FUNDRAISING FACT FILE

A SCARY TIME OF YEAR

Especially for black cats who spend an eerie **extra five days** in our rehoming centres on average when compared with other cats.

It might not seem like much, but that adds up to an average £50 increase in the cost of care for each black cat.





MYTHS AND HISTORY

Black cats have been the subject of myth and folklore for centuries with them mostly being seen as something positive! In the 13th century a document was released claiming black cats were the devil in disguise, and they were immediately linked to the hysteria around witchcraft, used to persecute women all across Europe. Many cats were harmed in the name of denouncing witches.

NOT ALL TRADITIONS AGREE

In southern Chilean folklore, the black cat plays an important role in hunting down the legendary *carbunclo's* hidden treasure.

In Wales, the *cath ddu* (kath-thee or black cat) is referenced in poetry, as a bringer of good health.

Many whaling ships would favour taking a black ship's cat for good luck!

In reality, the only supernatural powers that black cats possess are ones of unconditional love and affection, just like any other cat.



HELP US BREAK THE CURSE

The gorgeous Spooky who is pictured on the left might not be bad luck, but she's certainly faced her fair share of it. At just 4 months old, she was found in London with a broken thigh bone. This was a serious and painful injury, and vets made the decision to amputate the leg entirely. She recovered well and has taken becoming a tripod in her stride. She went to her forever home last year, just in time for Christmas!

DID YOU KNOW?

None of our work would be possible without donations and fundraising. So whether you raise £14 to help de-flea a cat, £50 to cover the extra days of care a black cat needs or the full £1,013 that it costs us to care for and rehome a cat, you'll be making a real change to a pet's life.

Every donation is appreciated and helps to make sure we can be there for pets in need.

