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Moggerly Diary

March 1st

Sisters Luna and Lena were chosen together by a Corsham family. Their brother Luca had been adopted earlier. (all three of the cats left behind by the 'moonlighting' family have now found loving homes)

March 5th

Pretty tabby Phoenix (who had come in from a High-Rise tower block in Central Bristol) was chosen by a local family who had a very serious six-year-old son.

March 7th

Black nosed Sylvester left with a Whitchurch family who loved him on sight.

Today also, Arthur and Mabel were adopted directly by a Henleaze family. (when Secretary Jenny featured them on our website the 'phone was red hot within minutes because they looked so cute)

March 10th

Brothers Murray and Murphy were snapped up by a family from Emersons Green. (the boys had also been featured on our website; advertising definitely works!)

March 11th

Volunteers Jenny and Jill took tabbies Claudia and Chloe to their new home in a barn in Compton Dando. These sisters were part of a feral group in Fishponds, all of which have now been trapped and neutered. These girls had refused to become tame and were becoming more ferocious daily.

March 12th

"My daughter has moved into a new flat in Lawrence Weston and there is a big ginger cat trying to get in. We think he's been left behind"

I rang this caller back and asked her to check with the neighbours in case he had a home. The caller rang back later to tell me the cat belonged in the flat.

I arranged to collect him on Tuesday morning on my way to H/Q.

(I didn't know where he was going to go, but I can't leave him)

March 13th

A beautiful young female with a brown mask and brown legs on a cream body, had been admitted because her owner was about to give birth. Chelsea has beautiful blue eyes.

March 14th

The first two youngsters from the farm at Chew Magna had become tame. After neutering, black Magda and her brother black and white Magadi, left H/Q to live with two local doctors.

March 15th

A little girl from Weston loved Chelsea on sight, so an hour later she left with her new family to live by the sea.

March 16th

An elderly lady with serious health problems is being admitted into a care home so she asked me to admit two elderly cats, a tabby female and a Felix type male. As it is in the Ides of March, I named them Julius and Calpurnia.

March 17th

Went to collect the Lawrence Weston ginger male and planned to take him straight to Filton Vets4Pets for neutering.

The new occupant seemed fond of him and I did a quick check and saw he was already neutered.

“Are you sure you don’t want to keep him as a pet?” I asked.

“Well I do like him” she said

“But I don’t know if I can afford to feed him”

I offered to help with food as the cat looked very comfortable on the settee of what used to be his home. (anything to keep him in the house he was used to)

A couple of hours later the ‘phone went again

“My family have told me not to keep him”

Again, I agreed to pick him up to admit him H/Q.

The next morning, I rang to say I was on my way and was told

“My friend wanted him”

I hope he will be well cared for.

March 18th

A young local couple came to adopt a pair of adults and saw OAPs Julius and Calpurnia. Although the cats are not young, they were both very friendly to the visitors.

After about ten minutes the couple decided to foster with a view to adoption. (I hope the cats will ingratiate themselves and the couple will be unable to part with them)

March 20th

The ‘phone hasn’t stopped today as many people who are self-isolating are volunteering to be Foster Homes.

March 21st

Admitted a very friendly tabby due to a marriage break up. Currently Coco which I'm changing slightly to Corona (in the circumstances)

A family who had adopted several years ago were looking for a friendly female tabby to join the household. I invited the mother to view Corona and she loved her on sight. The father of the family was then dispatched to collect the new cat and complete the adoption forms.

"What does your husband look like?" I asked

"He's tall, dark and handsome" was the reply

A few minutes later a bearded man who met the description walked up the path.

Corona has found her new family in just two hours!

March 22nd

Volunteer Anthony went to Hartcliffe to pick up a black and white mother cat and her litter of five newborn babies. A kindly elderly lady has been feeding the mother for more than a year and she has had three litters in a greenhouse since last summer. I wish I had been approached before, as apparently the first two lots of kittens are now living wild in the area.

Mum and newborns were placed on a comfortable bed in H/Q and will go to a foster home once they have been checked out.

I will have to take traps to the garden and catch the rest of the family. They will be neutered and returned if they can't be domesticated as the elderly resident and her son are happy to keep feeding them.

As its Mother's Day I thought Mia would be a good name for mum.

March 23rd

Our main vet, Vets4Pets at Filton has had to stop doing routine operations such as neutering, due to the scarcity of oxygen.

I phoned all the Bristol vets we have accounts with, and all neuterings have now stopped. (The Moggery will resume our Assisted Neutering scheme, with a vengeance, as soon as we are able)

March 24th

"There's a little cat in my front garden that's crying, he doesn't belong to anyone in my road"

I rang the elderly caller back to say I was on my way to Henleaze to collect him.

The elderly resident was disabled and housebound and she had brought the very thin dark tabby inside.

I scanned him, found a chip and discovered his name was Alfie and he had been missing since Jan 4th.

His grateful owner came to The Moggery an hour later to take him home. (Alfie had had a hearty lunch first)

March 25th

New foster parents Alice and Mark arrived at H/Q to take Mia and her family home. I envy them – two months forced solitary confinement with five beautiful little kittens to observe! (what more could a cat lover want?)

March 26th

I have had a flood of people 'phoning H/Q offering to be foster homes while they are working at home. I'm interviewing each one over the 'phone and encouraging them to catproof a room in readiness of receiving a foster family. This is a wonderful side effect of compulsory home working.

March 27th

A Clevedon resident had spotted Riviera on our website. This fluffy black and white girl is beautiful but very shy. The prospective new owner viewed her and loved her within minutes. The problem now was loading her into one of our top loading wire baskets while her new 'mum' completed the adoption papers and waited patiently in the office at H/Q.

After 45 minutes. (with the help of volunteers Andrea and Mandy C) Riviera was on her way to her new home by the sea.

March 28th

Volunteer Anthony travelled to a village near Bridgwater to collect a middle aged, fat tortie whose very elderly owner was falling over constantly. I've christened her Audrey, after the road she came from and on admission I could see she hadn't missed many meals!

Fortunately, there are several families waiting for a friendly cat regardless of age, colour and dress size!

March 29th

Looking out of my bedroom window I can see my group of fluffy black ferals (who had been abandoned in Asda car park) chasing each other across the garden with their tails flying in the wind.

When there are grim times in The Moggerly I look at each cat and think of the wretched life they would be living if they hadn't been admitted.

This motivates me to keep going.

March 30th

Fat tortie Audrey was viewed by a local couple who have just bought their own house. They loved her and she was packed off to her new forever home within half an hour.