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Moggerly Diary

Jan 1st

A brisk start to the year. Black and white Balthazar was chosen by a local couple. (His brothers had left at the end of the year)

Today also Treat left for a new forever home in Brislington. This little girl had been weighed daily and fed convalescent food to build her up. We celebrated when she reached 100g and she then never looked back growing stronger and more confident each day.

Jan 2nd

Gentle, friendly Maureen was chosen by a family from Almondsbury. This little cat had been rejected five times because she was black. (One couple would not even cross the room to stroke her as soon as they saw her colour)

Jan 3rd

Tahi, a friendly black and white in the care of foster home Kate left for Bradley Stoke this afternoon and our beautiful little dark tortie twins Pudding and Bauble were collected by a very excited couple from Thornbury. (The husband had 'phoned H/Q from the Heathrow bus this morning to confirm I hadn't let another family adopt their babies!)

Jan 5th

A very beautiful but very nervous large ginger boy arrived today. His elderly owner had died and a neighbour brought him in. Alani (Which is Hawaiian for ginger cat) was just sitting trembling in the emergency admission pen in the office. (He was used to a very quiet home with one quiet lady owner – I will have to find the same for him again)

Jan 8th

"My friend has a kitten he doesn't want. Can you take her in?" A very friendly dark tortie of approximately 16 weeks arrived shortly after the call. Christened January, by volunteers Jenny and Jill she was confident enough to play with the two existing feral kittens in the office. (Which is cat free)

Jan 11th

Poinsettia, a friendly fluffy tabby was chosen today by a very kind couple from South Bristol. (They had seen her photo on the website and loved her immediately)

Jan 12th

A family from Claverham were shocked to have a 'phone call from me today to tell them I had a single kitten looking for a home. (The kitten season is May to October, so they were expecting a long wait) They loved January and she loved them on sight. She went away to be very spoiled!

Jan 14th

"Please can you help? I'm frightened my autistic son will harm our two young cats as he has become violent." I left H/Q a few minutes later to collect two black sisters I called Twizel and Wanaka. (I booked their spaying for next week)

Jan 15th

Tabby, friendly Tinsel had been adopted but was brought back after two days for headbutting her new owner! Fortunately, she was adopted almost immediately again by a couple who wanted a friendly, headbutting cat.

Jan 16th

Black and white Mary was chosen today. She had arrived over Christmas with her three sons (Whom she couldn't stand!) In the Moggery she was very loving to the volunteers, but she could clip around the ear any passing cat!

(The cats in Room 2 visibly relaxed when she left for Chipping Sodbury)

Jan 18th

Admitted a friendly but black young female who was being rehomed as the landlord had threatened to evict the family if she wasn't gone in the next week. Tuffy was already spayed and she was chosen (While still warm) by a family who arrived an hour later. Amazing!

Jan 19th

A middle-aged woman who suffered from a long-term illness and was mostly housebound visited H/Q looking for a loving companion. I took her to meet Alani. He rubbed his head against her hand and that clinched it. He was taken away to Thornbury. (I don't know who was happier)

Jan 20th

"I've always had difficult to rehome cats, have you something suitable for me?"

I invited this single man to view Topaz (A tortie with attitude). I left them alone to 'bond' and returned to the office. About half an hour later the young man came to show me he had been bitten. I apologised and thought "Well that's her chance of a home gone" I was shocked when the young man then said, "she's perfect for me!" Topaz left a little while later with a very brave new owner.

Jan 21st

Mum cat Olenka left with her black baby Hedera this afternoon.

Wanaka and Twizel, who had been spayed this morning, were collected and went to their new home wearing red baby grows. (They are now used instead of plastic head cones to stop female cats pulling their stitches out)

Jan 22nd

“I’ve taken in my friend’s cat because she was in a violent relationship and she’s gone into a refuge” I admitted Ted, shortly after the ‘phone call. Thankfully the caller had taken him away from a very dangerous situation.

Jan 23rd

Friendly black and white Ted was chosen by his new family this afternoon.

Jan 24th

The day I dreaded! Last year I trapped a small, mostly white cat with black patches, living in a warehouse with three babies. I called her Smithy after the waste management firm’s building, she was in. Her youngsters were rehomed, once old enough and as Smithy was located in the H/Q office she had lots of attention and rapidly became tame and affectionate. One lunchtime, Team Leader Jill was eating a cheese sandwich and Smithy sat next to her, licking her lips, so Jill tried her with a little bit of cheese.

That was it! Every time from that day when Jill ate her lunch Smithy expected cheese. She then expected cheese from everyone sitting on Jill’s chair on the remaining days of the week.

A lovely couple from Wrington saw her photo on our website. (I had put off featuring her because I couldn’t bear the thought of her little face not greeting me every morning) Her new owner had noticed that Smithy had a ‘Marilyn Monroe’ beauty spot above her lip and came to view her today. The visitors loved her straight away and I explained how much she loved cheese – could they keep her in the manner to which she was accustomed? Amazingly, her new family live next door to a cheesemaker! Smithy was basketed up and taken away to her new life. (How long before she moves up to Stilton is anyone’s guess)

“We love Poinsettia but she’s waking us up walking over our faces at 3 o’clock in the morning” I suggested to her new family that they tried a half hour of ‘Ping-Pong balls up and down the stairs’ playtime before bed, to make her tired enough to sleep through the night.

Jan 31st

A direct adoption today. ‘Mittens’ an eight-year-old black and white was taken to his new home with a retired couple in Henbury.

When an owner is happy, or able to keep their pet while we search for a new home then Direct Adoption works well. The original owner is able to meet the new home and have their mind put at rest.

AGM MARCH 12th 6pm at H/Q ALL WELCOME