



# Newsletter

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**Barnstaple & District  
Cats Protection**



## Neutering vouchers

It's a frustrating time to be a Neutering Officer! Because neutering, whether spays or castrations, is classed as elective surgery, cats can't be neutered at present so we are dreading a explosion of kittens in a few months time and are just hoping that people manage to keep any female cat in season safely indoors – not easy with the noise she makes and the howling and scrapping from the inevitable motley crew of entire males clustered on the other side of the cat flap. And once she is 5 months old she is NOT too young to get pregnant given the experience of poor little Lola whose 2 babies are currently starring on our facebook page thanks to Sue's videos.

I can still issue neutering vouchers but nobody is asking for one. If I do get any requests all I can do is leave the expiry date at 31st December and just hope everything is back to normal – or the 'new normal', whatever that might be - by then

Lydia

## Easyfundraising

Do you shop online, if so its easy to support our Branch with donations at no cost to yourself.

Simply go to our branch website, [www.cats.org.uk/barnstaple](http://www.cats.org.uk/barnstaple), click on the easyfundraising link, set up an account and then start shopping. Retailers then make donations depending on your purchases.



## **Lola and babies**

Lola is 5 months old but a fantastic Mum to little Lottie and Leo born on the 16th of March.



## **COVID19**

In these challenging times with the developing situation with coronavirus (COVID-19), Cats Protection is taking extra precautions to keep our cats, volunteers, employees and the public safe and continue to provide high levels of care for the cats in our centres and branches as well as helpful welfare advice to cat owners.

Unfortunately this does mean that with immediate effect, some activities, including homing, face-to-face fundraising and events, have been put on hold until further notice.

At this time we are also unable to take any more cats into our care other than in exceptional circumstances.

## CHESTER

This dapper young chap is Chester he was a stray that came to us all the way from Plymouth just before the corona virus lockdown .



There was no room in his local cats protection and we had spaces at Barnstaple so the people who handed him over drove him up to us to save him a life of misery and fighting for food

Chester only had 3 legs which would put him at a disadvantage so he is now living the life of luxury and being pampered like only a three legged stray should ! BUT dear Chester has wiggled his charm over his fosterer and ended up living in her house slowly being introduced to her other cats.

I think we have a foster fail evolving here Sneaky Chester !

Helen—Fosterer

## WILD CATS WORDSEARCH

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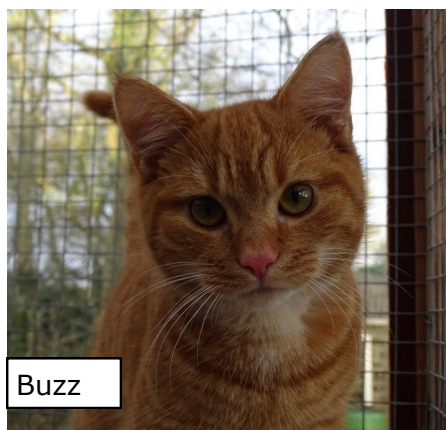
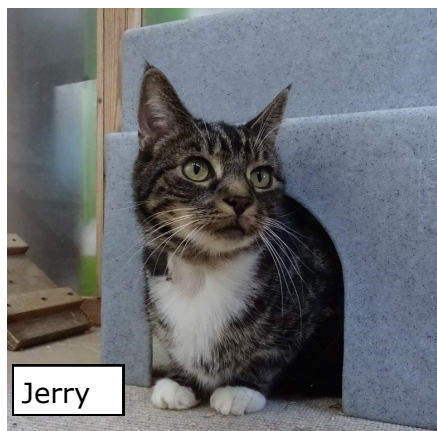
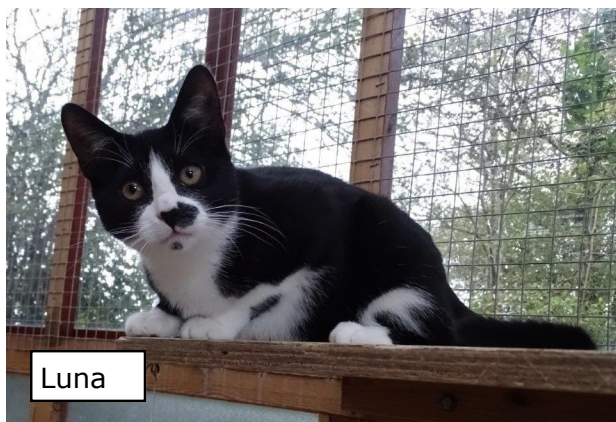
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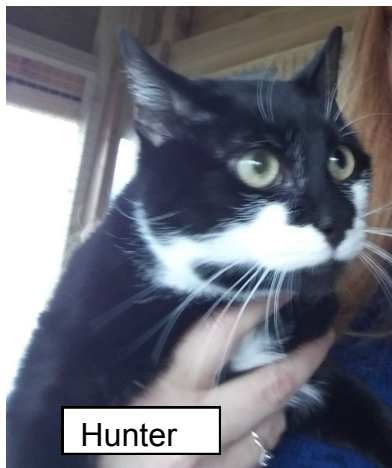


**All these cats are now settling into their new homes.**





Luna



Hunter



Mickey



Whiskie



Chico

## Newsletter request

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