

Featured Felines: Miscellany 26 (2026)

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Luffar-Lasse the wanderer Trollhattan, Sweden



Luffar-Lasse translates as 'Tramp Lasse', but the orange tabby, born in 2011, is usually known just as **Lasse**. He lives with his human Elin Karlsson, her three children and two other cats in an apartment building in Trollhattan. For a couple of years he was an indoor cat, but then started to damage wallpaper and scratch furniture, so wanted to be outside. When Elin later became pregnant and gave birth, he liked to be near the baby; and then began to follow Elin when she went to the Overby shopping centre with the baby in a stroller – or sometimes he would sit under the stroller.

So began what became his almost daily trips to the shopping centre on his own; he walks the 1.5 kilometre (almost a mile) there via the forest and a cycle path that leads to the centre. His favourite place was first the restaurant, then various shops; now he roams the whole place but particularly likes the pavilions by the allotments; in fact Elin has arranged for him to have his own shelter there (*below*) with a blanket, toys and some food. He's become very well-known in the area, so much so that he will beg a ride home and sometimes people will drop him off at his building!



Elin's aware of the possible danger to him from being around cars and strangers, and has explained that to her children – but Lasse becomes very unhappy if he's kept indoors. He wears

a collar with a tracker so Elin always knows where he is, and if he doesn't get a ride and she needs to go and collect him, she knows where to look. She also started a [Facebook](#) page for him, so more people became aware of him, and it has thousands of followers. The municipality has even put up some signs on nearby roads (*below left*), warning motorists to look out for him.



And near the shopping centre is a traffic circle with a statue of Lasse! Officially the Barn Roundabout, because of the small red barn in the middle, the tiled mosaic representation of Lasse means it's become known as the Luffar-Lasse Roundabout. Just over 4 feet long, the cat is depicted surveying the traffic.



Coming up to 15 years old in May 2026, Lasse remains in good health and he certainly brings much pleasure to a lot of people. His fame was spread even further in 2024/25 when a 'slow TV' film of him was made. 'A Weekend with Luffar-Lasse' followed his adventures in two programmes of 7 hours each! See [this link](#).

[Hem Hyra](#) (May 2024) | [Atlas Obscura](#) (March 2026) | [Sweden Herald](#) (Oct. 2024 *archived copy*)



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