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## MOGGERY MONTHLY 201

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### Moggerly Diary

#### 2nd MARCH

Friendly black and white ROTHMAN was adopted today by MICHELLE (one of our Tuesday volunteers).



However, a short while later, a 'Felix type' black and white male was admitted from Hartcliffe – so our numbers remain the same.

#### 3rd MARCH

SPARKY, the friendly black and white female from Birmingham, left with her new owner today in a blanket lined basket containing about half a pound of catnip!



#### 4th MARCH

A sweet pair of females arrived at H/Q today. A 5 year old grey and white, now called OLIVIA BELLICOS and her companion, 6 month tabby ABEJA. A Thornbury family visited an hour later, with two quiet and serious children, and the pair were chosen within minutes.



#### 6th MARCH

CASTELLA'S babies are thriving and three are starting eating already (which means less stress for mum).



### **8th MARCH**

Admitted, what I hope, is the last female from a home in Knowle West where I have been systematically neutering and/or rehoming cats from a very kind but unable to cope owner who has Dementia.

Today's tabby, SMOKEY, is number 12 admitted over the last year and a half.

## 12th MARCH

“We’ve been feeding a stray, unneutered ginger cat for a while, can you admit him?”

I arranged his neutering for the 17th and offered to collect him from the surgery after his processing if the caller dropped him off at the vets in the morning.

## 16th MARCH

“We have a lot of cats and I’ve been told you can help”

The “lot of cats” included three mothers with kittens, three heavily pregnant mums and fifteen other unneutered pets. I immediately offered to admit the three young families.

Tabby and white mum NICKY arrived an hour later with two ‘Felix type’ girl kits GITANE and EMBASSY, a mostly black kit, MAVERICK a black and white boy MARLBORO and a tabby just like mum, CONDOR.



They were settled in and mum began eating as if it was going out of fashion.

## 17th MARCH

First thing this morning the remaining two families arrived. Tabby mum BACCY has three beautiful tabby babies like herself. CIGGY is much smaller than her big brothers ROCKY and PATEL.



Black and white mum SANTA FE has three black and white babies, JOHN PLAYER, ALEC BRADLEY and CHESTERFIELD. ROMEO is completely black.

Both mothers were immediately given food. BACCY ate six pouches of Whiskas in half an hour and two of her babies are also eating well. Santa Fe is too nervous to eat at the moment.

## 18th MARCH

I had a 'phone call from the vets regarding the ginger stray who had been admitted for neutering and was coming on to H/Q.

"We had to completely shave him because he was so badly matted"

"That's okay"

"He had rotten teeth so we've taken them all out except two"

"Thank you"

"We'll leave his eye for another time"

"Is there any part of him that is okay?"

When I collected MONTE CRISTO (MONTY to his friends) he was dressed in a very fetching turquoise bodysuit, to keep him warm. The only fur he has left is on his face.

Who is going to adopt a bald, toothless OAP cat who appears to be blind in one eye?



## **19th MARCH**

I quietly uncovered SANTA FE and family to show them to Saturday team leader, GREG. The puppy pen was as empty as the MARIE CELESTE.

There was no sign of mum or babies. The metal pen was made up of rectangles approximately six inches long by two inches deep and somehow she must have squashed herself out and returned three times for her babies.

Greg and I searched the room – no sign anywhere.

We pulled out filing cabinets and moved floor litter trays becoming increasingly mystified. A little black kitten head looked out from a cubby hole in the pillar scratching post in the middle of the room.

The whole family were all squashed into a space approx 6" by 6" just off the floor. I found a hooded litter tray, lined it with towels and laid the babies, then mum in gently.

I hoped they would feel safe enough to stay put, but no, a few minutes passed before the first kitten threw himself out of the litter tray, landing nose first on the pen floor. The second and third followed, then mum. They were determined not to stay where I had put them.

I barricaded the sides of the pen with cardboard, held in place by boxes of cat food and covered the pen with a sheet.

Peace at last!

## **21st MARCH**

Black and white kitten CHESTERFIELD was pacing up and down and being very cross about something. He didn't want to be with his family and his shouting was upsetting the tabby mother next to him.

BACCY, the tabby mother called to him to try to stop him shouting I showed him to BACCY who licked him. I decided to chance putting him with his Auntie and Cousins and a little while later after BACCY had held him down to give him a good wash, he was sleeping amongst the heap of tabby bodies.

Perhaps, in his home, he had been fed by his Auntie and not his mother. He seems very content now being the cuckoo in the nest.

## **23rd MARCH**

Admitted two young black cats who have been on our waiting list for months.

Moving on from our cigarette and cigar names theme, we are now using horse breeds as inspiration.

FALABELLA is a fluffy black and her brother SHIRE is smooth haired. They are both very nervous and squashed into one hooded cat bed.

## **24th MARCH**

Admitted another family from the house with "a lot of cats".

BLACK BEAUTY has four black and white babies who have just opened their eyes and must be about 9 days old.

CONNEMARA who is heavily pregnant, also arrived from the same house. This black and white fluffy cat is extremely friendly and desperate for attention.

## **25th MARCH**

"Please call me, it's a matter of life or death"

I called this person back to discover her cat had attacked her and her toddler that morning.

The family lived in a high rise flat in Central Bristol and the cat had recently had kittens. I explained that the mother was just being protective of her babies as there was nowhere she could take them to hide them in a flat. I agreed to admit them immediately and the family of three arrived an hour later.

Grey and white GYPSY has two fat tabby and white babies.

## 26th MARCH

A wonderful adoption. COLUMBIA and ALICE COOPER left together for a new home in Saltford, near Bath. They had been chosen several weeks ago and now their new family had returned from holiday, they were ready to welcome them. Their new owners realise it could be months before their new pets will let them touch them and they are happy to be patient.



## 27th MARCH

CONNEMARA gave birth to three very small kittens this afternoon. The poor mother cat struggled for nearly half an hour to produce the first kitten, a fat black one, I was on the 'phone to the vets expecting to rush her up for a caesarean when she made one last attempt to expel him and he arrived shouting and very wriggly.

The next two slithered out much more easily but are very small mostly white little souls.

## 28th MARCH

Sadly, when I checked on CONNEMARA and family this morning, the smallest kitten had been moved away from the bed and appeared lifeless. I placed him on a hot water bottle and gave him some drops of milk but he was too weak to swallow. He died quietly about an hour later. His litter mates MUSTANG and APALOOSA are surviving but seem weak.

## 29th MARCH

MUSTANG and APALOOSA were too weak to survive. Their poor mother went through a painful birth for nothing.



**30th MARCH**

Admitted a very heavily pregnant tortie stray from Hartcliffe. A kind neighbour rang yesterday because she was concerned about the cat.

DAKOTA was settled in and can now give birth indoors.

**March Happy Endings**



**Danny Boy, Silverado and Ernie loving their new home in Westbury Park.**



**Gorgeous Florentyna has found her special human.**