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AUG 1st

Sadly, only one of KELOWICZ's kittens has survived. The last boy is drinking his milk well and seems strong.

Time will tell.

AUG 2nd

Lots of wonderful adoptions at last!

Black kittens Q and BARCLAY were chosen by an ex-volunteer and DAX and DAKAT left H/Q to wreck their new owner's home. (I did warn her how busy they were)



ZIZANIA and KINKY-TAIL were chosen from our new Portishead Foster Home also.



AUG 3rd

My last boy cried as he drank his milk tonight and whimpered from time to time in the early hours. As I feared, when I uncovered him to give him his breakfast bottle he was in a permanent sleep.

AUG 4th

Three very, very, tiny kittens were found in a car park in Mangotsfield today.

Amazingly, although they are the size of big mice and believed to be perhaps two weeks at most, they have sharp teeth already so must be five to six weeks. Volunteer MANDY was bottle feeding one of the family and was shocked to be bitten in protest!

They are slurping away at kitten food and are tough little individuals though tiny.

ZINFANDEL, CAVA and BAROLA have a good chance if we can avoid stepping on them!

AUG 5th

Tortie VALENCIA and black and white twins CREST and WAVE were chosen today.

AUG 10th

Kittens CRACKLE and POP were chosen from Foster Home.



AUG 11th

Little black kits PERI and SAREK who had come in from Shirehampton left for pastures new.

AUG 12th

PARASOL, (the doorstep kitten) was chosen as a companion for two young cats already in her new owner's home, and a local Moggery supporter adopted KIRA as an indoor cat.

KIRA has a congenital deformity of her ribcage and will need an operation at six months. The breeder who produced her had handed her in for rehoming because she was imperfect and couldn't be sold.



AUG 14th

KELOWITZ is responding well to regular hormone blocking injections which will hopefully mean she doesn't need to have an operation.

AUG 15th

Black and white POPPY and PANDA were chosen by a family with two very serious little boys.



AUG 22nd

A stray pregnant black and white cat from Kingswood arrived today.

(I told to wait until Christmas to have her babies because we are so full of kittens.)

Volunteer TOM, who is our Saturday 'Chicken Man', travelled to Bath to collect a little black and white kitten from a woman who had found her beside a main road.

While I was waiting at H/Q for TOM'S return this evening there was a heavy banging on the front door.

I opened the door to find a Moses basket absolutely full of tiny kittens on the doorstep. There were so many little faces looking up at me I couldn't begin to count them. I carried them in, sorted them into rough age groups and began bathing them.

There were around five different litters some only 2-3 weeks old and much too young to leave their mothers. Secretary JENNY arrived in time to dry each kitten and I sorted the 9 youngest ones to take home to bottle feed overnight.

The 17 older ones were settled in a warm bed with plentiful food in front of them. TOM arrived later with the Bath kitten. All in all, 28 were admitted today!

AUG 23rd

My 9 little ones were reluctant feeders during the night but by 6am today had accepted that their mothers were gone, and it was bottle milk or nothing.

A mum and newborn arrived this morning, I had arranged their admission before our 26 little surprises were left on the doorstep.

Little grey CLIFF was chosen today, having healed well from the bite wounds he came with.

AUG 25th

Mum to be, GATTINARA, gave birth to three chunky black and white kittens like herself while being attended by ROSE (one of our retired nurse volunteers).

Mum and babies seem well.

AUG 26th

Yesterday and today food and bedding donations have been flooding in. Every ten minutes, someone is walking up the path with food or towels and AMAZON have been kept busy dispatching boxes of FELIX or WHISKAS to us.

Foster Carers HAYLEY and MATTHEW have taken DOLCETTO and her babies to care for.

AUG 27th

Before the Moses basket incident, I had arranged to admit five kittens from a family whose cat was neutered this week under our Assisted Neutering Scheme.

The five kittens TANGO, JIVE, SAMBA, RUMBA and SALSA seem lively and well.

Ginger TANGO and tabby JIVE were snapped up quickly today.

NB, I have moved onto dance names as I found the less well-known wine names too complicated.

28th AUG

KEZ and SALSA left for homes in South Bristol and Portishead respectively. A surprising number of volunteers gave up their Bank Holiday to help us today.



AUG 29th

Sadly, despite the best care, four of my bottle babies have died. Only JEREMIAH, JOB, JOEL, ESTHER and HEPZIBAH remain.

The kittens were kept warm and well fed but it wasn't enough.

AUG 30th

JOB and ESTHER have also died I now expect to lose them all. This last week has been horrendous.

AUG 31st

As if things weren't bad enough, a woman came to H/Q with two adult unspayed females in a tiny plastic kitten carrier. I explained there wasn't room anywhere for them, but I told her all the other rescues were bursting at the seams also.

I spotted a large cardboard box in the hall. The mother of Foster Home STEPH had sent us a puppy training pen. Two of the vet students assembled the pen quickly and I went downstairs to collect the two adult cats before they broke out of the flimsy basket.

The person who brought them in had left the premises.

I unloaded the two adult cats and HIKARU a feisty tortie in Room 3 saw them and took umbrage. She couldn't reach the new inmates, so she leapt up and bit my right hand as I closed the pen door.

Another trip to A&E and more antibiotics.

I hope September will be a better month!