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Moggerly Diary

SEPT 1st

Sadly, the deaths of the Moses Basket Kittens is continuing. Volunteers are distraught when the kittens die as they are holding them at the time. I now expect to lose all the 26.

SEPT 2nd

A wonderful adoption day!

WOLF and PICARD were adopted from Room 3, all the kittens belonging to tabby TASHA were taken away to loving homes and Foster Home Annie in Whitchurch received a visit from a local family who loved her beautiful fluffy kittens on sight.



SEPT 3rd

"I was out walking my dog and he went under a bush and started barking. He had found a tiny kitten. Can you take it?"

I asked the caller to come straight to H/Q expecting an eight-to-ten-week baby to arrive. I was amazed to be presented with a tiny little soul of about 12 days!

His eyes were open, so he was more than ten days but only just. He looked like a little mole. As he was found under a bush, I decided on the name GOOSEBERRY for him. Fortunately, he took to bottle feeding straight away.

SEPT 7th

The last two of the Moses Basket Kittens died today including JEREMIAH my last bottle baby who had been doing well. I hoped this ginger and white boy would survive to represent his family.

SEPT 9th

ZITI and her friend ginger MERLOT left together for a new home in Long Ashton.



SEPT 10th

New Foster Home Rose had her two kittens chosen today, but I couldn't allow her to have a rest because LAMBADA and her kittens HULA, HAKA, LINDY and CALYPSO needed caring for. (LAMBADA and family had been admitted from Southmead three days ago.)



SEPT 11th

GOOSEBERRY had a big 5am bottle today but between 6am and 8am he cried out several times in his sleep. At 8am I picked him up to feed him again, but his back legs were limp, and he just let the milk run out of his mouth. I held him in my hand and stroked his head until he died at 10.45.

Can this summer get any sadder?

SEPT 12th

Admitted a planned pregnant female, a black and white now called FLING, the family had added her unwanted fourteen-week black kitten to the basket without saying anything!

The youngster now called DISCO is very friendly.



SEPT 13th

Grey SPOCK, who had had a toe on her left front paw amputated, was chosen by a family from a village near Bath and Disco loved the family who came to view her also.

Finally, a cheerful day at H/Q.

SEPT 14th

5 unplanned admits today.

A North Bristol resident has died, leaving 6 cats in her garden after the council boarded up her house, and unexpectedly while I was at the vets a man arrived by van bringing a tortie cat and two kittens from the garden.

Mum BANGRA and black kitten LIMBO and his tortie sister MAZURKA were settled in and I rang the van driver to ask him to search for the other three to bring them to H/Q.

The same hour I had a call from a Henbury resident to inform me her neighbour had moved out leaving a ginger cat and a tortoiseshell cat on the pavement. Both had been indoor cats and were unneutered. 😞

I asked the caller to shut them in her flat and call me and I would come straight away to collect them.

Within 15 minutes I was on the road with baskets and returned with two beautiful and friendly cats.

The handsome ginger boy, GORDON and the smaller tortie, MISS MARPLE are already booked in for neutering.



(I've moved onto detectives for our next theme for names)

SEPT 16th

The two pretty kittens MAZURKA and LIMBO were claimed by a father and teenage daughter this afternoon and two ginger boys SULU and ROGER L were collected also.

However, while admiring gingers SULU and ROGER L their new owners sat on the floor and JOACHIM a fat, but stunted black kitten climbed on the first lap and went to sleep.

An hour later, the gingers who had been chosen by phone previously, were on their way home with an unplanned little black brother!



SEPT 19th

And the prize for the most unusual 'phone call this month goes to – “My dog has gone blind, so I got three kittens to keep him company. Can I have help with neutering?”

SEPT 20th

Good news. Annie our field worker in Mangotsfield has managed to catch another female from the colony who had four kittens last week in a garden. NANCY DREW and babies CAGNEY and LACEY, DEMPSEY and MAKEPEACE were settled in.



Just one more female to catch and neuter and six males and I can close the book on the group of ferals that have caused years of work.

SEPT 21st

Sweet natured tabby KELOWICZ left with a single middle-aged woman today, but before I could celebrate one less inmate at H/Q, a basket of five flea riddled kittens arrived from Sea Mills.

They were born in a garden and are now about 9 weeks. The number 6 kitten of the litter is still at large, but KOJAK, STRIKE, MORSE, JESSICA FLETCHER and JULIET BRAVO were instantly treated for fleas and given a soft bed.

Mum cat has been booked in for neutering and will stay within the household but unfortunately her daughter from last year has just given birth in a neighbour's garden and this mother cat is feral. Work will now commence on trapping the daughter before the newborns can be picked up.

SEPT 23rd

Ginger STARKY and tortie HUTCH who were brought in from Mangotsfield on the 17th, were loved on sight by their new mum who couldn't wait to take them home.



Beautiful friendly MINUET and sister VALETTA were also chosen today.

Whitchurch Foster Home Annie was visited by a family from Pensford who loved her two ginger and white babies immediately.



Another happy homing!

SEPT 24th

Ginger boy GORDON loves everybody, so it was no surprise when a prospective new home chose him straight away. He loves cuddles and talks constantly; they are very lucky to have him. His sister, dark tortie MISS MARPLE was loved too.

A happy ending for them both.

SEPT 25th

PELLAR'S sisters BAYLISS and HARDING left for a new home in Coombe Dingle where their new owner appreciates the shy pair will take some time to become friendly.



SEPT 26th

“My cat has kittens, and my autistic son is harming them. Can you rehome the whole family?”

I left H/Q within minutes and went to a home near Blaise Castle where I found a pretty white and tabby mother cat and four matching kittens.

Sadly, the fifth kitten had been killed by the son, earlier in the week.

AGATHA, babies TANGO and CASH and ROSEMARY and THYME were settled in, and mum was given a generous meal.

A local friend had given the mother cat as a kitten to the family, during lockdown and this was her third litter.

SEPT 27th

JASMINE, GHOSTIE, PAELLA and CHARDONAY were all spayed today. (I like to keep the vets at Vets4Pets Filton busy!)

SEPT 28th

Foster Home Rose has tortie LAMBADA and family and LAMBADA has now been reserved along with kittens LINDY and HAKA. The family viewing wanted to take LAMBADA and all her kittens but the father (being the voice of reason) felt 5 cats was just a little too much.

SEPT 30th

Another successful adoption day.

CHARDONNAY was taken away to her new home. This friendly black and white had been with us for some time.



Also EBB and FLO were chosen from the black and white family in the office. These two kittens were busy kicking each other in the head when their prospective new family arrived but that didn't put them off.

(I assured them that the kittens loved each other really.)



Ebb and Flow are the two white and black kittens. Fish and Chips B/W were adopted shortly after their sisters.