they aren't the first cats to arrive unannounced, it was strange that they both appeared at similar times.**

Maisie appeared here one morning. We looked towards the pond area and there was a new torty cat we didn't recognise. We called her over and she came to us. She was very friendly despite not knowing us. No owners ever came forward for her and she started to settle into life here. Once out, she had taken to living in the utility room of the house and didn't want to venture outside much, which made things a bit difficult. One of our volunteers, Barbara, was looking for a cat and we suggested that Maisie perhaps would like to live with her! As Maisie was so affectionate Barbara couldn't say no and she took her home for a trial.

Maisie settled in immediately and made herself at home from the very beginning, spending her first night on Barbara's bed! We'll never know how Maisie came to be at the sanctuary but all that matters now is that several months on, Maisie is still very happy and loving life with Barbara.

Pippin's story, after a similar unexpected arrival is slightly different as she was a feral who simply turned up. We started noticing at night that a feral had made her way into Rowanberry to eat and would bolt when we went round to the complex. Then she started hanging around in the daytime watching us from a distance. As the weeks progressed, Pippin started going into the main cattery and remaining on her chair or bunker whilst we cleaned and she became more relaxed as she began to trust us. Pippin hasn't tamed much further than that yet but the sanctuary is very much her home now and as you can see from the photo we often find her in her look-out places keeping an eye on us!



**Maisie**



**Pippin**

# Webcams

Are you one of the many viewers tuning in to our five webcams? They play on a live feed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and you can view all five feeds at [www.manncat.com/live-webcams](http://www.manncat.com/live-webcams) and join in with the webcam chat on our Mann Cat Chatters Facebook page.

## 1. Lounge 1

There is always plenty of activity to be seen and enjoyed on the lounge webcam. The lounge, joined to the conservatory, houses the majority of the residents and on open days is the main entrance to the sanctuary.

## 2. Lounge 2

Our latest camera gives you an alternative, second view of the Lounge from the rear door, facing the entrance.

## 3. Conservatory

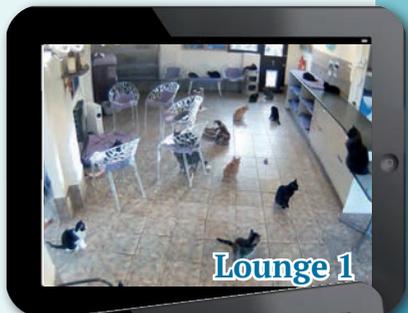
The conservatory adjoins the lounge and again, there is always plenty to be seen. At the far end of the room is our tree of life, where leaves are bought either online, or while visiting the sanctuary and placed on the tree. These are often done in memory of a sponsored resident, or a supporter's own cat that has passed away.

## 4. Rowanberry

The Rowanberry complex has replaced our twenty year old porta cabins, one of which was the feral house, and this is one of the rooms from the Rowanberry. This room is presently occupied by a group of cats that came to us from Cyprus and during the daytime they can come and go through the open door.

## 5. The Willows

The Willows is an area that has replaced our ancient aviary, we were desperate for more peaceful space to keep our cats that are blind, very elderly, take fits, or have medical problems that make them unsuitable for an outside life, this area is perfect, and the answer to our prayers. Thank you to Enid from America for all her help and also for naming the new room after her precious cat Willow, who she lost recently. Thanks also, to the Kaiser Trust for all their help.



# Our online gift shop

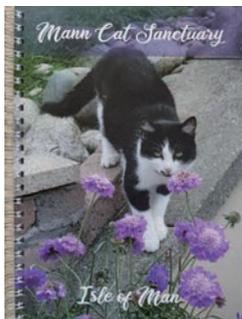


Below is a selection of the gifts available on our website, to view all our products and to order online, go to: **manncat.com** and look for Gift Shop.

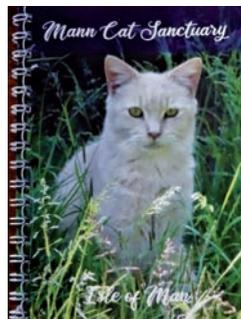
Cat Designed Apron  
– £15.99



A5 Wiro Bound  
Notebook – £8.99



A6 Wiro Bound  
Notebook – £4.99



Christmas Cards: 5 cards & envelopes – £9.99



Mann Cat Tote Bag  
Navy Blue – 4.99



'Cozy Cat' Rug – £5.00

Hand crochet, each with a unique design.



Cat Toy With MCS T-shirt  
– £4.99



## Introducing our new Stargazing Range

Yoshi Stargazing Cross Body Bag  
£49.99



Yoshi Stargazing Multiway Grab Bag – £74.99



Yoshi Stargazing Triple Gusset Flap Over Bag – £69.99



Yoshi Warm Stargazing Glasses Case  
£14.99



Yoshi Stargazing Zip Top Purse  
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Yoshi Stargazing Zip Around Flap Over Purse – £29.99



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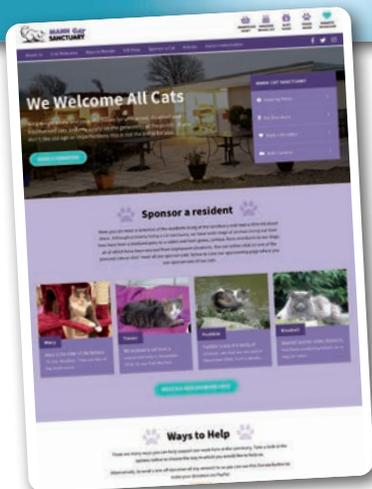
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Throughout the summer, we welcome visitors every Sunday and Wednesday afternoon between 2pm and 5pm. Entrance into the Sanctuary is free, however we do expect visitors to bring a six pack of Whiskas for the cat's tea.

During your visit, you are able to sit with our many cats who will want to make friends with you and say hello to our ponies and donkey, or meet our feathered rescue friends. Sponsor a resident and maybe take a souvenir or two back to wherever you visit from! We look forward to meeting you one day...



**At Mann Cat Sanctuary**  
– we ensure that all the cats in our care receive compassion, understanding and the ability to roam free.

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