



# Newsletter

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**Barnstaple & District  
Cats Protection**



## **A guide to our new hands-free homing process**

We're keen to help as many cats as possible, both during the current crisis and beyond. Offering our cats a home will help to free up more space to take in emergency cases.

We have put in extensive procedures to make sure that our homing process is in line with the current government guidance, without putting adoptees or volunteers at risk.

### **Here is our guide to adopting a cat using hands-free homing.**

- **Check you are within a reasonable distance of your chosen branch.** You can find your nearest branch by typing in your postcode at [www.cats.org.uk/find-us](http://www.cats.org.uk/find-us)
- **Enquire.** If you've found a cat on our website that you're interested in homing, send an enquiry through using our form.
- **Reserve your cat.** If you're found to be a match for your chosen cat, you'll be contacted by one of our volunteers. You may be asked for proof of consent from your landlord, to have a cat (if you live in a rented property).
- **Adopt.** Once you have reserved your cat, you'll be sent paperwork to sign and you will make a further telephone appointment with our team. In this call, you'll have a chance to discuss everything you need to know about your cat. You'll then pay an adoption fee, usually by bank transfer.

**Bringing your cat home.** Once this is finalised, we'll arrange for a driver to bring your cat safely to your home

## Retiring after 11 years of fostering

Many of you will have adopted cats from me, either at my old home in Arlington or the new one in East Down. I have enjoyed meeting you all and taking care of the hundreds of cats and kittens I have fostered.

I have made the difficult decision to give up fostering after 11 years. My family obligations have changed so much over the last year or so, with Hubby's ill health, twin Grand sons born 6 months ago and of course the pandemic. Something just had to give.

Below are just a handful of my most memorable foster cats.



My 3 pens will not go to waste as two will be going to Mike and one to Kim, who introduce themselves in this newsletter.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with Cats Protection and will continue to be a part of the branch by putting together this newsletter and helping with the website

Sue Carder

Publicity Officer

### **An introduction from our new Fosterer Kim.**

I moved to Fremington in July of this year from Northamptonshire. I have been with CP since 2005 as Fosterer, Foster liaison Officer, Fundraiser, Admin & PR.



So have rehomed over 500 cats and kittens. The most I had in care at one time was 19 and we were bursting at the seams in our branch so I had them everywhere.

I am married, no children, but a black Lab, and 6 cats (did have 7 but one went missing in Sept) All are rescue, 2 of which have been featured on the CP calendar. Ages from 13yrs to 2 yrs.

Picture above was taken at the Crazy Cat Cafe in Queens-land ,Australia.

## **An introduction to Sue, our new Kitten fosterer/weaner**

Following a career in the Civil Service in Nottingham, Plymouth and Ipswich, I returned to my home town of Barnstaple. I am now retired, so have the time to spend at home rearing young kittens. Also, I do not need as much sleep as most, so thought it would be a good idea to volunteer as a weaner. I am happy to have kittens in my lounge and particularly enjoy handling and playing with them. I've owned cats in the past, but don't currently have any pets, although I do look after a Jack Russel most days. She gets on well with kittens.

Below are my first foster kittens, Jack & Daisy (left) and Tom & Jerry (right) and the bottom photo is of Squidge the Jack Russel.

Sue Durward



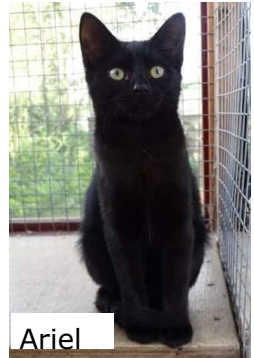
# All these cats are now settling into their new homes.



Dodo



Katie



Ariel



Autumn



Lucky



Sky



Sky's babies



Pimmsy



Jaguar



Jasmine



Denver



Dakota

## **Cat Crazy Man– Mike our new Fosterer**

My name is Mike Pooley and I am a 61yr old divorced, retired engineer, that likes cats. In some of my spare time I volunteer at the RNLI shop in Ilfracombe and the museum Barnstaple. I have some more spare time.

I have always liked cats, the family having had one because of me when I was very young. For various reasons I have not had one since then until my current partner made it possible. She has CP cats and volunteered for CP in the past and still gets their newsletter. I had talked about cats for some time and when I saw a nice one in her newsletter one day she said get him. So having no other excuse I caved in easily and the next day I had Sam. She has seen my house and surroundings and confirmed to her old friends at the branch that the location and me were safe for cats. Well, I didn't want a Sam but I wanted a Puddy Tat so that is what I call him. He is a very affectionate black and white and doesn't seem to mind. That was 4 years ago. 3 years ago I was scanning the online CP sites and saw another cat. Taking less to convince a second time I got Dorothy (Dot). She is a lovely fur ball of a cat. My partner says she is a cross between a cat and a guinea pig. Apparently she had been hard to place and was almost on her way to Exeter (re-homing centre). She has a grumpy face and seems to live for her food but she is great. They tolerate each other but the house and gardens are big enough for them both, and me.

I decided that 2 cats, well these 2 anyway, was probably my limit but still like the idea of other cats. So, again through the bad influence of my partner, I enquired about the possibility of fostering. I couldn't put aside a room but have room in my garden for a pen. After Nikki had a look it turns out I have room for 2 pens, which just happen to be becoming available. So here I am waiting for my next big step forward.

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