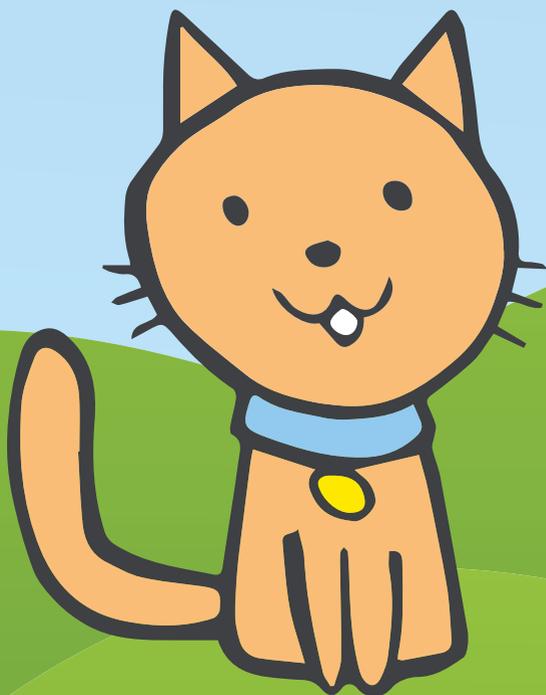
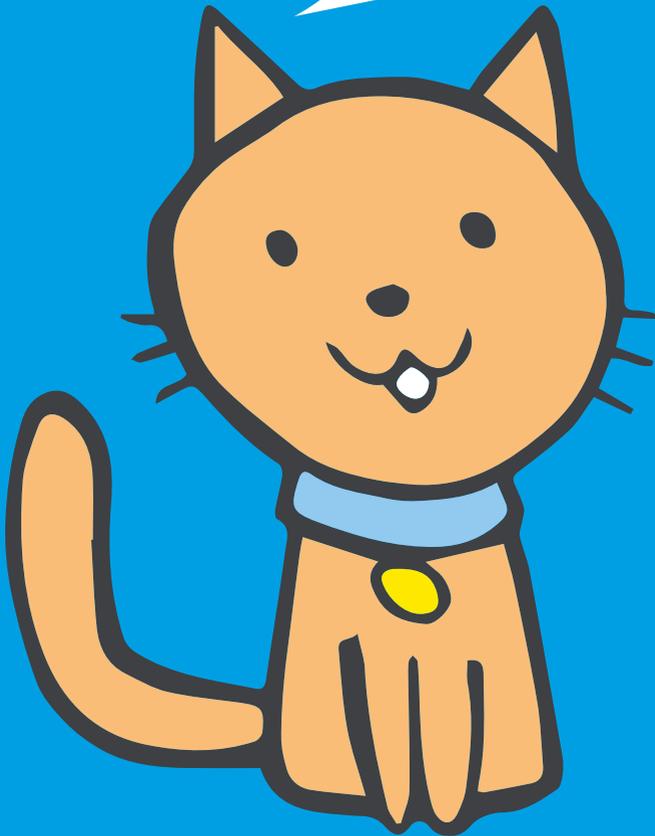


# Fluffy's story

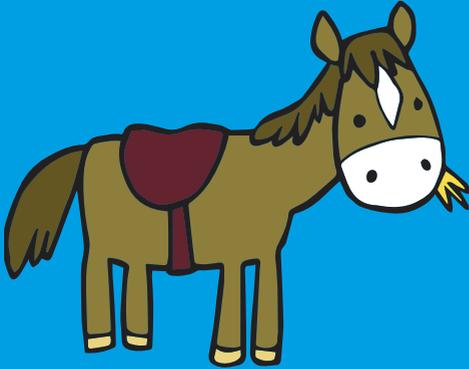
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for younger children



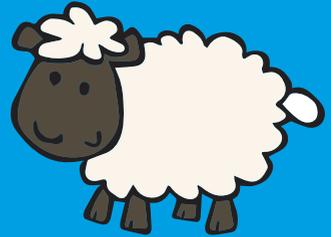
Hi, my name is Fluffy  
and I am five years old.  
I am going to tell  
you my story about  
being adopted.



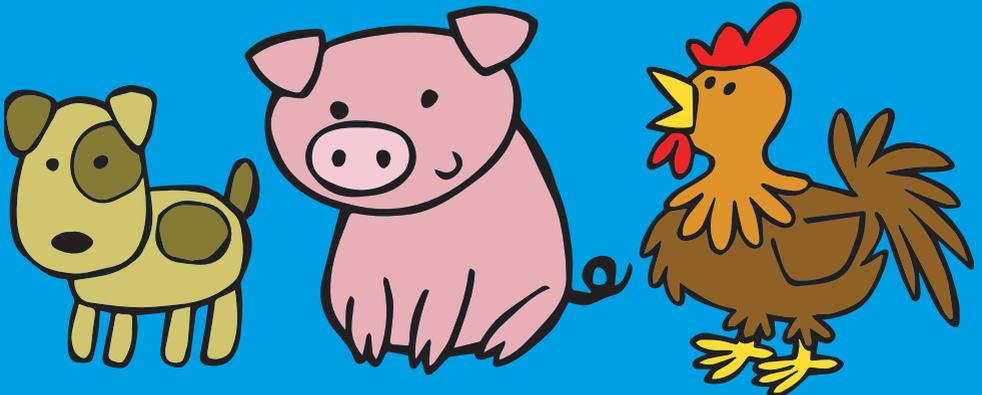
My tummy mummy couldn't look after me properly. She didn't give me milk when I needed it and didn't stop me running into the road when cars were coming. I nearly got run over! She had lots of help to be a better mummy and she really tried but she just couldn't keep me safe.



Cloppy is my social worker and she took me to live with a foster family when I was two years old - this is called fostering.



Cloppy couldn't just make this decision by herself and had to talk to lots of different animals first because it is such an important decision.

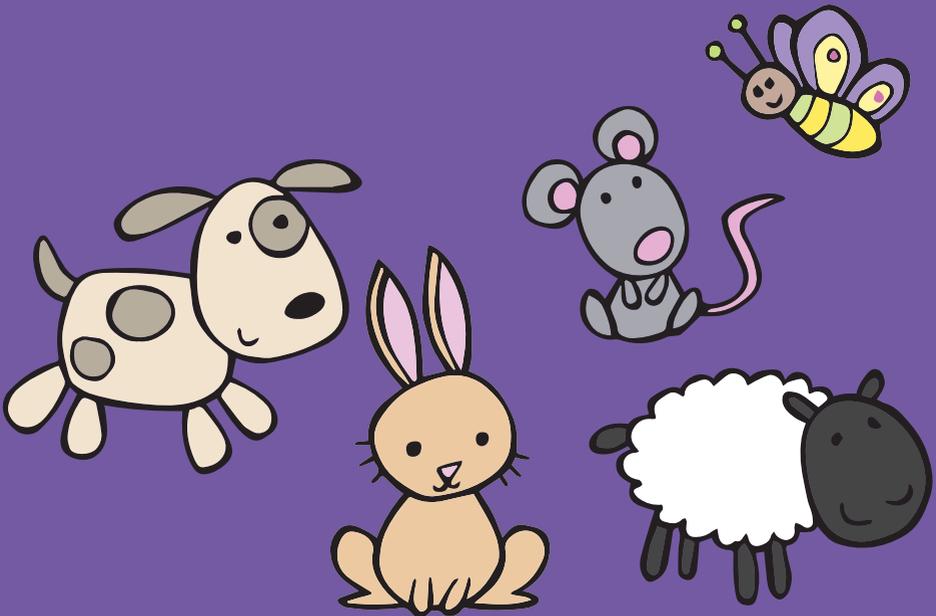


Cloppy had to write a report about all about me, including that I only like full fat milk and not semi skimmed, that I like to play with a ball of wool and like to be stroked on the back.

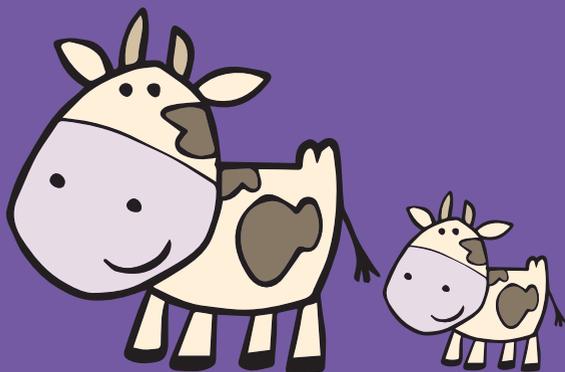
Cloppy said that I was doing well but that I needed to purr more. She also wrote about my tummy mummy why she couldn't look after me properly.

Cloppy searched high and low to find me a family who would give me full fat milk, play with a ball of wool with me and stroke me on my back. She hoped that once she had found the right family that I would purr more.

Cloppy looked at lots of different families for me. There are all different types of adoptive families, ones with one daddy, one mummy, two daddies, two mummies, a daddy and mummy and some with children too. She did not think that they were quite right so kept on looking.



One day she found just the family that she was looking for and she talked to them about me. They said that I was purrrfect for them and that they wanted to look after me forever.



They couldn't wait to meet me but I was really scared about meeting them and didn't want to leave my foster family. Cloppy said she and my foster mum would help me to get to know my adoptive family and that over time I would feel better.

My adoptive mummy and brother came to visit me lots - they looked different from my birth mummy and my foster family, so it was a bit strange at first.

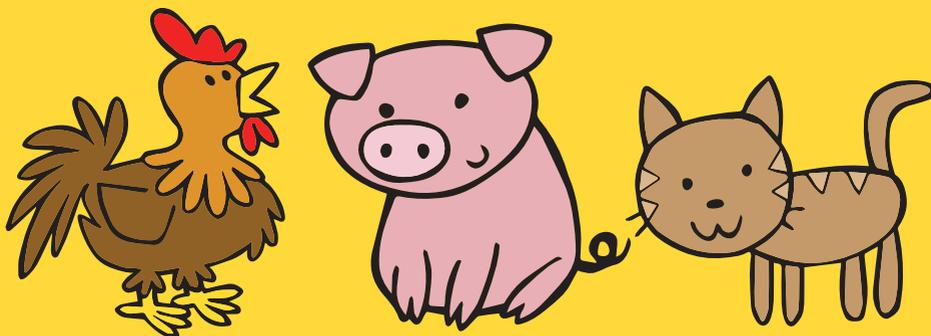


My foster mummy told them how to look after me, how I liked my back stroked, what milk I like to drink and how I like to play with a ball of wool. My adoptive brother got a bit tangled up in the wool when he played with me but he soon got the hang of it. My adoptive mummy gave me a bit too much milk at first but now gives me just the right amount! They both quickly learnt how to stroke my back just right.

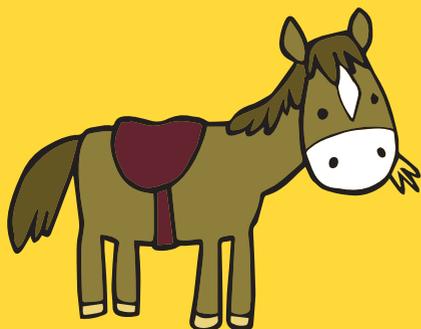
When I moved to the new barn with them it was very strange at first. It smelt different and I kept getting lost. My bed didn't feel quite right and I couldn't sleep. I met lots of new animals and they kept sniffing me - adoptive mummy said that they were just being friendly and saying hello.

Cloppy and my foster family visited me to make sure that I was alright and I got sad when they left. Adoptive mummy would stroke my back which made me feel safe and calm. She also started to gently moo to me which also helped.

After a while my brother taught me how to play new games such as hide and seek and my adoptive mummy gave me different food, like cream and cheese, yum yum. My straw bed also got more comfy over time and I have made some new friends.

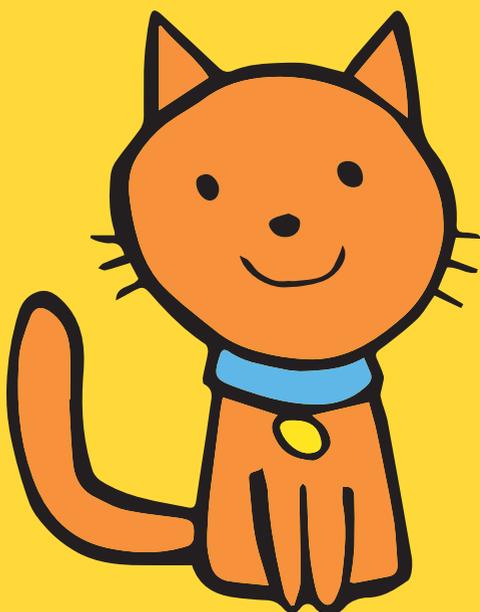


I still sometimes get sad that I can't live with my tummy mummy and I miss my foster family but Cloppy has given me a book with lots of photos of them in which makes me feel better. My adoptive mummy writes to my birth mummy too so that she can tell them how I am doing and tell me how they are doing.

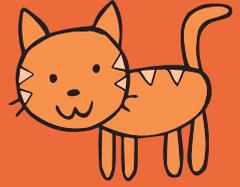


One day Cloppy came to say goodbye - she said that I purr a lot more than I used to and is pleased that my adoptive family are looking after me well. Cloppy said that the time was right to leave us to get on with being a family, although we could always call the adoption support team if we needed help later on.

Cloppy said that I had been officially adopted and that I now had the same last name as my new family. So now I am called Fluffy Moo, which I really like. I have just learnt to write my name as I will be starting farm school soon and although I am nervous, I am really excited too purrrrrrrrrrr.



Use this page to write some questions and thoughts that you may have after reading my story.



I wonder if...

I feel sad  
when...

I want to  
know more  
about...

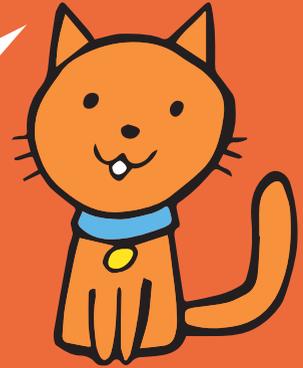
I am most  
happy  
when...

It makes  
me angry  
when...

I don't  
understand...

I wish...

Who can help? My adoptive mummy needed help to answer some of my questions and to understand and help me with my feelings - she had lots of different people that she could call. You can also call people too if you have any worries or need help or advice.



Write down the name of your social worker and their phone number here

Write down the name of your Independent Reviewing Officer and contact details here

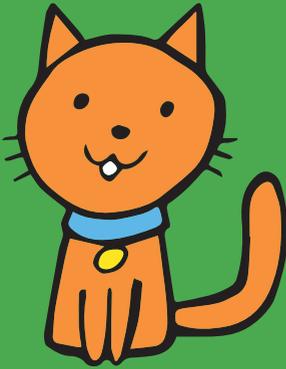
Write down the name of your post adoption social worker and their contact details here

Add other important people and their contact details here

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Other people and organisations that you can call if you want to make a complaint or need some extra support include:

The Interim Chief Executive of the Slough Children's Services Trust is:  
Andrew Bunyan  
[www.scstrust.co.uk](http://www.scstrust.co.uk)

To make a complaint  
[www.scstrust.co.uk/who-we-are/complaints-and-compliments/](http://www.scstrust.co.uk/who-we-are/complaints-and-compliments/)  
Ofsted  
Piccadilly Gate, Store Street, Manchester M1 2WD  
Web: [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted)  
Tel: 0300 123 1231  
Email: [enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk)

Become Charity  
15-18 White Lion Street, London, N1 9PG  
Web: [www.becomecharity.org.uk](http://www.becomecharity.org.uk)  
Tel: 02072513117  
Email: [advice@becomecharity.org.uk](mailto:advice@becomecharity.org.uk)

National Youth Advocacy Service (NYAS)

Web: [www.nyas.net](http://www.nyas.net)

Tel: 0800 808 1001

Email: [help@nyas.net](mailto:help@nyas.net)

The Children's Commissioner for England

Sanctuary Buildings, 20 Great Smith Street, London  
SW1P 3BT

Tel: 0207 783 8330

Web: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk)

Helpline for children in care

Tel: 0800 528 0731

Children's Rights Alliance England

Tel: 08088 020 008

Childline

Tel: 0800 1111

Web: [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

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The Trust's services can be described as support and social services for children and includes the following sectors:

- Activity in support of universal services which can signpost and provide early help to children, young people and families experiencing difficulties
- Supporting youth offenders via the Youth Offending Team (YOT)
- Referrals and assessments
- Early targeted support work
- Child Protection
- Supporting Slough's Safeguarding Children's Board
- Care proceedings
- Care placements
- Corporate parenting arrangement
- Fostering and adoption
- Residential Services
- Other permanency arrangements
- Supporting care leavers

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