

Feline Fragments 44 (2024)

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Gregorz of Poland; Pulag of the Philippines

Polish cat at mountain summit

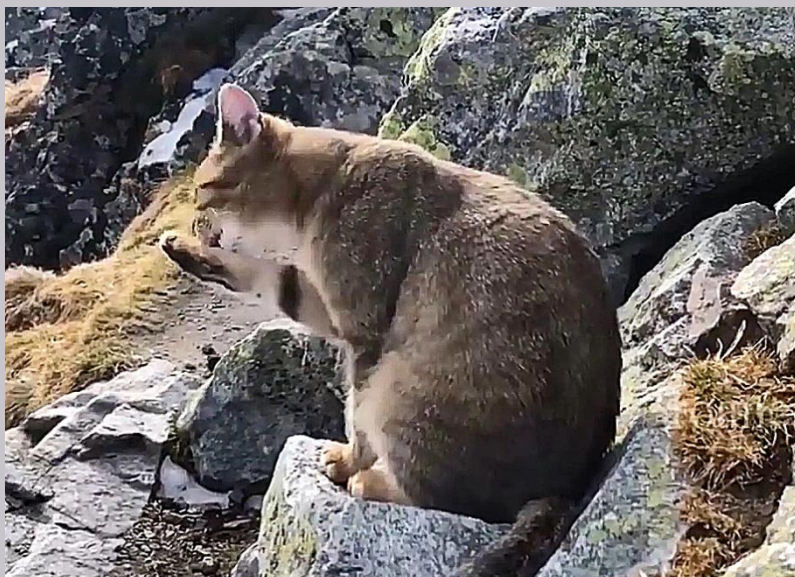
Rysy mountain, Poland



Near the border with neighbouring Slovakia, Rysy is Poland's highest mountain at about 2500 metres (some 8200 feet). It's accessible from both the Polish and Slovak sides, and offers a challenging trek with great views of the Tatra mountains from the summit. One day in October 2018 Polish climber Wojtek Jabczynski was astonished to find, close to the summit, a tabby domestic cat nonchalantly washing itself! The cat didn't seem bothered by the cold, and was quite friendly; it approached Wojtek, but didn't find his cheese roll appetising! He took some photos and made a brief video of the cat and its surroundings.

It seems the cat was known to locals and was named **Gregorz**; it's thought he might have climbed up from a small tourist hut not far from the summit, but whether he had a permanent home somewhere isn't stated or wasn't known. He was said to have a fairly steady supply of food from climbers, and there was plenty of condensation for him to lick off the rocks. He surely couldn't have stayed there in winter, though, but nothing further was reported, so I don't know what became of him.

[Oddity Central](#) (October 2018 – includes short video) | [Unofficial Networks](#) (April 2024)



According to comments made after I posted Gregorz' story on Facebook, he's well-known in the area, and is indeed based at the mountain hut Chata pod Rysmi, and was still around in 2024.

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A Philippines mountain cat

Nount Pugal, northern Philippines



A controversy arose in 2025 when a cat that had been frequenting the mountain, the third highest in the Philippines, was removed by authorities because it was felt she posed a danger to the natural ecosystem and its endemic wildlife. The cat, named **Pugal** after the mountain, was popular with hikers and campers, who would stop and play with her, and she became more widely known when photos of her were shared online.

It was confirmed that Pugal had been removed by environmental authorities, as she was in a protected area with rich biodiversity, and cats are considered an invasive species. The action followed publicity in a local newspaper saying that she ought to be removed. There was an outcry from her followers and from animal-welfare groups, some feeling that there were far more important issues to be dealing with.

Anyway, Pugal was being cared for by a staff member of the Protected Area Management Office, and a vet check found her to be in good health. I presume she was going to be rehomed, so maybe she swapped an itinerant life on the mountain for treats and tummy rubs! [Independent](#) (archived copy – May 2025)

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Kipper, King of the Castle
Bunyip, King of another Castle

Kipper. King of the Castle **Blackness Castle, West Lothian, Scotland**



In summer 2014 a cat was in the news for his visits to the Scottish castle near Linlithgow. **Kipper** had been a stray on the Isle of Skye when he was adopted as a youngster by the Gilfillin family, who live near the castle. He liked to prowl the grounds, roaming the battlements and even leaping out of gun-holes at unsuspecting tourists. He was a very friendly cat, loving attention and becoming very popular with castle visitors; he'd often join tour groups and wander round with them for an hour or so. The castle manager said Kipper had become 'a valued member of the castle team'.



And then a film crew from Japanese TV turned up, headed by noted wildlife photographer Mitsuaki Iwago; they spent eight hours filming Kipper for a documentary about quirky cats from around the world called 'World Cats Travelogue'. .

The story's from over 10 years ago now (in 2025), so if Kipper's still alive he'd be an elderly gentleman of some 15 years of age.

[Daily Mail](#) (Aug. 2014)

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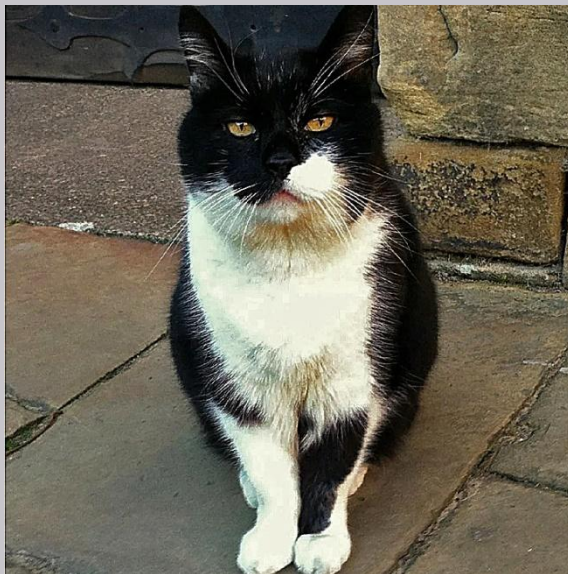
Bunyp. King of another Castle

Alnwick Castle, Northumberland, England



Resident castle cat at Alnwick was **Bunyp**, a handsome, friendly and much loved tuxedo cat who was 21 years old when he died in 2015. He liked to lounge around in the courtyard shop welcoming visitors, and was very patient with them – especially if they had treats!. From time to time the castle holds 'Bunyp days' in his memory, the most recent being in February 2026.

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