



Mr Tibbs

Hello everyone, it's great to be back and in the springtime as well. I've been able to start spending some quality leisure time sitting in my beach hut in the garden in addition to keeping the other cats in order.

Having a nap in the garden makes such a change from sleeping in a basket by the office radiator. I'm getting quite exhausted just thinking about it.

That's enough about me (well, actually there can never be enough about me) because it's time to introduce my guest "anipal" contributor for this issue. She's both a celebrity and a record-breaker, so I'm sure you'll be fascinated to read what she has to say;

LIFE AS AN INTERNATIONAL CAT CELEBRITY



stop singing. My purring became so loud that it drowned out the television and phone calls. Ruth suggested that I should sing on local radio to help promote a spaying and neutering campaign for our local branch of 'Cats Protection.'

On the 9th February 2011 my purring was broadcast on the air waves and within weeks I had been pictured in Newspapers all around the world with headlines of 'Purrs like a Boeing 747'. We agreed to attempt the Guinness World Records for purring and we were successful in gaining the title of 'loudest purring domestic cat'.

My name is Smokey - I am one of Mr Tibbs' friends on Twitter and also a member of the #wlf. I am about 12 years old and an 'International cat celebrity' and holder of the Guinness World Record for purring. I was recorded in April 2011, purring at a level of 67.7db 1 metre away. This is 14 times louder than an average cat.

I had an unsettling start to my life before I found my forever home in Northamptonshire with Ruth's family. I was so happy that I could not



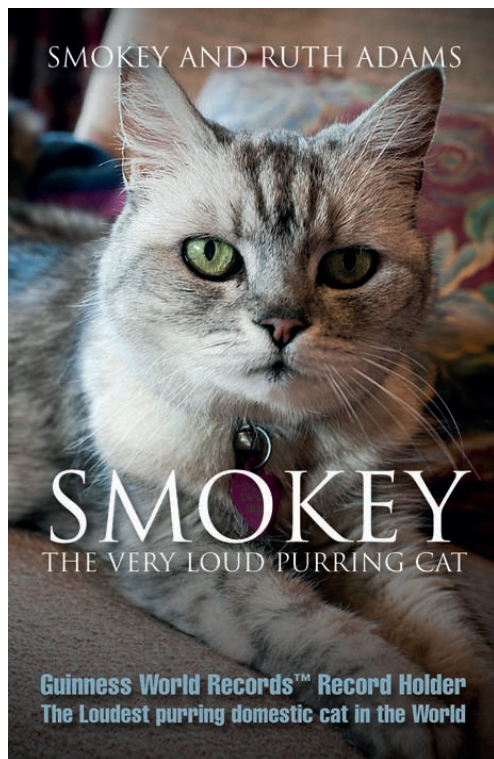


Apart from all this very demanding publicity work I also find time for the important things in life like talking to my #wlf pals on Twitter, snoozing, eating, purring, snuggles and stealing my owners socks and hiding them around the house. My favourite snack is hammy, yummy yum. Life is good and I am enjoying it to the max. I am so contented; I just want to tell the whole world - very loudly!!!

I have a web site www.smokeythepurringcat.com or you can chat to me on twitter @PurringSmokey. All animals welcome.

I soon attracted film crews from America as well as England. I even gave a live satellite interview. I have been filmed for the American 'Love Must Love Cats' TV show and for an ITV documentary about Guinness World Records. I make regular appearances to help promote animal charities too. Last October, billed as the 'lawnmower cat', I was a star attraction at the National 'Love Pets' show. My staff also arrange visits to schools for me, where we talk about Guinness World Records.

As all international celebrities do, I have written my autobiography and embarked on a tour of bookshops to meet my fans and sign pawtographs. Larry the Downing Street cat provided a celebrity review for my book: "So I congratulate Smokey, the loudest cat in the world, on her wonderful book. Smokey you really are the cat that got the cream!" The RSPCA noted that "Ruth, her owner, clearly loves not only Smokey, but also all cats and wanted this book to assist readers to help other cats." My book is available online from Amazon (please place a review) and from Waterstones book shops, priced at £6.99. A Kindle version is available too.



...Thank you Smokey, it's great to be able to feature you in the magazine and I hope lots of people buy your book.

Do follow us on Twitter as we have a great time, lots of fun and also make some serious points about animal welfare which we help to bring to a wider audience.

I'm off to lay amongst the daffodils in my favourite planter tub now so see you all next time.

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