

Anya had never been allowed to have a pet. She'd asked her parents every birthday, every Christmas and every time she had received a great school report. The answer was always the same- no. Her mum argued that Anya couldn't even keep her room tidy, so how could she possibly look after a pet? Her dad said they were too much hassle, and Anya should wait until she was old enough to have her own house and job. Almost all of her classmates had one.

Saturdays were usually spent playing in the fields and woods at the back of Anya's street. It was one particular Saturday in June that turned out to be a real exciting adventure. Anya was laid on the grass, making a bird box for her garden, when a beautiful, fluffy kitten ventured over to her and perched itself on her lap. It was so cute! Anya realised the kitten must be lost, but also knew that it was too small to look after itself; she scooped the kitten up and headed for her playhouse.

Anya spent the whole afternoon making a warm, cosy home for the kitten. She collected some old toys from her bedroom and a soft blanket to lay inside the playhouse. At dinner, she carefully wrapped some leftovers for the kitten in a piece of kitchen roll when her parents weren't looking and put some milk on a saucer. The kitten seemed so happy, curled up in Anya's arms, and Anya was ecstatic. It was the most perfect weekend.

On Monday morning, Anya set off for school as usual. She desperately hoped the day would fly by, so she could quickly return to her new love. However, on her drive to school she noticed posters stuck up on lampposts with photos of her kitten. Her heart sank.

In the playground, she noticed Isabelle sat with her head in her hands and tears rolling down her cheeks. She sauntered over. A handful of her classmates were huddled round her as she sobbed and told them how her brand new kitten had escaped from the house on Saturday morning. Isabelle had so many pets: she had two dogs, loads of fish, a rabbit and a hamster. She had too many according to Anya. It wasn't fair. She clearly couldn't look after them all. She didn't deserve them.