

# Moggy Mail

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We care, when you're not there!

## How To Tell When Kitty Is Poorly

You may think it obvious how to tell when your kitty is under the weather. But cats can be good at hiding the signs of illness and tend to shy away from contact when feeling poorly.

Sometimes, they can just *look* unwell, much like us humans. If you think that your cat doesn't look right, even if there are no obvious symptoms, a trip to the vet may be in order. His eyes should be bright and clear, he should not shy away from light, and his ears and nose should be free from any discharge.

Progressive weight loss, as well as weight gain, can

both be indicators that something is not right. Weight gain can lead to diabetes and a range of other mobility problems. You should be able to just feel your cats ribs - if they are too pronounced it could be that your cat needs to put on weight.

Other signs to watch out for are excessive thirst or frequent urination - again, both can be a sign of feline diabetes. Equally, difficulty urinating can point to a variety of problems. Symptoms can include "crying" when passing water or blood in the urine. Feline Lower Urinary Tract Disease is a common condition, particularly for males, and can be life threatening if not treated early.

Skin condition is a good indicator of the general health of your cat. Skin should be smooth, and pink or black. Persistent itching or signs of dermatitis could indicate an allergic reaction, particularly to fleabites.

Related to this is excessive hair loss. Signs of over grooming are bald patches on the belly, the back and inside the back legs. This can be a sign that your cat is feeling unwell, or perhaps has a poor diet. It may also be a sign of stress or anxiety - this can be hard to diagnose, so keep a diary of what triggers over grooming and the times it occurs, to help your vet correctly diagnose the problem.

## Celebrity Paws

Nicholas Lyndhurst, actress Pam Ferris and TV personalities Su Pollard and Bruce Forsythe.

Run through online auction site E-bay, each celebrity has drawn around and decorated their hands, and then signed the artwork to

provide a unique opportunity to help you support the CPL.

To find out more, visit <http://www.cats.org.uk/celebritypaws>.

Happy Bidding—and let us know if you win one!

## Moggy Minders

If you've enjoyed this issue of Moggy Mail, please let us know!

We also welcome comments or suggestions for articles for future issues.

If you would like to get in touch, please email us: [info@moggyminders.co.uk](mailto:info@moggyminders.co.uk)

Cats protection celebrity paws auction is back - for a limited time only!

Until 10 October, you have the chance to bid on a celebrity "paw print" from the likes of cat fans including Sir David Jason, James May from Top Gear, actor Richard Wilson and

I've got one—it's mooching about the bottom of my computer screen as I type this, and occasionally it comes and puts its muddy paws all over my screen and meows loudly at me to remind me it's there.

In fact, it's just meowed so loudly that the husband has just got up to let Simba the Ginger Ninja out...not realizing that she is already out and it's actually my new

### Have Your Very Own Felix...

friend.

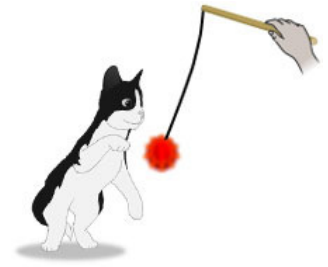
Yes, you too can now have your very own Felix to play with on your computer. He chases butterflies, breaks flower vases, demands feeding and goes to sleep in a very cosy looking blanket if you tell him to. He also enjoys being stroked and catching the ball on the end of the fishing line. Perfect when you just need that bit of cat therapy but there isn't one there to administer it!

If you'd like a Felix too, simply click on the link below -

[www.catslikefelix.co.uk/myfelix/](http://www.catslikefelix.co.uk/myfelix/)

Felix needs Windows XP or higher to run but sadly doesn't work on MACs or Linux.

PS - Moggy Minders doesn't endorse Felix over any other brand - we just like cute gadgets!



Catch me if you can!

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### All About... Tabby Cats

Princess Georgia and perfect Geoffrey have inspired a look at Tabbies...

Tabbies are presumed to be a breed of cats, but the tabby pattern is actually a coloring that descends from the African Wildcat. Tabby patterns are found in many breeds of cat, and they usually have a marked "M" on their foreheads. There are 4 distinct tabby patterns:

Mackerel (very apt! And the most common), classic, spotted and ticked.

White cats are the only ones that cannot have any tabby markings, though silver tabbies, as they are known, are actually white and black cats with mackerel pattern tabby markings. It is the steel-white of their fur that gives

them their distinctive colouring and name.

Because tabbies are not a breed, they don't have a distinctive set of traits or a personality type. However, most tabbies that I've met tend to be playful, affectionate and very very beautiful.

Georgia and Geoffrey are no exception!

### Send Us Your Kitty Pics!

At Moggy Minders, we've been busy tweaking bits of our website, and one of the new pages we've introduced is a "Rogues Gallery", with pictures of all the lovely rogues that we look after.

Some of your kitties are happy to be snapped - I usually take a picture when I first start looking after

them on my mobile, just in case I should ever need it!

Most of these pictures are on our website (with your permission of course!) and form part of our rogues gallery - [moggyminders.co.uk/rogues.html](http://moggyminders.co.uk/rogues.html).

However, some of your kitties are a little camera

shy and will look away every time I try to snap them!

If you would like your kitty to join our hall of fame, please send us a picture, and we will gladly add him to it!

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The funnier the better!

