

Featured Felines: Miscellany 15 (2022)

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Supermarket visitors 5 – in brief

More cats than one might expect seem to like visiting supermarkets! They generally have good homes nearby, but presumably like wandering and enjoy the attention (and treats!) they find at the stores. The ones here are all from the UK, and are in order of their names.

Cat	Shop	Notes/photos	
Ada	Westcroft Centre Milton Keynes	  	For years Ada delighted shoppers at Westcroft, wandering in and out of shops, greeting customers and taking naps wherever she pleased. Known locally as the 'Queen of Westcroft', the ultra-friendly cat's Facebook page (last used Dec. 2022) has many pictures of her, sitting on people's shoulders, in their trolleys or even popping into their cars for a cuddle. Her presence also helped to cheer people up when they were going through difficult times. Sadly, Ada died from old age in early December 2022 and was widely mourned. Her human set up a fund-raising page in her memory, asking people to donate to the food bank in her name. MK Citizen (Dec. 2022)
China	Lidl Holyhead, North Wales		Not much information about China, other than that he has a loving home nearby and is healthy and well-looking after. The attraction to Lidl's car park seems to be that people feed him, even though he's well-fed at home. Well-meaning people feeding cats like this is always a problem for their owners, especially when it involves going to car parks. He's the subject of a discussion on this Facebook page.
Clover	Sainsbury's Thornhill, Cardiff, South Wales	Clover had been visiting the store for about seven years, snoozing among the potted plants, in a trolley or on bags of soil. In May 2022 she went missing for about 10 days, and was eventually found by a pet-finding group of volunteers, some 25 miles away in Brynmawr. It's thought someone took her there, as her collar was missing. Safely back home, at 15 years old Clover then became an indoor cat. Her death was announced December 2025.	  Wales Online BBC News (both June 2022) Facebook (last used Dec. 2025)

Elsa, Binks	Bridgwater Somerset	Elsa (a male) seems to be known as the King Square cat, so maybe that's where he lives. The only information I have is from his Facebook page. He seems to frequent various shops. But apparently there's also Binks, very similar but goes to different shops! Both cats were still around in mid-2026.	 
Frank	Sainsbury's Olney, Buckinghamshire	  It seems that, similarly to what happened to Garfield of Ely (see Featuring / Miscellany 14), Sainsbury's built one of their stores on land that Frank had been used to frequenting – so when the store was built he simply started to visit there instead! At first he was welcomed, and a little shelter was provided outside for him, but later it seems the store tried to discourage him; however, Frank was having none of it and continued to snooze in the foyer when he wanted to! As with other supermarket visitors, customers loved seeing him there and greeting him. By 2024 he was 14 years old, but was still visiting and in fact had been given a certificate marking his attendance! (see FB page.) By mid-2026 he was semi-retired still around but spending more time at home. Buckinghamshire Live (March 2022) Facebook Instagram (last used June 2023)	
Frank	Tesco Great Yarmouth, Norfolk	 Great Yarmouth Mercury (Jan. 2018) Eastern Daily Press (Feb. 2019)	Frank, half Bengal, was a popular visitor to the Tesco store until one day in September 2017 he was hit by a car and seriously injured. About five years old at the time, he managed to get home, but needed expensive surgery. His fans responded with a fund-raising campaign and he made a good recovery. However, his owner felt it would be safer for him if he were rehomed, so he moved to a new home in the countryside, where he was said to be very happy in his new life. A former Facebook page is no longer operative,

Freddie	Tesco Skegness, Lincolnshire	Freddie, 4 years old in 2025, has a home near the store and loves visiting! He would wait to greet people at the entrance, and sometimes follow them in. But early in 2026 – familiar story – someone complained: so he was banned from the store. However, more than 4500 people signed a petition for him to be allowed back. So although not allowed into the store, he was then reinstated to his 'greeting' position in the foyer. Lincolnshire World (March 2026) Facebook
Frodo	Tesco Trowbridge, Wiltshire	For several years Frodo visited the supermarket, spending his time napping among the displays in the foyer, or visiting his friends at the Max Spielmann photography shop inside, where he went to 'chill out' most days. Shoppers loved him and the local media made much of his presence. However, as his popularity grew, his loving family, living nearby, became increasingly concerned for his welfare, fearing that all the publicity could bring attention from the wrong kind of people. So when they bought a new home outside the town, Frodo went with them and from early December 2022 his supermarket-visiting days were over. The staff and customers missed him, but understood the family's concerns. Wiltshire Live (Dec. 2022)
Jerry	Asda Accrington, Lancashire	Jerry's a bit fickle, and while he does spend quite a bit of time at Asda, he also favours the B&M discount store, and has been spotted at Aldi too! His humans created a Facebook page so that people could post about him and so they'd get some idea of his movements. In early August 2024 Jerry's owner posted that he'd been missing for a month, and later he was, sadly, presumed to have died. Lancashire Telegraph 1 (June 2021) Lancashire Telegraph 2 (June 2022) Instagram (last used Oct. 2022) Mirror Lancashire Live (both Dec. 2023)

Lincoln	Tesco Hornsey, East Yorkshire	  As with most feline supermarket visitors, Lincoln has a loving home nearby, but after his breakfast he makes it his business most days to go and visit his local Tesco, which he's been doing since 2020. He's usually to be found in the foyer, sitting on bags of compost or in a baby seat on a trolley. He's well-known and appreciated by the majority of customers. However, in November 2023 Tesco banned him on health-and-safety grounds – but his owner said he was unlikely to take much notice! There was an outcry locally, with people threatening not to shop there any more – but in fact, as suggested, in 2024 he continues to go there and the ban doesn't seem to be enforced, although not officially rescinded. Lincoln has Facebook and Instagram pages – and he even has a book written about him! (May 2026). BBC News (Nov. 2023) BBC News (April 2024) YouTube
Mango	Tesco Tiverton, Devon	  For a number of years Mango was something of a permanent fixture in the foyer of the store, where he held court and greeted shoppers. He was a huge favourite and became one of Tiverton's best-known residents. However in April 2020, following some health issues and because he was then a senior cat, he retired to the countryside, spending his time playing in the garden or sunning himself on the windowsill. Devon Live (April 2020) Facebook (last used 2017)
Max	Tesco Stalybridge , Cheshire	Max used to spend a lot of time at the supermarket, where he had many friends and followers – although as is usually the case he had a loving home nearby with his brother Henry, who's more of a homebody. Max died in late December 2022; I don't know the cause. There were many cards and tributes to him left outside the store.   Instagram Facebook Manchester Evening News Tameside Correspondent (both Jan. 2023)

Milo	Tesco Penzance, Cornwall		 Milo was a very friendly cat who loved spending his days in the foyer of the Tesco store, before going home for his tea. Sadly, one day while doing so in March 2017 he was hit by a car and killed; he was just 18 months old. He was greatly missed by family and friends, including the Tesco staff. I believe money was raised for a tree to be planted in his memory, but don't know where. BBC News (March 2017) Facebook
Milo	Tesco Reading, Berkshire	I've very little information about this Milo , so although he certainly has been a visitor to the store in Oxford Road, I don't know whether he still goes there. Facebook	 
Mowgli	Tesco Helston, Cornwall	 	Apparently Mowgli liked to spend time at the local Tesco, but in early 2023 was reported as spending more time at home. A Facebook page, as well as calling him the Helston Tesco cat, also names him 'Mowgli the ASBO cat', but there's no explanation.
Nemozion	Scotmid Co-operative Leith Walk, Edinburgh, Scotland	Fluffy ' Nemo ' is quite an adventurous cat, about a year old in mid-2022. He enjoys being outdoors, and one of his favourite haunts in town is Scotmid. He has a Facebook page, last used July 2023 when he returned home after disappearing for a while.	 

Pops	Sainsbury's Worcester	Not much information about Pops, except that I think he's an older cat; he lives nearby and likes to visit the local garage as well as the supermarket! Still around in mid-2026. Instagram Facebook	 
Satan	Aldi Bramley, Leeds, West Yorkshire	 	This handsome chap was well-known to shoppers at Aldi in Bramley, a western district of Leeds, but his family reported that he died in his sleep, aged 14, in May 2024.. There is a Facebook page .
Skippy	Dobbies Garden Centre Harleston Heath, Northampton	Skippy was said to be 'the star of our centre and quite the character'. People visited just to see him, and children especially enjoyed meeting him. In December 2024 Dobbies closed the centre, and Skippy went to live with an employee who ws his best friend.	
Spartacus	Tesco Dunfermline, Scotland		This handsome chap had been visiting the Tesco store at Duloch Park for several years, and was much loved by customers and the Tesco staff. In March 2023, though, his family moved away to a new home in the countryside, where Spartacus was said to be enjoying life. Before his departure a fundraising event held to remember him raised money for four local animal charities. Facebook Dunfermline Press (March 2023)

Sweep	Lidl Retford, Nottingham- shire	Nine-year-old Sweep makes daily visits to the Lidl store from his home nearby and in 2024 had become 'part of the furniture', waiting at the entrance to be greeted by customers as they enter and leave. Very friendly and approachable, he's become well-known in the community. He'd also made visits to Asda Express, presumably also nearby. Sweep has his own Facebook page. BBC News (Sept.2024)	
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Note: In late 2022 the Asda supermarket at Pwllheli, North Wales, was said to be hosting **five** visiting cats, with an unnamed cat inviting his friends along! See [Daily Post](#) article (Nov. 2022).

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