

Update on Ollie since he left the CPS (Formerly Chris 861), Written by Carole Arbuckle

Firstly, a big and heartfelt thank you to the dedicated team at the Cat Protection Society (CPS). You are a group of hard working and dedicated professionals and volunteers. For those of us who love cats, it is important that you know how much we appreciate and value what you do. My vet also remarked with great pleasure about the excellent condition Ollie was in when he went for his first check up. This is due to your input.

Initially I had been unsure what to expect as Ollie's bio (aka Chris 861) on the CPS website said " Can be temperamental " But I decided maybe there was a reason for this and to take a risk with this enchanting cat with the fluffiest tail I had ever seen.

What helped me to make up my mind was an interaction between a CPS staff member and a cat owner. While the cat owners feelings about bringing the cat back to the CPS were taken into account, the staff member very skillfully advocated for what was in the best interest of the cat.

With this in mind, I decided to take Ollie home. And while his unpredictability is unlikely to be explained, Ollie has settled in well and I am now greeted each evening at the door with a large fluffy tail waving loosely, and a friendly, relaxed little trill (rather than a miaow) that seems to say " I am pleased to see you. '

From my basic research, I think he maybe a Norwegian Forest cat- who are renown for not wanting to be picked up and being " their own man ".

Ollie is the most wary of all the cats I have had - but ironically the most affectionate. He will hide under the bed and not come out without lots of encouragement. Equally, he loves to lie stretched out, to full capacity , right next to me, and as I pat his forehead he strokes my face gently with this paw, purring loudly with half-closed eyes.

To anyone who thinks cats are not affectionate I think it is just a matter of temperament, and perhaps trust, just like people, However if you are prepared to get to know cats as individuals, you will not be disappointed,

Cats enhance and enrich our lives, and our capacity for love and understanding of their uniqueness and our place in their world. I cannot help but encourage people who like cats or sense an affinity with them to go ahead and adopt one

Cheers

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