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Influx of abandoned Pedigree cats at The Mayhew Animal Home

London –The Mayhew Animal Home has seen in several arrivals of Pedigree cat breeds no longer wanted by their owners. One of the cats, a Snow Bengal, was being kept by her owner in a tiny cramped rabbit cage. The Snow Bengal breed is incredibly sought after and kittens can be sold for around one thousand pounds.

In addition to the 10 year old Snow Bengal, Cleo, The Mayhew is also looking to find homes for five other Persian cats, another sought after pedigree breed. Two of the Persians were brought in as their owners were moving, another two were left at the Home as their owners could no longer afford them and another one discarded after a new baby in the family.

Gillian Rich, Animal Care Manager at The Mayhew, said: *"With the rising numbers of cats abandoned and unwanted, it is clear to staff at The Mayhew that people are not planning ahead for the cost and commitment of having a pet. These unwanted pedigrees highlight this sad fact as it just goes to show that rescue centres bear the brunt of people's irresponsible approach to pet ownership. Many people often assume it is just the cross breeds or troublesome pets that arrive at rescue centres but that couldn't be further from the truth. Whilst we appreciate that people's situation's can change, when purchasing an expensive breed of cat, please consider if you also have the available funds to care for him or her for the rest of their lives. No animal should lose his or her home due to poor forward planning. Better still, adopt from a rescue centre and the money you save can be put toward veterinary care."*

Details of the Pedigree cats for adoption are as follows:

Muffy, male, eight year old Persian looking for a home with Poppy

Poppy, female eight year old Persian, looking for a home with Muffy

Pebbles, female four year old Persian, looking for a home with Pumpkin

Pumpkin, four year old female Persian, looking for a home with Pebbles

Oscar, five year old male Persian, can live with other cats and dogs

Cleo, 10 year old female Snow Bengal, looking for a loving home as an only pet after her terrible past.

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The Mayhew Animal Home was established in 1886 for the benefit of “the lost and starving dogs and cats of London so that they should have sanctuary from the cold inhumanity they are being dealt outside”. Today, The Mayhew is one of the busiest animal sanctuaries in London, rescuing thousands of animals from cruelty and neglect each year. We provide shelter and care for cats, dogs, rabbits and when the need arises, for a wide variety of other animals.

The Mayhew Animal Home strives to tackle the companion animal welfare crisis from every possible angle. The organisation is pro-active, innovative and continually works to assist animals and their carers. We aim to set the standards in animal welfare. The Mayhew offers a wide variety of community services providing advice, care and assistance to animals and their carers whatever their circumstances.