

UK couple's search for purr-fect cat ends in Mich.

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HARRISON, Mich. -- It's a different kind of long-distance relationship.

A British couple has traveled nearly 4,000 miles from London to Michigan to adopt a kitten they found on a pet adoption Web site.

Rose and Chris Rasmussen arrived Tuesday in Harrison to adopt Sparky the cat from the Clare County Animal Shelter.

They say they wanted to experience the adventure of traveling to fetch the cat in person. Their other option was to ship him to London.

Clare County Animal Control Director Dave Gendregske says Sparky's worth the trip because of his "dynamic personality."

The cat will have to be quarantined for six months once he gets to London.

Chris Rasmussen says that even if Sparky doesn't turn out to be the cat's meow, "there's no turning back."