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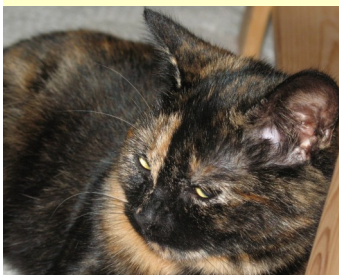
# **ADOPT AN ANIMAL: DON'T BUY OR BREED**



*Ruby*

***The pet industry knowingly creates a deficit of over-bred, unwanted animals in an already saturated market. Breeders profit whilst the animals suffer: females endure repeated pregnancies and their offspring are often sold to people unable to care for them. Rescue facilities face increasingly desperate times, with growing demands upon them to assist abandoned pet animals. Add to this irresponsible pet owners who allow their animals to breed indiscriminately or abandon them when times are hard, and we have a problem reaching epidemic proportions. BUT YOU CAN HELP...***

**Ruby** was once someone's pet cat. We found her living rough in wasteland full of broken glass and metal, next to a busy road. Ruby had three kittens (**Poppy**, **Daisy** and **Timmy**) that she was doing her best to care for. She was heavily pregnant, painfully thin and unkempt. We trapped the already feral kittens and places were secured at local sanctuaries for all four cats. Two weeks later Ruby gave birth to **Tabitha**, **Georgie** and **Jasmine**. Six months later all seven cats were in good health and had been neutered, microchipped and placed in loving homes. Although this story has a happy ending, many animals are not so lucky.



*Poppy*



*Daisy*



*Jasmine and Georgie*

**'The precursor to the unnecessary suffering of domestic animals, birds and parrots is their perpetual breeding. The UK has a crisis overpopulation of these unwanted animals. Animal shelters are bursting at the seams with throw-away, abused and neglected animals. This crisis is an indictment of human indifference, irresponsibility, ignorance and greed.'** (Julie Hamilton, Director of New Life Parrot Rescue)



Parrots are wild at heart, thus beyond the 'pet' concept. NLPR is adamantly against their perpetual breeding and the stealing of eggs and offspring for the hand-reared pet trade. There are thousands of unwanted parrots, with very few ethical parrot rescue organisations in existence to meet the demand. The larger parrots easily live up to fifty years or more, making it impossible to counter-balance their continual breeding. Parrots commonly experience four homes before they reach the age of five. Further information is available at [www.nlpr.org.uk](http://www.nlpr.org.uk).

The problem of abandoned animals and birds applies to cats, dogs, parrots, horses, ponies, donkeys, rats, rabbits, mice, hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils... Sadly the list goes on. Whatever animal you choose to share your life with, there are always thousands needing a loving, safe home at a shelter near you. Rescued animals bring great joy to a home as they never forget what you have done for them!

**Please adopt rather than buying from a breeder or pet shop.**

*For more information, please visit:*

[www.sanctuaryangels.co.uk](http://www.sanctuaryangels.co.uk)



#### **HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

- **Do not buy from breeders or pet shops**
- **Adopt an animal from a sanctuary or rescue centre**
- **Neuter and microchip your animal**
- **Provide your companion animal with food, shelter, exercise, veterinary treatment, play, time and lots of love.**

**MAKE A LIFE-SAVING DONATION TO A SHELTER NEAR YOU.**