

It's now ten weeks since Topnut moved to his new home in Walton. He has settled in very well and seems to be thriving on the new regime of constant attention from his doting 'mum'. His cough has completely disappeared and his coat is smoother and glossier. He did have a rather unpleasantly productive cold for a while, which earned him the temporary nickname 'Topsnot', but he is over this now and seems to be going from strength to strength.

He spends a lot of time snoozing peacefully on the sofa or an armchair, and at night is allowed to sleep on the bed. He recognises the 'bedtime' routine and makes his own way there at the appropriate time. He has free access to the enclosed rear garden which he clearly sees as 'his' domain, chasing off noisily any other cats that venture into it and even, on one occasion, a visiting fox!

Topnut – or Topsie, as he's affectionately called these days – welcomed his first visitors during the Easter holidays, when Carl Boon's wife Claire and daughter Erin came for tea. He took the occasion in his stride and introduced Erin to some of his new friends: Paddington Bear, and that rather fetching nymph in the garden. If other Weybridge members would like to drop round to see how Topsie is getting on, they are more than welcome – just email joparkins@waitrose.com first (or nparkins@springfish.org) so that she has time to get the kettle on!

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