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Moggerly Diary

April 1st

Last night pregnant mum MOET had birthed a placenta but no attached kitten. The vet said as she was no longer straining there was no need for a Caesarean and after scanning her discovered there were two kittens in her uterus and advised taking her back to H/Q.

Overnight she gave birth to a full term perfectly formed still born tabby kitten like herself. Once the afterbirth had become detached the little soul had lost her source of food and oxygen.

This morning I returned to the surgery and a further scan detected the last kitten which had a strong heartbeat. I asked if anything could be done to hasten her birth and MOET was given an injection of OXYTOCIN to stimulate contractions.

I drove to H/Q carefully while MOET cried and as I pulled up outside the building, she let out a loud yowl. I rushed to open the boot and she was giving birth in the basket. Rushing her inside I opened the lid and gently eased out a breech position baby. This kitten arrived in the world squealing and wriggling, determined to live!

MOET gave her only child a quick wash and then strolled to her food dish to eat a huge lunch (she's very food orientated)

Mum and baby (christened BOLLINGER) settled down on a soft towel for a big sleep.



April 2nd

A pregnant owner called Amanda had asked for help in March neutering her mother cat and her two six-month sons. After the neutering she discovered her expected baby was going to be delivered prematurely and she couldn't cope with the total of six cats she had in her home.

Could I find a home for the family of 3?

Amazingly the very next call came from a retired couple looking for two cats after having had a 19-year-old put to sleep. I suggested they visited Amanda's cats at home and mentioned the mother cat also needed a home.

"Well, we will take her as well" they said.

They visited, the cats loved the couple immediately, all three were basketed up and went off to their new home within the hour. Job done!

April 3rd

"I've lost my kitten; I think he has fallen off the balcony."

This caller lived in a 6th floor flat in the city centre. Why do people insist on having pets when they can't provide a suitable home for them?

I advised her to search in the bushes below the flat, where if he was still alive, he would be lying injured.

April 4th

A caller from Clevedon rang to say the PDSA vet had told her, her cat had PYOMETRA (an infection in the uterus) and needed her uterus removing urgently. She had no money and needed our help. I contacted a vet a street away from where she lived and booked the cat in for surgery on the first day after Easter.

April 5th

A young couple from Central Bristol came to view PEPPER. This long-term resident was having none of it and spat at them as they approached him before running to hide under a cupboard.

I introduced them to PRIMARK a black fluffy, at least 7-year-old stray. He loved them, rolling over to have tummy tickles.

A short while later, he was signed for and off to start his new life.

Thank goodness some people at least are prepared to consider black cats who are not in the first flush of youth!

A caller from WARMINSTER asked me to rehome her black and white male cat. Neither she nor her husband could drive to bring him to us.

Luckily, I located a rescue very close to her and they had spaces for him.

April 6th

The Clevedon cat with PYOMETRA was operated on today and given antibiotics to continue her treatment at home. Without today's operation she would have died.

April 7th

"My male cat has gone missing; has he been handed in?"

I discovered this caller from Pilning was 'just about' to have her pet neutered and chipped. I explained he was off roaming looking for females, and if he returned in a month or two, he would probably be covered in bites and would need rushing to the vet for antibiotics and neutering.

April 8th

"I've been feeding a stray cat for a while he's very thin."

I advised this caller where her local vet was, asked her to rush the cat there to be examined, and explained The Moggery would pay for any urgent treatment needed.

A few hours later she rang to say the cat had a chip and belonged to a neighbour. He was painfully thin due to a medical condition, I suspect Hyper Thyroidism. Im glad to know the public are not passing by a cat which looks ill but are taking action by reporting it.

April 9th

Baby BOLLINGER has his eyes half open and is now as wide as he is long as he has access to the volume of milk designed to feed a whole litter!



April 12th

“I went up to Birmingham at the weekend to get a cat. I think he’d like a female companion.”

On questioning I discovered this caller had paid £230 for an unneutered crossbreed cat he had seen online. Why?

I explained if he had gone to the Dogs Home or any local rescue, he would have found a friendly neutered cat for a donation.

“I’m sure he would like a female companion” I said.

“but let’s get him neutered first.”

The young Birmingham cat was promptly booked in at V4PETS in Filton.

April 16th

PRADA left for her forever home. This friendly young black cat could have been adopted 100 times over, she loved everyone, never stopped purring, and had enough energy for the whole household.



April 17th

“My sister started feeding a stray cat last year and she had kittens. Now the kittens are pregnant.”

I asked this caller to come the next morning to collect traps to catch the feral family.

April 18th

As I arrived at H/Q there were two men waiting to collect traps this morning. I demonstrated to the father and son how the traps were set and showed them how to transfer any caught cats into a crush cage (without getting hurt). I gave them supplies of sardines in tomato sauce for bait and wished them luck.

Just 3 hours later I was looking out of the window and their car pulled up.

“How many have you caught?” I asked.

“All of them” was the proud reply.

I carried in the original tortie mum, (whom I could see was heavily pregnant again) and a tortie and a black and white daughter also both pregnant. The son is yet to be trapped.

The family were installed into our special Maternity Unit where they will have their babies in peace.

When the son (who apparently is ferocious) is caught, he will be neutered and returned, giving the callers sister just one to feed.

April 19th

BABY BOLLY can now roll over on his back. I watched him playing with his back legs this morning. He's a terrible time waster!



April 20th

Many more requests for neutering help today. Caller's ring asking for one male neuter but on questioning nearly always have another two/three or even five other unneutered cats, which are all promptly booked in at the nearest vet.

I always ask people who we have helped to tell their family friends and neighbours that they can receive help also if they are unemployed/on benefits etc.

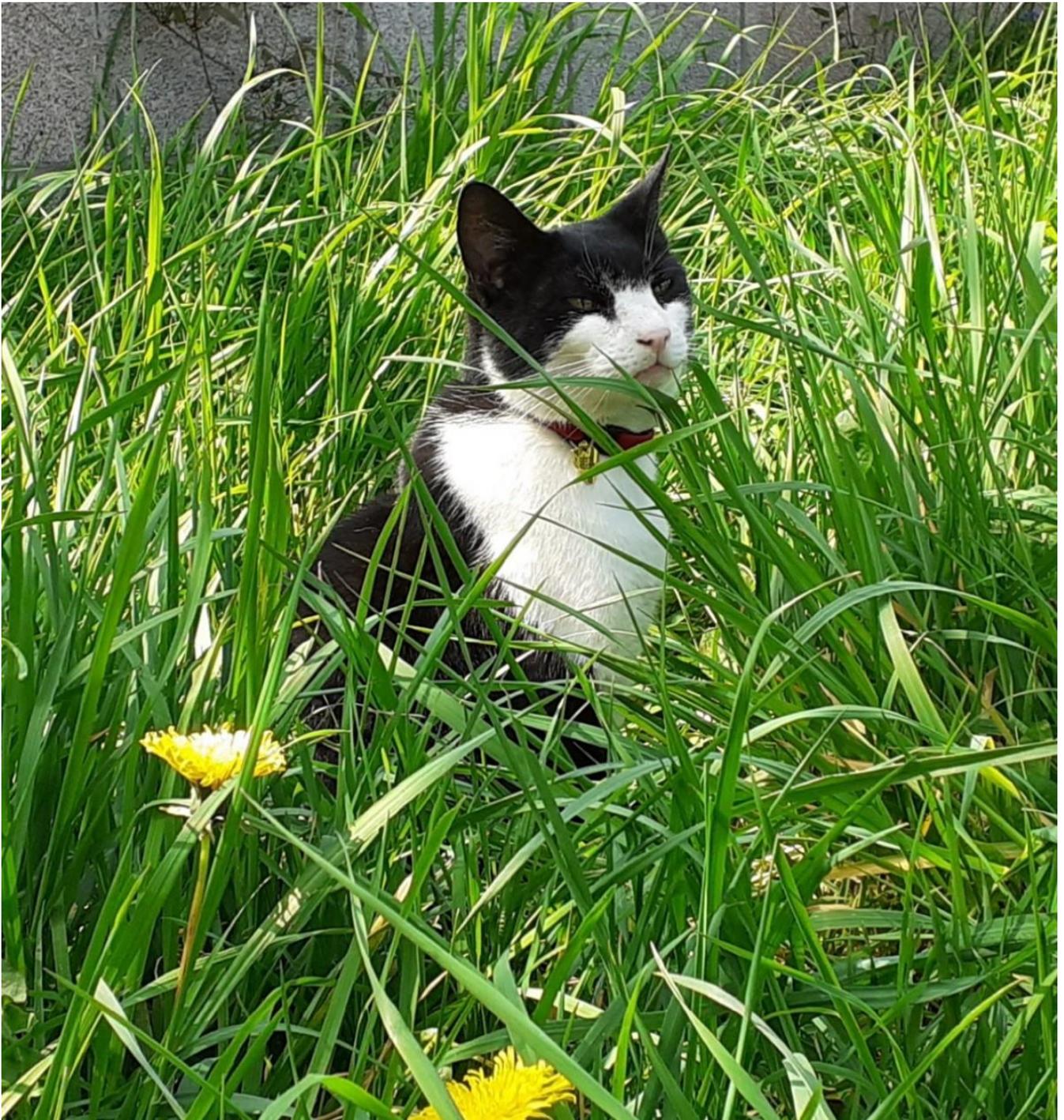
April 22nd

MOET'S son CHANDON was neutered today. I'm hoping one of our prospective homes will adopt BOLLY and CHANDON together. (They are brothers even though born four months apart.)



April 23rd

The new owner of OGGs came by to show me photos of him in the garden and on her bed. He looks incredibly happy and has definitely fallen on his paws.



April 24th

A quiet day because nothing is adoptable at the moment. They are either too young (BOLLY) still nursing (MOET) unpredictable i.e., you may lose a hand if you try to touch them e.g. (BURBERRY, LAURA ASHLEY) nervous of strangers (PEPPER, ALICE COOPER, KEIRON) pregnant (ZOFLORA, ARIEL) or too old and settled (GAYNOR, JOHNNY, TINGLE) to leave H/Q!

April 26th

A caller rang asking for help neutering her two 5-month kittens. (I always follow the trail back, so I asked where the kittens came from)

“From my mother who has 15 unneutered cats” was the reply.

(Fortunately, at this point I was sitting down)

I took a deep breath, asked for her mothers' number and address, and then booked the two teenage kits in for neutering next week.

April 27th

The mother with the 15 cats was prepared to accept help so I had listed all the cats by age and sex and booked them in in groups of 3 to be neutered over the next 3 weeks.

(Fortunately, the mother's nearest vet operates an ambulance service as the mother has no transport.)

Meanwhile I tried to persuade the mother to give several of her cats to The Moggery for rehoming to reduce the number in the household.

April 28th

Jenny and Jill drove to a local school to pick up a starving stray living in the playground. This friendly black and white male was christened CALVIN KLEIN and was grateful for the full dish of food offered him back at H/Q.

April 29th

The mother of 15 has agreed to parting with one of the females who is heavily pregnant. (Jerry will collect her on Saturday.)





So Melissa what do you think of your new home?



Joseph and Thomas and their Mum Dreama all happily settled in their forever homes.



Luke and R2D2 one year on. "We can't imagine life without them now"



Royston and Mash enjoying the outdoors in their forever home.



Pfizer and Moderna are loving their new home.



Oggs demonstrates the art of relaxation.