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Moggerly Diary

Feb 1st

“One of our tenants has moved away leaving behind three cats. She wasn’t allowed pets, so we weren’t expecting to find anything when we visited the property”

Three very nervous black and white cats were delivered this afternoon. I think they are mother and daughters.

As the moonlighting tenant was Romanian, I chose three Romanian adjectives for the moon as their names. LUNA, LENA and LUCA are used to being house cats but I’m sure in their new homes they will enjoy a garden.

Feb 2nd

Another wonderful adoption day!

The last of our white kitten trio, SNOWBALL, was chosen today as a companion for an existing young adult male.

Foster home, Tom and Jackie’s last two kittens, RUA and MANNUKA, left for Wooton-Under-Edge.

IVAN and KOTEK, the last two kittens of OLENKA left with their very happy new parents and the big surprise of the day was PEACHES! This sad ginger cat, whose owners emigrated, has at last found a home. Although outwardly friendly, she would clip people when she had, had enough, so she had missed out on many homes. Today, however a middle-aged couple were happy to adopt a cat with a bit of attitude!

Feb 3rd

“A stray black cat gave birth in my garden last year. She’s now had kittens again; can you take them?”

I arranged to admit the four youngsters and booked last years kittens in for neutering and returning, as they were now completely wild. Black MAGGIE and MAGADI and black and white MAGDA and MAGNUS were brought in from Chew Magna at lunchtime. They are very nervous because they had been born outside.

Feb 4th

“My daughter has moved to a flat where the landlord won’t allow pets. Can you take her three cats?”

Volunteer Anthony brought in a tortie I called ANISE, and her black sister ALOE VERA but the third cat was hiding in the house and couldn't be found. She'll have to come in another day.

Feb 6th

Feral tabby CLOVER was brought in today from a large group living in a garden in Fishponds. Amazingly within hours she had become tame and was featured on our Website. I think she was grateful to have been brought in from the cold.

Feb 8th

CLOVER was adopted by a young couple this morning.

Feb 10th

A beautiful tortie, FLORENCE, was admitted today due to the owners increasing health problems.

Feb 12th

CLOVER's sister CHLOE, another tabby, was brought in, very frightened, but hopefully friendly before too long.

Feb 14th

FLORENCE was snapped up by a very keen young couple.

Another sister of CLOVER was brought in by volunteer Mandy. CLAUDIA, also a shorthaired tabby curled up with CHLOE to be frightened together.

Feb 15th

"I have to leave my home and my friend who agreed to have my three cats has changed her mind. Can you take them?"

I gave this caller other cat rescue numbers and asked her to call them explaining that the cats would be on the streets by this evening.

Later that afternoon the caller rang back, even more frantic. She had contacted 16 other rescues and none of them had spaces. I didn't know where they would be going but I had to agree to admit them as the caller was driving around with two small children as well as three cats. I contacted Foster Home Kate who arrived at H/Q just after the cats did. Kate took home the two boys, ginger CUPID and black and white EROS. I retained the OAP as I realised he was unhomeable. VALENTINO is in our emergency office pen. Where will the next emergency go?

Feb 16th

Gentle LUCA, who has the habit of rolling himself up in a duvet, was chosen today and also BRANKA, a long term fluffy black female.

Feb 17th

Requests for neutering are coming in thick and fast as our 'Free Black Cat Neutering' scheme is becoming well known.

A Southmead kitten owner rang for help with two youngsters she had recently acquired via Facebook. The kittens were delivered to her home by the seller several weeks ago and one of them had such a badly injured leg she had to have the limb amputated. Their owner couldn't give me any details of the cat's original home as all the contact had been via Facebook. (I dread to think of the condition of the other animals in the home they came from)

Both youngsters are now booked in for neutering in two weeks' time.

Feb 20th

MURFORD, the friendliest of the three tabby boys brought in by volunteer Anthony, was chosen by a family with two very excited sons. MURFORD has gone to live near Blaise Castle.

Feb 21st

BAGEL and PANINI (who came in at the end of October with their mother) are still spitting at us despite four months of cuddling and taming. These are our only failures in 23 years of feral kitten taming. Adults may take years, but small kittens only usually take ten days to become domesticated. I can't account for the failure because they have been played with and cuddled every day by our volunteers. The grey and white sister, BAGEL, is still putting her ears flat if we so much as look at her.

Feb 27th

Admitted SYLVESTER, a young black and white with a black nose, and PHOENIX a friendly young tabby from a block of flats in central Bristol.

Feb 29th

11-year-old ANISE, a dark tortie, was chosen by a Clifton family today as a companion for their housebound mother. They will enjoy each other's company.

Also, today CUPID and EROS were adopted by their foster family in Westbury Village, who decided they couldn't part with them.