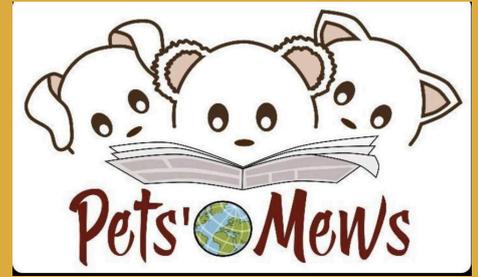


# Pets' Mews



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

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Hello Dear Friends,

Happy September to you.

It's been summer here in the north and lots of us lot have been on holiday, so if you have, we hope you are nice and refreshed, and if you haven't been away, we hope you have lots of exciting things in store!

This is such a lovely issue, all about something that is in our DNA - friendship! We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed putting it together. Thank you to all the PM team for their creativity and fun.

Big hugs from the PM team and thanks for your friendship!

Tipsy and Pets xxx



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# The Plushie Musical

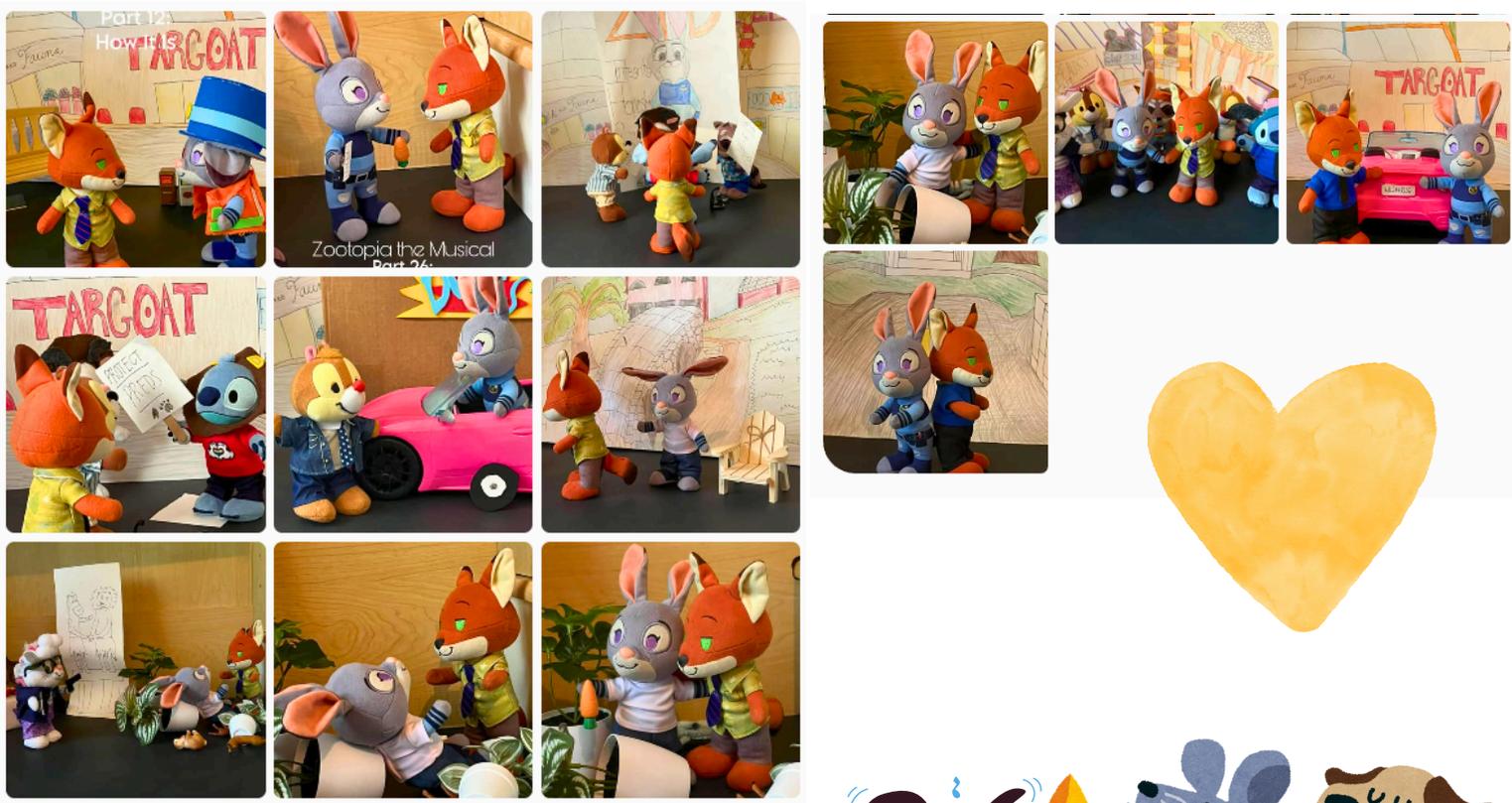
by Bandit the Niffler

How the Plushie Community Made a Musical Together:

One day, the human got an idea in their head that they couldn't let go. They started writing, continued writing while they were a passenger for a long road trip, and continued writing when they got home. After a month, they had finished what they had started: a full-length musical based on their favorite film, Zootopia. They shared a couple songs with a plushie friend. She encouraged the human to go public with the project and turn it into a real thing. So, my Zootopia plushie siblings put out a casting call, not expecting to get much traction.

They got so much traction. Over 2 dozen different plushies participated in bringing the musical to life. Even a couple of their humans got in on the action and lended their voices to make the musical have actual music. The human tirelessly crafted sets, props, costumes, photographed scenes, edited plushies into scenes, directed voice actors, created music, edited stop-motion videos, wrote closed captions. The entire Disney NuiMOs community eagerly awaited each instalment as the musical debuted on Instagram. Less than a year after the project started, Zootopia the Musical was complete. It brought tears to the human's eyes how everyone had helped make their dream a reality, and how the project had brought plushies together from all around the world.

Plushies applauded the voice actors, got giddy when they saw themselves on screen, and thanked the human for bringing the musical to the world. Truly, it was the human who had them to thank for bringing the musical to the world. It was an incredibly rewarding experience, one that the human hopes to repeat in 2026 with a potential sequel musical. If the project happens, I'll be looking for more actors, voice actors, and musicians, so if that interests you, keep an eye out for an announcement in early 2026.





# Fun with Cookie, Richie & Keith at Blijdorp



by Cookie M. Report

Me loooooove plushie meet-ups! Thanks to Instagram me met a lot of friends (but me wanna meet so many more!) from all over the world. The first instameet me had, was with Candy the Sheep from Germany in Amsterdam. We went out for coffee, cookies and cuddles and that was so much fun! After that me had plenty of other meet ups. January 21st of 2018 was the second plushie instameet me had and after this adventure at the zoo we became besties and been on many many trips together! It shows that you never know when you make a new friend!

As me said, it was Sunday, January 21st. Me was sooooo excited to meet me Instagram pals Keith and Richie. They love to go to Blijdorp (also known as Rotterdam Zoo) and me love to visit zoos, so we decided to meet up in Rotterdam. Boy, what an adventure it was to get there!

Me and Berry would meet the little elephants and their human at Rotterdam Central Station. The best thing about going by train to Rotterdam is that you cross over the zoo. With a little luck me could see the lions and the giraffes. And then the train stopped next to the Okapi habitat... and we no moved again...

Uh-oh! What happened? Me did not know. Luckily the lil rebels Richie and Keith phoned me. There was a fire at Rotterdam Central! So, no trains were allowed in the station. The lil elephants got rerouted to another station and we... we got stuck just a few metres outside the train station, in the middle of the zoo... Kind of.

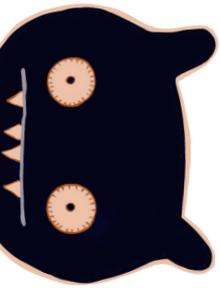
While we got stuck our buddies made it to the station by train. And they got us updated about the situation. There was firemen and all people had to leave the station! Gladly it was no big fire, just a little one in a broom closet, but it was big enough to stop all the trains. After a while we went back to Rotterdam North where a lovely lady helped us find the tram to Rotterdam Central so me finally could cuddle me lil buddies! Quickly we jumped on the bus and a few minutes later we arrived at the zoo.

It was time for some food, hugs and gifts! Berry made me friends some scarfs. And me got all kinds of nommy cookies – they were delicious! – and a little Cookie Monster statue. Cool huh. It is always nice to bring some gifts at an instameet. Also, we visited the whole zoo! We saw the cute prairie dogs, the polar bears, the tigers and lions, the elephants – of course – and both baby rhino's and sooooo much more. Me even got to visit the impressive and famous silverback gorilla Bokito. We had soooo much fun together.

Me like to see other plushies, visit the zoo, go for coffee or visit Keukenhof! On me blog ([cookiereport.blogspot.com](http://cookiereport.blogspot.com)) you can read all about them. Well... not All. Because me no blog that much due to lack of time. But you can read about a lot of those meetings. Me can highly recommend it. It always fun to meet new friends!

Big Hugs!  
Cookie





# When I met Pingu & Cuddles, twice!

by @spybatmissions



SpyBat and his assistant have traveled through Germany by train twice, and both times they have met @pinkpenguin cuddlypolarbear!

The first time was in August 2018, in Cologne. SpyBat and his assistant had a good time with Pingu and Cuddles, and their lovely humans, two sisters. They climbed all the stairs to the top of the tower of the famous cathedral where they had a fantastic view of the city. After that they took a walk through the old town, and then had dinner at a very German restaurant with traditional food. It was a great evening with both good company and good food!

The second time they met was in April 2025, this time in Düsseldorf. This time they met during the day, which gave them time to visit two museums (one about film, one about the writer Goethe) and also once again share a nice meal. Pingu and Cuddles like Japan and Japanese food, so they introduced SpyBat and his assistant to Ramen! It was delicious, and absolutely lovely to meet up again after almost seven years!





# Strange New Planet 9: USA – Brave in New Jersey

by fluffys fun adventures and  
@teddy.spaghetti\_broosevelt

Fluffy: "I'm here with Teddy Spaghetti and Teddy Broosevelt in New Jersey, USA, home of the brave... you guys live on a lake... filled with WATER! 🤪 Isn't that scary?"

Spaghetti: "Not at all! We could even do something around the lake, like going boating or fishing or swimming..." 😊

Broosevelt: "Yeah but the backyard is one bar of soap away from a b~~at~~h!" 🤔

Fluffy: 🤪 "Anything we could do on dry land?"

Spaghetti: "There's not much else out here other than farmland."

Fluffy: "So... what do you do for fun around here that doesn't involve getting wet?"

Spaghetti: "Fluffy, going out on the boat is fun! I'll even let you drive!"

Fluffy: 🤪🤔🤔

(later, Fluffy sits in the middle of the boat on a swim ring, wearing a couple of life vests)

Fluffy: "Can you tell me a bit about yourselves?"

Spaghetti: "Our family started out pretty small. I came first in 2007 when mommy adopted me from a store in the Newark Airport while she was traveling for work. And then in 2014, mommy was in Atlanta, Georgia for a whole month of work training and she adopted Broosevelt to keep her company."

Broosevelt: "I'm the only reason she passed training, you know."

Spaghetti: "Our other siblings didn't join the family until after we started our instagram account in 2018."

Broosevelt: "Just more mouths I'm expected to sh~~are~~re with, if you ask me." 🤔

Fluffy: "That's just the worst!!! I have 160 plushies living with me, can you imagine how much I have to share?!"



Broosevelt: "Poor you! But I know just the thing for you: [Bärchen](#) and I started the [#NoSharingTable](#) because we believe that nobody should be pressured, shamed, or forced to share their snacks. If you have a special snack that you don't want to have to split with 5,000 other hungry plushies, you should join us!"

Fluffy: "Absolutely! I'm in! Where has this been my whole life?!"

(Fluffy jumps up in excitement, making the boat rock violently)

Spaghetti: "Be careful! You don't want to rock the boat so much! You might fall in."

Fluffy: "Sorry, food just gets me so excited, I can't control myself."

Broosevelt: "Well, you're definitely in the right country for that. Portion sizes here are huge."

Spaghetti: "You've got a point there. People normally have to take some of it home because there's so much."

Fluffy: "REALLY!?!?!"

(Fluffy starts jumping up and down again, rocking the boat even more than last time.)

Broosevelt: "Be careful! You're going to tip us over!"

Spaghetti: "Maybe we should change topics and talk about something other than food. Like the other animals that live here. Did you know that we have black bears? They sometimes come close to the house. They've even stolen a few of our hummingbird feeders. They like the sugar water and bird seeds too!"

Fluffy: "Oh, Mom, Dad and I actually ate bear in Estonia. It was delicious!"

Broosevelt: "Ummmm..."

Fluffy: "Wait! It's eating sugar water? So that makes it basically, sweet and sour bear! That's a new dish I've never tried!"

(Fluffy starts jumping in excitement again.)

Broosevelt: "Not again!"

Spaghetti: "NEW TOPIC! I KNOW! BIRD POOP!"

Fluffy: "What?"

Broosevelt: "Yeah, we have a great blue heron that sits on our boat's bimini top, where he looks down on the lake for fish to hunt. While he's up there he poops all over the boat. 🤢 It's crazy how much poop comes from one heron!"

Fluffy: "It hunts fish?"

Spaghetti: "Oh yes! It flies around and eats them whole. It even looks like it's going to choke on them sometimes."

(A heron flies close by.)



Fluffy: "Is that one of them?"

Broosevelt: "Yep."

(The heron gets a fish out of the water and eats it.)

Fluffy: "So what you're saying is, THAT IS BASICALLY POULTRY AND FISH TOGETHER IN ONE MEAL! I'VE GOT TO TRY IT!"

(Fluffy tries to jump on the heron but misses and falls into the water.)

Fluffy: "AAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHH!"

At this point, the interview was interrupted to fish Fluffy out of the lake. After getting him back on dry land, Fluffy left, muttering something about the 'evil contraption from the devil', which concludes the interview.



If you would like to get interviewed next, send a message to [@fluffys fun adventures](#) and promise that no water will be involved.

# The Friendship Trials: Paw Up if it's Happened to You!

by\_gasbrick



Paws up, who knows this feeling: You have wonderful friends who actually don't live far away. You love them, miss the time spent together, the spontaneous coffee dates, or just simply chatting. And yet? Our humans' schedules are bursting at the seams, work seems to eat up every free minute, and before you know it, another month has passed without seeing each other. 🥲

It's a real struggle to maintain friendships when daily life is so demanding. Sometimes it feels like an eternal split between the life our humans lead and the life we plushies would love to lead, and our friends are often the first to suffer from the lack of time, even though we don't want that at all.

But you know what? True friendships can handle it, right? It's not always about the quantity of meetings, but about the quality of the connection. A quick "How are you?" text, or a postcard from a place where our humans were probably working again, can sometimes work wonders. And when a window of time does open up, the joy is even greater! ✨

For us, it's almost been a year since we last saw our friends and neighbours, [@Britannia Peterle](#) & [@Thebearwiththeredbow](#). In the summer of 2024, we actually managed to make the trip to the big city of Stuttgart. We strolled through the Palace Gardens all the way up to the Villa Berg park, chatted a lot, and had lunch together. We visited great places, like Gottlieb Daimler's old garden house, where he developed engines with Wilhelm Maybach in 1883. In the Rose Garden, we could play by the small fountain and had a great view towards Killesberg.



Past the Leuze Fountain, over the König-Karls-Bridge, we crossed the Neckar river to Bad Cannstatt. It's just wonderful to have someone by your side who knows all those little hidden gems. We also had a very delicious ice cream and then, unfortunately, had to say goodbye in the evening.

Time always flies too fast when you're in good company. As always, we planned to see each other much sooner. Now here we are, writing about it... we probably won't manage to meet our neighbours before this issue of Pets' Mews comes out, but we'll write a letter right after this. Maybe we'll get the chance for an unforgettable day this year! There's still an observation tower in Höhenpark Killesberg that we absolutely have to climb 😊 How do you manage it? Do you have small rituals or tricks to stay in touch, even when time is tight? We are excited to hear your ideas!



# Reviews of Adventure Books!

by @spybatmissions



## **Good Night Mister Tom - Michelle Magorian (1981)**

Will is a young boy from the slums of London. As World War II starts, he is evacuated to the countryside where he is given a place to live with Mister Tom. Mister Tom is the warden of the village church, highly respected but also someone who is lonely and avoided because of how grumpy he is. Will has wounds from his previous life with an abusive mother, but slowly he begins to heal, thanks to Mister Tom's care, and to the rest of the villagers who welcome Will with open arms. For the first time in his life, Will makes friends and starts to enjoy school and other activities. But one day, Will is called back to London by his mother. After Will leaves, Tom hears nothing from him and starts to fear for Will's life. Like the true friend, and parent, he has become, Tom sets off to London in the middle of the Blitz to find his new family member and to hopefully bring him home.

This is a lovely but also at times sad book about friendship on many levels - between children with similar or very different backgrounds, between an older man and a boy, and between villagers of all ages in a time of crisis.

## **The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot - Marianne Cronin (2021)**

Lenni is 17 years old and terminally ill. She lives in a hospital in Glasgow, Scotland, and has almost no contact with her family. She fills her days with chatting with, or annoying, the nurses and observing the other patients. One day, as she is walking around the hospital, she sees an old lady doing something strange with a cleaning cart in a corridor. Shortly after, Lenni discovers the newly opened art room, with classes for patients. She demands to be allowed to attend the class for elderly patients, when she sees the lady from the corridor there. This is Margot, who is 83 years old. The two of them quickly become friends, and decide to make one painting for every one of the 100 years they have lived, combining their ages. As the art classes go on and one painting after another is finished, stories from both Lenni's and Margot's lives are uncovered, and they become close friends and form a bond that lasts all the way until the end.

This is a sad but also heartwarming story that shows that friendship can be found even in the least expected places and times of life.

## **All The Lonely People - Mike Gayle (2021)**

Hubert Bird is a retired widower, living alone in his big house in England. Once a week, he talks with his daughter, who lives in Australia, on the phone. He doesn't want to bother her with the fact that he is very lonely, and therefore tells her made-up tales about his busy social life with close friends. It all goes well, until the daughter decides to come home for a visit. Hubert must now try to make his real life more like the fake one, before the daughter can discover the sad truth. Things do not go as Hubert plans, but his life does get better in many ways, as he gets to know people who actually become his close friends in the end.

This is definitely not your average feelgood novel, but it sure does make you feel good! It's about friendship and finding a reason to live even when things are tough. You get close to Hubert and the other characters and looking at life through their point of view could very possibly make your life a little bit better too!



## The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants - Ann Brashares (2001)

The four friends Carmen, Tibby, Bridget, and Lena have grown up together in a city on the east coast of the USA. This is the first summer they will spend apart. Carmen just bought a pair of jeans in a thrift store. She is about to throw them away, when the friends get the idea that they should try them on. As through magic, the jeans fit them all. The friends decide that they will take turns having the jeans during the summer, sending them to each other with updates about their lives apart. So the jeans travel with them, as Bridget goes to a soccer training camp, Lena travels with family to Greece, Carmen visits her estranged father, and Tibby stays at home, working at a grocery store. As the friends experience different things apart, they are still connected and can help each other, through the traveling pants and the messages they send with them.

This is a coming-of-age story that shows that friendships are important, but it can be equally important to explore life on your own. But don't forget your friends, because you never know when you might need them the most. If you like this one, there are more books in the series of the traveling pants. Three Things About Elsie - Jo

## Three Things About Elsie - Joanna Cannon (2018)

Florence is 84 years old and lives in an assisted living facility. She is not popular there. She doesn't like to participate in social activities and sometimes has angry outbursts. At the beginning of the book, Florence has fallen in her room, and as she lays on the floor, waiting for help, she thinks through her life. Florence's best friend Elsie is and always has been a big part of her life. They have been close since they were young children, and Florence still turns to Elsie with everything that's on her mind. It's just that nobody else seems to be able to see Elsie, and therefore they think that Florence is delusional. Fortunately, one other resident believes her, Jack, and they become friends. Jack also turns out to be a great help when a new resident moves in, someone Florence thought died many years ago, and that she is sure is after her with no good intentions.

This book is a bit of a thriller or mystery in disguise, as the truth about Elsie and Florence slowly unravels, with the last details revealed only at the end. But one thing is sure throughout the book: no friendship is stronger than Florence's and Elsie's.

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Would you like to write a review so that you can share your book finds with other plushies? If so, please get in touch with [@spybatmissions](https://twitter.com/spybatmissions) and you can feature in our next issue of Pets' Mews!

