



CHAPTER ONE

Kittens!

Lily Hart couldn't tear herself away from the box of kittens her dad had just brought into the examining room. Neither could her best friend, Jess Forester!

Lily's parents ran the Helping Paw Wildlife Hospital in Brightley, the town where the two girls lived. Jess and her dad



lived in the house across from the hospital. They'd found the kittens that morning in their shed and brought them straight to Helping Paw.

“I'll just check them over,” said Mr. Hart.

He picked up each of the four kittens in turn, checking their eyes and teeth. When he put the smallest one back in the box, she rolled over on her back and meowed, showing the tip of a tiny pink tongue. Lily tickled her tummy.

“We were amazed to find them,” Mr. Forester said. “Jess heard barking and saw

