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### Moggerly Diary

#### MARCH 1st

Kitten HEATHER is tormenting her mum SAFFY by jumping on her tail.

Mum is very tolerant but when she has had enough, she will swipe the baby to say, "that's it."

#### MARCH 2nd

I was shocked to open the curtains and see deep snow this morning.

All the ferals at my home are having a 'duvet day' and staying inside the warm.

The Sunshine Room cats at H/Q are just admiring the snow but not venturing out into their Adventure Playground.

Friendly, vocal, tabby KYLE was chosen today by a family living close to H/Q.

#### MARCH 3rd

"We bought two kittens who were advertised on GUMTREE last October and the first one became ill, and the vet told us he was only three weeks old. He died shortly afterwards. The second kitten was limping, and the vet found she had a badly fractured leg and was too young to have anaesthetic to have her leg amputated. We were told it wouldn't heal so we were advised to have her put to sleep."

I asked the caller if she had the details of the kitten seller and when provided with them, I contacted the RSPCA. The caller had paid an extortionate amount for the kittens.

If a breeder is paid well, they will not be spaying their mother cat. How do I stop people buying kittens when the rescues are all bursting at the seams every Summer?

### **MARCH 5th**

KERRY, a shy at first tabby and white was chosen. This young cat would automatically hide under a unit when volunteers entered his room and would always need teasing out before becoming friendly.



### **MARCH 6th**

"I need to rehome my cat. She was attacked by a seagull and now refuses to go out."

Yes, right.

Well, it makes a change from my boyfriend is allergic, we've had a new baby, the new landlord will not allow pets, or we've redecorated our living room, and our black and white cat doesn't match the decor!

### **MARCH 7th**

An amazing adoption choice today.

Secretary Jenny has been featuring some of our long term, impossible to rehome cats to see if there would be any response.

A Paramedic called Jim telephoned regarding tortie PILAU and dark tortie BARBARA. These girls are very pretty and love each other but do not want human contact.

Jim visited and loved them when he found them curled up together in a teepee shaped bed. I did my utmost to paint the blackest picture, but Jim was not deterred.

"They may never let you touch them."

"PILAU has permanent snuffles."

Jim told me he was adopting them for their sake not his. How wonderful!

Volunteer Mandy and I couldn't catch them to go to their new home, so we set traps using sardines in tomato sauce.

Success! Though it took most of the day.

They are lucky cats to have such a caring and patient home. 😊

### **MARCH 8th**

Friendly tortie and white MARIS, who had only been with us for a few days, left for a new home in Kingswood and siblings MUNRO and LINDSEY left together for Yate.

### **MARCH 9th**

We are now on a 'potato' theme for names, so two tabbies from the

'26 Ish' household were named MAJESTIC and CATRIONA followed by dark tortie NADINE.

### **MARCH 10th**

Foster Home Annie brought in grey and white kittens JACK and RAVEN ready for their new home in Cheddar.

AARON PILOT and DUKE OF YORK also came to H/Q. These young black brothers are already reserved by a waiting family.



### **MARCH 11th**

AARON PILOT and the DUKE OF YORK went off happily to Yatton.

### **MARCH 12th**

“There’s a very thin grey and white cat being fed by a Café in Lawrence Hill. Can you take him in?”

Volunteer Annie went to investigate and discovered he had been left behind by his owners 5/6 years ago!

Sadly, he was missing from the café when she called but she will be following it up.

### **MARCH 13th**

“My cat went feral about 2 years ago and since then she has had five litters around the neighbourhood. She’s just had another litter in my neighbour’s wardrobe, can you take them in?”

A very fluffy black mother cat was delivered with twin black babies and twin black and whites. MAXINE was settled in and given a big feed.

The first family of many this year.

### **MARCH 14th**

Two very heavily pregnant cats arrived from Birmingham in the afternoon.

Why am I importing from Birmingham?

Because every rescue, in and around the city is already full even though the kitten season hasn’t yet begun.

Last year a very kind person called Lena brought me some kittens and she had begged me to home three female cats who had been left behind by departing families. Sadly, the third pregnant cat living on the streets has obviously now given birth and Lena is hunting for the kittens before catching the mother cat, in a trap I have just loaned.

Portishead Foster Home Lisa sent her husband within minutes to take away one of the pregnant cats, a tabby now christened CHARLOTTE who will be able to give birth ‘indoors in safety.’

### **MARCH 16th**

Birmingham expectant mum CARA, a pretty tabby with ginger patches was lying next to four chubby babies this morning. A ginger, ginger and white, and two tortie and whites.

We admitted her just in time!



### **MARCH 17th**

Tabby WALLACE, from the house of the '26 Ish' cats sadly had given birth to two dead kittens when volunteers went to feed her this morning.

Hours later, she still hadn't been able to birth the rest of her litter. A scan revealed at least two more kits and just as she was about to have an arranged caesarean, she had a strong contraction producing a very large, dead, third baby.

A normal sized live baby then followed whom WALLACE is washing and feeding proudly. This one spoilt baby, JUBEL, can leave with mum in a few weeks' time.





### **MARCH 18th**

Three little black kittens were delivered to us by a cat owner whose cat is booked in for spaying next week. WINSTONIA, PICASSO and SAXON hopefully can be adopted together.

### **MARCH 19th**

Dark tortie NADINE and fluffy tabby DESIREE left with their new owner for a home near H/Q.

### **MARCH 20th**

“We bought a kitten off GUMTREE last week and now our landlord won’t allow pets. Can I bring him to you?”

A pretty tabby and white was delivered to H/Q. He’s now rejoicing in the name PENTLAND CROWN.

### **MARCH 23rd**

Tabby and white CATRIONA and sister tabby MAJESTIC left today with a new family closely followed by tortie FYVIE and her sister (or cousin) McINTYRE

### **MARCH 25th**

The missing Birmingham kittens were brought by their mother one by one to the garden of the person feeding the mother. Lena put the whole family into baskets and brought them down the motorway to H/Q.

The tortie mum BACCARA was given a double dish of wet food, a large dish of dry biscuits and obviously a litter tray with corn chicken feed (which we have used as litter for many years, after a tip off by a vet nurse)

Mum cat began by first eating the litter before she spotted the food dishes, then she proceeded to take a mouthful of dry, then a mouthful of wet for the rest of the day. I think she thought she had died and gone to heaven!

No more foraging for food, she can concentrate on mothering her five very assorted babies.

She has twin white kits with black tails and heads, HANZA and JAZZY a beautiful tortie like herself, BELLA ROSA, a chubby ginger, and white boy AUGUSTUS and a mushroom-coloured girl BIONTA.





### **MARCH 26th**

The last black youngster from the '26 ish' garden was trapped last night.

The end is near.

### **MARCH 28th**

A large black male was caught in the trap today.

He is obviously the father of LLOYD, LLEWELLYN, KESTREL and newborn JUBEL. His career will be ended next week at Filton Vets 4 Pets.

### **MARCH 30th**

I saw a man walk up the path with an obviously loaded cat basket lunchtime. I rushed to open the front door, but a black car drove off from outside H/Q as I went outside. This time the abandoned cat is elderly, matted, tabby.

If people must abandon, why can't they leave a note as to the age and medical history of the cat?

This poor unwanted soul hasn't stopped eating since being left on the doorstep. She now answers to the name of ATLAS.

### **MARCH 31st**

"We've been feeding a stray for several weeks. We think she's pregnant."

A very pregnant black cat arrived today now called COLETTE.

All our Foster Homes are now full and its only March



Carlton has been available for adoption for some time. He is a real character who needs an experienced owner who will give him the time he needs to settle in and when he has had enough cuddles. He loves to play with cat nip toys. He must be the only pet in the household with adults only as he can sometimes be unpredictable. He really deserves a loving home.



Lou is also available for adoption. He is a shy boy who is growing in confidence. Some volunteers are able to cuddle him. He needs to be given lots of time to settle in to his new home. He does like some cats but would have to be integrated very slowly. Could you be the special person to give Lou a loving home.

Please check that you meet our adoption criteria then give The Moggery a ring on 0117 9243128. Thanks