

Ukrainian City's 'Cat Mayor' Rises to TikTok Fame

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Levchyk the cat went from living on the streets of a western Ukrainian city to winning a spot in the mayor's office — and rose to internet fame in the process.

The city of Lviv [welcomed](#) its so-called “cat mayor” in fall 2020 after the stray was rescued from a tree near City Hall. It wasn't long before Mayor Andriy Sadovyi's office created a social media presence for the new official.

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The brown tabby cat, whose name is the diminutive form of “lion” in Ukrainian, now posts [TikTok](#) videos that get hundreds of thousands of views. The “cat mayor” enjoys similar attention on [Instagram](#).

The high-ranking cat regularly posts videos and photos where he meets other officials or plays in the office.

During his time in office he has already [met](#) with the UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, [welcomed](#) the Belgian delegation and was [embraced](#) by the acting U.S. ambassador.

Levchyk’s Instagram account also [collaborates](#) with the city’s veterinary clinic which helps find homes for stray animals.

When he’s not busy carrying out his official duties, Levchyk does what all cats love to do: [chases](#) his tail, [sleeps](#) on the mayor’s documents and [poses](#) for memes.

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