

# Berry's Level 3 Lockdown #2



*The diary of a little bear in Auckland  
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Anonymous reviews: *Touching. Cute. The ideal antidote to some of what's circulating on FB.*

*Teddy and I couldn't wait until tomorrow. We read it all tonight and found it charming and affecting. Teddy thought Berry was very sweet* ❤️

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## Chapter 2: Another week in lockdown



A good news day! Our friends tested negative to Covid-19 and I loved Home-learning TV.



I met Karen's bear, Boris -- I hope we meet him again. And Suzy Cato read books and sang songs. My human said she used to be on TV a long time ago -- but somehow, she doesn't look old to me.





The weather hasn't been great so my human and I have been finding things we can do from indoors. We did some bird watching. Can you spot the kingfisher on the fence?

My human has always wanted to learn Tai Chi. We watched a YouTube guide for beginners. Do you like my moves?



Even in lockdown  
you need to keep  
up with the  
housework.

Today I thought  
I'd help my  
human hang out  
the washing. I  
chose the small  
things like socks.

Somehow, I lost  
my footing and  
slipped.







But luckily, I fell into the  
peg basket without hurting  
myself.

I'll try to be more careful  
next time.





Another rainy day. 'Let's do something physical,' said my human.

We tried some Les Mills fitness but it was hard to do in a dress. My human is going to make me some gym gear. I can't wait.





My human had to get back to work. 'Don't worry,' I said. 'I'm here to help you.'





Saturday morning was bright and sunny.

‘Do you want to help me with the pot plants?’ asked my human.

Then she looked at my dress. ‘Oh, dear,’ she said. ‘We are going to be putting plants into new pots. You might get your dress dirty.’

‘Maybe we can make an apron to keep your dress clean.’

Here I am sewing my new apron.





My human took a picture of me to show Nana my new 'pinny'. I had never heard that word before but whatever it's called, it worked! I stayed clean.



I was worried that my human had forgotten her promise to make me some gym gear. But when I woke up on Sunday morning, there it was. I love it so much. It is stretchy and comfy. I wore it all day trying out all my moves.







I loved it so much, I begged to wear it to bed. 'Just this once,' said my human.





When I got up the next day I asked my human to make me a cape. Wearing my new suit makes me feel like a superhero.

Maybe I could be called *SUPERBERRY*.

I wonder what my superpower will be?



I tried jumping off the furniture to see if I could fly like a superhero. I just kept falling down. I felt very sad.

‘What’s wrong?’ asked my human. ‘I’m no good as a superhero. I can’t fly and I don’t know what my superpower is,’ I replied.



‘Not all heroes fly through the air to find the bad guys. Some ordinary people do very special things to make other people’s lives better. They are my heroes,’ she said.

‘Just be yourself. Be kind, be caring and keep making us smile. That’s your superpower!’



‘Time to wash your dress and jump suit today,’ said my human. ‘But what will I wear?’ I asked. ‘Hmm,’ said my human. ‘I know, your cape will make a nice lavalava.’ She tied it around me. I helped wash and hang out my clothes – but I was more careful this time!







That afternoon it was time to sit down and watch the Prime Minister tell us whether Auckland would come out of Level 3 on Wednesday.

Sadly, we are to stay in Level 3 for a few more days. That's a bit disappointing but look at all the fun things I've already done in lockdown.

It's time to switch on my superpower and make the best of it. We've done it for nearly two weeks – what's a few more days?



Come on Auckland,  
we can do this!

Be strong!

Be safe!

Be kind!

Love,

Berry xxx





On August 12, 2020, the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Jacinda Ardern, put the city of Auckland into Level 3 lockdown after an outbreak of COVID-19 in the community. The rest of the country was placed into Level 2. The author was in Auckland at the time and luckily had a little bear for company who recorded their new lockdown experience.