

## Featured Felines: Miscellany 7–1 (2021)

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### Cats in Pubs: Eli of Liverpool



Veterinary student Molly adopted the young ginger kitten **Eli** in 2019 when he was just eight weeks old. She lived in Liverpool while studying veterinary medicine and, living in a big city, decided that for his own safety Eli should be an indoor cat. However, she trained him to walk with a harness and lead and he was soon enjoying walks in the countryside; he even runs to the door like a dog when he sees his lead being taken down!



Then she began taking him into the city on short trips, and one evening was due to meet friends for a drink. Not wanting to leave him at home, she took Eli along to her local pub, Brewdog, knowing that it was pet-friendly – and he's never looked back! Once he got used to the sights and sounds he wasn't bothered at all, and seems to love the atmosphere. He's a very sociable cat and seems to enjoy all the attention (and treats!) he gets; and as a 'regular' the staff know him and keep some lactose-free milk behind the bar so he can enjoy a drink with Molly.



Eli has an [Instagram](#) account with an increasing number of followers. From that it seems that he has, since September 2024, a 'baby sister', a tabby called Koa (below).

[Metro](#) article (*archived copy* – Nov. 2019)



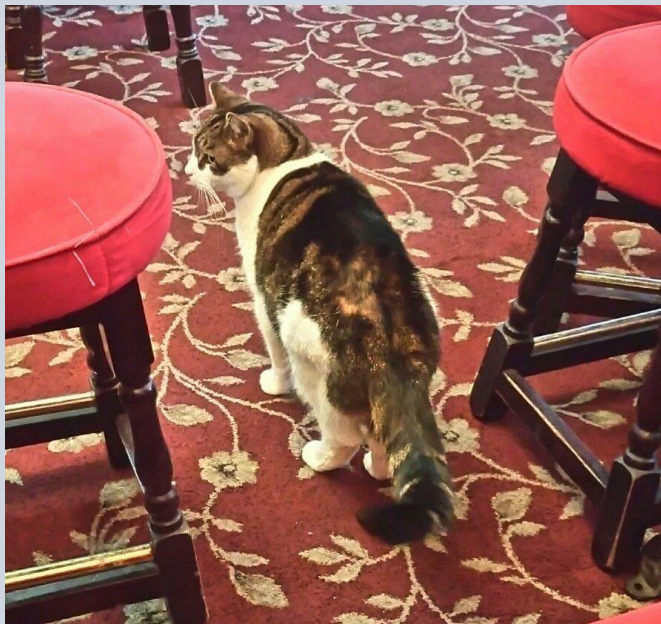
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## Lenny of Spitalfields, London



Two cats about a year old, called **Lenny** and **Louis**, were brought from a shelter in Liverpool, where the pub landlady was visiting family, to make their home at the Pride of Spitalfields pub in east London. Not very long afterwards, Louis 'took off', and although seen from time to time, he became semi-feral and so was unsuited to pub life. After his departure a 'brother' for Lenny, called **Patch**, was adopted; he rarely frequented the bar, though, and preferred to live mostly upstairs. Lenny, however, became a firm favourite at the pub for some 19 years; he was well-loved by staff and visitors alike and would often be found up on the bar counter, or else interacting with customers – or sleeping. He seemed to be able to sleep through just about anything, quite undisturbed by all the noise and bustle around him. He became something of a legend over the years, and earned the nickname 'The Governor'. He and Patch were featured in a Japanese book about pub cats, with the result that tourists would turn up hoping to see them. Patch would rarely oblige, but usually, at 11.30 p.m. Monday to Saturday, Lenny would make an appearance for his fans!

Sadly Lenny died, presumably of old age, in early December 2019 and was very much missed. [Time Out](#) (Sept. 2019) | [Spitalfields Life](#) (Dec. 2012)





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## Legz of Archway, London



A London stray who suffered a traffic accident in late 2013, **Legz** was rescued by North London Cats Protection, but had to have his left back leg amputated (hence his name) and his jaw wired. He was having difficulty in finding a new home, but he caught the eye of pub landlord Chris

Sparks and co-owner Amber Knight of the Charlotte Despard pub in Archway, north London, and they took him in as resident pub cat in early 2014. He loved it and has never looked back!



Later in the year he was entered for Cats Protections 'Rescue Cat of the Year' award, with support from many of his pub friends; he was one of three finalists, and ended up winning the title! Chris said that afterwards Legz was 'strutting around like a diva'. From the start he fitted right in with pub life, gaining many friends, new customers to the pub who come to meet him, and seeming to have a knack for winning over even non-cat lovers. He also inspired some people to adopt rescue cats of their own. He's a great character, very smart, and his disability doesn't slow him down at all. Landlord Chris, who has two other cats, says, 'It's as though he's always been here. He's my mate, my friend; he's the first thing I see to when I come in, and the last thing I do before I leave. He calms everyone down, and takes everything in his stride.' Legz seems to enjoy attending music nights and, according to Chris, helps choose which beers to promote! He'll be presented with three beers, and the one he chooses is discounted that night.



About five years old when he arrived, Legz is some 13 years old in 2022 and still going strong. An enquiry as to whether he was still there elicited the response, 'Yep, he's still in charge!' A further enquiry told me that Legz was still there in early 2025, having been at the pub for 11 years. He'd thus be 16 years old.

[Ham and High News](#) (Aug. 2014) | [Charlotte Despard](#) (page about Legz from when he first arrived at the pub, Aug. 2014) | [Traveling Cats](#) (Oct. 2025) | [Facebook](#) (April 2026)

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