

# Newsletter

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**Eskdale and District Branch**

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# Editorial

We welcome Tracy Shiells as our new RDM – Kate has moved slightly west. We say goodbye also to Donna, and good luck to her in her new job as RDM in the North East of Scotland. Actually Tracy is not new to us, as she was our RDM before Kate, so welcome back.

The big news is -

**WE ARE ON FACEBOOK!!!!!!!**

And it is all thanks to Julie, who is doing a fantastic job setting it up and keeping it updated, and liaising with Shaun who does the website. Many thanks to both of them for getting us into the electronic age of superfast communication.

There are new ways of donating and we will be needing stories and pictures to put on the website and Facebook. Get your thinking caps on and start taking pictures and writing stories. There is a sheet enclosed with the newsletter telling you all about how to get involved, so do have a look and get started. And you can contact Shaun to get involved with the website by emailing [print@fergusoncreations.co.uk](mailto:print@fergusoncreations.co.uk).

The shop has done really well over the past year thanks to all Anne's work trekking to the auction at Wigton and then keeping the dishwasher red hot before stocking the shelves. Also, thanks to all the people who have donated things to sell. We are always needing more stock, so do keep it coming – books, jewellery, ornaments, kitchen and bathroom ware, pottery, unwanted gifts, boxes of chocolates, pictures, crafts, etc etc. If you can't bring it to Anne's at 38 English St Longtown, then ring her on 01228 791364 or me on 013873 76738 and we can arrange collection.

We also spent a lot of money last year, a large part of which was on neutering. A total of 740 cats were neutered last year through the branch!!! 280 of these were ferals, all down to Anne's alter ego of 'manic cat trapper'. Its not only the dishwasher that gets red hot at 38 English Street – the traps must be too.

However, not so many cats are getting homed, so please spread the word around that we have some lovely cats waiting for their forever homes. Some have been waiting a long time. To find out more, look at Anne's cat work section in the newsletter and then have a look at the website: [eskdale.cats.org.uk](http://eskdale.cats.org.uk), and also at the Facebook page. *Ginnie*



# Fundraising

The last fundraiser for 2012 was a booksale at Bannatyne's in Dumfries, which raised £102. Many thanks again to Elspeth for setting it up and keeping the table stocked, and to the staff and customers at Bannatyne's for buying the books.

The list of events for this year is filling up – please have a look and come along to anything you can. We are in Langholm, Galashiels, Lockerbie, Jedburgh and Newcastleton, as well as having the shop in Longtown, so hopefully you will be able to reach us somewhere. If you can help at any event, or would like to bake or make for us, or can organise an event yourself, we should be delighted. Please ring me on 013873 76738.

We start the year on a good note, with a very welcome legacy of £8,909 from Mags Wheeler.

We are very grateful for any legacies, so please think about us and if you can, remember us in your will. You will need to specify the branch you want the money to go to (otherwise it goes into the central pot at headquarters and we don't get a penny.)

So if you want us to benefit, please state that the bequest goes to - Eskdale branch of Cats Protection, c/o Mrs Thomson, Treasurer, 38 English St, Longtown, Carlisle CA6 5SD

Thank you. *Ginnie*

17th February	Table at Collector's Fair, Buccleugh Centre, Langholm 10am – 2pm
6th April	Collection at Tesco Galashiels 10am – 4pm
27th April	Coffee Morning, Newcastleton Village Hall 10:30am – 12 noon
1st June	Coffee Morning, Lockerbie Town Hall, 10am – 12 noon
End August	Stand at the Holm Show, Newcastleton. All day
28th September	Stand at Langholm Show. All day
12th October	Coffee Morning, Lockerbie Town Hall, 10am – 12 noon
26th October	Coffee Morning, British Legion, Jedburgh, 10am – 12 noon
9th November	Coffee Morning, Village Hall, Newcastleton, 10:30am – 12 noon

More events will be organised during the year, so watch out for updates. If anyone would like to book a table at a Coffee Morning, or can help at any event, or can make or bake for us, please ring Ginnie on 013873 76738

# Cat Work

## 2012

Cats and kittens rehomed 68

Cats died or P.T.S 5

Apart from routine vaccination and microchipping 35 cats in care needed veterinary treatment.

We also helped 50 cats belonging to members of the public with their vets bills.

### **Neutering**

Part payment vouchers 168

Full cost vouchers 282

Feral neutering 290

Total cats neutered in 2012 740

Since we started in 1997 we have neutered approx. 7,483 cats.



## 2013

5 cats have been successfully been rehomed.

16 are in care.

14 are on the Help to Home list, waiting to come into care.

*Some of the cats in care include :-*

### **Milly**

7 yrs, female black. Milly's elderly owner had to go into care . Milly is a lovely friendly cat but is slightly over-weight, she has been used to a quiet home so probably won't fit in a home with small children.

### **Senga**

6yrs, female, black and white. Senga turned up in a lady's garden and took up residence in the garden shed. She is very friendly but wouldn't be suitable with small children.

### **Boris**

Another stray, about 12yrs old, tabby. Boris was handed in to the vets after being seen wandering the country roads. He was in reasonable condition apart from needing most of his teeth removed.

He is very friendly and likes a lot of attention. *Anne*

# 100 Club

## December

84 Betty Waite  
69 Hazel White

## January

88 Suzanne Ackerley  
91 Mrs Ashmore

## Bottle Draw

Whisky	Christine Tindale	Wine	Maureen Stoddart
Vodka	Emma Imrie	Babycham	Claire
Vodka	David	Wine	Margaret Batey
Wine	Diane Barclay	Wine	D.White
Wine	Mary Story	Champagne	Kerrie Waitt

£145 was raised. Many thanks to all who bought squares.

## New Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/eskdaledistrictcatsprotection](http://www.facebook.com/eskdaledistrictcatsprotection)

We are using Facebook to share information about:

Cats in our care looking for new homes;

Lost and Found Cats;

Sharing Successful Homing Stories;

Fundraising Ideas;

Stories and Pictures;

Cat Welfare and Responsible Ownership;

Forthcoming Events;

News from Cats Protection;

Please LIKE our facebook page and tell your friends about it too.

If you have any nice stories or updates (& photos) about cats you have adopted from Eskdale & District Branch please post on our Facebook page or forward to Julie Campbell at the following email address [eskdalecats@outlook.com](mailto:eskdalecats@outlook.com)

There are a number of new ways to make donations directly to our branch using PayPal and our Ebay for Charity Page. Details are on our website: <http://www.eskdalecats.org.uk> and also see last page of this Newsletter.

# Treasurer's Report

## Expenditure

Food and Litter	£ 5,448.74
Vet	£ 30,832.88
Purchase of goods, hire of halls etc	£ 5,507.28
Maintenance of pens and equipment	£ 856.26
Postage and printing	£ 997.37
Cattery fees	£ 570.45
Travel	£ 2,073.25
Winter payments to fosterers	£ 275.00
100 club payment	£ 676.89

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£ **47,238.12**

## Income

Grant from H.Q	£ 7,036.00
Adoption fees	£ 1,110.00
Donations	£ 5,694.58
Membership	£ 400.00
Collection boxes	£ 910.91
Shop	£ 17,642.48
Coffee mornings , Table tops etc	£ 5,819.12
100 club and Bottle draw	£ 1,108.50
Gift Aid	£ 516.97
Bank interest and Pet Plan	£ 92.98

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£ **40,331.54**

Fortunately we have received a legacy of £8,906.53 which has helped our balance tremendously. It gets harder every year to raise the amount of money we need to do as much work as possible to help the cats in need. Please help us to do as much as we can again this year.

Anne

# Charlie and Rosie

Dear Cats Protection,

I'm Charlie Campbell, my Mum asked me to write a story about our home for your newsletter (I'm writing this for me and my little sis, Rosie)

When my mum and dad first met me I was sitting in Anne's kitchen in a little pen, it was 20th October 2011. My dad picked me up and gave me a cuddle, but my mum wasn't so sure she was ready to give me a home. My mum and dad had lost their precious cat Pepsi to Rainbow Bridge after a short illness, Pepsi had been part of the family for over 18 years. I could understand that my mum would be so upset because she loved Pepsi dearly.

Much to my relief my mum came back the same afternoon with her niece and said she'd like to give me a home - Anne delivered me to my new home that very night. Anne brought a kitten pen along with me until I got used to my new home. Actually that was a good idea because there was a lot to get used to. For the first week or so my mum slept on the sofa to make sure I was settling in ok which was nice of her.

I can remember thinking how lucky I was and then on 19th November, a month later, there was a bombshell, Rosie arrived and nothing has been the same since!. I was so pleased to meet Rosie and to my surprise we looked like identical twins even though we came from different litters, so it was meant to be!

It was great having Rosie around, I knew that we would have lots of fun, she was put in the kitten pen and I was able to run about and get up to all sorts of mischief ..... I did try and explain to my dad that all kittens chew cables, and said sorry about his Iphone cable, but he said that he didn't want me to hurt myself.....

Things got even better still when the kitten pen was collected by Anne. Rosie and I started fighting a lot and our mum and dad were a bit worried, even though Anne reassured Mum and Dad we were only playing ..... It took one day to get it out of our systems and then we were best buddies and have been ever since.

I am more of a lap cat, I like sitting on my dad's knee whenever I get the chance. Rosie, well she is very mischievous and is into everything. Rosie is always carrying something about in her mouth and has a secret stash under my dad's armchair. If anything goes missing in the house it can usually be found with Rosie's stash.

These days we do everything together, we have a great home and it even comes with our own maid and butler.....

Thank you to Cats Protection for finding us our lovely forever home, we both think it's purrfect. Lots of Love, *Charlie and Rosie Campbell xxx*





# Letter from Beattie

My name is Beattie, and I am a black-and-white lean mean hunting machine. I live in Collin Village and keep a staff of one. My human is very well trained and caters to my every need. Unfortunately I have had to allow two other cats - they are not so much cats, more fluff on legs - to stay here and also what my human calls a foster cat. Still I suppose I have to do my bit for the less fortunate as these three cats have neither my beauty nor my brains.

When it all gets too much I meander across the road to my second home where I keep a staff of two. These humans are always so pleased to see me - as they should be - it is, after all, a great honour for them. I have a comfy garden swing over there but I do have to share it sometimes with one of the humans which I think is a bit of a cheek!

Life here is very good, though improvements could be made. My staff could chop my chicken a bit more finely, and if only she would stop washing my blanket when I get it smelling right, putting cold drops on my neck and speaking to me as if I were a kitten!

Anyway time for a nap and I am very tired - I have, after all, been up and about for nearly two hours.

Miaow for now,

Beattie.



# Cat Verse

## "Cleo"

*Look at the line of her elegant nose,  
The regal way she disposes of foes.  
Catch a proud stare from her fierce eyes of green,  
Could she have once been a goddess or queen  
In some long-lost palace, light-years away?  
Now she roughs it with me, sharing my day -  
Sharing the loneliness, sharing the cold,  
Does she remember the glories of old?*

*Mongrel they called her; an unwanted pet  
But remnants of grandeur cling to her yet.  
Does she love me? I ask, but she'll never tell,  
But one thing I know - I'm under her spell.  
Poor as I am and a failure at that -  
All trivial things to my regal cat.  
Maybe once Empress of all she could see  
But nevertheless she has chosen me.*



*Gentle eyes that see so much,  
paws that have the quiet touch,  
Purrs to signal "all is well"  
and show more love than words could tell.  
Graceful movements touched with pride,  
a calming presence by our side  
A friendship that takes time to grow  
Small wonder why we love them so.*

# Shopping for cat-lovers

## NEW CATS PROTECTION ONLINE SHOP

Please browse the new online shop here:

<http://www.cpsshop.co.uk>

Every purchase made through the online shop will raise money to help our work with the cats.

If you would like the money raised from your purchase to go towards Cats Protection – Eskdale & District Branch please remember to select our branch when you checkout your order. New customers will receive a 10 per cent discount on all purchases on your first order. Please use the discount code “cpnew10” at checkout.

## SUPPORT CATS BY SHOPPING ONLINE

DO YOU SHOP ONLINE WITH Amazon, Tesco, Sainsbury’s, M&S, Argos, Zooplus, Pets at Home?

You can raise money for Cats Protection - Eskdale & District Branch whenever you shop with these stores and 3000 other stores by using the fundraising website, Easyfundraising. It won’t cost you a penny more and everything you buy will raise a small donation to Cats Protection - Eskdale & District Branch.

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/catsprotectioneskdaledistrict>

<http://catsprotectioneskdaledistrict.easysearch.org.uk>

\*TIP\* If you install the easyfundraising Find and Remind Toolbar – this will show you how much you have raised for Cats Protection as you shop.





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