

Oliver

I've always wanted a pet of my own, so when I was told I would be able to have one I was very excited and a staff member helped me look for one. We found one on the internet from a local flat in Pontefract.

We went to visit the family and they seemed like a nice young family who had treated Oliver well but they were new tenants in the flat and the landlord had told them they couldn't keep him.

They talked affectionately about Oliver and said they would be sad to lose him. When I met Oliver I could see why.

I instantly liked him, he is a black and white cat and he looks quite comical as he has black fur on his chin that makes him look like he has a beard. I could see that Oliver was a very chilled out cat and he was comfortable around me even though I was a stranger to him. I told the family I would make sure he was well looked after.



For the first few days in his new home at Ivy Rose Oliver didn't do very much, he spent most of the time under the kitchen table so that his food bowl was in easy view, waiting to be topped up again. He was named Oliver because he was always asking for more food and we could see why.

When Oliver explored his new neighbourhood he settled right in, we were all a bit worried about him at first but he came back and we soon realised that he liked to explore. He can be out all night and sleep most of the day. I think secretly he has a girlfriend somewhere or he is getting food someone else, then coming home for more.

It's amazing how clever he is, he talks to you and it's easy to understand what he wants. Either food, to go out, some attention or to be left in peace. He will politely let you know. He sometimes gets cuddles from others when he wants to be left alone but he doesn't mind too much.

Oliver seems to like everyone and is a friendly cat. It makes me happy to know he has settled in so easy and that he is happy here. At first I was worried he looked sad and was missing his old family but I think he knows we are his family now and we will look after him really well.

It makes a big difference to my day having him around.