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Mini Fragments 6 (2025) (page checked April 2026)

More short news items of feline interest from today and yesteryear

Michigan, USA: 2024



During 2024 cat fosterer Erin Moore in Michigan took on a tiny kitten, the runt of a litter from which she was sadly the only survivor. The litter had been born very prematurely, and the surviving kitten was so small she could easily fit into the palm of a hand and was compared to the size of a phone charger, or an apple. Erin named the little mite **Mouse** (above). She was so tiny that fears were expressed that she wouldn't live longer than a few months – but Erin was determined to give her the best chance possible. She had to be tube-fed and needed an incubator, but in spite of her small size, she came 'fully loaded with the sass and attitude of a teenager', Erin said.



Mouse all grown up



Mouse and Coraline

Erin then took in a second special-needs kitten, whose eyes had ruptured and had had to be removed. She was named **Coraline** – and it didn't take long for the two kittens to bond and form a great friendship! (*above right*) They play-fight and cuddle together and groom each other, and Mouse acts as the blind kitten's eyes, leading her, guiding her and showing her around. Coraline has become so confident that she can easily jump up onto surfaces, and has even learned to negotiate stairs! At over a year old in late 2025, both cats are fully grown and leading happy and active lives, against all the odds.

[The Dodo](#) (Sept. 2025) | [TikTok](#)

📍 Stonehenge, Wiltshire, England: December 2025



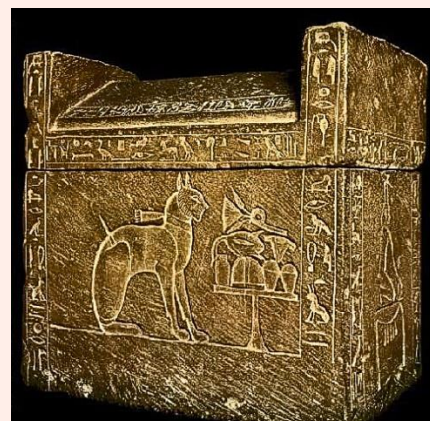
As thousands of people gathered to observe the winter solstice at Stonehenge shortly before Christmas 2025, the proceedings were enlivened by the presence of a friendly and fearless black cat. Called **Moon**, she lives in a van with her nomadic owners, and has spent her whole life on the road. Moon has epilepsy, and one effect apparently is that her brain lacks the 'fight or flight' response, so she doesn't scare easily and 'loves life'. Her presence was seen as a good omen for 2026, with her black coat symbolising protection in folklore.

[Mirror](#) | [Yahoo](#) | [YouTube](#)

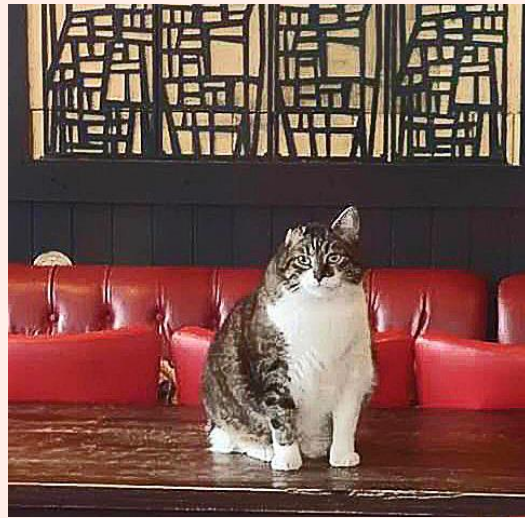
📍 Ancient Egypt: c 1375 BC

Crown Prince Thutmose was the eldest son of the Pharaoh Amenhotep III and he had a pet cat called **Ta-Miu** ('she-cat'). He was so fond of her that when she died he had her carefully mummified and then placed in an elaborate limestone sarcophagus. When he himself died, she was buried with him, thus ensuring their companionship in the afterlife. The sarcophagus is in the Egyptian Museum in Cairo.

[Reddit](#) (May 2025)



▣ Brussels, Belgium: 2025



In the same way as Gacek (see Fragments 33) became something of a tourist attraction in the Polish city of Szczecin until he found a new home, tomcat **Minouche** has been attracting the interest of tourists in the Belgian capital. Although he's said to reside at the restaurant Le Coin Gourmand, he can be quite elusive, sometimes being seen on a terrace somewhere, sometimes on a shop counter ... the chunky cat with a damaged ear isn't guaranteed to put in an appearance. But he does have his own entry on Google Maps! [Secret Brussels](#) (May 2025)

▣ South Surrey, British Columbia, Canada: March 2026



Long-haired cat Louie – full name Louis Vuitton! – was in the news for his almost-daily crossing of the US–Canada border. The six-year-old's home is in the Canadian town of South Surrey, right on the international border between the two countries, and opposite Louie's home it consists of just a shallow ditch. On the American side is the green space of Peace Arch Historical State Park, where he loves to go hunting for mice, often bringing them back across the border. The area is heavily monitored by cameras and US bored-patrol officers – but that doesn't bother Louie. He's a friendly cat, often approaching people on both sides for some attention. [Toronto Sun](#) | [CBC News](#) | [YouTube](#) (all March 2026)

📍 Tokyo, Japan: 2026



Tokyo-based company Qnote first adopted an office cat in 2004, to help reduce workplace stress. It worked well, so further cats were added, until there are now 11 felines living in the office full-time. They help to improve morale, encourage mini-breaks and create a more relaxed atmosphere. Each cat has a title such as 'manager', 'auditor' or 'office clerk', so they're seen as part of the company culture rather than just mascots. The company renovated the office, providing cat toilets, shelves for climbing, and scratch-resistant walls, so the cats can roam freely without causing damage. The result has been lower stress levels, improved morale and stronger bonding among staff. So important have the felines become that liking them is even a requirement for people applying for jobs at Qnote! [Instagram](#) | [Pet Canvas](#) (Jan. 2026)