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## Moggerly Diary

### Sept 1<sup>st</sup>

Mum cat PSMITHY, from the Avonmouth Industrial Estate has now become kittenish, now her kittens have been adopted she is carefree and batting ping pong balls across the office floor. Knowing her harsh background it is wonderful to see her so happy.

### Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>

JEKELL and HYDE, the two black brothers from Stockwood, were chosen by a Downend family today.

### Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>

PEACHES, whose owners have emigrated to China, left for her forever home in Frenchay.

### Sept 4<sup>th</sup>

"My friends are homeless and, in a hostel, and their cats aren't allowed in the house so the mother, father and the four kittens are living in the shed." I arranged with the caller to admit the four kittens and booked in the two adults for neutering at the local vet in Knowle. (the owners want to keep the adults as they hope to be rehomed soon)

### Sept 5<sup>th</sup>

The Knowle kittens arrived. Three black and white boys and a black girl. I'm using the characters from The Big Bang Theory for inspiration at the moment. SHELDON, LEONARD, HOWARD and PENNY were settled in and they dived into their food.

### Sept 7<sup>th</sup>

A man moving from Weston Super Mare to Wales, dropped off a quiet black cat this morning. His new landlord will not allow pets. This new admission will be AMY.

### Sept 8<sup>th</sup>

"Someone is advertising a mother cat and her kittens for sale on Gumtree." A supporter reported. I tried repeatedly to contact the advertiser without any response. Volunteer Andrea was able however to make contact and discovered the advertiser lived in Filton. "Tell her we are on our way." I said. Darkness had now fallen, and we couldn't see the house numbers in the long avenue. I pulled in at the only parking space I could find, and Andrea jumped out to check the house number to see how far away we were. Amazingly we were parked outside the house we needed!

There were three kittens and a black mother in the hall. The owners explained the landlord objected to the number of cats in the house as they already had dogs. The mother cat had been advertised for £15 so explained at that price she would be bought for snake food and I was representing a charity which would find good homes for all the family. I loaded the family into two baskets and took them to foster home Kate who was desperate for a new foster family. Mum BERNADETTE and kits STEWART, MICHAEL and HALEY were given a big supper.

### **Sept 11th**

Two young Bengal sisters JENNY and JEMMA were brought to us this morning because they had upset the existing older cat in the household.

### **Sept 12th**

Ginger boy SHEERAN left to live with Moggery volunteer Megan and her family.

### **Sept 14th**

Gentle black LIZZIE was chosen by a local family (or rather she chose them by rubbing against first the father then the mother and then the teenage daughter)

Two beautiful ginger kittens came into H/Q from Bradley Stoke. This brother and sister I'm sure will be snapped up quickly. PROTON and EMILY are desperate for attention.

AMY was also chosen by a local family whom she obviously approved of.

### **Sept 15th**

A mature, friendly, black cat, COCO arrived with her owner today. Her owner has been forced to move in with her sister in Warmley and her sister's dog has been attacking the cat.

### **Sept 16th**

SHELDON and LEONARD, two of our black and white kittens were loved on sight and taken away by a local mother who was going straight away to meet her daughters from school. The girls would have been very excited when they saw what their mother had on the back seat!

### **Sept 17th**

A Bradley Stoke family chose our two ginger babies today. PROTON and EMILY went away with two very happy children.

The office black and white kittens are now ready to leave their mother WENDY. They are incredibly destructive! If I don't hide everything overnight, the floor is covered with ripped up blue roll, bills, record books etc. Until last week they couldn't reach any surfaces – now nothing is safe!

### **Sept 22nd**

A young dark tortie stray was brought to H/Q, she's very friendly and should quickly find a home once spayed and chipped. BRANDY is enjoying Moggery food and loves being fussed.

### **Sept 23rd**

Within 5 minutes, two callers from Central Bristol had reported abandoned cats. With volunteer Andrea as navigator I drove to collect them in torrential rain. Unfortunately, there were one-way systems preventing us reaching our destinations and several approaches had to be tried. FELIX, a handsome ginger and white boy was collected first and eventually we reached a tall block of flats where friendly black TWINELL had been left behind by her owner.

Although there were two calls in quick succession this morning, I feel the cat problem isn't getting worse, instead I believe members of the public are now quicker reporting abandoned cats instead of just ignoring them.

### **Sept 26th**

Today tabby kittens POLDARK and ZENNOR left to live next door to their sisters PASTY and TRURO. The owners are going to take their youngsters to visit each other! (When they are older, they can then meet in their gardens.)

### **Sept 28th**

Although there is an appointment system for viewings, occasionally a family will arrive at H/Q unexpectedly. Today while I was talking to two families a third family arrived not realising they needed an appointment. As they met all the adoption criteria, I invited them in, and they waited patiently while I showed the first families the cats they had come to see. The unexpected family had never owned a cat and just wanted something friendly. I showed them COCO who was lapping up being stroked by three people at a time! A short while later she was on her way to her new home.

Two months ago, I took in nine young cats from a house in Ashton. As well as being stunted in growth they all had a skin condition and one had a bald wrinkled head and looked like E.T. Now they have filled out and their fur is thick and shiny. They were featured on our website and the first two left for their forever home today. GAVIN and SAJID are both chocolate brown and have pointed faces like fox cubs. Their new owners thought they were beautiful, and they left for Nailsea within half an hour.

### **Sept 30<sup>th</sup>**

Took FELIX and TWINELL to be neutered today. I was shocked when the vet discovered FELIX (now 'FELICIA') was a girl! (Ginger females are rare.)

"I'm worried that my mother cat is neglecting her kittens, they are only two weeks old." Moggery volunteer Anthony went to collect mother and babies from Bedminster. I suspected they would need bottle feeding and their owner was glad to hand them over to us. Anthony came up the path with a black mother and 7 black and white babies. I checked each one as I lifted them out of the carry baskets, and all seemed chubby. (All very young kittens squeal in panic when their mother stands up to leave them and that squealing may have caused their owner to think they were being neglected.) Mum cat will be this year's YETTA (yet another black cat) and the babies which I have called after the seven dwarfs.

