

**Nomination for Mr. Tinkles (aka 'Silwood Kitty') to Receive Honorary Lifetime Associate Membership
20 June 2022**

Proposer Name: Nathalie Podder (DPW)

Seconders: Alex Auyang (Silwood President), Samuel Hammond (ICSMSU President)

Union Notes

1. The Union's values, as outlined in the Back to Basics Strategy, are: Integrity, Democracy, Inclusivity, Accountability and Ambition.
2. As per the [Awards Policy](#), General Awards serve the purpose of acknowledging "recognis[ing] those individuals who have given significant and repeated outstanding contributions to the student experience at Imperial and the life of the Union throughout the year."
3. Eligibility for the General Union Awards requires Imperial College Union membership.
4. Honorary Lifetime Associate Membership (HLM) is normally awarded to members of the Imperial community that have performed an exceptional service in their time at the Union.
5. Previous recipients of HLM have included sabbatical officers, as they are not eligible for General Union Awards under the Awards Policy. The purpose of this is "not only as a show of appreciation of the time and effort that has gone into the role, but more so to distinguish the accomplishments and achievements of this officer for having gone above and beyond their role during the year."
6. Non-human members of the Imperial community do not currently have a set process for acquiring membership or being acknowledged for their contribution to the Imperial student community.
7. Mr. Tinkles currently resides in the Silwood campus and is looked after by a group of student residents who call themselves "The Chancellors of the Fur."
8. Mr. Tinkles was in an accident in March 2022.
9. The treatment of Mr. Tinkles' resulting injuries resulted in £1400 worth of vet bills.
10. A GoFundMe was put up by Jasmine Hull (Silwood Treasurer) on March 11, 2022 to raise the funds for Mr. Tinkles' treatment. The initial goal of £1400 was reached in under 24 hours, and an additional £457 were put towards obtaining pet insurance for Mr. Tinkles.
11. Photos of Mr. Tinkles before, during and after his recovery are in Appendix A.

Union Believes

1. Given how quickly funds were raised for Mr. Tinkles' treatment of his injury, he is clearly a valued member of the Imperial community.
2. Mr. Tinkles is a beloved member of the Silwood community and has boosted the morale of students who are based at that campus, thereby creating a positive impact on student experience.
3. Mr. Tinkles has shown strength and tenacity in overcoming his accident. His resilience is an inspiration to those in the Imperial community.
4. Mr. Tinkles' resilience reflects Ambition, as he demonstrates the benefit of framing challenges positively.
5. Mr. Tinkles deserves to be recognized for all of the above statements.

Union Resolves

1. To give Mr. Tinkles Honorary Lifetime Associate Membership.

Appendix 1

The following photographs capture Mr. Tinkles' recovery journey:





