

# PETS' MEWS

*The MewsPaper for Instagramming Plushies, Pets, and their People*



## Welcome to the New Look!

Hello Everyone,

Have you missed us?

I'm sorry we didn't have an August issue, but we were busy working on our new-look Pets' Mews and I hope you like it.

How can I describe the revamp? Well, it's kind of the same good old PM, but better. You know? Your favourite Plushie MewsPaper will still have a round up of what's been going on in the Plushie World of Instagram. It will still feature your Good Mews Photos, but now, it will also feature the all-new amazing, Plushie Curator Panel. Each month, our curators will be sourcing stories and articles from around the plushie world to bring to you! They may reach out and ask you to feature, or you might have a brilliantly bright idea for a story you'd like to share, and you can get in touch.

Let us know what you think. We hope you will enjoy it.

Big Hugs from the PM Team! xxx

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## PLUSHIE SUNFLOWER CHALLENGE2021 BY @PAELLATHEPUFFIN



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# Meet the Team of Curators

Got a great idea for an article for them, then please do get in touch!

## Sara: [@zarina\\_azib](#) Curator of Fashion

I am Princess Sara from Singapaw. My mummy is MY MUMMY the DESIGNER and I am her Muse. Most of my Outfits are pawmade by her.



## SpyBat: [@spybatmissions](#) Curator of Books

SpyBat is a secret agent who lives with his assistant in Sweden. When he's not on a mission, he likes to read and help out at his assistant's library.

## Hotte: [@furfrog](#) Curator of Recipes

My name is Hotte Lien and I am a green chef. I hope to inspire you to cook new dishes and will take you on my journey of healthy cooking.



## Cookie [@Cookiemreport](#) Curator of Crafts

My name is Cookie and me will be curating the Arts & Crafts section. Me think lil Bamboo will help me from time to time cuz well... He loves arts and crafts so much. If you have cool craft ideas, drop us a note! Me love to hear from you.



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**Bunny: @waikikibunny**  
Curator of Tech & Can I fix it?

Hello, my name is Waikiki. I live in Germany, love Hawaii and Elvis and repair almost everything.



**Megan: @meganmylifeisahoot**  
Curator of Challenges / Festivals/ Hashtags

Hoot! Hoot! Hello! My name is Megan and I am the full-time assistant to a number of owls - Winston, Samantha, Ike Hedwig - and owltopuses including Veronica, Vernie, Violet and more. We're owlfully excited to be curating the Hashtags, Challenges, and Festivals section covering owl the owlsome events taking place in the plushie community!

**Humphrey:**  
**over\_the\_hump\_with\_humphrey**  
Curator of Lovely Stories  
**#plushiesbuildbridges**

I am an emotional support plushie from Minnesota, USA and a world traveller. I host the Power of Plushies Podcast. I love to paint and hang out with my pal Horsie. I'll be the Curator or the #PlushiesBuildBridges section



**Fluffy : @flufflys fun advenutres**  
Curator of Mischief

Do I really need an introduction? I'm king of Plushiestan! (and the Curator of Mischief!)



**Chilli & Teddy: @gasbricki**  
Curators of Nature

Hello, we're Chilli (5) and Teddy (4) from Germany . We love flowers, gardening and walking in the forest. And of course, chocolate!



# Meet your Editorial Team

Got a great idea for an article for us, then please do get in touch!

**Tipsy: [@travelswithmycat](https://twitter.com/travelswithmycat)  
Editor**

Hello, my name is Tipsy Cat Bose and I'm a Teddy Cat who loves travelling. My Pet (who is human) and I started this MewsPaper centuries\* ago to bring together a little of what the amazing Plushie Community is up to.

\*teddy cats count years differently from humans



**Miu et. al: [@ausruheulen](https://twitter.com/ausruheulen)  
Curators of Music and Moments**

We are the Ausruheulen, the relaxing owls, and we will take care of 4 little sections about music and the beauty of life. You can see Miu (bottom left) and Nestor (bottom right) below. We also translate Pets' Mews into German.



**Doyka & Hedge: [@doykaandhedge](https://twitter.com/doykaandhedge)  
Curators of Language & Quizzes**

We are Doyka and Hedge and we will be curating two sections - Language and Games / Quiz. We will also be doing the translation of Pets' Mews into Russian.



## PLUSHIE BOOK REVIEW

**Red, White & Royal Blue - Casey McQuiston (2019)**

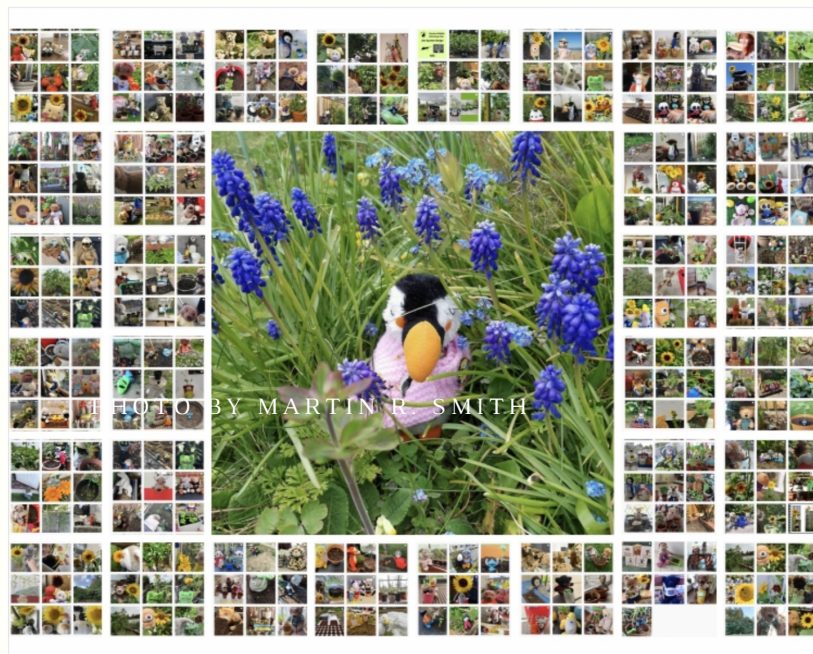
Alex is the son of the first female president of the United States. Henry is the prince of Wales. They meet every now and then at official functions and they are arch enemies. Until they one day must pretend to be best friends to avoid a diplomatic disaster. Their relationship starts to develop in a way no one expected... At the same time, Henry must keep up the formal appearance as a part of the British royal family, and Alex cannot do anything that might jeopardise his mother's chances of being re-elected. The modern democracy and the right to vote are portrayed with all the characteristics of today: corruption, defamation, social media, and fake news. But it's not as boring as it might sound, since this part of the story is framed by what has been called "the best romance of the year". This is a book to binge-read and that stays with you for a long time.



by [@SpyBat Missions](https://twitter.com/SpyBatMissions)

# Plushie Sunflower Challenge

[#plushiesunflowerchallenge2021](#) by [@PaellathePuffin](#)



The annual sunflower challenge for 2021 was launched in March. Paella was a judge on last year's panel and was keen to be involved again this year, together with [@theo\\_bear\\_uk](#) and new judge [@adventuresofabear](#).

The challenge - to grow the tallest and most magnificent specimen, all measurements submitted by the end of August. Three categories, pot inside, pot outside and in the soil outside, thus enabling most plushies to have a go, wherever they live.



Sunflowers are the most incredible plants. They are tall and majestic, with bright faces, traditionally yellow, but so many rich colours, sunny and happy. For most humans, to see them, is to smile.

The gauntlet went down under [#plushiesunflowerchallenge2021](#), a page that documents all our collective efforts, and well worth seeing. Seeds were posted to those that needed them and new growers were encouraged to take part. We started our journey together. Seeds planted in a variety of pots, various sizes and colours, in gardens, on balconies, on windowsills, in greenhouses, in kitchens, bedrooms, patios, and conservatories. I am smiling as I write.

These tiny seeds were planted all over the world! A collective endeavour that warms the heart. Advice and encouragement was dispensed with a humorous sprinkling of rivalry and sometimes plain skulduggery.

The joys of the plants first peeping though the soil, new leaves unfurling with seed hats on that are carefully prised off, so as to not damage these important new leaves.

The speed at which it happens! Leggy shoots seeking the sun. Bamboo and sticks, propping up the eager little plants, too weak to bear the weight of their own leaves.

Enough water? Too much water? To repot or wait? Bring in at night, or risk leaving out? Plant out or keep in their pots awhile longer? Humans and plushies pondering these all important questions.

Enemies, slugs, snails, caterpillars and fungus. Copper wire, broken egg shells, tricks readily shared as the community protected their plants.

Weather!! Heat waves, torrential rain, hailstones, gales, thunder and lightening, floods and even a tornado! We congratulated, sympathised, enthused, and wept together. Mighty sunflowers flattened but many more thrived.

We took photos, made posts, gave advice, proudly showed our treasures, step by step.

Five months on, hours of care and nurturing, worrying, admiring and hope, watching them thrive or falter, we were there.

Tape measures out, up ladders, step ladders, on dustbins, we stood, pencil at the ready, notebooks in hand, how have we done?

The answer is, brilliantly. We have been occupied all of this time with our shared endeavours, and we have created, row upon row of sunshine.



# Say it with a Song

by Suse @ausruheulen



This section is like a love song for you plushies, pets and people out there. Every few months we will dedicate one song to one plushie and one song to the whole plushie community. If you'd like to dedicate a song to your plushie friend, feel free to contact Suse and we will be delighted to publish your song message in one of the next issues.

You can listen to all the songs on your own "Pets' Mews Plushie Playlist" on Spotify.

This month we dedicate the song "BUTTER" by BTS (Bangtan Sonyeondan/방탄소년단) to @squeeshy.patague who loves BTS and is the sweetest plushie ARMY mate we have ever met. Pets' Mews purples you, Squeeshy!

We also dedicate the song "Have it all" by Jason Mraz to the whole plushie community. The lyrics are like a list of beautiful things that we want each one of you to have.

"Pets' Mews" is on Spotify! Find, follow and vibe with us!



**Plushie Fashion Week 2021**  
**20th Sept - 26th Sept 2021**  
**#PlushieFashionWeek2021**



# MY PLAYLIST



by Manu @ausruheulen



Pets' Mews had the great honour to talk to the amazing and incredibly talented plushie singer-songwriter, [@lucky.cath](#), about music and the songs that inspire her.

In the plushie world she is known for her beautiful, soft, and soul-soothing voice and her music videos (check Lucky Cath on YouTube), which she always creates with so much passion and creativity, and love for the details. Our all-time favourite song of Lucky Cath is "Glitter" because it moves us. And here are the songs that move her!

## The song that...

Lucky Cath is currently listening to

Kina Grannis - Moonsong

gives her strength, energy, and courage

Shake it out (Florence and the Machine)

brightens her mood immediately

I wanna dance with somebody (Whitney Houston)

makes her feel melancholic

The choral version of Moon River (Breakfast at Tiffany's OST)

she would want to have on the  
"Soundtrack of her life"

Liz on top of the world (Pride and Prejudice OST)

she wants to add to the PETS' MEWS PLAYLIST on Spotify, because ... "It's a sweet and uplifting mash-up of two great songs performed by two legends. It's a favorite of mine and I think, the PETS' MEWS readers will enjoy it."

Get happy/Happy days are here again (Barbara Streisand, Judy Garland)

You can find Lucky Cath on Spotify and on any other streaming platform as well as on our Spotify List "Pets' Mews Plushie Playlist"! Thank you, Lucky Cath! Pets' Mews loves you!



# Quiz

by [@doyka and hedge](#)



1. Two drivers have a brother named Andrew but Andrew doesn't have brothers. How it can be?
2. Author Vladimir Nabokov used to draw butterflies on author's copies of his books. But one time he made an exception. What did Nabokov draw on the author's copy of "Mashen'ka" ("Mary" in English translation)?

## Did Moo Know?

by [@doyka and hedge](#)



"Doyka, when will you keep your promise and pay down your debt?"  
 "When the crayfish whistles on the mountain."

Which means "someday" or rather, "never." :) It looks like every language and culture has its own colorful idiom to denote such a simple word "never" we all try to avoid so often. And some of the most interesting ones have animals in them. In Russia we like to say "when the crayfish whistles on the mountain." The exact origin of this idiom is unknown but they say it appeared from the impossibility of the phenomenon like seeing a crayfish which inhabits rivers only on the top of a mountain or hearing it whistle. The idiom used to be longer – "when the crayfish whistles on the mountain and fish sings" – but then the latter part fell off.

There are such idioms in other languages too, both with animals in them or not. In English, "when pigs fly" or "when hell freezes"; in German, "wenn der Fuchs und der Hase einander Gute Nacht sagen" (when the fox and the hare say goodnight to each other); in French, "quand les coqs pondront des œufs" (when roosters lay eggs); in Portuguese, "nem que a vaca tussah" ("not even if the cow coughs") or "no dia de São Nunca" (on St. Never's Day). Think about such idioms in your language and share them with us in your posts or stories. Use #idioMOODoyka and tag us!