



## THE CATS PYJAMAS NEWSLETTER

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*The Cats Pyjamas has just recently celebrated its first birthday. With about 200 guests over the year it has been hectic.*

*Having worked as an accountant for 30 years plus - looking after the feline friends has been a complete new learning curve. Although I've had cats and dogs all through my life - looking after someone's cherished pet is a huge responsibility. I went on a FAB (Feline Advisory Board) training course at Inverlea Cattery in Galashiels. Getting up at 6am when it was minus 14 cleaning and feeding cats put serious doubts in my mind whether I had made the right decision. Along with the trials of the Planning Department and every new "requirement" I was having second thoughts. However 2 years after I had first thought of the Cats Pyjamas the final planning consent was given and building started.*

*In April 2010 my first guests arrived - Lexie and EJ from Aboyne. I was so nervous and checked them more or less every hour! At the beginning of June last year I had 4 cats in the cattery - this year I had 21 so I am delighted with how it has grown.*

*Many of you have asked me about the logo. My eldest daughter Kerry is head teacher at Dunotter Primary Stonehaven and she ran a competition for the logo. It was difficult to decide but we finally decided on the one drawn by Mathew in Primary 1. The slogan FIVE STAR FUSS FOR YOUR FELINE FRIENDS was the idea of a primary 6 pupil.*

*Some of you have met my daughter Lisa who looked after the cattery last summer when I was ill and then again in October when I was having treatment. Without her help last year "The Cats Pyjamas" and I would have struggled. She loved it back in Scotland so much she decided to leave her job in London and move back. You will still see her from time to time when I am away but she is keeping busy now running Bistro Verde on the Green in Aberdeen, a seafood restaurant which we bought at the beginning of this year.*

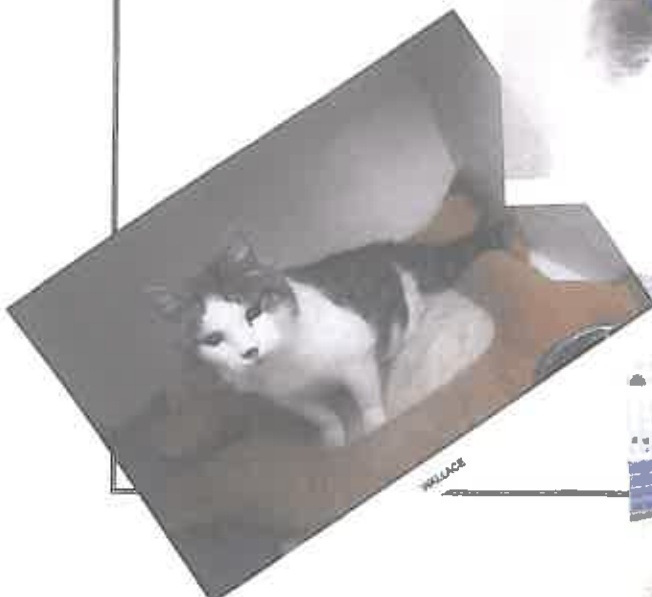
*With the long hard winter now behind us, temperatures dropping to minus 17 at one point and having to meet a few guests at the end of the road it was hard going but everyone was kept cosy and well fed. During the nicer days they are happy to sit and watch the birds and Jim Jam our own cat wandering around. The majority are happy to stay with us but I'm sure always glad to be home!*

*At the beginning of March I had 4 new pens added and a new isolation unit. Thankfully so far I haven't had to use it for a sick cat. With the additional pens the cattery is now complete, making a total of 13 double pens and 5 single.*

*As I said with about 200 guest coming and going - many returning two, three or more times it has been a busy year but most enjoyable. I have to say it is far more rewarding than producing a set of accounts every month and sitting in traffic every morning and evening.*

*A big thank you to everyone who has used the cattery and recommended us to friends and family.*

Kind Regards  
Isabel and Lisa  
The Cats Pyjamas



**top cat names**

From a survey of 20,000 members of PetBabynames.com these were the most popular

BOYS	GIRLS
1 MAX	BELLA
2 TIGGER	LUCY
3 OLIVER	CHLOE
4 JACK	LILY
5 TIGER	MOLLY
6 JASPER	KITTY
7 OSCAR	LUNA
8 CHARLIE	SOPHIE
9 LEO	LOLA
10 TOBY	MISTY

**GUESTS WITH THE MOST DAYS SPENT AT THE CATS PJ'S**

REMY and MARTIN from Barff  
 MINNIE and SQUEAKY from Aberdeen  
 JAMES from Kintore



RUPERT

Many of you met Rupert when he was staying with us for 5 weeks before he made his journey to Canada to live. I'm glad to say he made it safely -

Dear Isabel,

Rupert has arrived safe and sound in Canada. He was a big hit with the KLM pilots and flight attendants - the pilot for the Aberdeen to Amsterdam flight even took photos of Rupert on his mobile phone and shared them with the rest of the crew. He and our dog have acclimated very well and family and friends are especially surprised how well adjusted Rupert seems after having travelled a transatlantic flight. I just smile and and tell them he's a cat in a dog suit. Right now he is fast asleep on the hotel sofa. We really appreciate the loving care you gave Rupert during his five-week stay at Cats Pyjamas and would happily bring him back when we travel if we hadn't relocated to Canada. I will highly recommend you to our friends with cats in Aberdeenshire.

With heartfelt thanks,

Peta & Gauvin

## cat facts

Cats can't taste sweets.

A cat's tongue consists of small "hooks," which come in handy when tearing up food.

Cats have five toes on each front paw, but only four toes on each back paw.

Cats have true fur, in that they have both an undercoat and an outer coat.

When a domestic cat goes after mice, about one pounce in three results in a catch.

The cheetah is the only cat in the world that can't retract its claws.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

Neutering a cat extends its life span by two or three years.

Cats must have fat in their diet because they can't produce it on their own.

Cat's urine glows under a black light.

The heaviest cat ever recorded was 46 lbs.

Cats have a third eyelid called a haw and you will probably only see it when kitty isn't feeling well.

Cats are the only animal that walk on their claws, not the pads of their feet.

Mother cats teach their kittens to use the litter box.

The way you treat kittens in the early stages of its life will render its personality traits later in life.

Tylenol and chocolate are both poisonous to cats.

The average cat food meal is the equivalent to about five mice.

Cats have AB blood groups just like people.

A form of AIDS exists in cats.

Most cats have no eyelashes.

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Cats sleep 16 to 18 hours per day.

A cat has four rows of whiskers on each side.

### OPENING HOURS

Mon - Fri	9-12 noon 5 - 7pm
Sat/Sun	9 - 1pm

Times outwith these hours can be arranged

### BOOKING

If you want to book for October please do as soon as possible as we are getting booked up very quickly

Please join us on Facebook and see many of our guests [thecatspyjamas.cattery](http://thecatspyjamas.cattery)

### THANKS -

To everyone who has used the Cat's Pyjamas.