

# Abbey Vets MONTHLY MIRACLES

## Microchip reunites Bertie with his owners

Each month Abbey Vets highlight a pet that's made a good recovery after going through a difficult time. Our NOVEMBER MONTHLY MIRACLE is Bertie, a 15-year-old cat.

In our September Monthly Miracle we told you about how a two-year-old cat called Buddy had turned up after being missing for a year.

Well November's Monthly Miracle, Bertie, can beat that paws down – he went missing for seven years before being reunited with his owners, Susan and Malcolm Wood.

No-one can account for his whereabouts for the full seven years but we do know that for the last three years he had been cared for by staff at Barnsley Law Courts. They brought him into our Barnsley surgery for a consultation after they became concerned when he started to struggle on his back legs. During Bertie's consultation we were surprised how easy



*Malcolm Wood with Bertie.*

he was to handle and were even more surprised to find that he was fitted with a microchip as everyone had initially thought that he was a feral cat.

Susan said: "When we got the phone call from Abbey Vets and they mentioned Bertie's name my husband and I were in shock. Over the years we'd never stopped thinking about him and wondering where he was. To get him back after seven years is truly a miracle.

I thank God for giving us the person who invented the microchip.

"Before Bertie went missing he had returned home on a couple of occasions smelling of perfume. So when he disappeared totally I thought that maybe somebody had taken him in. I hoped that he was with somebody who would love him as much as we did."

He has now settled back in at Susan and Malcolm's home and is getting on well with their two other cats who lived with him before he went missing.

Susan said: "He's very affectionate but isn't allowed outside the garden anymore. He has arthritis in his legs and takes medication now."