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by **Kate** Posted: **Wed Nov 15, 2017 10:28 pm**

Can anyone tell me anything about the photograph shown towards the end of the Dusty documentary JUST DUSTY - THE REAL DUSTY SPRINGFIELD ( GOOD QUALITY ) ? It can be found on You Tube (Time 1.15.16) Is that Dave Clark next to Dusty?

## Re: Photo on 'Just Dusty' Documentary

by **pat.dunham** Posted: **Wed Nov 15, 2017 10:55 pm**

Putting my thoughts on the line, I'm pretty sure that the guy is not DC but one of her friends from her Amsterdam sojourn prior to finally returning home to UK. Sorry I cannot remember his name.

## Re: Photo on 'Just Dusty' Documentary

by **daydreamer** Posted: **Thu Nov 16, 2017 3:04 pm**

I think the guy at the front is Lee Everett's husband and the other guy is definitely Dave Clark.

## Re: Photo on 'Just Dusty' Documentary

by **Frans** Posted: **Thu Nov 16, 2017 4:44 pm**

I couldn't tell, don't know anybody except of course Dusty.



## Re: Photo on 'Just Dusty' Documentary

by **Kate** Posted: **Thu Nov 16, 2017 7:17 pm**

Yes I think you are right. On closer inspection it does look like John Alkin . I really didn't recognise Lee Everett though. Sadly this may have been one of the last photos to be taken of Dusty. So very sad.

## Re: Photo on 'Just Dusty' Documentary

by **DustyDanny** Posted: **Wed Nov 22, 2017 3:34 pm**

There was a cropped version of one of those photos included in a newspaper article shortly after Dusty's death in 1999:

Beloved Nicholas eats baby food and has own tr

# DUSTY LEAVES HER PET CAT TO KENNY EVERETT'S WIDOW

By TOM HENDRY

**IT WASN'T** death that Dusty Springfield feared most...it was the worry over what would happen to her beloved pedigree cat, Nicholas.

For 13 years the singer and her cat had been soulmates. But when Dusty, 59, knew she could no longer fight the cancer ravaging her body, she was determined to make sure that Nicholas wouldn't suffer too much.

So she secretly "willed" Nicholas to one of her best friends — Kenny Everett's widow Lee Everett-Alkin.

Lee, a faith healer and animal lover whose first husband, Sixties pop idol Billy Fury, also left her a widow, is now giving Nicholas a life of luxury.

*She and her husband, John Alkin, have made sure that the cat — a Californian Rag-Doll, bought by Dusty on a trip to Hollywood — will never forget his mistress.*

He sleeps on a pillow slip from her death bed, and nuzzles up to the nightgown she wore when she passed away at her home in Harpsden, near Henley, Oxfordshire, three weeks ago.

He dines on tinned baby food specially imported from the US — Dusty arranged for a year's supply to be flown in just before she died. And he has tapes of her hits playing to comfort him during his catnaps.

But the highlight of Nicholas's new life is his home-from-home — a 7ft-high indoor tree house studded with hearts, which Dusty bought him when they lived in Holland.

The wooden house, with its "garden" of foliage and carpeted "apartments", is so heavy that it took two men to carry it to Lee's bungalow in a village in Berkshire.

Lee's husband then added an extension to their own home — an 8ft-square run for Nicholas.



**GREAT FRIENDS:** Lee and Dusty, and (inset) the singer's pet cat Nicholas

Inside the bungalow, a wire-mesh grill separates Nicholas from Lee's own cat, Purrdie, a five-year-old English Blue, and her dogs, Tumble and Scruff.

But Nicholas just might get an extra treat — because Lee, 62, is planning an "arranged" marriage for him and Purrdie.

*"I'm serious," she says. "It's what Dusty wanted. She always felt the cats should be together."*

"We used to joke how wonderful it would be if they had kittens — but they've both been speyed." Lee and Dusty were friends for 30 years, and

Lee is happy that she was able to put the singer's mind at rest over what would happen to Nicholas. "I told her I'd always intended making a home for him, and she was greatly comforted by this," she said.

But the pampered puss isn't getting it all his own way.

*For the first time in his life, he is suffering the indignity of a collar and lead... and going walkies three times a day.*

●The Sunday Mirror made a donation for the interview with Lee to the Celia Hammond Animal Trust, Wadhurst, East Sussex.

Thanks to Darren Carstairs for sending the image to me.