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Moggerly Diary

1st November

“Were moving to a flat where we can’t take two kittens. Can you take them?”

This caller from Bedminster had obviously cared for his pets as he had had them vaccinated. (I only admit 3 or 4 pets each year that are up to date with their vaccinations.)

Because they were only 16 weeks, and I had several suitable homes ready for them. I was able to tell the caller I could admit them on Saturday.

2nd November

A much more difficult case today. The first caller of the day had a young but almost blind cat she needed to rehome. The owner had three other ‘seeing’ cats whom she allowed out and she was struggling to keep the almost blind cat inside.

The grey and white cat, currently called Socks, is safe with his owner while I ring around past adopters who have been kind enough to take on ‘imperfect’ pets.

Apparently, his condition is hereditary, and his owners had previously paid for him to have an operation to save some of his sight.

3rd November

A caller from Yate asked if I had taken in her 7-month male pet who was missing.

He wasn’t chipped or neutered so the chance of finding him now is remote.

Why, oh why, don’t people realise the importance of keeping kittens in until they are neutered or chipped?

4th November

An unneutered male stray is creating havoc in KNOWLE, and a caller, who had just returned from her vet, after having her cat treated for an infected bite, rang to ask to borrow a trap.

The Moggerly has accounts with two vets in KNOWLE so hopefully the culprit will be caught quickly and neutered. He will calm down and cease to be aggressive once his hormones subside and there is a neighbour in the road who has made a bed for him in her shed and is feeding him.

5th November

Kittens, GUY, black and white and his sister black fluffy CATHERINE arrived first thing. Their prospective home arrived two hours later and thankfully loved them on sight. I rang their previous owner who was thrilled they had found a home so soon.

Grey tabby CATKIN left with her mother AMBER for their happy new life with a middle-aged woman in KINGSWOOD.

6th November

Ginger CONKER and her three babies left for their foster home. Fortunately, CAITLYN, their Foster Mum is only 50 metres away from H/Q so we can visit them to see them growing over the next 6 weeks.



7th November

A black female cat lost in the LOCKLEAZE area of BRISTOL in August has been spotted behind a row of shops, just 50 metres from where she was lost, while temporarily staying with a friend of the owner.

Heavy rain didn't help the search but sardines in tomato sauce never fails, and she was trapped after about an hour and CHANTENAY was on her way to H/Q.

About 15 years ago I started trapping a feral group in the car park of LIDL in Bedminster. After months of work, every cat had been neutered and most had been shipped off to a rescue in DORSET which had space for a feral colony.

A new care home was being built next to LIDL and a ginger family of mum, daughter and son moved into the grounds on completion and were being fed (against the Managers wishes!) by occupants of the flats on the ground floor.

Today the neutered son of the family moved into his feeder's flat seeking asylum. I realised he knew he was not well and had come in from the cold. HAZEL brought him to H/Q to get some TLC for his final days. JASPER CARROT will have regular food now and whatever care he needs.

8th November

Volunteer PAM had travelled to YATE to bring in an unwanted black mother and kitten. On her arrival the owner had decided to keep the unneutered mother for her child and just handed the kitten in for rehoming. MADISON, (who is hyperactive) was settled in the office but was obviously missing her mother.

10th November

A tall, blonde woman walked up the path, so I went to the front door to let her in and as I opened the door, I saw her running down the road. There was a large tabby cat in a storage box on the step.

I ran after her shouting for her to stop but she reached her car and drove off.

The cat was very thin and absolutely starving. He was settled in the office and was still asking for more after three meals in an hour so I've christened him OLIVER. He seems to be a Bengal and is very, very vocal.

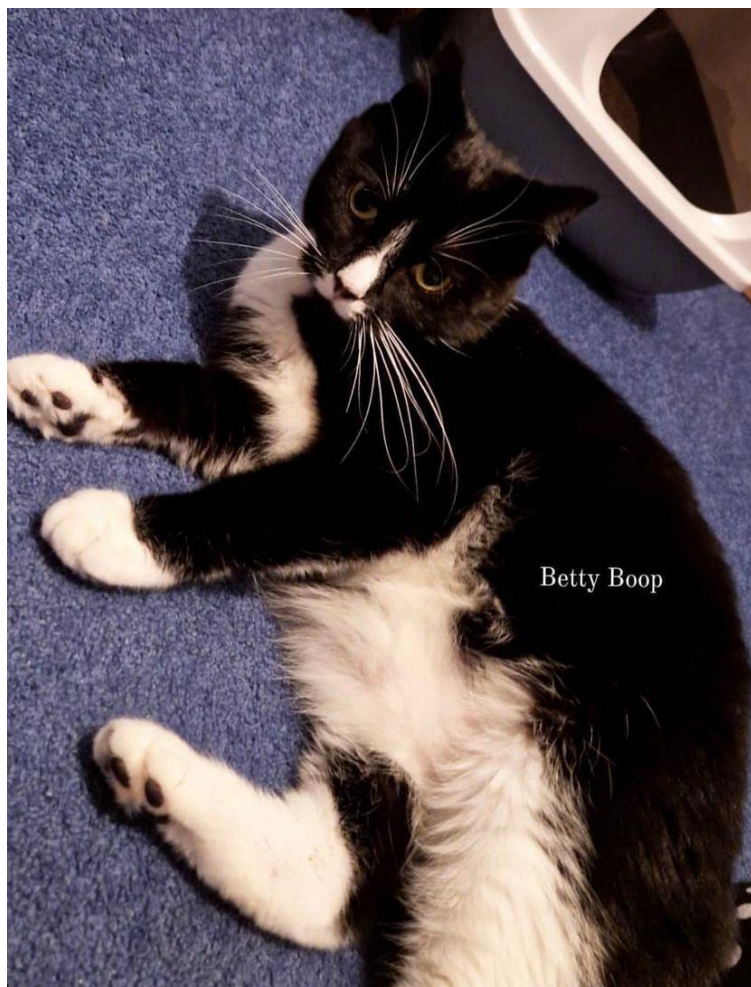
11th November

OLIVER was neutered, chipped and flead and wormed at GROVE VETS who also cleaned his ears which were full of dead ear mites.

I suspect he had probably spent his life in a shed or garage being used to produce kittens for sale.

12th November

Black and white PARSNIP now BETTY BOO left for a kind home today after choosing her new owners within minutes.



13th November

Three new inmates today from different directions. Volunteer ANTHONY travelled to LONG ASHTON to bring in a tiny tabby and white kitten found in a garden. I christened her appropriately ASHTON. Volunteer PAM brought in a five-month-old friendly tabby from NEWPORT. The area name began with BET, so I named her BETSY, and I went to SWINDON to collect an unspayed black cat advertised free on FREE ADS. The area she came from was called TOOTSHILL, so I called her TOOTSIE.

14th November

Unsurprisingly ASHTON was viewed and chosen this afternoon. (She clinched the deal by licking her prospective owner's hand.)



15th November

Friendly, (but noisy) OLIVER left for a new home in a Victorian house near H/Q. (Victorian houses have very thick walls – ideal for vocal cats)



16th November

A trap was returned today which had been borrowed to successfully catch a cat lost within days of being obtained. (Not from The Mogger) Traps are loaned on a regular basis and the grateful owners usually make a much-needed donation.

17th November

TOOTSIE and BETSY were processed today at GROVE VETS. These young cats are very friendly and will be snapped up.

19th November

As expected, BETSY was loved on sight by a family of four living near H/Q.



TOOTSIE went to live in the country with an older woman who had always wanted a plain black cat.

Tortie TURNIP went off (with her bed) to live in BEDMINSTER and best of all, BRACKEN, (who was 7 therefore extremely hard to rehome) was chosen by a retired woman who wanted a cat with attitude.



20th November

Returned to BIRMINGHAM today to bring in a young unspayed black and white female who had been advertised 'free' on FREE ADS.

For weeks I had been contacting all the rescues in the MIDLANDS and nobody had room to take her in.

The area she was in was called SPARKHILL so SPARKY she has become. She was safely back in BRISTOL and given her Sunday dinner by 2pm.

Volunteer PAM returned to YATE tonight and brought in kitten MADISON's mother. (I hope they will recognise each other after their two-week separation.) Their owner originally wanted mother and kitten to come in together but changed her mind and kept the mother cat. Then changed her mind again so PAM had to return to YATE tonight.

Mum cat will now be MADDY.



21st November

Kitten MADISON was thrilled to see her mother but unfortunately her mother didn't remember her and was spitting – so they have had to be separated.

22nd November

The cats in the back room of H/Q go out into the adventure playground through the new cat flap in one of the windows. Last week someone had moved one of the locks on the base of the flap and the cats were panicking that they couldn't get out. No volunteer admitted to moving the red and green locking devices, so it was a mystery until today.

Tortie JOLENE was seen moving the locks with her paw. She doesn't like the other cats in the room, so she is watching them go out and then deliberately locking them in the adventure playground!!



24th November

My first message of the day was from a worker in the AVONMOUTH INDUSTRIAL ESTATE. Two kittens had been found in a bin early morning.

I rang offering to admit them immediately, but the staff had sprung into action already. Wearing protective gloves, a worker had climbed into the bin and grabbed the spitting pair who had been rushed to a vet.

After they passed inspection, another employee had decided to give them a home. All's well that ends well.

25th November

"My friend left her two cats with me while she was on holiday. She won't take them back now."

There was an advert on 'my neighbourhood' app, someone was asking for cigarettes in return for her cat, so I went and got it.

I arranged to admit the two cats (unneutered males) next week and I offered help with spaying to the new owner of the 'cigarette' cat.

26th November

Kitten MADISON went away to be a companion to another young cat (and to wreck the house!)



Her mother tortie MADDY was also chosen today by a middle-aged couple (after she had given MADISON one last clip around the ear)



28th November

Kittens ROSEHIP and SLOEBERRY left for their new home in the road parallel to H/Q with a family who had adopted from us previously.



29th November

An injured seagull was hiding under a car in SOUTHMEAD so I left H/Q to see if I could catch him to have treatment. I asked the householder to push a brush under the car to encourage him to waddle to me waiting the other side of the car with a towel. I was able to swaddle him as he emerged and reached V4P FILTON just a few minutes later.

Due to Avian Flu being prevalent I couldn't go in the surgery straight away, so I asked for two towels to wrap the basket in while we waited outside.

As the final patient left the surgery I could then be seen.

The seagull was found to have wounds on both wings which would need antibiotics over two weeks. Sadly, I wouldn't be able to administer them as easily as a cat.

I was also advised that incarcerating him would distress him and he would refuse to eat. The kindest thing to do was to give him an injection to euthanise him.

As he was wrapped in a towel, I was able to stroke his head while he was injected. He went quietly to sleep as I held him.



Regina and Lillie happy in their new homes.



Alice Cooper and Peller in the office. The Twilight Zone cats enjoying Christmas Lick-e-Lix.