

Celeb cat joins the CLAWS

Downing Street moggie becomes charity's friend

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A FAMOUS feline who is the darling of Downing Street has given her meow of approval to a Maidenhead charity after discovering they are kindred spirits.

Sybil shot to fame after being instated at the flat above 10 Downing Street by Chancellor Alastair Darling and his wife Maggie. She is the first cat to reside at the famous residence in 10 years and has free run of the household.

When Cat Lovers Animal Welfare Society (CLAWS) member Carol Verdaguer saw the political pet on television she wrote off straight away to ask her to become a friend of the animal charity.

She was delighted when not only did she get a hand written reply from Maggie Darling but also discovered that Sybil is a rescue cat herself.

She said: "I was excited when I saw the address but I half expected it to come from a secretary.

"When I saw it was from Mrs Darling I was just so surprised

and pleased that she had taken the time to write to us and obviously very excited when she said Sybil could be a friend of CLAWS.

In the letter Mrs Darling describes her black and white pet as a 'very loving and adorable cat who so enjoys human company'.

Miss Verdaguer has been a volunteer with CLAWS since its inception 11 years ago and said: "All charities need constant support but so often animal charities are the Oliver Twist of the sector - always asking for more.

"This is certainly a feather in our cap and we hope, with Sybil as a supporter, to expand ourselves.

"She is a rescue cat herself and we would like to illustrate to people that if a moggie can get into Downing Street then one of our cats rescue cats can get into Bray."

The charity currently has two cats, Jessie and Joe, which they are especially keen to rehome.

For more information call Beverley on 0118 9341699 or to see pictures of all the cats available visit www.claws.org.uk



Thank you
for your best wishes



Sybil
No11 Downing Street



FEEL-INE HAPPY: Carol Verdaguer was delighted when a handwritten letter arrived from Downing street pledging support for Maidenhead's cat charity CLAWS. Ref:97981-1