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Moggerly Diary

December 1st

A large group of volunteers came to decorate Room 3 today. By late afternoon the walls looked pristine and hopefully will stay that way as I had obtained special 'scrubbable' paint. Lively youngsters were penned up during painting so as not to hinder the workers. However, I left 14-year-old Thornton to roam as he was slow moving. By teatime I realised my mistake as the handsome black and white boy is now mostly white as he had made a point of checking each wall as it was completed.

December 3rd

"Can you take in my pregnant female – I can't afford to look after her anymore?" I agreed to admit the expectant mother urgently as her owner felt she was about to give birth. I discovered there was an unneutered male in the house, so he was booked in for neutering this week as a matter of urgency.

December 7th and 8th

Hardworking volunteers helped collect and bag pack within our local Tesco. A lot of customers wanted to pack their own bags as they had their own system, but they were kind enough to give us a donation anyway. (I felt I should do something for the donations. So, if I wasn't allowed to pack, I sang them a carol – surprisingly they packed their goods very quickly to enable them to move away from me). We raised £651 over the two days which will help with this month's vet bill.

December 11th

Gentle Rosa was adopted today by a local family with two small boys. This friendly black cat had been overlooked several times because of the colour of her fur.

December 13th

Three strong and fat babies were born to our expectant mum early this morning. Mum is a very strange grey/brown colour, like a donkey and her babies are identical. They have black backs but tabby faces and legs. She is so proud of her family and understands when you are admiring them because she puts her head on her row of babies as if to say, "look what I've produced, aren't I clever", mum came with the name Tinkerbelle, so I changed her name slightly to Jinglebelle, in keeping with the season.

December 14th

A black and white mother and daughter were adopted directly from their Brentry home. Their owner had recently died, and her house is being sold by her family, so I had to move quickly. They were chosen by a retired woman living in Henleaze.

December 15th

Our Christmas works outing at a café in Gloucester Rd. Twenty volunteers assembled to socialise with each other. People can help for years and never meet their counterparts from other days – our “works outings” are remedying this.

December 17th

“I’m a Social Worker in North Bristol I’m helping a family who can’t look after their cat. Can you take her?” I discovered the young cat was unspayed and booked her operation for the day the Social Worker was bringing her to me. However, the mother of the family changed her mind about handing the cat in but was grateful for the offer of spaying and defleaing as the poor cat was riddled with fleas.

December 19th

The Social Worker was refused entry into the house, so the poor cat is remaining unspayed and flea infested. I’m not giving up. I shall ask the Social Worker to keep trying and ask the vets to be on standby.

December 21st

Team Leader Jill & Secretary Jenny took our family from Wick to live in stables in the grounds of a thatched cottage in Warminster. This family of three young black and whites, Winnie, Wickham and Whitney were determined not to become tame or handleable. A very caring family offered them a home in their stables. How appropriate at Christmas time.

December 22nd

A family who adopted from H/Q 16 years ago chose Earl today for their new pet. Earl is a beautiful grey youngster with a pointed face who has spat at previous ‘would be’ adopters, but he liked today’s family and allowed them to stroke him.

Young sisters Bam Bam and Barney were also adopted today by a Yate family.

December 23rd

Three women police officers arrived with a box of Christmas dinners from Patchway Police Station. Our neighbours must think we were being raided! (Persuaded one of the officers to become a foster home).

December 24th

Two new volunteers, Nicky and Louise, gave up a day of their holiday to join our usual team. This meant that H/Q had a deep clean’ rather than just the necessities. Walls were scrubbed and everywhere looked sparkling (for ten minutes).

Christmas Day

Our usual loyal volunteers were joined by guest helpers Jo and husband Russell this morning. I collected volunteer Liz before the sun came up and an early start meant everywhere had been cleaned by 11am. All residents had a chicken breakfast.

December 26th

Pretty, fluffy Emily was chosen by a family from Long Ashton. This young tortie loved her new owners on sight.

December 29th

Kittens Simon and Siston left for a road near The Moggery, Florence and her baby Patter left together, and even fat black Andrea were chosen today – amazing!

December 30th

Cat number 279, Ana from Croatia has left the building to start her new life with a family in Yate, the perfect end to a hectic year.