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## **Hyde Park is dumping spot of choice for heartless cat owner**

### **Terrified cat left abandoned in carrier in centre of London's prestigious parkland**

London –The last thing a couple out exercising in Hyde Park expected to find was a cat left dumped in a carrier in the centre of all the greenery.

But on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, a couple arrived at The Mayhew Animal Home in Kensal Green with the tale of how they had found the poor puss abandoned on their exercise route through the park.

On their first lap round the park on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, they had spotted the carrier, but thought little of it, but on a second turn round they investigated the dumped pet box and found a very terrified cat inside. They kept her at their home overnight and rushed to The Mayhew on Wednesday morning.

Mayhew Cat Adoption Officer, Lucy Edwards, said: *"I was astonished to hear about how this poor cat had been so callously abandoned! People are so careful not to leave their litter lying around Hyde Park but yet someone saw fit to discard their cat, with no thought to what danger she could have been in. Thankfully, she was found by a compassionate couple who knew to bring her to The Mayhew."*

*"We have now named the cat Marie and she is very young at only 6 months and thankfully seems to have put the terrible ordeal behind her and is enjoying lots of attention and cuddles in our Cattery."*

For anyone interested in adopting Marie from The Mayhew, contact 0208 969 1078 or email [lucy@mayhewanimalhome.org](mailto:lucy@mayhewanimalhome.org)

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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.

