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Moggery Diary

JAN 1st

All quiet on the Western Front.

JAN 2nd

Friendly black and white HOLLY left for a new home in WRINGTON, close to the home of our local Patron IAN FERGUSSON.



JAN 5th

A very sad admission today. Two young black and white cats came into H/Q due to their owner being admitted into a refuge to escape a violent relationship. The cats were very nervous because they must have experienced some very unpleasant scenes. They are now called WOODBINE and CAMEL (I'm having a cigarette/cigar theme for the next few months)

JAN 7th

Returned to BIRMINGHAM to collect two more kittens from a household where I had obtained PUMPKIN and BUTTERNUT. BENSON and HEDGES are also tabby. (This time I was given petrol money.)

I also collected a two-year-old black and white female from a family with an Autistic son who sadly had been treating the cat roughly, RIZLA is very friendly fortunately

JAN 8th

A friendly ten-month-old was brought in from SOUTH WALES.

Sadly, this was due to a family break up. Black and white CIGARELLA is huge for her age.

The good home I had prepared for BENSON and HEDGES loved them on sight and more importantly the kittens immediately bonded with the two sons.

JAN 12th

A local volunteer had lost her black cat MIDNIGHT. Apparently, students just three doors down had been looking after her. She had been kept warm and well fed while her owner was frantically searching the streets for her.

Today the students took her to the local vet, who scanned her, found her chip and she was reunited with her owner tonight.

From this year chipping will be compulsory for cats, as it is already for dogs.

JAN 13th

Two wonderful new volunteers started at H/Q today. Lizzy is a student, so we will only have her help for three years but JEN, who is a past adopter, lives locally so she will stay for life!

JAN 14th

WOODBINE, who was spayed yesterday left for her wonderful new home with a single mature woman who has no other pets.

She deserves the loving home she now has.

JAN 15th

PELLER, one of a feral family of three black and white sisters was chosen today by someone eminently suitable. The prospective adopter had always had rescue cats before and had previously taken on a family of three ferals of which only one was now surviving.

I explained about PELLER'S little habits i.e., stealing teabags out of mugs, snatching my sandwiches/pizza etc while I'm on the 'phone and more seriously taking out window sealant and eating Blu-tack after pulling down the posters I put up.

Nothing discouraged her new owner and PELLER was basketed up and taken off to her wonderful new home. (Fortunately, although PELLER had systematically removed all the sealant along the base of the office windows and moved on to the vertical black sealant strips, there is still enough to hold the window in place. I didn't relish contacting the Insurance Company to explain why the windows had fallen out)



JAN 22nd

As the 'Free Black Cat Neutering' posters are now in cars around Bristol I am now receiving many calls for help. I always ask if there are other cats in the house and offer assisted neutering for those, as well as the free neutering for the black pet.

JAN 24th

A couple from BURNHAM-ON-SEA came to borrow a trap and crush cage. There are five feral adults and two older kittens in their neighbours garden and after neutering they will continue living in a shed being regularly fed.

This is another example of a tenant moving away and leaving a previously loved pet behind (not loved enough to be neutered and chipped however) which then has kittens which are born feral.

Fortunately the local vet is prepared to be flexible as to when the trapped cats appear in his surgery during the week.

JAN 26th

Friendly black and white CAMEL left H/Q today with a mother and daughter from CHILE who loved him as soon as he climbed on the mother's lap.



JAN 27th

I collected a brother and sister from HENBURY to be neutered under our Assisted Neutering Scheme at V4Pets in FULTON and will return them this evening.

JAN 28th

A stray cat had been handed in at Vets4Pets in HARTCLIFFE.

Fortunately one of the staff was willing to give him a home if The Moggery neutered him. Neutering was arranged and I asked for flea and worm treatment and for his bites to be treated.

(Unneutered male cats will always be picked on by other males and are usually covered in unhealed bites)

JAN 29th

CIGARELLA left for a new home in THORNBURY today with a new owner who works from home.

JAN 30th

Our older boy WINSTON, a quiet gentle soul, left with a retired woman from WINSCOMBE, a village outside BRISTOL. Apparently he has been purring non-stop since he arrived in his new home.



Winston



Pumpkin and Butternut after being neutered. Those faces say it all.

