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**Moggery Diary**

**July 2nd**

Weighed C3PO today and she was 840g. She's still very tiny, but fat!

**July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

A Mangotsfield resident rang to say that while out walking she had seen a group of very young kittens in the road near her home. She had knocked on the door of the nearest house and the householder informed her the kittens were not hers. Volunteers Mandy and Jen left H/Q with two baskets and rushed to the spot. They returned with two obviously very sick kittens who weren't just skin and bone but rust coloured with vitamin deficiency. Sadly, there was no sign of any others, but I've asked the caller to keep watch on the area and keep me informed. There were 6 cats sitting on the shed roof – none of which were claimed by the householder. (As soon as the local vet returns to routine neutering operations, I will canvas the street offering help under our assisted scheme.)

**July 4th**

Mango and Manfred from Mangotsfield were still alive this morning and an early morning vet appointment diagnosed an infection. I had treated them for fleas and worms yesterday and they had snatched at a big dish of Felix. (Obviously, they were not used to regular feeding.) When I held black Manfred last night, his eyes showed he didn't care what happened to him, he was so weak. Regular food, warmth, and a course of antibiotics hopefully will enable them to survive.

Today, friendly Emerald was claimed by a couple from the village of Box in Wiltshire. This beautiful fluffy black and white really relished having her ears tickled.



Queenie NCP was also carried home proudly by two little girls this afternoon.



### **July 5th**

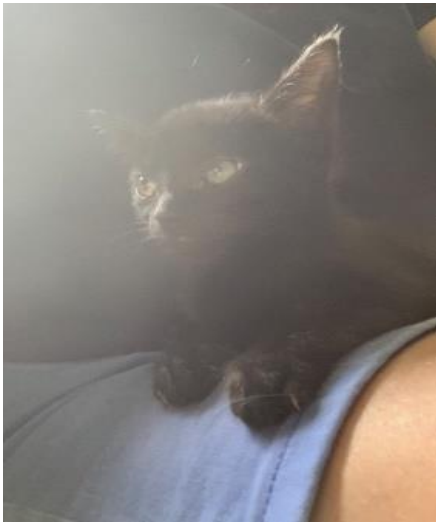
C3PO had another cocktail of drugs yesterday but this time she didn't bounce back. She has been sitting watching her brother and sister run around, knowing that she cannot do the same.

### **July 6th**

Admitted a pretty tortie mother and her black son (who must be about 8 mths), this couple had been turned out by their owners. Tennaya and her son Terry are very friendly.

### **July 7th**

Made the decision lunchtime, with a very heavy heart, to have C3PO quietly put to sleep. She has been struggling to breathe and I didn't want her to die in pain tonight or tomorrow. I held her while she had an injection to put her into a deep sleep before having her final injection. She had a very short life, but she was well loved.



### **July 9th**

Mango and Manfred from Mangotsfield are eating well and have litter trained themselves. I can still feel their backbones, but they are improving daily.

### **July 12th**

Five kittens were admitted from a cat owner who regretted 'not being quick enough' in spaying her female cat. I assured her we had some wonderful homes waiting for Monroe, Moana, Mopsy, Monet and Montana.

### **13th July**

Monet and Montana were claimed by the first home on our waiting list. Two extremely excited children couldn't wait to take them home.

### **July 14th**

A middle-aged couple, who work from home, collected Monroe today. This kitten was the most confident and independent, so I chose him to be adopted on his own.

Moana and Mopsy left for a new home in Redland, also this afternoon.

### **July 16th**

"I'm ringing from Avonmouth Industrial Estate, I've been feeding a black and white cat and today she's brought two kittens"

The caller was allowed time off by her cat loving boss to collect a trap and crush cage from H/Q.

Mum was caught almost immediately and when the trap was reset the kittens were caught together by 7.30pm.

The site manager rang me at home to tell me he was bringing them all in his van to H/Q, where I met him.

Mum cat and matching kittens were settled in separate, adjoining pens with plenty of food and soft bedding. (The kittens do not have blue eyes and are therefore old enough to leave their mum.)

### **July 17th**

“My landlord has found out about my two cats, I’m not allowed pets so he’s given me a months’ notice, either I go, or they do.”

I quickly took down details of the two cats and rang two suitable homes who wanted middle aged pets.

This ‘phone call reinforced our policy of not placing cats in rented accommodation. (I try to persuade renters to foster instead, that way they can stop when they move on.)

### **July 18th**

“Three more kittens have appeared under the pallets”

Volunteer Jen and I went down to Avonmouth Industrial Estate where by 4.45pm all three were caught safely.

All five kittens are now together, all are ‘Felix’ types and the image of their mum, who spits from her pen if she thinks we are hurting them.

Hopefully, after a couple of weeks of handling, they will become tame and homeable.



### **July 19th**

A father and son viewed and chose Severn Beach mother and daughter, Miranda, and Portia. I showed the couple into the room and left them with the black pair to ‘bond’. Before I could close the door, the father said, “We’ll have them.” How amazing!



### **July 20th**

Manfred and Mango left H/Q for their own home this morning. Manfred had become a chubby, teddy bear of a kitten with a round fat face and amber eyes. Just two weeks of good food and antibiotics and he was unrecognisable from the little bundle of skin and bone we admitted.

Terry was chosen by a family with a young son. Terry and the young boy loved each other on sight. Another happy homing.

### **July 21st**

“There’s a stray black and white cat in our road and I’ve checked with neighbours he doesn’t live around here.”

I asked the caller to shut him in if possible and I went to the road in Henleaze with our Identichip scanner. The cat was marching along the road with a propriety air. A scan revealed a chip and the cat’s family said they were on the way to collect him I stood in the road to flag down a silver people carrier while the caller and her neighbours stood around the cat.

A few minutes later his owners scooped him up and carried him back to their car. His face showed he was quite unconcerned about being rescued yet again. Apparently, he is determined to go on walkabouts and forgets how to get home. (Recently he was a guest of the Golden Lion in Gloucester Rd for three days!)

I suggested GPS tracking to the family and Secretary Jenny will show them how to set it up – having fitted her ex-Moggery cat Muffy with the system after she had been shut in neighbours outbuildings three times in eighteen months!



A retired couple came to meet R2D2 and Luke and loved the black brother and sister within minutes. They left for a wonderful new life shortly afterwards having reached the healthy weight of 995g each.



### **July 22nd**

A nervous black and white stray was brought in from St George by her long-term feeder who was moving North in a couple of weeks. Alice will have a few days to settle in before being whisked to the vets to be spayed and chipped.

### **July 23rd**

By 4pm I felt the need to lie down in a darkened room for an hour or so to recover! The doorbell rang as often as the 'phone today as a succession of people brought in donated food and bedding or came to borrow traps.

A new volunteer, Emily, stood in the hallway bewildered as I rushed past her to keep opening the front door.

A local retired man has volunteered to be our driver, collecting cats to take to the vets under our Assisted Neutering scheme. This is amazing, as many callers have neither car nor basket to take cats to their local vet. I collect cats from North Bristol on my way to H/Q and drop them off at Vets4Pets in Filton, but there has never been anybody to collect cats from South Bristol. Gerry was equipped today with a Moggery T-Shirt and two wire carry baskets. His first assignment has been booked for August 4th.

How Wonderful!

### **July 24th**

Our cemetery babies are playing and eating but still remain the size of little birds. Dark tortie Jade, is the heaviest, but still only 585g the other two are still around 385g. They have lots of energy but just won't grow!



### **July 25th**

No viewings today – everyone is preparing to take a late ‘staycation’ and postponing getting a new pet until September.

### **July 27th**

Just arrived home this evening and the ‘phone went. Evening helpers Andrea and Joseph had walked into the office to find expectant tortie mum Dreama in labour. Her first baby was breach and was eased out and rubbed vigorously before she took her first breath. I arrived back at The Moggery just as a second black baby had arrived normally. (As you know black cats and kittens are extremely hard to rehome, so I give all expectant mums strict instructions to only produce one black kitten in each litter. Dreama had waited for me to be off site before sneakily having two black babies.) The next two babies were beautiful gingers who arrived easily. I waited another hour in case there were any late arrivals and then gave Dreama a clean bed. She stretched out proudly by her new family. Mother cats understand when you say “aren’t you a clever girl” and “haven’t you got beautiful babies” and they put their heads on their kittens as if saying “look what I’ve produced”.



### **July 28th**

The four new babies are in a row with their heads bobbing as they feed from their proud mum. Nobody wanted to do any work this morning at H/Q – everyone just watched fascinated as the babies wriggled and squeaked when mum stood up to snatch a few mouthfuls of food.



### **July 29th**

Admitted an older grey and white cat which owners had left behind when they moved. Cat with no name' became CWNN in the admissions book.

Temeraire came to H/Q due to his owner's death. This magnificent grey fluffy boy had white paws and looked a force to be reckoned with, but in fact was a wimp! (He was frightened of other cats.) I will find him a similar home to his original owner i.e. single older woman.

### **July 31st**

A local resident viewed and loved Temeraire on sight. "I'm sure we will have lots of happy times together" she said as she carried him away proudly.