



# PETS' MEWS



The MewsPaper for Instagramming Pets, Plushies and their People

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the 50th edition of Pets' Mews - wow - we can't believe it! Thanks to you all for reading, contributing, sharing, and encouraging. It's been a strange old year, hasn't it? But one thing constant through it all is that our Plushie Community continues to bring mischief, bravery, and fun to each other and that plushies keep building those bridges!

So have a very Happy Hanukah, a Winter Festival Full of Fun, and A Very Joyous, Blessed Christmas. Wishing you all the best for 2021.

Lots of love, Topsy xxx

The plushie world is looking back on a turbulent year. So, friends, feel embraced with lots of love and the Christmas message "Don't be afraid!". Let's carry each other into a happy new year.

Love from, Miu and the Owls

Lesen Sie die Zeitung [jetzt auf Deutsch](#) dank unseres Freundes [@ausruheulen](#).

2020 was not an easy year for the world. But 20201, is the Year of the Bull in the Chinese calendar, so Doyka Supercow (and her faithful sidekick Hedge) will try their best to make it a good year for you, our plushie friends and your humans! Stay healthy! Love from, Doyka and Hedge

Благодаря Доечке [@doyka\\_and\\_hedge](#),

PS: We will see you in February again for another year of Pets' Mews. If you'd like to write an article or send us a photo, please just let us know, we'd love to hear from you!



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# Croaky's Christmas Ritual

by @[Rasputin.Croaky](#)



'What kind of strange year is this?

So much worry, sickness, sorrow, so many cuts in our lives, so much death and drama all over the world.

Viruses and climate change make our lives difficult, aside from personal blows of fate.

But there's also a lot of friendship, love, helpfulness and solidarity. Not only at Christmas.

And often there is a lot of joy in such small things; in a smile, a small gift, a song or even in a familiar ritual.

Now Christmas season is coming and I guess, also Christmas will be different this year.

Maybe we won't be able or not allowed to meet our family, our friends, neighbours or colleagues. That's sad, but it is always up to us to make the best of a situation.

Every year we Croakies go together into the forest and cut down our Christmas tree. We've been doing this for as long as I can remember and we have always a lot of fun.

When we've brought home the tree, we rummage through the decoration and think about, which baubles we'll take this year.

This is always a fun and silly afternoon and nobody wants to miss it.

And we will do it again this year, no matter what the world out there is doing.... and I know it will be fine.

We wish you all a merry Christmas, stay safe, stay brave.

There will be better days coming up.

Merry Christmas, Rasputin & family



## Good Mews



### Lobilat is back: [@lobi.lat](https://www.instagram.com/lobi.lat)

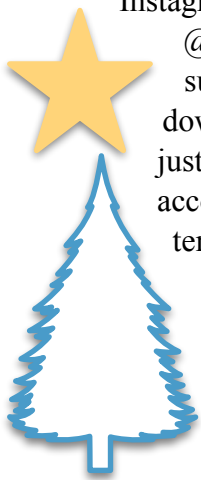
by [@ausruheulen](https://www.instagram.com/ausruheulen)

----- Important Breaking News -----

The plushie world was completely devastated by the loss of one of the most special accounts on Instagram.

It's the account, which was named after Miss Stanhope's little fluffy friend, the dog Lobilat, who takes the plushie community on his [#fluffymission](https://www.instagram.com/lobi.lat) to refugee camps in Lebanon to bring fluffy comforting friends to Syrian children and to brighten up their days with wonderful art projects (see [www.lobilat.com](http://www.lobilat.com)).

Instagram deactivated his original account [@lobilat](https://www.instagram.com/lobilat) without any warning. His substitute account [@lobi\\_lat](https://www.instagram.com/lobi_lat) was shut down also after a few days. Both accounts just disappeared. Regarding his original account Instagram said he violated their terms, but they could not tell him how, so he still does not know what he might have done wrong. With the second



account he got a message of suspicious/irregular activities when he started to follow his old followers again. It took Miss Stanhope and Lobilat years to spread their fluffy love all over the world, to build up a big supporting community and to raise awareness for charity projects and art projects, as well as for different cultures and religions.

Miss Stanhope and Lobilat miss their community so much and don't know what to do now. Well, we are happy they are back with a 3<sup>rd</sup> try and a new account: [@lobi.lat](https://www.instagram.com/lobi.lat). Feel free to follow Lobilat again and to help him find his old friends. Please, don't be angry at him if he cannot follow back everyone immediately. To avoid another account deletion, he will have to follow people and plushies at a much slower pace now.

Have a fluffy Christmas!



### The Power of Plushies: [@over the hump with humphrey](https://www.instagram.com/over_the_hump_with_humphrey)

Humphrey is a therapy bear helping his human cope with mental health issues after traumatic events. Humphrey and his human speak to other plushies and humans to learn about how plushies have helped humans all around the world with all kinds of backgrounds cope with all kinds of trauma. You can listen to his podcasts [here](https://www.instagram.com/over_the_hump_with_humphrey).

## Ho ho ho, sweet plushie friends of instagram!

by [@britannia\\_peterle](#)



Every year we get extra excited when [Peterle's](#) (and lots of plushies') birthday finally is over and November moves on. Why? Well, then it's high time to start decorating the apartment for Advent and Christmas! Many many years ago Peterle's grandmother – our great-grandmother – gifted us a tiny artificial Christmas tree. Since that time we have put this plushie sized tree up every year and the decoration we fixed on it became more and more over the years. We collected lots of small baubles and ornaments for it and sometimes it seems there's almost no space left for more – but we always manage to add new stuff, teehee! This is just how we like it – decoration at its best! Of course we do it in teamwork, which is a lot of fun as every member of the group has their own ornamentation technique... Have a look at the pics for more! What do you think about the result? We LOVE it as every year!!!

**We wish you a merry, peaceful and blessed Advent and Christmas season and a happy, healthy and successful New Year 2021! ... And keep on decorating! ;-)**

Your plushie friends from [@britannia\\_peterle](#) and [@thebearwiththeredbow](#)





## Ode to Edward Tedward @eddytbear

Once there was a bear in a Christmas window display  
He was left all alone much to a kind lady's dismay  
He was rescued before the shop closed or the lady would have been torn  
He was gently put at the top of her daughters stocking for Christmas morn

He was welcomed with open arms to the delight of a young Emma  
For they are forever best friends and sort out every dilemma  
Edward did his best helping with school studies or Emma's degree  
He would also help along the way with adulthood with budgeting for rent & other fees

Such a loyal and loving bear that others entered his almond pack  
Heffy Heffalump, Burleigh and other bears where fun does not lack  
Eddy looks after all the family & Burleigh with every care  
Eddy also comes across as a very silly old bear

For his Instagram friends know Edwards true love is Battenberg cake  
He can easily tell the difference between Mr Kipling and a fake  
We always enjoy showing our home county with lots of facts and maps  
Of course, being Eddy there is often empty cake wrappers & other mishaps

We have enjoyed all your Instagram adventures over the years  
Thank you for all the friendship. A big toast to you to say cheers!

Edward turns eighteen with much fear  
Let's have another toast with a scrumpy or beer !

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !



## Operation Christmas Child or Weihnachten im Schuhkarton

by: [@gasbricki](#)



We think this is something beary great, it's now 30 years ago that Fam. Cooke started to collect gifts for children in need. Every year more and more support samaritans-purse with a shoebox full of necessary, useful and cute items.

Too many kids have to live in an orphanage without a real family, warm home and clothes, without school supplies or even without a cuddly fluffy friend. It's great to see the happy faces when they get a gift for Christmas, and it gives a good feeling to give a gift.

### Operation Christmas Child or Weihnachten im Schuhkarton THE MISSION

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to provide God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

HISTORY ( short- for more Information : <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>)  
Operation Christmas Child began in the UK in 1990, after Dave Cooke, a local businessman in Wrexham and his wife Jill felt called to do something in response to the plight of Romanian orphans at the end of the Cold War. After actively partnering with Samaritan's Purse for two years, the Wales-based shoebox gift project became an official project of Samaritan's Purse in 1995. Since 1990, more than 178 million children in more than 150 countries have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. There are INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS in Australia, Canada, Germany, Korea and United Kingdom

### How to Pack a Shoebox

1. Find a Shoebox-wrap it in nice paper or order preprinted shoeboxes
2. Fill with gifts- fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies, cuddly toy....
3. (Make your project donation)
4. Personalise & Pray- Personalise your shoebox by including a hand written note
5. Drop Off Your Shoebox- Your nearest Drop-off Location is listed on the homepage

We are happy to say that we pack a box every year, human started doing this with our auntie [@opa\\_emil\\_aus\\_aalen](#) many years BP (before plushies)

It is important to give something (donate) to others as long as you can. Not everybody was born into a happy family with the luck of a warm and cosy home.



**It all starts with you!**

# Good Mews Pho-ho-ho-tos

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Middle row, left to right: [@a\\_dobby\\_a\\_day](#), [@avi\\_and\\_iva](#), [@magicandfriends](#), [@suess\\_sauer\\_ente](#), [@bupermanbaltazar](#)

Bottom row, left to right: [@semmie.beer](#), [@sjw2271](#), [@jackson\\_the\\_bear](#), [@everything\\_cute12](#), [@squashy\\_patague](#)



*Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year*

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