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Canal boat gala officially launches new town centre wharf

SAJ Hussain, the deputy mayor, and his daughter, the deputy mayoress, Faaria Sahl, at the opening of the Woking Town Wharf with Winter Lily's owners Phil and Carol Hardyman, left, and Basingstoke Canal Society chairman Philip Riley.

Cllr Hussain said: "I am delighted to be here at this special event to mark the official opening of the Woking Town Wharf. We are so fortunate to have a canal running through the centre of our town, and this additional mooring will help residents to enjoy both the amenities and the boat trips that are now available during the summer."

Picture by Len Walker
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Cat found with 'heartbreaking' signs of abuse

THE RSPCA is asking for information about a cat that has been found in Knaphill with serious injuries.

The nine-month-old tortoiseshell cat, who has been named Minnie because she is so small, had burns all over her body and a makeshift splint on her right front leg.

Minnie, pictured, who was unable to stand, was found near Bagshot Road last Sunday.

Liz Wood, deputy manager at RSPCA's Millbrook Animal Centre, in Chobham, said: "It appears she may have been severely abused and she has a number of wounds full of maggots."