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Moggerly Diary

1st October

In the early hours, FLING, (who had been moved to our Portishead home) gave birth to five healthy kittens. Three black and two black and white. Foster Mother LISA, her daughter and husband stayed up to stroke and encourage mum as she gave birth.

At 5am everyone in the house went to bed.



This afternoon four kittens who had been born in a garden near Blaise Castle were brought in after their feral mother was trapped.

Mum cat VERA has three mostly white and tortie kits and a Felix type. HETTY, MARLENE, JANE and HAMISH are young enough to be tamed and ready for homes in about 6 weeks.

2nd October

“We were in LONDON, and we saw someone about to abandon a kitten so we asked her if we could have it.

I wanted to keep her, but my Autistic son is frightened of her.

Can you take her?”.

SHARMA arrived at Midday, a pretty tabby of about 11 weeks. The person who abandoned her took her to a LONDON park and after looking around to see if anyone was watching, took her out from under her coat and put her on the grass.

How fortunate that a kind family from Bristol were watching.

4th October

TENNYSON, a fluffy black mum arrived with kittens TUBS, CROCKETT and TUPPENCE as an unwanted family from Hartcliffe.

On the positive side, ROTELLI, our 7-year-old friendly tabby and white mum, being fostered by LISA our Portishead foster home, was chosen by a local resident.

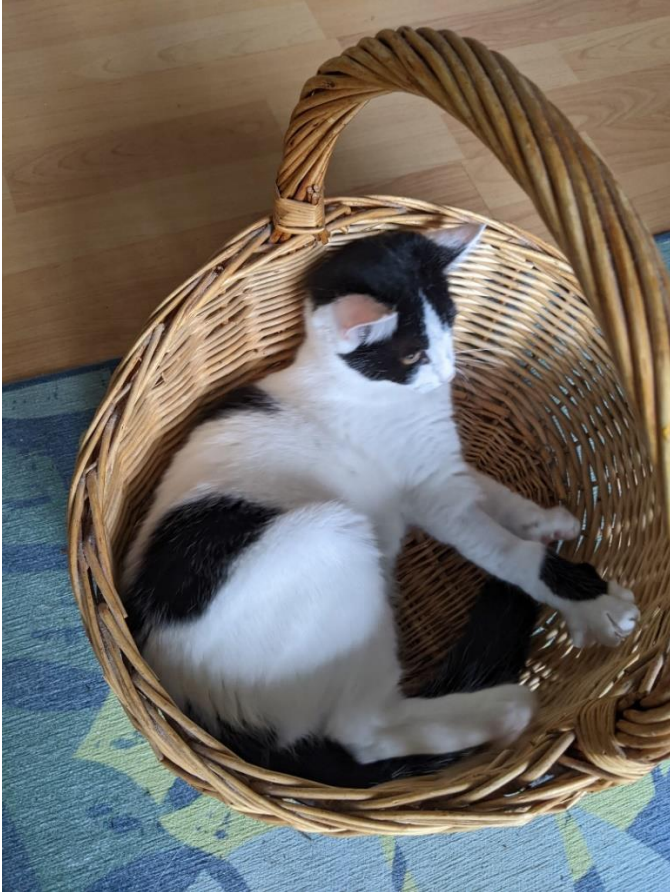
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7 YEAR OLD FEMALE

READY FOR REHOMING

NOMA, the last black and white kitten being looked after by foster home MARIAM was also adopted.



6th October

Two young girls walked up the path carrying a fabric cat carrier.

I saw them approach and hoped the carrier was empty and being donated to us, but no – inside was a young black and white female who had been a stray in their street for around 3 weeks.

MRS SIDHU was admitted and took up the last space we had.



Their first cat was a tabby called SIDNEY almost 25 years ago. It's very gratifying to have people returning to adopt again.

8th October

Tabby TASHA from Mangotsfield, who came in with her kittens has now been chosen herself. This tabby mum was admitted as a feisty feral and has become tame.



SHARMA, abandoned in a LONDON park, left with a caring family from Fishponds.



FISH and CHIPS, CORAL's last two babies, left with a middle-aged couple and STRIKE and JESSICA FLETCHER, the first two of our older Sea Mills family left for a home in Redland.

We're on a roll!

10th October

"We're looking for two young cats."

"Will you look at any colour" I asked.

"Yes, of course"

"Would you even consider black" I asked tentatively.

"Especially black – as we are Goths" came the reply.

There's the answer then to all our unwanted black cats.

Now is there such a thing as GOTH WEEKLY I can put adverts in?

(Black brother and sister SIMON and BIRDIE are being viewed at the end of the week.)
Fingers and toes crossed for this black pair.



11th October

Another stray was handed in from Central Bristol. This time a tabby I christened MARCELLA.

I took three of our inmates to be spayed today and when I collected them this evening from Filton VETS4PETS the vet nurse asked if she could have a word with me. I was concerned there was something wrong with one of them, but no, it was worse than that.

“Someone has handed in a tortie stray that was living in her garden. Can you admit her?”

PURDEY is sweet natured but also seems to be pregnant.



Meanwhile I admitted three little black and white sisters from a young Asian woman whose cat I have booked in for spaying. A second litter will be admitted at the end of the month and a second mother will be spayed.

The three eight-week sisters now called MRS PEEL, MRS GALE and TARA are in my garage, because H/Q has no space.

13th October

A welcome splurge of adoptions.

Kittens MRS GALE and MRS PEEL left for a forever home in Almondsbury.

TARA was adopted with KOJAK from H/Q and BANGRA, a soft focus tortie from Mangotsfield, moved into a house in a road next to H/Q (where she spent the first night sleeping on her owner's bed)



14th October

Yes, SIMON and BIRDIE were adopted by the GOTH family, but this morning saw a huge influx of kittens.

Are you sitting comfortably?

Then I'll begin: -

MAGNUM, HIGGINS, BODIE, DOYLE, DALZIEL, PASCOE, CRACKER, CANNON, STEED, COLUMBO, LENNOX, HADLEIGH, MULDER, SCULLY, MAGGIE FORBES and MARLOW came in from two multi cat households.

Fortunately, only three are black and all are friendly.

Late afternoon, MAGNUM and CRACKER and BODIE and DOYLE were snapped up by waiting homes whom I had tipped off about their impending arrival.

16th October

Foster Home Roses' first two kittens HAKA and CALYPSO were taken away by Emma, an ex-volunteer who now lives in Weston-Super-Mare.

17th October

Kittens KELLY and SABRINA were brought in today having been spotted in a FREE advert and hastily collected by a Moggery supporter who realised they could have otherwise been collected for snake food.

Fortunately tabbies DALZIEL and PASCOE left today for Westbury keeping the numbers at H/Q the same.

18th October

Elderly and almost bald GAVOTTE (who was meant to be black) was carried away by a Portishead family who adopted her because no one else would.

This old girl would climb on everyone's shoulders and slurp their faces as they talked!



20th October

"My little girl is in hospital after an asthma attack because she is allergic. I can't let my cat in the house. Please can you take her?"

A short while later a small, frightened black cat appeared.

JILL was settled in but is bewildered at losing her home.

21st October

Four kittens of about 11 weeks were admitted. Their mother had given birth in a garden and then been killed on the road when her babies were about five weeks.

Fortunately, a kind family had taken them into their home. BARNABY, a pretty tabby was snapped up while still warm from admission. His new young owner reassured me he would be loved and given Broccoli every day!

Grey and white RETSINA and tabby MARCELLA also found new homes today.



MRS SIDHU turned out to be MR SIDHU while being neutered but that did not put off the Yate family who adopted her/him.

22nd October

BARNABY'S sister PERRY left H/Q leaving just RANDALL and HOPKIRK of the garden family left to find a home.

23rd October

Sisters KELLY and SABRINA left for a quiet cul-de-sac in the Charlton Mead area with a very excited family.

24th October

An extraordinary day!

From the office window I saw a man walking up the path carrying a cat bed, so I jumped up to greet him and thank him for his donation.

However, when I opened the front door, I realised he had a red cat basket in his other hand containing a black and white cat.

He was returning DRAKE, a friendly black and white cat adopted from THE MOGGERY a year ago.

WHY?

He had brought some mice into the house.

I explained that cats bring home gifts to their owners as routine but sadly the owner was not prepared to have DRAKE in the house a minute longer.

I had had no warning of DRAKE'S return and there was nowhere for him to go.

The doorbell rang and in came a young Scottish man who was looking for two friendly cats. I showed him DRAKE, sitting in his basket in the hallway and asked him to take pity on the poor rejected boy.

The new owner agreed to adopt DRAKE and was completing the forms, when up the path came a young girl in tears. Her best friend had given her a kitten as a surprise birthday present and she wasn't allowed pets in her flat.

She was absolutely distraught to be in the position of having to hand in a sweet little Felix-faced kitten.

DRAKE's new owner said he would like me to find him a companion for DRAKE, so I brought the new kitten into the office announcing DRAKE had a new little brother!

A little while later DRAKE (now HAMISH) and kitten SEAN went home.

25th October

"I bought a kitten when I was in Brighton, and I realise it was a mistake."

Black JONATHON CREEK arrived a short while later wondering what he had done wrong.

27th October

DEBONAIR, who has been in H/Q a very long time was chosen today by a couple prepared to be patient and not expecting instant cuddles.



28th October

Kittens RANDALL and HOPKIRK and friendly black JILL gained new homes today.

31st October

Not surprisingly JONATHON CREEK was loved on sight by his new owner from Stoke Gifford, bringing the total adoptions this month to an amazing 54!

The highest total ever.