

Featured Felines: Miscellany 12 (2022)

(page checked July 2026)

Supermarket visitors 2

George of Pendeford, Wolverhampton
Roy of Bridgend; Pumpkin of Norfolk
Cecil of Portland, Oregon, USA

George

Pendeford, Wolverhampton, England



As with all the cats I know of who visit supermarkets, handsome black **George** had a home nearby, but chose to spend a lot of his time at Morrisons in Pendeford, a suburb in the north-west of the city of Wolverhampton in the West Midlands of England. He'd been going there since about 2015, and in summer his owner said he was hardly at home! His favourite spots for a snooze were the baby seats on trolleys, or flower-bulb boxes. Of course he gained a lot of attention, and it became something of a problem to try to prevent well-meaning people from feeding him.

George was taken in from Kats Cradle Rescue in 2011. He's a very affectionate and friendly cat, and didn't restrict his visits to just the supermarket. The nearby Barnardo's charity shop was another favourite haunt, and one Easter Sunday he called in at the local church for morning service!





It seems that in October 2022 George's humans moved house and so he was no longer able to frequent Morrison's. He's settled into his new home, though, and is doing well; In early 2025 he was said to be 'doing well' in retirement, and the Facebook page hasn't been used since then. Lots of comments about shoppers missing him!

[George at Facebook](#) | [Birmingham Mail](#) (Nov. 2019)

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Roy Tondu, near Bridgend, South Wales



Tondu is a village just north of Bridgend in South Wales, and was home to **Roy**, an apparent stray who turned up at owner Dennis Morris's home the day after Dennis' father Roy had died in 2015, hence the name. It isn't known how the cat arrived in Tondu, but he did seem to have had a bit of a penchant for climbing into cars and vans, so maybe that's what happened. He wasn't microchipped and no owner could be traced, so he was taken to the vet, treated for an injured eye and neutered.

When in 2017 the Felin retail park opened in the village, just a few minutes' walk from his home, the Home Bargains store in particular took Roy's fancy, and he visited there most days – even not leaving

the house until 10 on Sunday mornings because he knew it didn't open until then! He liked to sit among the racks of flowers outside, although he'd sometimes sneak inside and find a box to sit in.

As always there were a few people who complained that he shouldn't be in there, but a petition was set up to allow him to stay and most people, including the staff, loved him.

Update It appears that old age caught up with Roy in July 2022; he was losing a lot of weight, hardly eating and his kidneys were failing. I couldn't find any definitive news, but he seems to have died, or been put to sleep. around 19 July.



[Wales Online](#) (Sept. 2019) | There's a private [Facebook](#) page.

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Pumpkin **Thorpe Marriott, Norfolk, England**



In 2019 it was reported that six-year-old ginger-and-white cat **Pumpkin**, who lived nearby (with seven other cats and a dog!), liked to visit the Tesco Express store in the village near Norwich. He was a rescue cat who the family took in from a local shelter during 2017. He'd been a street cat before, so was streetwise and liked to roam around, often not going home until the Tesco store closed at 11 p.m.

However, much as they and the customers liked him, Tesco staff felt it wasn't the right place for a cat and it was against company policy to have him in the store. They therefore tried to discourage him and would gently put him outside. What the eventual outcome was I don't know, but even if banned from Tesco, Pumpkin has plenty of other places to visit. He's well-known in the area and goes to a number of businesses, including the beautician's and the estate agents.



In early 2023 Pumpkin was found to be suffering from hyperthyroidism, causing an increased metabolic rate and rapid heartbeat. Expensive radioactive-iodine treatment was needed, but his loyal fans raised the money in a matter of days. His treatment was successful, and subject to a six-monthly blood review, Pumpkin was happy and healthy in May 2024. His humans had also moved, and he was well settled into his new home, with no more wandering!

In mid-2026 Pumpkin was doing well and enjoying his retirement.

[Pumpkin at Facebook](#) (private group) | [Eastern Daily Press](#) (Nov. 2019) | [BBC News](#) (Jan. 2020) | [Evening News](#) (April 2023)

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Cecil

Portland, Oregon, USA



In 2015 a cat named **Cecil** was frequenting the Safeway supermarket in Portland. going to the store most mornings to greet customers, make friends and find a spot to have a nap; or sometimes he'd wait

by the door to greet people as they came in from the car park. People might think he was lost, but he had a collar with a phone number; if they called about him they heard a message saying, 'Don't worry; he lives nearby and just likes to hang out there. He'll find his way home when he's ready.'

After he'd been visiting for a number of years, gaining many friends and becoming something of a local celebrity, it seems the store management decided he wasn't welcome any longer. Despite staying mostly in or near the foyer and never going near any food aisles, he was banned. But there was a big outcry and a petition with over 2000 signatures, and eventually Safeway agreed to resume the earlier status quo and 'look the other way' when he visited. In addition his humans agreed to keep him at home more.

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[Love Meow](#) (Nov. 2015) | [Oregon Live](#) (archived copy – Dec. 2015)

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