

# The Kids Club Newsletter

Summer 2016



Geordie needed an eye removed leaving him with only one, but that never slowed him down and he was lucky enough to find a forever home with a furry playmate!!

Princess had to have surgery to mend her broken pelvis but this lovely girl never stopped purring or wanting to play and now she has a forever home to call her own!!



## Superhero Special There is a loving forever home for every Cat...



Petunia was very afraid when she came to Cat Protection but this pretty kitty overcame her shyness and is now getting lots of pats in her forever home!!



Miu Miu is a very cuddly kitty who has to be on a special diet for the rest of his life, he is now having lots of fun adventures in his forever home!!

### School Holiday Program

Tuesday  
10 and 17 January  
For kids in Kindy-Year 6  
See the events page of our  
website or call 9519 7201  
to book.  
Cost: FREE

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# HISTORY OF THE DOMESTIC CAT PART THREE



Last issue we looked at the important role cats played in Ancient Egypt. This issue we will find out how cats made their way into different parts of the world.



## HOW CATS TRAVELLED FROM EGYPT TO GREECE AND ROME

It is believed that the Egyptians took their cats on boats with them when they travelled and this helped introduce cats to the rest of the world. The Ancient Romans and Greeks admired cats and when the Egyptians visited Rome and Greece, they left cats as gifts for people they visited.

Cats were held in high regard in these countries, almost as much as in Egypt, although they were not considered as Gods. Cats were kept as house pets. Lots of artwork has been found in Rome and Greece featuring cats, including one of a young girl holding a cat.



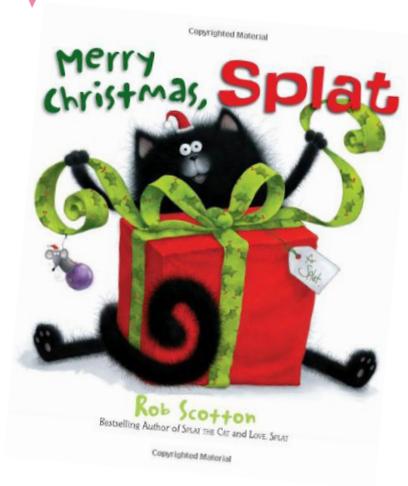
The playwright Aristophanes included cats in his plays. This is where the phrase 'the cat did it' came from! There is even a legend in Greece that a cat protected the baby Jesus from snakes and rodents and so cats deserve to be given the best spot in the home.



Wishing you a very

**Meowy Christmas!!**

From all the cats, kittens and  
people at Cat Protection



### **Merry Christmas, Splat**

Rob Scotton

The fun of Splat the Cat continues in New York Times bestselling author/artist Rob Scotton's paper-over-board format of *Merry Christmas, Splat!*

It's the night before Christmas, and Splat wonders if this year he's going to get the really big present he wants. Has Splat been good enough or will Christmas wind up ruined?

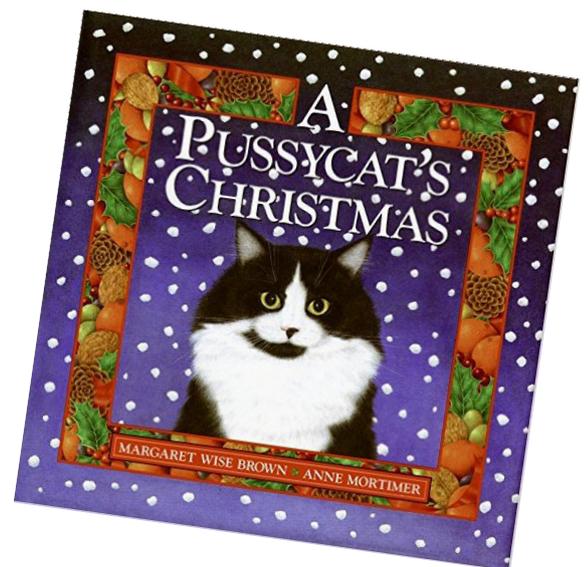
Fans of Splat will delight in this hilarious holiday tale. Rob Scotton has even hidden Santa in some of the pictures so kids can search for Kris Kringle right along with Splat!

### **A Pussycat's Christmas**

Margaret Wise Brown and Anne Mortimer

Christmas Is in the Air  
But how can you tell?  
Does the air smell of tangerines?  
And Christmas greens?  
Can you feel it in the wind? Or hear it in the sound of a song?

Experience the beauty and mystery of Christmas in this classic story told by Margaret Wise Brown and illustrated with charming paintings by Anne Mortimer.

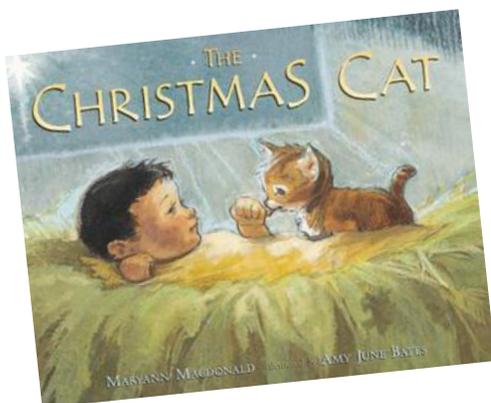


### **The Christmas Cat**

Maryann Macdonald and Amy June Bates

A cosy Nativity story for those who love Christmas and cats. All babies are beautiful and all babies cry. Jesus was no exception. On the night he was born, nothing Mary, Joseph, or the animals in the stable could do would comfort him. But when a curious kitten wanted its turn to calm the baby Jesus, a loving friendship blossomed on that very first Christmas.

This perfect read-aloud was inspired by Leonardo da Vinci's drawings of La Madonna del Gatto, which show Mary lovingly holding the baby Jesus who is cuddling a cat.



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# Cat Books for Christmas



## *The Twelve Cats of Christmas*

Kandy Radzinski

On the fourth day of Christmas,  
my true love gave to me  
four Siamese,  
three climbing cats,  
two cats asleep,  
and a white cat with a red bow.

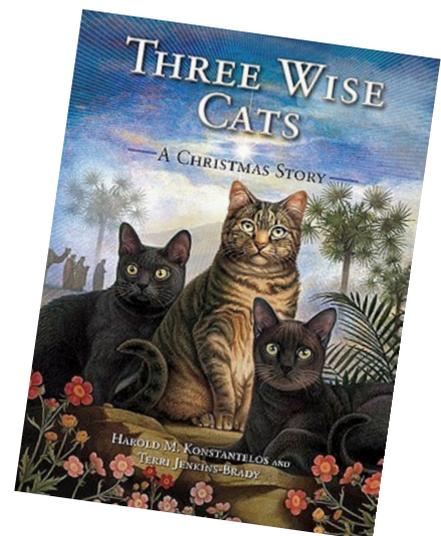
This irresistible collection of festive felines features cats intently gazing out windows, mischievously playing with rolls of ribbon, contentedly lapping up milk, and relaxing in a variety of other friendly, familiar poses. Readers will marvel at the luminous colour and inviting detail of the spectacular paintings, and children will take special delight in counting the cats as their numbers grow page after page. A treasured holiday keepsake or an enchanting gift, *The Twelve Cats of Christmas* is purr-fect for cat lovers of all ages.

## *Three Wise Cats: A Christmas Story*

Harold M. Konstantelos and Terri Jenkins-Brady

The old Siamese Ptolemy was alongside his master when a star of unusual brightness was seen in the heavens, indicating an event of momentous significance, and leading to a great quest. Ptolemy must watch over his frail master, so he sends three young cats to journey in his place and fulfill the prophecy: The three shall find the one.

The three are Abishag, a sturdy reliable cat who has never shirked her duty; Kezia, a beautiful young tabby, delicate, a bit vain, but of good heart; and Ira, taller and stronger than the others, with a temper. Accompanying them is a fourth traveller: the rat Asmodeus, who can hear of no glorious thing without wanting to spoil it. Together, the unlikely band will cover many miles, and have many dangerous adventures. And finally they will come to a far land, where the star bends close to the earth over a humble stable.



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