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Moggerly Diary

Dec 1st

“We moved into our new council house in Colerne, Wiltshire and a black and white cat ran out of the front door, we then found two little kittens in the house. Can you take them all in?”

About an hour later the black and white family arrived at H/Q in a plastic laundry basket covered with a towel.

(As if we don't have enough cats in Bristol to worry about – we're now admitting from Wiltshire!)

Dec 3rd

Young white and black KIA left for his new home in Brislington. (His brother KEIRON is still too nervous to handle).

Dec 4th

“A black kitten has been handed into our surgery. Can you take him?”

A vet nurse from Fishponds delivered a very friendly little soul of about 9 weeks. What was he doing wandering the streets on his own? (I've named him KIWI).

Dec 5th

A Bishopston resident came to adopt two kittens and KIWI threw himself at her. The resident left a little while later with KIWI and a similar aged black and white H/Q resident.

Dec 6th

A couple arrived who were prepared to adopt something difficult to rehome.

I held my breath while showing them GORKA, a three-legged black cat and his sister KATYA who was an older black and white. Amazingly they loved them both within seconds and they left for their forever home within the hour.

Dec 8th

Two beautiful five-month brothers came in due to a young child's allergy. ZUMA, a ginger and white and ROCKY who is black and white, are very friendly.

Dec 9th

The brothers were whipped into Filton Vets4Pets for neutering and chipping today.

Dec 10th

A single middle-aged woman viewed ZUMA and ROCKY and decided within minutes to adopt them.

Dec 14th

“My elderly neighbour died and I’ve taken in her two tabby cats. Can you take them?”

Volunteer Anthony collected them from Shirehampton and brought them to H/Q.

Desperate to think of Christmassy names and not wanting to repeat previous December names I decided on POINSETTIA and HAMPY for the two friendly girls.

Dec 16th

Admitted a tabby family. Mum cat is TINSEL, and her two identical six-month sons will be CRACKER and RUDOLPH.

Dec 20th & 21st

TESCO at Golden Hill allowed us to bag pack and collect in the foyer over two days. Most customers wanted to pack their own bags but gave us a handful of change anyway. About 1 in 5 customers had adopted cats from us over the past 23 years and many were keen to show us photos on their phones.

We raised an amazing £1090!

Dec 23rd

RUDOLPH and CRACKER were chosen by a Winterbourne family, who were thrilled by the beautiful tabby pair.

Dec 24th

“Well it’s like this see. About two years ago we moved in and there was a stray cat in the garden. She had kittens and we took them in, but she’s had kittens again and one of the daughters we kept has just had kittens. Can you help?”

I offered to take in the new mum and kittens and booked in everyone else in the house to be neutered the week after Christmas. (However, that still leaves the original mother and her current litter who are about five months and semi-feral, to be caught)

Mum and kittens arrived an hour later.

(I’m using Polish Christmas words now, so mum cat is OLENKA (meaning Holly) and her five babies are HEDERA, NATALINA, MIKOLAI, IVAN and KOTEK.)

Dec 25th Christmas Day

The public think we’re closed so there were no phone calls – Hooray!

Loyal helpers began work early and we had all finished by 1.30pm.

Dec 26th

I rang a Redland family who had been waiting for kittens for months and they came and chose black MIKOLAI and fluffy tabby and white KOTEK.

Dec 27th

“I’m going on holiday in a few hours and I have nobody to look after my cats. Can you take them in?”

I drove to collect black and white MARY and her three sons CASPER, MELCHOIR, and BAL-THAZAR who are five months and very friendly.

Dec 28th

CASPER and MELCHOIR were chosen by a family who missed out on RUDOLPH and CRACKER. GOSH – if only all adoptions were this quick!

Dec 29th

HAMPA was chosen today. She wouldn’t stop talking and tapping the viewing family for attention. She was determined to be chosen.

Dec 30th

Friendly, cross eyed tabby BRANKO left for his forever home in Fishponds today. His black sister BRANKA is waiting patiently for a home also.

Dec 31st

FROSTY and SNOWDROP, two little white kittens found a home today with a friend of volunteer Hazel. (The choosing involved a lone grandchild, son, daughter-in-law and two younger grandchildren who arrived halfway through.)

These adoptions brought the final figure for the year up to 245