

Featured Felines: Escapes and Rescues 22 (2025)

Hugo, rescued from a bin bag; Klaus, rescued from freezing streets
Murphy, scavenging on the streets of the UAE

Hugo

Rescued from a bin bag dumped at the roadside (2025)



In 2010, a mother cat and her kittens were dumped by a roadside in the county of Surrey, southern England. Fortunately they were found and reported to the RSPCA, who rescued them and took them to their Millbrook Animal Centre in Chobham to recover and to be rehomed. One of the kittens was tuxedo **Hugo**; he was adopted by artist Andy Hamblin, who worked from home so they were together every day. 'He's my little buddy,' said Andy. 'He's a very affectionate and loving cat.'

Around 2022 Andy moved onto a canal narrowboat, taking Hugo with him of course. He introduced the cat slowly and steadily to his new situation, first running the engine for short periods without going anywhere, to allow Hugo to become accustomed to the noise. He soon settled in, and now seems to really enjoy the narrowboat lifestyle. He has his own port-hole cat flap and also a cat ladder for getting on and off the boat; he even has his own hammock for cat-napping as well! He's become quite a celebrity, with many people taking photos of him relaxing on top of the boat, and in May 2025 he was featured in an episode of the TV series 'Narrow Escapes'.

Hugo's come a long way since his rescue all those years ago, and he certainly fell on his paws!



[Cheshire Live](#) (May 2025)

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Klaus (2025)

Rescued from freezing Canadian streets



It wasn't clear how this cat ended up on the freezing streets in Regina, Saskatchewan in central Canada, but he certainly seemed to have had a hard life. Rescued by the Regina Humane Society, he was suffering from frostbite, leading to surgery to remove the tops of his ears and half his tail. It was also necessary to remove one of his eyes, which had been scratched, maybe in a fight with another animal, and had become infected.

So then **Klaus**, as he was named, was put up for adoption, with the shelter realising that he was a little 'different'. But then Jasmine Haughey and her husband Jordan visited, and Jasmine thought straight away that he would fit in well at their home. So in late January 2023 Klaus went to his forever home. Although still; recovering from surgery, he seemed remarkably relaxed and unbothered and became confident and playful.



The Haugheys gave him some time to adjust to his new life before introducing him to their other pets – two other cats, a dog and a lizard. Thankfully all went fairly smoothly and the other animals didn't give Klaus a hard time. Apparently not having lived in a house before, it took him a while to understand how everything worked – even a couch was new to him! – but gradually he settled in, and became 'one of the cuddliest cats I've ever known', according to Jasmine. 'He's an absolute joy to live with.' She opened a [TikTok](#) account for him, which soon gained many followers.



[Newsweek](#) (Oct. 2025) | [Reshareworthy](#) (March 2023)

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Murphy (2025) **Found scavenging in the UAE**



Found scavenging for food on the streets of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates **Murphy**, as he was later named, was in a bad way (*images below*). Taken to the vet's by a compassionate volunteer, at first it wasn't certain that he would survive. It turned out that he had a bone lodged in his mouth, no doubt a result of his search for food, and he must have been in pain and unable to eat properly. After the necessary surgery on his mouth, he became a different cat and started to thrive.



It's difficult to get animals adopted in the UAE, where many people are struggling and don't have the means to care for an animal. Fortunately Taz, the volunteer who found Murphy, had a number of international contacts and so put the word out to them. It wasn't looking too hopeful until she was contacted by the owners of the Canterbury Tails Cat Café in Kent, south-eastern England, who were willing to take the cat in.



So Murphy travelled to the UK – and I think was eventually adopted by the café owners. He's blossomed into a handsome, loving and playful cat, living happily in his 'forever' home after his rough start to life!

[YouTube](#) | [Instagram](#) (Aug. 2025) | [Canterbury Tails](#)

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