

# PETS' MEWS

The MewsPaper for Instagramming Pets, Plushies and their People

## Plushie Power

by [@65shaw.bear](#)



I'm going to write about travel. At least that's what I thought to myself when Miss Topsy asked me if I'd like to contribute an article to Pet Mews.

I love to travel. I enjoy everything about it. Whether it be a road trip or flying. The jets at the airport, the packing even the lines don't bother me it's all part of the adventure. I won't be saying no to a train or ship either.

It's all a prelude to new places, new foods, different customs and traditions. Seriously, what's not to love?

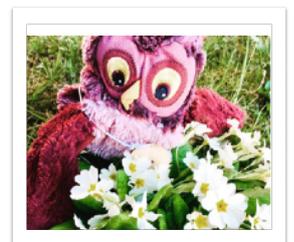
Hello Everyone,

How are all of you?

Have your human pets been vaccinated yet? Big Pet has, but not (Little) Pet - I keep telling her she needs to grow up! Hehe. She actually trained to be a vaccinator here in the UK, but in the end, she wasn't needed - she was quite disappointed, but I told her that it's a good thing because it means the roll out is going to plan and better than planned! I think us Plushies can always speak very wise words when needed! In fact, this whole issue is about plushie power. We hope you like it. Love, Topsy xxx



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I started my outline like we were taught in school and then I took a break. I decided to check in on my Instagram friends. It was a rough time for so many of them. They are dealing with losses of loved ones, trying to cope with illnesses and trying to get through this mess of COVID. My heart was breaking a little bit for each of them. Sadly, I could relate to many of them all too well.

As I sat there trying to decide the best words to offer for support and comfort, I started seeing this huge outpouring of love, support and kindness. It spread like wildfire. It was amazing! This little IG community known as the "Plushies" took it upon themselves individually to be there for our friends. The ideas and comments were beautiful and heartfelt. No pain was taken away, but I do believe that everyone who was hurting could find some love, peace and maybe even a laugh during their hardships.



Every time I sat down to write about my travels, I found my mind wandering to this IG community.

A community that has blessed me with an abundance of wonderful people. Many who I consider to be friends. I had the greatest opportunity to find my BFF here. After a lot of wondering and bit of faith and trust, my friend flew from the UK to the USA to meet. They stayed with us and within 24 hours of being together we knew that we were twins separated at birth.

I have friends there that I think about daily and others that I wish I had more time to get to know better. I learn from these Plushies. They educate me on so many interesting things that never crossed my mind before. They motivate me to be a better person and inspire me all the time.

They introduce me to foods I have never heard of and share their corner of the world with me. I have seen amazing alleyways and side streets. Wonderful villages, street artwork and unusual shops that I would never discover on my own.

They give continuously and never ask for anything. They share cooking, gardening, decorating, traditions and customs. As I peek into their lives, I realise how similar we all are even though our individual part of the world is so different.

Now I realise that in its own unique way my story is about travel. During this mess call COVID we have only been able to travel vicariously.

Keeping that in mind, I can't think of a better way to experience the world than checking in on some locals who have become friends.

Don't misunderstand. As soon as the ok is given to travel I am out the door. I have a friend out East (USA) who owes me a boat ride and family in Europe I miss like crazy. Plus there are a lot of Plushie families I would love to meet in person.

Love, Shaw x

# Good Mews Photos & Poem!

## Piggly Puff Poem

by [@pigglypuffandfriends](#)

Let's picture a portrait of joy  
 A favourite stuffed toy in a square frame  
 He's plump and round (though he prefers the term "Piggly")  
 His worn plush is much-cuddled, but he's softer than he appears  
 Two shiny black beads are the windows to his soul  
 And a grubby grey snout, once pink, the sign of a well-travelled pig indeed  
 Add in some dangly feet he's too roly-poly to stand on  
 And small flaps for hands, to hold when feeling fretful  
 He doesn't have a smiley face, and always looks a trifle worried  
 Because he's absorbing your fears, and working out where to put them  
 So they can't hurt you any more  
 He brings comfort when you're sad, and makes lighter days brighter  
 Your boyfriend does a squeaky voice for him  
 Which always makes you giggle  
 And you like to take funny photographs of him, little feet dangling off the edges of landmarks  
 Memorialising the wonders of the world, to bring a flash of remembered happiness on a rainy day  
 People smile and ask you his name, which countries he's visited, and if they can pose with him  
 Others smirk, raise scornful eyebrows, because you're "weird".  
 But it gives you a giddy feeling in your heart - to have so much childish fun it makes these strangers mad  
 So you continue to capture joy, in portrait after portrait, and you don't give a single fluff what they think of you.



Piggly Puff in Singapore Marina Bay Sands, with his Mummy Pet in Hampton Court Flower Show (top row) . PP in Bryant Park, NYC, posing with a toy soldier outside FAO Schwarz toy shop, NYC, and posing with a bagpipe player in Edinburgh (bottom row)

## An Outdoor, Unlocked, Insta Meet!

by [paellathepuffin](#) and photos from [@adventuresofabear](#)

Paella and Tortilla were very excited on Wednesday night. They were meeting up with Bear, [@adventuresofabear](#) and Biggers, at RSPB Bempton cliffs, where Paella was born. They got ready the night before. Tortilla had not met Paellas family, and she was keen to meet them. Paella has a soft spot for Biggers and he is even more handsome in real life! Bear looked after them all so well. They posed for Photos as mementos of their day. The photo bottom right is of Bear and Biggers watching Paella and Tortilla swoop and glide over the sea, riding the thermals and finding sand eels. The nearly human was too scared to look over the cliff to take photos of them, but Bear assured her, it was a sight to behold. What a lovely day. Such good friends.



Stay safe everyone and remember to follow your local Covid-19 safe guidelines.