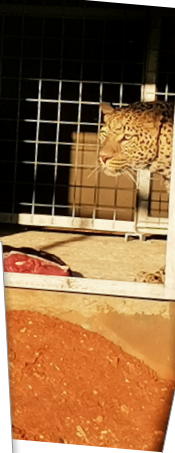


Here is an Animal News story. Read the story, from page 10 of the newspaper, and then try the puzzle. To help you, we have underlined the answers to the crossword puzzle clues in the stories – but you will need to match the correct word with each clue!



ANIMAL NEWS

# FOUR FREED



**FOUR big cats that were rescued by the charity Born Free have been released into nature reserves in Ethiopia and South Africa.**

Two cheetah cubs have found a new home at a wildlife sanctuary in Ethiopia. It's thought that the cubs were snatched from their mother so that they could be sold illegally as pets in the Middle East. Thankfully, they were rescued just before Ethiopia went into lockdown because of the coronavirus.

In South Africa, two adult leopards have been

given a new home at Born Free's big cat wildlife reserve. They were rescued from a zoo in the country where they were being kept in very poor conditions. Mowgli, a black leopard, and Zeiss, a spotted leopard, did not have enough food and were not being checked by vets.

Dr Chris Draper, from Born Free, says: "These are two very different cases, but they highlight the problems with big cats in captivity."

All four of the rescued cats are settling into their new homes, although their recovery back to full health may take some time.

**ACROSS**

- 4) The state in which things are kept (plural noun 10)
- 6) Against the law (adverb 9)
- 7) Let go; released (verb 5)
- 8) An area of land where wildlife is protected (noun 7)

**DOWN**

- 1) When animals are locked up and are not free (noun 9)
- 2) Place of safety; refuge (noun 9)
- 3) Saved from a difficult situation (verb 7)
- 5) Getting back to good health (noun 8)

