

Featured Felines: Cats' Adventures & Travels 18 (2025)

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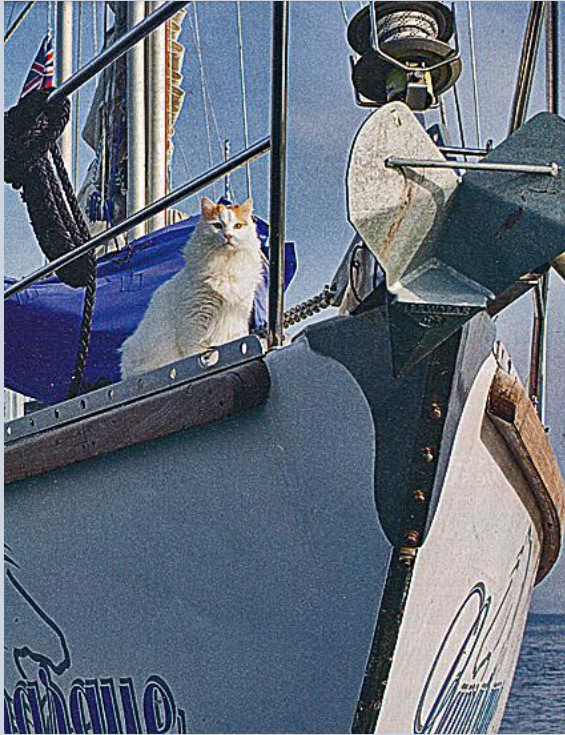
Salty and Kipper, Boat Cats



In 2011 Bernadette and Andy Lockwood, already keen and experienced sailors, decided to sell their home, buy a 43-foot yacht, the *Camargue*, and live a life on the seas around the United Kingdom. They had a springer spaniel called Pippa, and in December 2013 took on a 13-week-old Turkish Van kitten – officially Premier Yenicizgi Tam Kizil, but better known as **Salty**. Turkish Vans are well-known for liking water, and Salty quickly took to the sailing life.



He liked to perch on the hatch roof and watch what was going on, as well as observing any marine life such as seals, seabirds or dolphins; sometimes he'd sit in the captain's chair. He had his own little cabin with a shelf, a day bed and a view out of a porthole. Salty was harness-trained as a kitten, and as well as being on the yacht he also enjoyed canoe trips (below right)



On land Salty enjoyed hikes and could travel in a backpack pod when he got tired. He especially enjoyed a week he, Pippa and his humans spent on the isle of Skye, where there were plenty of waterfalls, streams and rocks to clamber about on.

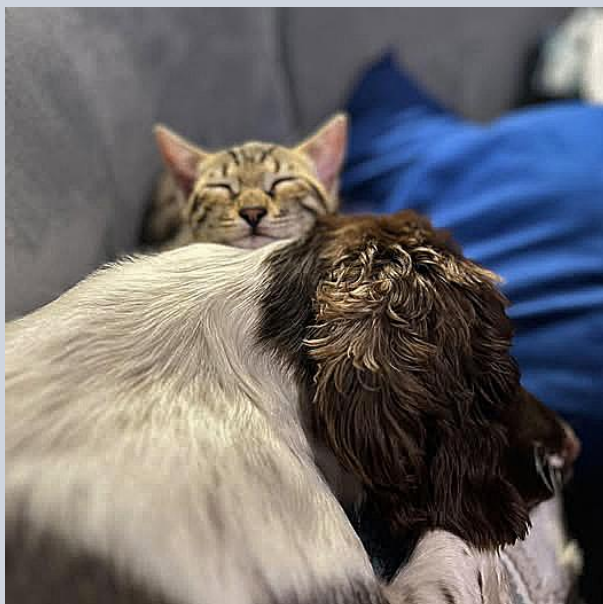




In mid-2022 Salty became seriously ill with a variety of problems including jaundice and anaemia; he required specialist treatment and a blood transfusion. Details are [here](#); a fundraising campaign was set up and his supporters and fans responded by raising almost all the money required. Eventually he made a full recovery and returned on board.

But sadly, some 18 months later, on Boxing Day 2023 he fell ill again, and test results showed that he was on the trajectory for the same fight that he had barely survived before. Rather than put him through it all again, it was decided it would be kinder to put him to sleep before he started to be in pain and distress. It seems his companion Pippa had died beforehand in the previous October.

So after that a new cat has been taken on, in the form of a Bengal youngster called **Kipper**, or **Kip** for short. She joined the crew early in December 2024 at around 12 weeks old. There's also a new dog, another spaniel called Dram.





[Facebook](#) (*last used January 2025*) | [Adventure Cats](#) (Feb. 2018) | [Business Insider](#) (*July 2018 – archived copy*) | [Instagram](#) | [YouTube](#) (Salty hiking)

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