

Moggy Mail

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We care, when you're not there!

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

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

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A cat's remarkable grace, agility and sense of balance are due, in part, to its claws, which allow it to establish footing for running, walking, springing and climbing and stretching. A cat's claws are also its best defence against big black cat from up the road whilst he is playing outdoors.

However, his claws can also be a nuisance—especially if he is an indoor cat, as cats will scratch. Scratching is natural behaviour for cats, and is how the cats fulfil his instinctive need to mark his territory. Not only do cats mark their territory visibly by scratching them, but the scratching process deposits secretions from

Dealing with a Scratchy Cat

the glands in his feet, that can be smelt by other cats. Kitty will carry out this natural behaviour whether he is an outdoor, or indoor cat.

Some owners, especially those who have house cats, decide to have their cats declawed, to stop them scratching the furniture. Declawing is not a decision that should be taken lightly, as it can cause considerable pain to your cat if not done properly, and certainly should never be done for the owners convenience.

There are many alternatives to declawing that allow kitty to continue with his natural behaviour, and keep his claws! The

most obvious of these is investing in a good scratching post. If you are trying to discourage your kitty from scratching a particular piece of furniture, try placing the post in front of it and gradually move it away as kitty gets used to it. A quick squirt from a water bottle will help kitty learn when he has made the wrong decision between furniture and post!

It is also possible to clip your kitties claws, especially if you get them used to this whilst they are young. Ask your vet to show you the correct way to trim their claws, and with patience and training (and a few treats along the way) your kitty should soon become used to this.

Just a word to the wise...

Christmas is approaching fast (yes really!) and Moggy Minders has already had a couple of bookings for over the Christmas and New Year Period .

Christmas is Coming...

As we only look after a certain number of kitties each day, please do be sure to get in touch with us as early as you can to make sure we can look after your kitty if you are away.

We always do try and give

priority to our "regulars" - so even if you are only thinking about going away at this stage, it's worth just dropping us a line with your potential dates, and we can pencil you in the diary and confirm a little closer to the time.

Simon's Cat—a must for cat lovers everywhere!

Have you seen Simon's Cat? I first saw one of these hilarious animations on YouTube, and have been hooked ever since!

If ever there is a man to get into the mind of a cat, and capture it in such an amusing and accurate way, it's Simon.

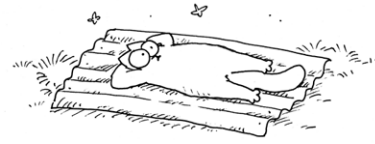
Try www.simonscat.com/films.html although Moggy Minders accepts no

responsibility for the fact that you may laugh til you cry!

Alternatively, you could enter the competition to win an original, framed picture of Simon's cat, as well as a signed copy of his new book. All you need to do is download and follow the simple instructions to get your very own Simon's cat, and then picture it in the most funny, witty or inspiring location you can.

Finally, if you are searching for a kitty inspired gift for that special someone for Christmas or birthdays, from 1 October you will be able to get your very own copy of Simon's Cat—the Book! Full details are available on his website—www.simonscat.com.

Moggy Minders is not being paid to endorse this site—we just think it's hilarious and am sure you fellow kitty lovers will think so too! joy!



“Oh Colin, and those big beautiful blue eyes...”

All About... RagDolls

Oh Colin, and those big, beautiful blue eyes... having recently been bewitched by a Ragdoll I thought we'd have a closer look...

Ragdolls were developed by controversial American breeder Ann Baker. They have a docile and placid temperament, those beautiful blue eyes, and a tendency to go limp and relaxed when picked up.

Most, if not all breeders, recommend owners don't allow their kitties outside alone, as their laid back personality tends to lower their natural instincts to fight for their lives.

They are energetic and playful, and many older cats will allow their owners to push them across tiles like a duster!

As family pets, ragdolls generally love everyone, even strangers who enter the home, and enjoy the company of other cats (though there are individuals who don't!)

Ragdolls come in 6 different colours, and all tend to be sturdy kitties with a large body...And not to forget those beautiful eyes...

Cat Food Offers

Once again, we've searched the land to bring you the best deals on cat food...

Sainsbury's : Felix chunks 6 x 400g tins various flavours, £2.61 reduced from £3.49. Offer subject to availability and ends 29 September 09.

Sainsbury's: Go Cat biscuits,

various flavours 950g box £1.88 reduced from £2.34. Offer subject to availability and ends 29 September 2009.

Asda—Whiskas chunks 6 x 400g tins various flavours any 2 for £6.00. Normal price £3.39 each. Offer subject to availability and ends 15 September 2009.

Asda—Sheba 100g servings, various flavours, any 5 for £2.00, normal price £0.50 each. Offer subject to availability and ends 31 December 2009.

All offers correct at time of going to press—for full details please contact the store in question.

