



# Little Coombe Kennels & Cattery



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*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our clients  
From Duncan, Jenny and all the staff*

This month, it's all about the cats



Pictured (left) are a few of our regular cat boarders.

The top picture shows Tigger having a microchip implanted by Jenny. This should ensure that if he wanders off when at home, he will quickly be reunited with his owners.



The centre picture shows Chumley, snuggled in his heated igloo bed. It's the best place to be at this time of year.



At the bottom is Fiddlesticks, one of our older visitors at 17 years of age. He is a handsome Burmese cat, who has been boarding with us for many years, along with his doggy chum Hamish.

Our cattery consists of individual pens, separated from one another by full height "sneeze barriers" to prevent the transmission of any air-borne illnesses. Each pen has a raised shelf, with a ramp if wanted, where the heated igloo bed is situated. The only bedding we use is Vetbed, because of its warmth and hygiene properties. Cats can have dry or wet food, or a bit of both. Special veterinary diets can be provided by the owner if required. Toys or scratching posts can also be brought in; we are unable to provide these because it is not hygienic for different cats to share toys. All cats are checked and fed twice daily, and groomed as necessary according to coat type. The cattery is sited well away from the kennels, and although the cats can see the dogs on their way to the kennels, it does not upset them as they know they are safely out of reach. We can accept cats on most types of medications including diabetic cats on insulin, but please mention this at the time of booking.

## Pet names

*The most popular pet names on our records  
(including both dogs and cats) are:*

*Boys: Max, Charlie, Alfie, Buster, Jack*

*Girls: Poppy, Millie, Molly, Daisy, Bella*

2012 has been a year for unusual weather. We had a beautiful dry, hot week in March, when by good fortune Duncan and I were on holiday. Then we had a drought, followed by torrents of rain, a mediocre summer and then floods in November. We are hoping for a less snowy December than the one we had 2 years ago when so many peoples travel plans were disrupted. If folklore is to be believed, the abundant berries on our holly tree could mean a cold winter to come, but on the other hand, one of our cherry trees is coming into blossom!

