

# Tales from the Riverside

Newsletter May 2017

Downham Market Adoption Centre



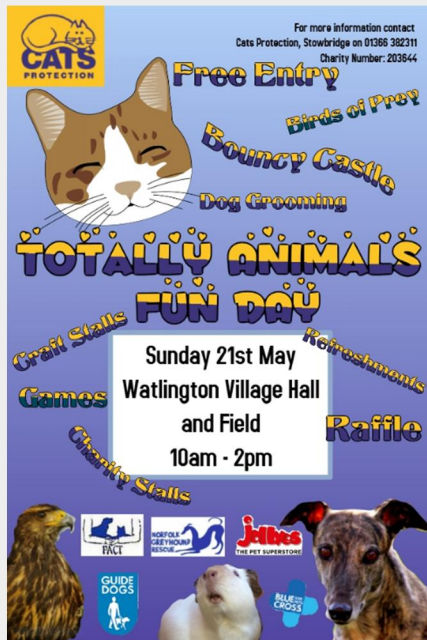
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## Welcome to the Newsletter of Cats Protection Downham Market Adoption Centre

This month we are organising our first big event of the year, which is our Totally Animals Fun Day on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

Then the following weekend our charity supawstore at Tottenhill is hosting a Paw-some Afternoon Tea Party.



In aid of National Tea Day, we're gearing up for our big Paw-some Afternoon Tea on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

We're inviting cat lovers and cake eaters to join us by baking or buying some tasty treats, grab a cuppa and get your friends, family to come along and donate some money to help cats and kittens in need.

Both of these events will be fun for the whole family and will hopefully raise lots of money and awareness for the cats in our care and we hope to see you at one (or both) of these events.

## Neutering

It is that time of year again when we begin to get inundated with kittens here at the Centre.

Neutering is so important and is the only effective way to stop the many unwanted cats and kittens we see in the UK every year.

We recommend that cats are neutered from the age of four months to stop unwanted pregnancies, as once cats start puberty they will breed with siblings or parents and can become a mum while they are still a kitten themselves.

For more information visit:  
[www.cats.org.uk/neutering](http://www.cats.org.uk/neutering)



Cats Protection recommends neutering from 4 months old.

Cat Protection's Neutering Helpline  
03000 12 12 12  
Mon -Fri 9:30am - 1pm

Cats Protection believes that getting your cat neutered before it can breed is an essential part of responsible cat ownership. Cats are very effective breeders and the number of kittens they produce increases in line with the amount of food and shelter available. Without neutering, the UK's cat population can quickly get out of control.

Please don't add to the plight of the thousands of unwanted cats already out there. Overpopulation increases feline infectious disease, stress related disease, feline conflict and compromises cats' welfare.

If you are struggling with the cost of getting your cat neutered then please call our Neutering Helpline to see if we can help:  
03000 12 12 12 Mon-Fri 9:30am – 1pm.

The local RSPCA Norfolk West Branch may also be able to help with their Chip and Snip campaign on 01553 618889.

## Cat of the Month - Jester



This chunky faced charmer is looking for a very special new home where he can stay indoors.

Jester may look all rough and tough, but under this solid exterior lies a heart of gold and the softest character you could find! All Jester wants is to be around people, taking every chance to sit on your knee and affectionately exchanging nose rubs with his human family.

This gorgeous fella has FIV meaning that he would also need to be your only cat. He would be such a fabulous addition to an adult home.

Please ask us for an introduction to Jester, or come along to meet some of the other cats we have at the Adoption Centre at the moment.



## Feline Immunodeficiency Virus

Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (or FIV as it is better known) is thought to affect 4% of cats in the UK. It is similar to the human virus HIV, though cats cannot catch HIV and FIV cannot be transmitted to humans or other species of animal.

FIV reduces a cat's immune system, and leaves it more vulnerable to other feline infections - in itself it is not life threatening.

In our experience, FIV cats can have, and deserve to have, a long and healthy life. Each cat is different, and they may require medication from the vet, a special diet and would need to stay up to date with their vaccinations and with their flea and worm treatment, but this is no more than any cat should receive. A FIV cat must also be kept as an indoor cat in a single cat household so that they cannot infect another cat.

A properly cared for FIV cat need not have a shortened life expectancy.

## Events

We hold events throughout the year both at the Adoption Centre and within the local community. We also attend events organised by others. You can attend an event to support us or if you have some free time you could help us by manning a stall or helping out at a Centre event.

We are pleased to say that we have lots of upcoming events which we are attending (see below) and they all help raise much needed funds for the cats here at the Centre. We would of course always like to attend more events but to do this we need more fundraisers to attend on our behalf.

If you would like to get involved with fundraising then please contact us or join our Facebook fundraising page: [www.facebook.com/groups/259517190862497](http://www.facebook.com/groups/259517190862497) or search Cats Protection Downham Market AC Volunteers and ask to join.

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Time	Description
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> May	10 - 2	Totally Animals Fun Day Watlington Village Hall and Field
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> May		Pawsome Tea Party Supawstore, A10, Tottenhill
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> June	12 - 6	South Wootton Village Fete, Village Green, South Wootton
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> June	10 - 3	Marham Fun Day, Coronation Field, Marham
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> June	10:30	Watlington Grand Village Fete
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> July	11 - 4	Narborough Village Fair, Community Centre Narborough

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The Centre is open 6 days a week,  
closed Tuesday's.

