



# ***MEDIA RELEASE***

## **Stourbridge and District Cats Protection**

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### **Make it a ‘summer of love’ for older cats**

**The Stourbridge and District Branch of Cats Protection, the national feline welfare charity, is appealing to people to make it a ‘summer of love’ for some of the older cats currently in its care.**

The charity is looking for loving new homes for the larger than average number of older cats that it is currently caring for – some of whom having been looking for new homes for several months.

**Rob Hall, PR Officer for Stourbridge and District Branch, said:**

“We often have quite a number of older cats staying with us as they tend to get passed over by people looking for kittens.

“However, older cats can make ideal pets for some people. Mature cats tend to be lower maintenance as they usually have a calmer, more settled nature and suit those who are frequently out of the house. They can offer plenty of lap-cat companionship and cuddles and can help reduce stress by providing a relaxing end to a hectic day.”

Older cats looking for new homes include:

- **Inspector Gadget** is a grey/white male, approximately five years old. He lived outdoor as stray for two years and arrived at a vet with a horrendous abscess from which he is now fully recovered.
- **Harley** is a black female, approximately 10 years old. She lived outdoors for over a year in an old rabbit hutch. She has a thyroid problem and will need regular medication that Cats Protection will pay for.
- **Harvey** is a black and white male, approximately six years old. He was re-homed when his original owner passed away but is now looking for a new home again.
- **Max** is male and aged between three and five years. He was abandoned by his owners when they moved house. He’s independent fellow who likes affection on own terms.

One of the main reasons that many of the 2000 older cats that come into Cats Protection’s care nationally can be hard to home is that people often worry the feline might not have a long life span. However, this is simply not the case as cats now routinely live to 15 years old and above. Reasons for this include:

- Better owner care, including improved education and awareness
- Increased willingness to treat older cats and improved veterinary knowledge
- Increased vaccinations and neutering

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**For more information, or to arrange a photo of any of the older cats, please contact Rob, PR Officer, on 07092 364572.**

### **Notes for Editors**

- The Stourbridge and District Branch of Cats Protection covers postcodes DY1 – DY13, which encompasses Stourbridge, Kinver, Kingswinford, Hagley, Brierley Hill, Tipton, Dudley, Sedgley, Kidderminster, Stourport, Bewdley and the Wyre Forest area.
- Cats Protection is the UK's oldest and largest feline welfare charity.
- The aims of Cats Protection are:
  - To rescue stray and unwanted cats and kittens, rehabilitate and re-home them.
  - To encourage the neutering of all cats and kittens not required for breeding.
  - To inform the public on the care of cats and kittens.