

THE CAT'S WHISKERS:
Duncan Rooke
and his
record catch

15th catch is a reel whopper

■ IT was the one that nearly got away. But this whopper became the biggest freshwater fish ever caught by a British angler.

The monster 7ft 7in catfish, weighing in at 211lb 4oz – more than 15st – dragged Duncan Rooke off the riverbank and into the water.

■ And it took Duncan, 30, and four mates an hour to pull her out of a lake near Barcelona, Spain.

Gas engineer Duncan, of Woking, Surrey, said: "She took the line and just kept on going. She dragged me off the bank and onto the rocks."

■ His pal Stephen Buss, 30, said: "We knew she was big when the rod bent double, but we had no idea she'd be that big. We weighed her, got our pictures, then threw her back in."

■ Simon Clarke, of the International Game Fishing Association, said: "The UK record for a freshwater fish is 130lb so this one is easily the biggest caught by a British angler."

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