

## **Missing cat reunited with owner after struggling for nine months as a stray**

The Mayhew Animal Home reunite puss with overjoyed family

London –When the Chetta family’s kitten went missing in August 2009 they didn’t hold out much hope they would ever see little Chester again.

However, unbeknownst to them he was being cared for by a volunteer at The Mayhew Animal Home, who was feeding him in her garden and had named him B+B as he always kept turning up for his breakfast.

The volunteer at The Mayhew in Kensal Green brought the cat in to the rescue home a couple of weeks ago as he had a slight injury and she was worried for his health.

When animal welfare officers scanned the cat for his microchip they found he was registered to the Chetta family and called them straight away.

Mrs Chetta said: *"I can't believe we have found him, we are all over the moon! My six year old daughter has cried through so many nights after he went missing and she is so happy now she won't let him out of her sight!"*

*"Chester went missing after he escaped from a friend's house who was looking after him while we went on holiday. We live in Fulham and our friend's house is in Harlesden so we knew Chester wouldn't be able to find his own way home. He was a young kitten when he disappeared and now we have a fully grown cat!"*

Caroline Yates, CEO of The Mayhew, said: *"This is such a wonderful happy ending and we are all thrilled at The Mayhew that one of our cattery residents has been able to be reunited with their owner, and after so much time! Many of the stray cats that arrive with us aren't microchipped so it makes it very difficult for us to find their owners. Thankfully the Chetta family had been responsible and because of his microchip we were able to return him to a loving home."*

For more information or to speak with Mrs Chetta, please contact Sarah Dickinson [sarah@mayhewanimalhome.org](mailto:sarah@mayhewanimalhome.org) 0208 968 2443

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**For the Editor**

**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. The Mayhew offers a wide variety of community services providing advice, care and assistance to animals and their carers whatever their circumstances.