



# ***MEDIA RELEASE***

## ***Stourbridge and District Cats Protection***

For immediate release: 26<sup>th</sup> October 2006

### **Special home needed for Arthur**

**The Stourbridge and District Branch of Cats Protection is looking for a special home for a cat left homeless after spending a week in a flat with his dead owner.**

Ten year old tabby and white Arthur was found scared, starving and dehydrated after police broke into the flat when neighbours became concerned about his owner.

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

“From what we can gather, Arthur and his owner lived together for more than ten years, rarely seeing visitors or other people.

“When we collected him he was starving and dehydrated and spent two days on a drip at the vets. He was also covered in fleas and had several patches of matted fur. These problems have all now been sorted; he’s been neutered and is currently with one of our fosterers.

“He was devoted to his owner and obviously this whole experience has traumatised him enormously. He’s very timid with his foster carer, preferring to remain in his bed and only venturing out to feed and use his litter tray when no one else is about.

“We’re looking for a very special person who can offer Arthur the time, care and love that he so desperately needs at the moment - an older person living on their own or someone who isn’t out at work all day would be ideal.”

Anyone who thinks that they can offer Arthur a loving new home, or would like to find out more, should contact Kelly, his fosterer, on 07092 388015 or Lindsey, Homing Officer, on 07092 301744.

Stourbridge and District Cats Protection is part of the charity’s nationwide network of 29 Centres and 260 voluntary-run Branches that together re-home 60,000 cats each year.

**- ends -**

**For more information** please contact Rob, PR Officer, on 07092 364572.

**The attached photo** shows Arthur with Kelly Newton, his fosterer.

#### **Notes for Editors**

- The Stourbridge and District Branch of Cats Protection covers postcodes DY1 – DY13, which includes 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. Founded as the Cats Protection League in 1927, **the charity adopted the name Cats Protection in 1998. We**

**ask that you use the name Cats Protection when referring to the charity in all published material.**

- 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.