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## Moggerly Diary

### Jan 1<sup>st</sup>

The phone was quiet as the public thought we were closed! Bliss.

### Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>

I set a trap in Patchway to begin to catch a group of three cats who had been left behind when their owners moved away several months ago.

### Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>

Success! The first cat was caught, a small black and white, I named Blanche. She was rushed into the vets for spaying, chipping and defleaing. When I collected her this afternoon, she couldn't believe the food choices in front of her. As she gobbled her wet food, she kept her eyes on her dry food dish which she cleared next.

### Jan 4<sup>th</sup>

An early call told me the next black and white, her brother, was also trapped, Blake was taken for processing and was reunited with his sister this afternoon. Blanche rubbed noses with him, and they were curled up together when I left tonight. One tabby left to catch.

### Jan 5<sup>th</sup>

A very cross tabby was in the Patchway trap first thing, I brought him/her back to H/Q and installed Blancmange, as the new cat will be called, into a pen with copious food.

### Jan 7<sup>th</sup>

Blancmange was neutered today and turned out to be a boy. The three youngsters from the Weston-Super-Mare garden centre were also old enough to be processed today. Black and white Petunia is a boy, Verbena a girl and black Iris turned out to be a boy also.

### Jan 8<sup>th</sup>

Huge tabby Paul was taken to live in a stable by Jenny and Jill. He seemed very interested in the horses on arrival. A very kind family have offered him a rural home, which will enable the smaller cats in room 2 to relax, because unfortunately he was a bully. Paul is twice the size of a normal cat, so the family have named him 'Tiny'.

**Jan 10<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted two eight-month sisters. Black Jasmine and her sister black and white Chamomile. Both girls seem to be friendly. Last August their owner asked us to take in eight kittens, which were rehomed. The two remaining kittens were retained, and these were the young cats handed in today as unwanted.

**Jan 12<sup>th</sup>**

Two of the boy kittens from our foster home with Tom & Jackie left with a lovely family today. Just mum Savannah and her daughter left to adopt.

**Jan 14<sup>th</sup>**

Sadly, two of Jinglebelles kittens have died. They were very weak and undersized and despite several vet visits couldn't be saved. The last kitten Melchior (Mel) is being syringe fed as mum cat is not producing quality milk to feed her.

**Jan 19<sup>th</sup>**

Admitted a lovely friendly tabby kitten who had been bought from a Welsh breeder in December. Sadly, the mother of the family felt overwhelmed by his liveliness, so Ralph was brought to us.

**Jan 20<sup>th</sup>**

Mum cat Savannah and her last baby left for a new home by the sea today.

**Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>**

As I expected, Ralph was snapped up by the first family who saw him and was taken away to Downend.

**Jan 24<sup>th</sup>**

Felix left for village life in Olveston where I know he'll be spoiled.

**Jan 25<sup>th</sup>**

A young, nervous black and white female arrived this morning and as she has a white blaze down her nose, Blaze seemed a good choice of name.

**Jan 26<sup>th</sup>**

A very muscular tabby and white boy came in and was chosen straight away by a retired Henleaze resident who adopted from H/Q 16 years ago! (Her first cat from me lived to 21 years so she must be doing something right). Figaro has a wonderful home.

**Jan 27<sup>th</sup>**

Ferally, a long-term feral female who didn't like cats (or people) has found a lovely home in Upton Cheyney. Her bed and other belongings were taken down by Secretary Jenny and Team Leader Jill. She'll stay in her pen in a stable for at least three weeks and then the door will be opened for her. The family also have rescued goats and donkeys – what kind people.

**Jan 28<sup>th</sup>**

Jasmine and Chamomile were chose by a Redland family who will be giving this friendly pair lots of cuddles.

**Jan 30<sup>th</sup>**

Little Mel, who is being syringe fed with convalescent food mixed with hot water, doesn't always co-operate at meal times! She will grit her teeth and refuse. At nearly six weeks she should be eating solid food on her own, but she's determined to suckle from mum who is not producing nourishing milk. (meal times can involve three volunteers because Mel wriggles so much).

**Jan 31<sup>st</sup>**

Heavy snow today but valiant volunteers walked in to clean and feed. A very large tabby has arrived at the Avonmouth Industrial Estate where I have been feeding and neutering for twelve years, he's obviously a stranger because the 'regulars' are all black. I suspect he is someone's pet who has climbed into the cab of a lorry and been taken miles from home. Once the snow has cleared I'll set a trap for him.