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## East Northumberland Cats Protection Mewsletter – March 2017

### Here we go again!

Our indomitable volunteers are once again working to trap, neuter and relocate where possible feral cats, so far this year we have helped 26 cats.

Feral cats are just the same as the snuggly domestic cat sat on your lap, except that during the crucial first weeks of their lives they did not get the essential socialisation and positive experiences with humans. Sadly after that time no matter how hard you try a feral cat can never be truly tamed and the best we can hope for is to find safe places for these cats to live.

Our amazing team of trappers, post op carers and drivers do a fantastic job but they would all much rather not be needed at all. How do we stop feral cats? Neutering! Most feral colonies started with domestic cats who weren't neutered, neutering domestic cats before they ever go outside is vital. Alongside that Cats Protection and other animal charities will trap and neuter cats already living feral to stop colonies getting bigger.

### Homings

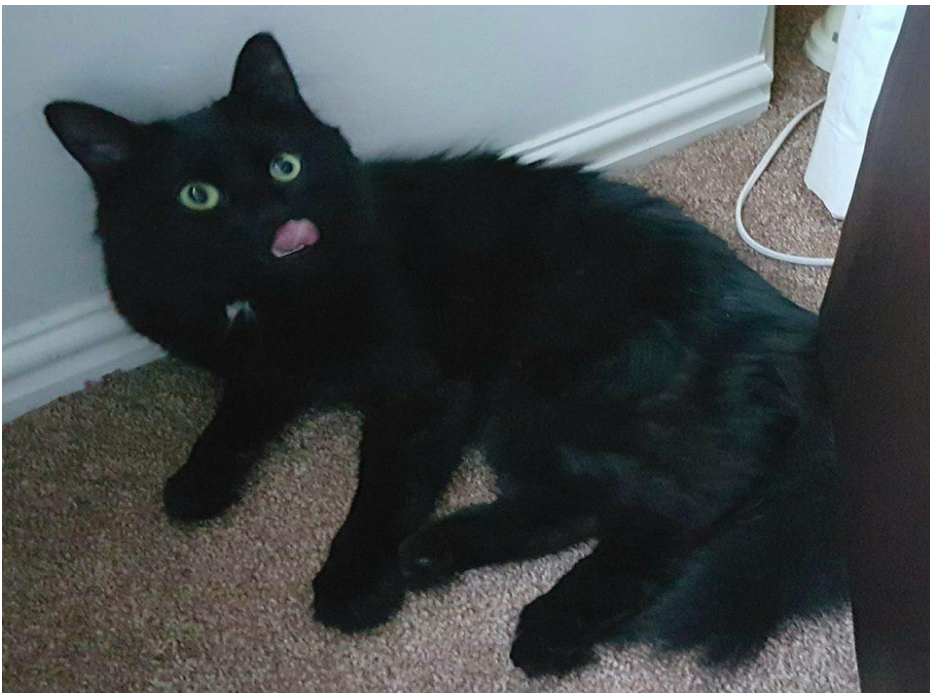
Four of our furry friends found their fur-ever homes this month.



Beautiful girl Moon has gone off to join Cows, Sheep and Chickens in her new home, she is such a gentle girl we're sure she will take it all in her dainty stride.



We thought 9 year old Bing would be difficult to home but she has found her perfect home, where she is making her new owner very happy.



The magnificent Valentino also found his new home, Valentino lives up to his name as an affectionate and gentle cat and it was love at first sight.

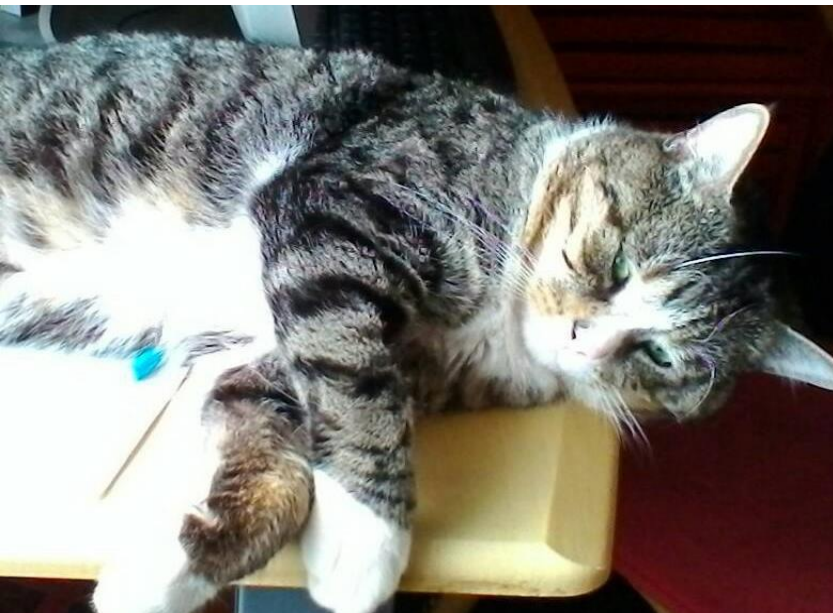


Don't be fooled by the sad face, Tinker is a bundle of fun and he's now sharing that fun with a new family.

Remember, every cat homed by Cats Protection is vaccinated, neutered (or voucher provided) and microchipped

## Cats in Care

We have 4 cats in our care at the moment looking for that someone special – could that be you?



Max, laid back, calm chilled and looking for a home of his own.



Rosa, sweet, playful and looking for fun, needs to be the only cat in a house.



Jonas, a playful and curious young lady who gets on with everyone - cats, dogs, children



Mittens, a quite stunning girl who has been used to living with dogs and children but would probably be best as the only cat.

## Events diary

We will be having a stall at the following event, please come along and say hello:

Morpeth Fair Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June

## How we can help

Neutering is the best thing you can do for your cat, neutered cats are happier, less likely to fight and stray. Cats Protection is able to offer help with neutering costs for people living in postcodes NE22-26 & NE61-65 and in receipt of some benefits please contact our helpline for details.

## How you can help

### **Fosterers**

We need more cat fosterers – all we ask is you have a spare room and love to offer. Being part of a cat's journey from stray to pet is hugely rewarding. Please contact us if you'd like to learn more.

### **Teddies**

We need teddies – we always run our famous and very popular “Teddy Tombola” at our stalls and need lots of teddies to keep it running – if you are able to donate any teddies please get in contact.

## Donate

We also have a Just Giving page [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/East-Northumberland-Cats-Protection](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/East-Northumberland-Cats-Protection).