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Moggery Diary

DEC 2nd

“My brother doesn’t want the two kittens I bought for him. Will you take them?”

On questioning, this caller explained he had paid £250 each for the non-pedigree unvaccinated kittens after seeing them on GUMTREE. I arranged to admit them tomorrow.

DEC 3rd

Two beautiful kittens arrived at H/Q, a pale ginger boy and his Felix type sister. SIMBA and NULA were settled in with a fluffy bed while I talked to the visitor.

He was reluctant to give me the name or ‘phone number of the kitten breeder when I explained that handing over £500 had only encouraged her to produce more, but he was prepared to contact her himself once I had explained that The Moggery and all other rescues had many cats and kittens urgently needing homes.

DEC 4th

Began the day by admitting MUFASA whose elderly owner had died in Henleaze without making any arrangements for his pet, he was settled in and fed.



“Can I have help with neutering a female?”

I booked this cat in for spaying and called the cat owner back with the details.

“Is that everything in the house neutered?”

“Well, my daughter has just taken on a kitten.”

I called the same vet back and booked in the kitten who was six months.

“Now, is that everything?”

“Yes except for my little black female.”

I called the very patient receptionist back and booked a third cat from the same house. The question is now – will the owner turn up at the vet surgery?

Twice a female cat has failed to arrive at the vets from a Shirehampton owner. The first week her boyfriend forgot to bring her in, the second time the cat broke out of a flimsy plastic basket and the owner refused the offer of a lift from TONY bringing a wire basket.

I hate wasting the vets operating time and the cat is still unspayed.

SIMBA and NALA were loved on sight by a FISHPONDS family who had recently had an elderly cat put to sleep.



DEC 6th

“Until I get satisfaction I’m not leaving.”

A librarian rang me this morning and I could hear an elderly man shouting in the background.

Apparently, there was a stray cat outside the block of flats where the agitated pensioner was living.

The RSPCA had failed to collect the black and white cat, so he had headed for his local library.

Fortunately, the librarian had adopted from H/Q and called on me to help. I offered to admit the cat and asked him to shut her in for TONY, our transporter, to collect the next morning.

The old man wanted to remain anonymous and after an hour of three-way discussion I finally managed to obtain his name and address and a description of the cat.

At this point I hit an obstacle because he insisted pets were not allowed in his tower block and was not prepared to shut her in.

I explained I couldn't expect a volunteer to make a long journey if the cat wasn't there to be collected. He retaliated with "your volunteer will just have to sit and wait until the cat turns up."

By this time, I had realised he had support workers (he didn't want them to be involved) but he wouldn't give me their details. The librarian managed to coax their names and office 'phone number from him and passed them to me. A brief 'phone call later and I had discovered the cat had an owner who lived near the flats and the pet was very well fed!

(She obviously liked the company and the extra treats she was being given in the Communal rooms.) The librarian and I both now needed a stiff drink.

DEC 7th

"One of my neighbours has a new boyfriend and he won't allow her cat in the house. She's out in all weathers now."

I asked this caller to ask the pets owner if they could give her a home.

The original owner agreed so I will admit her now from the new owner, the caller.

"My in-laws were in a car crash. My father-in-law was killed, and his wife is in hospital. Can you foster their cat until my mother-in-law can care for her?" There was no space at all in H/Q, but I could not fail to help this caller in such tragic circumstances.

DEC 8th

TONY, our transporter, travelled to a village near Bristol Airport to bring in the friendly tabby who needed fostering until his owner left hospital.

DEC 9th

Collected a mother and kitten from a household with a new baby who needed an urgent heart operation. The surgeon had asked the family to remove all pets in preparation for the child's return home.

Tabby mum DOROTHY GALE and son ED were settled in.



DEC 10th

"Our landlord increased the rent, and we couldn't afford it, so we've moved back to my parents, who don't want my kitten in the house."

Admitted a four-month black kitten with white bib and paws, now called GLINDA.



DEC 11th

Several happy adoptions. PISTACHIO had been chosen but refused to be put into one of our top loading wire baskets.

Volunteer TONY came out of her room bleeding profusely, so I encouraged the prospective parents to adopt GLINDA instead.

SHERRIE has been chosen by an owner who has always loved fluffy, black cats and all three kittens from FANTINES family have been chosen together. They will be living in a road close to Moggery H/Q.



DEC 12th

Our midget, tabby babies, SYLVIA, and VERONICA left for a wonderful new home with a large garden.

Their new parents were absolutely thrilled with them and took them away without notifying their three teenage children at home what was happening today.



DEC 13th

“I’ve lost my cat; he’s chipped but I never got around to registering him” I’ve had two calls like this in two days.

Identichipping is an amazing invention and has enabled me to reunite many cats with their owners since 2000 but I’m shocked at the number of people who pay for chipping then don’t bother registering the number.

(Secretary JENNY registers every adopted cat online nowadays.)

Twenty years ago, I was completing a form, which was posted, for every cat. I gave helpful advice to this caller re posters and leafleting etc. but her main chance of recovering her cat has gone.

DEC 14th

A stray black and white in Henbury was successfully trapped and neutered yesterday, and the trap I loaned was returned today by his feeders who have provided an outside home for him. At the moment he is too frightened to be shut inside but in time he will become tame.

DEC 15th

As expected, ED was loved on sight and taken away to live in Portishead.

ED loved all people and all cats!



DEC 16th

“My partner recently died and because I’m not in the tenancy agreement I have to leave my home” “Please can you take my two cats?”

Volunteer TONY returned with two very well-fed tabby brothers KRACKEN and SIBLEY. They are both gentle and friendly and will be snapped up quickly.

DEC 18th

“Our Volunteers’ Christmas Meal today at a Gloucester Rd restaurant. Being able to converse without answering the ‘phone every minute was wonderful!

DEC 20th

When our cats are featured on the website there is a huge response. KRACKEN and SIBLEY left with a family who had recently had a large tabby put to sleep.



DEC 21st

Black NANNY SPUNGE was taken away by a single older woman who could not bear to have an empty house after her elderly cat died last week.

DEC 22nd

COLETTE had many admirers wanting to adopt her. This friendly tortie now lives in Langford with 3-year-old twins and a practicing vet. (She is provisionally called BABY JESUS)



DEC 23rd

Tortie LIESEL found a new home in Horfield with a teenage family, just in time for Christmas.



DEC 24th

All quiet on the Western Front!

DEC 25th

Valiant helpers worked in H/Q this morning. Volunteer TOM arrived with Christmas Dinner for all the cats at lunchtime. They had already had a hearty breakfast and elevenses but when TOM started giving out chicken, they snatched it possessively as if they had not eaten for a month.

The loudest growling came from kitten ANNIE (also known as JASMINE TEAPOT) who grabbed the chicken and threatened any larger cat who came near.

As ANNIE resembles a fat guinea pig, I did not think the adult cats would be intimidated by her – but they all backed away quickly when she began growling!



A couple from Kingswood rang yesterday and as they were desperately keen to adopt and loved the sound of tabby YACKLE, I invited them to view today. YACKLE spoke to them as they entered the room and when they asked her if she wanted to come home with them for a turkey dinner, she rubbed noses with firstly her new mum then her new dad.

She was signed for and taken proudly away. YACKLE had her Christmas wish – a new home.



DEC 28th

GRETEL and BRIGITTA were collected by their owner Charlotte and taken to their new home in Fishponds. (Appropriately they had been born in a stable!)



MISTLETOE, who is extremely gentle and friendly was chosen by a doctor and she will be collected once spayed on the 14th of Jan.

Volunteer TONY travelled to Hartcliffe to collect a black and white brother and sister who had been on our books since August waiting to be admitted due to a child's allergy. (PRANCER and DANCER I think are the most appropriate names)

A Bradley Stoke resident 'phoned to say she had seen a squirrel injured by a car. The creature had lost her tail but had managed to run into nearby woods. (She can survive without a tail, but it will affect her balance when leaping from tree to tree.)

Had the squirrel been immobilised I would have asked SECRET WORLD to admit her, but they would not be able to find her in the woods.

Finally, a young couple expecting a baby and moving to a bigger flat, asked me to admit their young cat which they had bought as a kitten from Pontypool.

The new landlord won't allow pets.

Typical Bank Holiday then!

DEC 31st

PRANCER and DANCER were snapped up by a family from Hanham. This friendly black and white brother and sister were cats 223 and 224 to be adopted this year.

Happy Endings



Coffee was adopted 10 months ago, such a pretty girl.



Lucas and Libby have settled in really well and love the dog Gary.



Jamil the tree legged cat from Qatar is very happy in his new home.



Tally and Binks “We adore them”



A basket full of ginger kitties.



Roxanne “The most perfect family pet who is the centre of the household.”



Dorothy Gale in her new home enjoying lots of cuddles.



Cassini and Gallileo have brought so much joy to their new family.



Fairy and Ariel loving their home in the hay near Lympsham.



Raspberry Ripple is getting on really well with her older brothers. So good to see her looking so relaxed.