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# Poppet in the wash



**LUCKY** Poppet with  
a relieved Megan  
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## Family's shock turns to joy as pet moggie survives a 50-minute wash cycle after hopping in machine while owner's back is turned

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A SEVEN-WEEK-OLD kitten has already used up one of her nine lives after she accidentally went through the wash.

Little Poppet found herself stuck in a 50 minute washing machine cycle at 50-degrees but still managed to survive.

The lucky feline climbed into the laundry when owner Laura Gilholme's back was turned.

The 27-year-old, of Springfield Street, Audenshaw, said: "I

was halfway through putting in a load and she must have jumped into the machine without me knowing.

"I only realised what had happened when the wash had finished and I'd opened the door.

"She was unconscious and my neighbour tried to do mouth to mouth but then we rushed her to the vets.

"There was no response from her and we really thought she had died."

But vet John Gunn, of Abbeywood Vets, Denton, managed to

revive Poppet and nursed her back to health.

Poppet has now been reunited with Laura and her six-year-old daughter Megan.

Laura said: "I really thought that was it and didn't think she would survive. John really did save her life.

"Poppet's back home now and the first thing she did was jump straight into the drier so we know she's back to her usual mischievous self."

Vet John said Poppet was an 'incredibly lucky cat'.

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He said: "I really didn't think she had a hope.

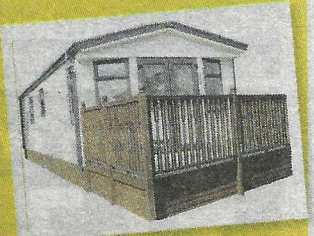
"I live above the surgery so stayed up with her through the night and kept her in for an extra 48 hours and she was soon eating me out of house and home. I think she's definitely used up one of her nine lives."

He added: "This was a complete accident and kittens are notorious for being mischievous.

"But this should serve as a gentle reminder to pet owners with young or small animals."

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