

《五岁女孩给警长写信：英国第一只警猫要诞生了！》



The UK's first police cat could be put on the beat in Durham after a young girl wrote to the chief constable to suggest cats would be useful in climbing trees to rescue people.

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Five-year-old Eliza Adamson-Hopper wrote to Chief Constable Mike Barton asking why the force only used dogs and that it should consider having cats too.

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Mr Barton replied and told her the force is now looking to recruit its first cat, although its duties are as yet undecided.

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Her parents were astonished to receive a letter of reply from him containing a drawing of his own cat, Joey.

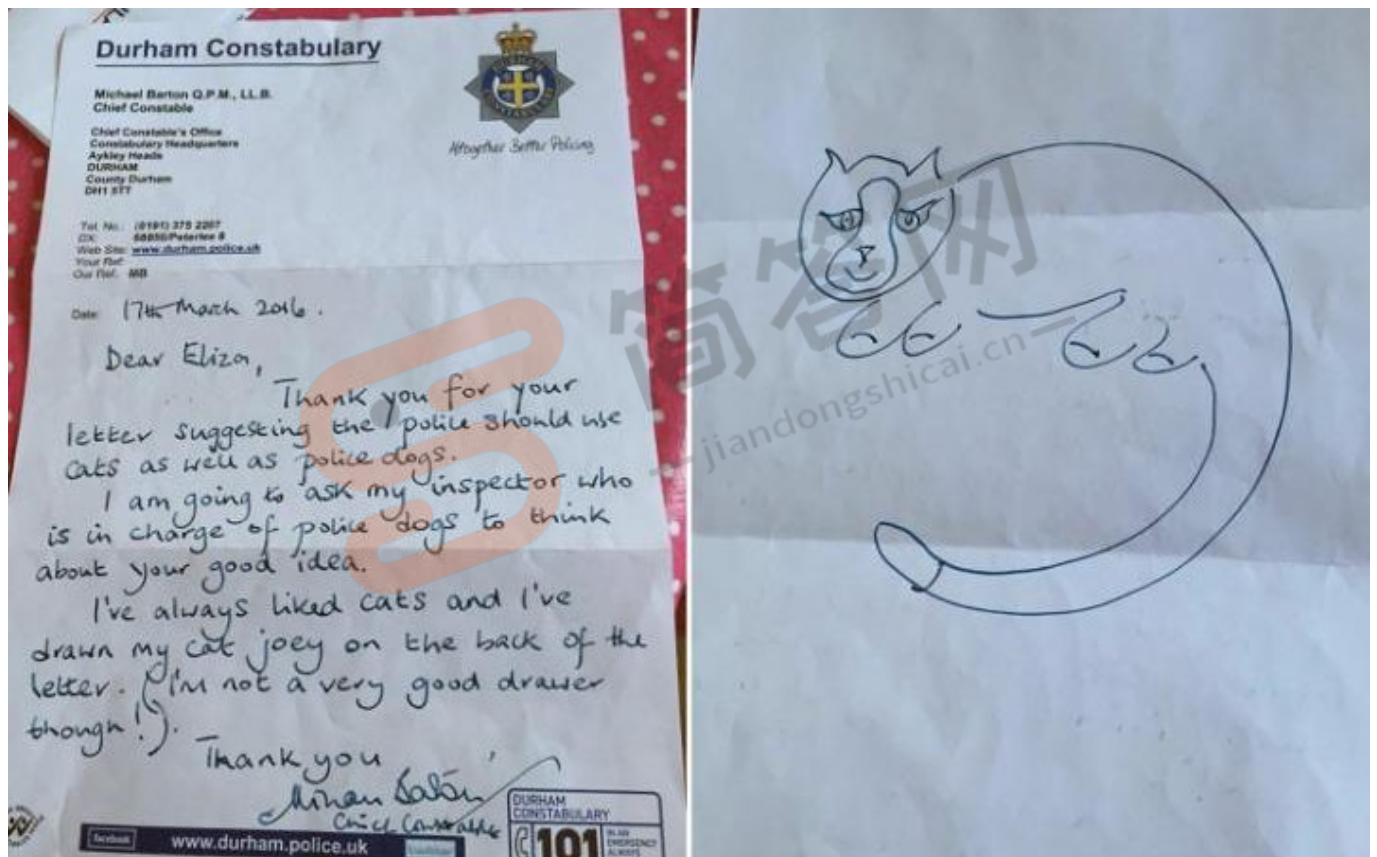
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Mr Barton wrote: "Dear Eliza, thank you for your letter suggesting the police should use cats as well as police dogs.

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"I am going to ask my inspector who is in charge of police dogs to think about your good idea."

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Eliza's mother Cheryl Adamson said she was amazed when the force replied to her daughter's letter.

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"She came up with a few ideas about what the cats could do, like listen for danger and climb trees to rescue people," she said.

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"She said they were good at finding their way home so they could show policeman the way."

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"I nearly died when Mr Barton wrote back, I couldn't believe it."

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She added: "I think they've just considered her arguments and she made some very valid points."

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"It will take some careful coordination between the cats and dogs and I'm not sure what role they will have."

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