



# My Island

For the past four years, Catwoman Lynne has spent much of her spare time looking after stray cats, particularly in the Corralejo area. But this busy woman also fits a job as an animal groomer and hobbies that include singing and a twice-weekly radio show.

**Lynne, there must be more hours in your day than the rest of us have. How do you fit in all this?**

I just love everything that I do. I'm lucky enough to have a great variety in my week. I wouldn't like to have a job that left me with no time for anything else.

**So, what is your job?**

I'm an animal groomer – dogs and cats – in the Pelibuy vets clinic, in Calle Juan de Austria. I also cover reception as I speak Spanish. I work split shifts so I fit in the other things around my hours.

**Why are you known as Catwoman?**

I don't know where the nickname came from. I started feeding stray cats in the streets and complexes around

town. I took a sick kitten home with me and it then escalated out of proportion. I check them out and if they need to see the vet, then I take them. The cats are treated for any ailments, neutered and when fit and well, I bring them back to where I found them. Last year, I found a cat that had cancer in its ears. He had an operation to remove both the ears and he's now doing fine, back in the complex where I found him.

**Do you also try to find homes for them?**

I'm always looking for homes for the cats. In fact, I have some really good news on that front. Two cats that I've been minding long-term are going to a home in Germany. For some reason, they just took to each other and neither likes any other cat. So I was looking for a home where they could be together. I got this one

via the Twinkle Trust Animal Aid in Germany. So Ginger and Maggie will be jetting off soon to their new home.

**Do people bring stray cats to you?**

Well, Judith who is from the West Midlands, has been coming out here for a holiday each year for the past four years or so. That's how we know each other – every time she comes, she seems to find a stray that's poorly or injured. The first time someone gave her my phone number and she contacted me. This year, when she arrived at her apartment, there was a kitten just sitting there. He has a mouth infection so he's not able to groom himself. I've been minding him for a few days and he's off to the vet on Monday.

**What's this about the Catwoman calendar?**

It's a 2007 calendar with a photo montage of some of the cats that I've rescued. It's still available – just call in to T2.

**Tell me about your singing career? Have you always been a singer?**

I've always sung in the shower but I didn't know I had any talent for entertaining until about a year ago. I wasn't sure if I'd be able to get up in front of people to sing. I sing soul and Motown - fifties and sixties stuff. I sing with Mel and we call ourselves Parallel Lines. We've sung in the Oasis bar, the Dubliner and recently, we were invited to sing in Music Square. I also do a bit of entertaining in the Pool Bar.

**What kind of music do you play on the radio?**

I work as a radio DJ with Hot FM (106.1FM) on Saturday and Sunday evenings. On Saturdays from 6pm-9pm, I play Northern Soul and Motown, which I really love. I get to play three hours of my favourite music. The theme changes for the Sunday shows (7pm-9pm). It's sixties this week; I did songs from the movies recently.

I have a real passion for music, so I love being involved with the radio. I use my own CDs and often spend time tracking down some rare music.

**So, presumably the one thing you miss about the UK is to do with music?**

Yes. I really miss going to all the soul clubs on a Saturday night.

**Thank you Lynne.**



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