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Moggerly Diary

1st JULY

I was asked to admit a newborn kitten found in a shed in a field in the Chew Valley Lake area.

A tiny black and white scrap arrived mid evening who sucked greedily at an offered bottle.

2nd JULY

The orphan, now called CERES slept well over night, only waking at milk times. I carried her into H/Q in a small box inside 'my bag for life' which I had padded so that she wouldn't feel any movement of my car.

At 3pm all was well. This week there are 5 second year vet students who were busy carrying out the afternoon feeding and cleaning round.

I had dealt with the days calls and as everything was calm, I decided to do some bulk photocopying.

Then the 'phone rang.

A tearful caller told me she had been evicted five days ago with just 30 minutes notice and she had had to leave her 5 cats behind in the garden.

I asked for the road she had just left and called KATE, the nearest foster home, who agreed to take one adult. I then rang ANNIE, a local volunteer who made plans to collect the other two adult females tomorrow for H/Q.

There are two black kittens in the garden who have become feral and will need trapping next week.

I'm giving priority to the adult females because apparently, all of them may be pregnant.

3rd JULY

Sadly, CERES kept crying after her midnight bottle and refused more milk but wanted to be held.

I wrapped her up and lay down with her so I could doze while she slept on my chest.

Her crying changed to quieter and quieter sobs until at 6am she either fell asleep or became unconscious.

I realised at 6.30am she had gone.

4th JULY

ANNIE brought me an obviously pregnant black and white female who is about 6, from the eviction house.

The two other adults are her daughters and will be spayed next week and hopefully adopted together.

SHELLY and PANDA are very close and will make some family lovely pets.



5th JULY

A day of contrasts.

A young woman who had planned to adopt black GETHI was stopped by me as she got into her car to collect him from H/Q two weeks ago. I had spotted a bald patch above his left eye.

He had contracted Ringworm (or Dermatophytosis) a fungal infection which would need six weeks of treatment with a syrup called ITRAFUNGOL.

NATASHA had spotted black SIR MERVYN on the website and come today to meet him.

SIR MERVYN and NATASHA loved each on sight and NATASHA came into the office to sign his Adoption papers and take him away.

However, in the office GETHI was sleeping on my telephone logbook on my desk. He jumped down and rubbed against NATASHA and her husband while I held my breath.

Normally, three strokes on GETHI's head and he lashes out, GET OFF!

He remained like a lamb, and I commented that they were both 'cat whisperers.'

"Can I take GETHI instead and finish his treatment at home?"

I was shocked. He wasn't just unpredictable and undergoing treatment but also the unwanted colour – black.

Shortly afterwards GETHI went off to his forever home.

If a grumpy, ringworm infested, black cat can find a home – we can find a home for anything!

I was leaving H/Q, literally getting into my car when I was approached by an older Asian lady carrying a fabric cat carrier.

"I've got a cat for you" she said sweetly.

"We have no more room" I replied.

"Is it a stray?"

"Yes, a stray" she replied.

The little tabby and white nervous cat was signed in and I brought her home.

6th JULY

The newcomer is chipped but the chip isn't registered so we can't find out her age or if she is spayed.

She's settled in my spare bedroom where she is hiding under the bed and just coming out for food and to use her tray at night.

In keeping with our cake and bread theme, I'm calling her FLOUR.

8th JULY

Two of the four office kittens were chosen today (much to the relief of their siblings DESMOND and GIANETTA)

MAD MARGARET and ELSA, who were constantly kicking each other in the head, left with a young couple from BRADLEY STOKE.

DESMOND and GIANETTA, the remaining two black youngsters are gentle and refined!

10th JULY

“My friend gave me her kitten to look after while she went on holiday, and she hasn’t come back for her.”

Volunteer JENNY went to collect a sweet natured little grey female (now called AMARETTI) from a house a few minutes from her home.



15th JULY

Lots of ‘phone calls over the last few days but all of them end with the words “but we can’t adopt until the end of August.”

Our busiest time admission wise is the slowest adoption time due to holidays and every cat and dog rescue are suffering in the same way.

At the moment BATTERSEA DOG AND CATS HOME has 700 cats on its waiting list to come in.

17th JULY

“A stray cat appeared in my daughter’s flat and one morning a few weeks ago, she had kittens.”

This call was from Stockwood an area in South Bristol, but this is one of many with the same story I receive every year.

I’ve booked mum cat in for spaying next week at HIGHCROFT VETS in Wells Rd and two of the kittens have been found homes.

The caller is planning to keep the third baby.

19th JULY

Admitted a pretty tabby male kitten, and a group of three assorted coloured kittens.

TIM TAM, BERGER, BOLOTTI and ANZAC were settled in.



20th JULY

“Can you help?”

There are six kittens in dreadful conditions.”

I rang this caller straight back. The six kittens were under the bed of the caller’s daughter. Fortunately, the caller agreed to sign over mum cat and the new family and they were

collected by foster home DAVE and JEAN. (The unneutered male in the house was booked in for neutering next week).

23rd JULY

“A cat has wandered into our salon in Old Market; he’s terrified of traffic so we can’t put him out again.”

He was being well fed in the salon and sitting on everyone’s lap making himself at home.

I booked him in for neutering and chipping near the home of one of the hair stylists and she informed me her mother was going to give him a home in two weeks when she moved.

All’s well that end ends well.

25th JULY

“My neighbours have moved out and left their cat behind. We are feeding her in the garden.”

I ‘phoned this caller from SHIREHAMPTON and discovered the cat had had kittens a few days ago but they had all died. I asked the caller to come and collect a cat basket from H/Q and try to catch her.

I had just arrived home when the ‘phone went to say she was caught.

A sweet tortie/tabby now called CONFETTI is installed in H/Q.



27th JULY

A caller arrived at H/Q with a black and white fluffy cat in a basket. The caller explained she was moving and that the cat was a stray which she couldn't take with her.

I felt compelled to admit him even though we didn't have space. He was scanned and a chip was found, and he had been registered to the person who left him at H/Q for nine years!

Some stray!

(Needless to say, the person who handed him in is refusing to answer her 'phone)

JAMMY DODGER was settled in and began eating for England.



30th JULY

Friendly AMARETTI and TIM TAM were snapped up because they were both beautiful and sweet natured.

Life would be so much easier if everything we admitted was young, pretty, and friendly!

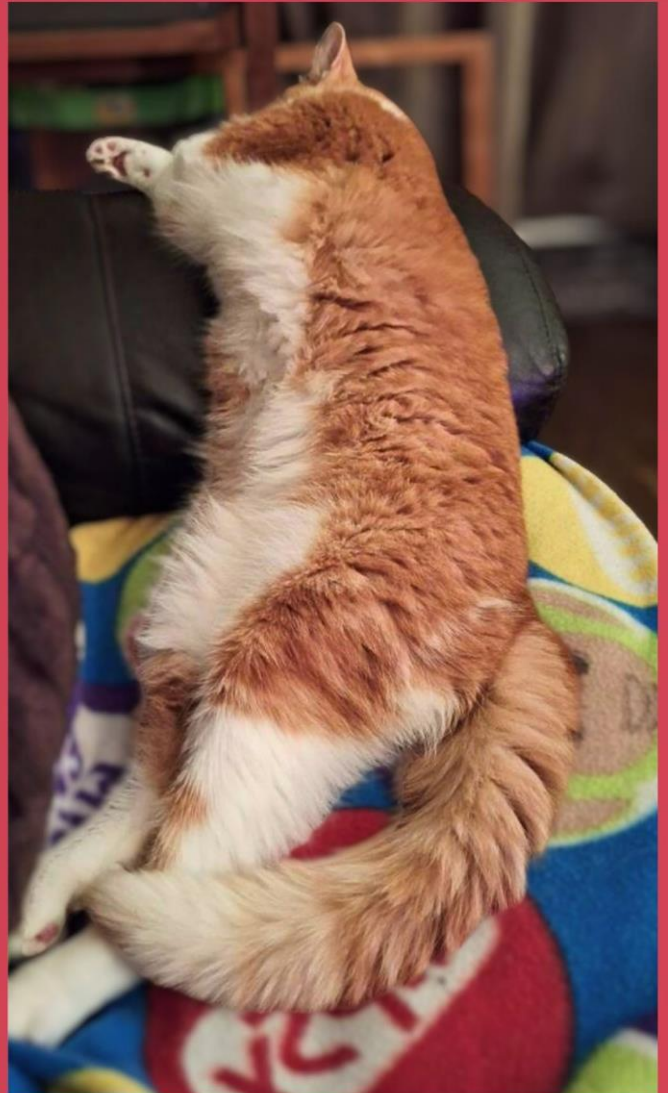


Francesco, Georgio and Vittoria helping their mum with the ironing.

♥ HAPPY ENDING! ♥



DOUGLAS



"All in all, he was very hard work to get him to like us. But it's the most rewarding thing ever and we'd definitely do it again"