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## Moggery Diary

### 1st July

A Knowle West resident rang to say there were three tiny kittens in his shed. Could I collect them? I explained the mother would be near by and would need trapping before the babies could be picked up. Luckily, there was a Moggery volunteer living near by who went round with a trap. One kitten was caught quickly and transferred to the house. The second kitten went in the trap with mum and the third kitten was picked up by the householder. The family were brought to H/Q and settled in. One little tortie kitten is in the black and white family. (The vet students named mum, Beyoncé and the youngsters Kandy, Kieran and Kia)

### 2nd July

Dark tortie Lavender and Ivy were the first of our Wiltshire kittens to go off into the big wide world today. **4th July**

"I've been feeding a stray since October and she's had kittens in my son's bedroom" I travelled to Kingswood and collected a black mother with two white back legs and four fluffy kittens, three tabby and one black. Calling the mother Marlene, after her rescuer, I asked the vet students to choose American place names as it was Independence Day. Denver, Miami, Chicago and Portland were settled in and given a big tea.

### 5th July

"I've had two stray cats in my garden for several weeks, one is a kitten" I rushed to this house in Henleaze, where one of the cats had been shut in the kitchen. (a ginger youngster about ten months.) I used my scanner and found a chip. The ginger cat lived in a house backing onto the garden where she was visiting. The second cat, also ginger, couldn't be found, but the owner confirmed she owned the larger cat too. What a relief I didn't have to admit yet another family! Aren't identichips wonderful?

### 10th July

Siamese Glynis was chosen today by someone who understood the character of the breed. She loved her new owner on sight.

### 11th July

Our four Independence boys were featured on the website this morning and the 'phone became red hot. A resident of the road parallel to Longmead Avenue came around within an hour and

returned a few hours later with her husband (who had been told to come home from work early!) Tabbies Denver and Miami left for a wonderful new home.

### **13th July**

Two wonderful new volunteers started this morning. Emma and Claire are very keen and after working hard this morning, sat and cuddled kittens for an hour.

Chicago and Portland were chosen lunchtime and after their pen was disinfected, I rushed to bring in three emergency young females from one house. Lucinda, Lucille and Ludo have beautiful gold eyes.

Mum Lucinda is grey, and her daughters are tortie and tabby. (I put boxes for them to hide in, which they were very grateful for) They have been indoor cats but I'm sure they will appreciate exploring gardens in their new homes. (They have all been booked in for spaying on Thursday)

### **15th July**

The manager of a Daycare Centre in South Bristol borrowed a trap to begin catching a group of cats who had been turned out by a local person who decided she didn't want them anymore. One cat had been taken home by the manager, but the rest were becoming feral and couldn't just be picked up. A pregnant black cat had been missing for two weeks, which was an ominous sign, she had probably given birth under a shed locally. Another cat, a black and white was heavily pregnant and there were several males.

### **16th July**

The first cat, a black and white was in the trap. Secretary Jenny took him straight to the vet to be neutered. The vet discovered 'he' was a she so she will be admitted. The males will be neutered and returned until we have space for them in the Autumn.

### **18th July**

A social worker helping a family with a handicapped child in Shirehampton, North Bristol, rang to say the family had been given a kitten last year. The kitten produced 5 kittens which had all been kept. This week one of the kittens now had kittens and her sister was heavily pregnant. The family couldn't cope. I offered to admit both female teenage kittens and their families and this morning collected the three male teenage kittens for neutering under our Assisted Scheme. (This family clearly shows how a cat situation can get out of hand when a kitten is obtained privately without the new owner having any knowledge of its needs i.e. vaccinations, chipping and neutering)

### **20th July**

A very friendly tabby and white male was brought in from Tewkesbury. Sadly, his owners had been told they would be evicted from the mobile site they lived on if they kept their pets. (The sites policy had changed to a 'no pets' rule) 'Tewky' should be easy to rehome as he is very sociable and more importantly not black!

### **21st July**

A mother cat and two kittens were admitted today and collected immediately by Kate, our new foster home who was thrilled to have her first family.

### **22nd July**

Another black and white female was in the trap at the Daycare Centre. She was taken straight away to the vets for spaying. Ashleigh will then join Ashton the first female trapped on the 16th July. They must be sisters as they have the same markings and are both of a slim build.

### **23rd July**

Collected eight assorted kittens from a house in Bedminster. Different ages and different mothers but everything in the house is being neutered by us. A huge black cat sat by the front door. (Probably the father of every kitten in the house)

### **24th July**

Dropped off the large male black cat at the vets first thing. His career will be ended at approximately 11 o'clock!

### **26th July**

Two of our babies were adopted today. Grey Varsha and black Drip left for their forever home in Radstock.

### **27th July**

Friendly black and white Ashton was chosen by a Kingswood family and tabby Tewky left with two sweet children to live in Nailsea.

### **29th July**

Weleda gave birth in the early hours but sadly when volunteer Jill arrived first thing all three kittens were still attached to their placentas. Mum did not realise she had to bite through their cords and massage them into life so two had not taken their first breath. Only one baby was left for Weleda to care for. Jill sterilised scissors and cut her cord and placed her next to mum where she began burrowing for milk.

### **30th July**

Weleda is very proud of her only child who will thrive because she has no competition for mums' milk. (This week's vet students have chosen shoe styles for inspiration, so Stiletto will be her name)