

Patrons:
Tony Bullimore
Ian Fergusson
Piers Morgan



65 Longmead Avenue
Bishopston
Bristol BS7 8QB

Chair: Christine Bayka

Registered Charity
No. 1070330

Telephone: 0117 924 3128
Website: www.themoggery.org.uk
Email: moggery@outlook.com

1997-2017 Newsletter No 140 July 2017

Dear Supporters,

Our volunteer's celebration on June 11th was very enjoyable. Sadly some very long term volunteers were unable to attend because of illness.

I hope you are all enjoying the sunshine and spending time in your gardens. Our inmates are eating very little and lounging about on the vinyl flooring which is cool. OAP Chubby lies in doorways expecting everyone to step over her!

Our second celebration for adopters on the 25th will have taken place when you read this. We have placed 3,220.00 cats and kittens in caring homes since 1997. Many of them were great characters who we discuss during our tea breaks.

With your continuing support we will be able to help a great deal more.

Here's to the next 20 years!

Christine

The Moggery Diary

17th May

R DAVIES the local Funeral Director sent me two cheques. The families of Peter McDonnell and Michael O'Connor had asked for donations for the Moggery instead of flowers at their respective funerals. What a kind thought.

19th May

Leonie was taken in after being advertised free on Gumtree. This little friendly black and white girl was unwanted due to a new baby in the household.

20th May

Leonie was found to have a deformed uterus when being spayed today which meant a larger operation site. She is now kitted out in a trendy red bodysuit we now fit to avoid the hated plastic neck collar being used. The red cat Babygro will stop her pulling out her stitches and has the added bonus of making our cats look cute on our website/Facebook pages!

21st May

I suppose it had to happen sooner or later. Just before 5am my `phone rang. I ran downstairs dreading the emergency this must mean. The caller did not speak. No foreign voice, no heavy breathing, nothing. I said `Hello` repeatedly and then clicked the base in exasperation. However the caller stayed on the line so I unplugged the `phone and went back to bed. After dialing 1471 a few hours later to reveal the caller's number I discovered it was the number of a friend. I phoned her mid afternoon to find out why she was `phoning me at 5am in the morning then not speaking. She insisted she was asleep at that time and wouldn't dream of ringing so early unless there was an earthquake, or similar disaster. We were both puzzled. Then my friend remembered she had been woken in the early hours last week by her bedroom television blasting out music. Her cat had walked over the remote on her bedside table. Similarly in the early hours today her cat must have walked over the `phone next to her TV remote and pressed the `redial' button and as her last call had been to me Saturday evening- I was woken out of a deep sleep just before 5am. So, I have had my first cold call from a cat!

22nd May

OAP tabby Hazel left for Brentry and handsome ginger Unwin found a home in Shirehampton.

24th May

Visited Weston-Super-Mare today on a day off. While walking along the seashore I spotted an injured seagull. He was struggling to stand up and was being knocked down again by the encroaching tide. I had a fabric carrier bag with me and a passing young man helped me place him gently in the bag feet first. Secret World were contacted and they kindly agreed to send a volunteer to collect him within the half hour. I suggested the entrance to the recently rebuilt pier as the meeting place and made my way there. (I had described the seagull and his injuries but hadn't thought to say the colour of the dress I was wearing) Fortunately a green Landrover arrived after half an hour and a kind volunteer whisked my charge away to be examined by a vet.

29th May

I was walking along local shops wearing my Moggery tee shirt this afternoon and a man passed me by and then doubled back "Please can I give you a donation for the Moggery" he said, handing me a £10 note. "How do you know I'm not going to spend it on chocolate" "Well" He said "with all the stress and work you've got you're entitled to!" N.B. I used it for a box of Felix from Tesco.

30th May

At last after eight years Priscilla, a fluffy tortie (who is one of the feral group I have at home) tolerated me stroking her while she ate her breakfast this morning. For years the feral group sheltered in the garden in a wooden house designed and built by Gordon, Laura Yea's husband. If I walked into the garden they would all run away. They progressed to coming in the house while I was out. (I could tell they had been in by the dents on the back of the settee) Now they only run if I approach them in the living room, and I can touch all but two.

1st June

Little sweetie Leonie left for her forever home as did Kelly and Kim admitted from a Knowle West house. (The owner of the mother had not realised how early female kittens could become pregnant and four kittens she had kept from last year had now all had litters at the same time as their mother) All litters will come to the Moggery when eight weeks and all five mother cats will be spayed by us over the next two weeks.

2nd June

Admitted a real beauty from Lawrence Weston. The mother can only be described as dapple grey with beautiful large green eyes. Three of her five babies are shades of grey like Mum. Two are regulation black and black and white. (presumably after their Dad).

3rd June

3 little ones came in from a local road where I had canvassed with a clipboard after offering neutering help Ringo, Rina and Rinta are _ _ _ _ you've guessed black and white. Their Mum is booked in for spaying on Election Day.

4th June

A sad grey and white female was brought in from Yate. Kind neighbours had been feeding her after her owners moved away and left her on the street to fend for herself. Lady Jane is grateful to be indoors having regular food.

5th June

"There's someone staying with me and he's brought a black kitten he doesn't want, can you come and get it?" I collected fluffy little Virginia just 15 minutes later.

6th June

Virginia had only had B&B at The Moggery when a lovely family from Henbury arrived. The little one sat on the prospective owner's lap looked up at her face with "who me?" eyes and clinched the deal by licking her future mum's fingers. She was on her way home just half an hour later. (NB kittens leave The Moggery in pairs unless there is another cat at home for company or the new owner works from home, as in this case.)

8th June

Collected a female for spaying from a local road and as the family's male cat was also in the house, I added him to the vet's workload for that morning. (He had been missing for months but his career as father of most of the local area's kittens ended at noon.)

9th June

"My friend moved out and left a kitten behind, can you come and get it?"
Collected a little trembling tortie from a local high rise block. Volunteer Lydia assisted me as I gave her worming and flea treatment on arrival at H\Q then she was given a large breakfast which she devoured. (Electra seemed a suitable name for her as election results were coming in during the day)

10th June

A disabled woman living in Winscombe, Somerset is moving into sheltered accommodation and asked me to admit her much loved cat as she will only be able to take her small dog with her to the new flat. Our volunteer transporter Anthony, collected the tortie this morning. At the moment she doesn't want to be friendly and became a tiger when helper Emma and I tried to lift her out of her carry basket. We eventually resorted to lowering the basket with her in it into a prepared introductory pen, removing the front door gingerly and standing well back! (Hopefully she'll be in a better mood by Monday)

Kitten Rinta was chosen today. One of a group of three from a local home where I have spayed the mother. The friendly black and white is the image of the family's old cat who had recently been put to sleep with kidney failure.

While Rinta's new mother signed the Adoption Forms I had two unusual calls "Have you got any puppies for sale?" I directed this caller to Animal Concern.

"I've found an injured bird" This caller was not English and I took a few minutes to discover where she was situated in Bristol before I could direct her to vets4Pets in Imperial Park Hartcliffe where The Moggery has an account. "What kind of bird is it?" "I don't know" she replied "but it's grey and yellow" I asked the vet to treat it and then call Secret World if it is a wild bird. However, I'm beginning to think it's a budgie!

11th June

Our 20th Anniversary Volunteers celebration. Patron Tony Bullimore attended to present Volunteer of the Year Award. This year volunteer Vicky Low received the trophy for covering for me to enable me to have a week of day trips this summer. (My first holiday since 2012) The volunteers surprised me with a gift of a Sam Toft print called 'A suitcase of Sardine Sandwiches' which depicts the character Mr Mustard being followed by many assorted cats. There was an amazing Moggery Cake covered in red icing and with our logo in black icing! We all ate too many of the strawberry shortcakes made by secretary Jenny Parsons and had a good time socializing with each other and watching DVDs of cats who have passed through the Moggery over the years. There was a competition for

everyone to estimate the number of black cats rehomed over the years. I was surprised when I counted up -660! Helper Liz Beavis guessed the nearest at 600 and received the appropriate prize-a box of Black Magic.

Where have the 20years gone?

12th June

A new vet student started this morning. Charlotte Birolini is French and is in her first year of training. For two weeks she will gain valuable experience in handling and medicating the cats and kittens in care.

Took Chubby our friendly obese tortie to the vets today where she weighed in at 6kg plus!! She is having blood tests to check for an under active thyroid gland before embarking on a calorie controlled diet.

Took two feral traps to Sea Mills to catch two marauding males who sadly were fighting neighbourhood cats. Rushed back to the vet surgery and on my return to H\Q picked up the message that the first cat had been caught. Wonderful news! I rang the local vet to arrange a space for him and after completing the call realized there was another message. The householder had let him out because he was agitated! (Sometimes I could hit my head against the wall)

13th June

Better news today. The black and white male let out of the trap yesterday afternoon was caught again in the second trap I had set in a neighbours garden. He was whipped off to Rowe vets in Filton to be castrated and dematted (as his body was covered in lumps)Local residents informed me there were any more cats living rough in the area than I had realised. A local family had an unsprayed female whose kittens were turned out onto the street each year, Mopping up is going to take quite some time.

With Charlotte's help I canvassed the street this afternoon with a clipboard and many of our "Got a Cat" leaflets which offered help with neutering. I located the household which was the cause of the stray cat problem in the area and was informed they owned only TWO cats. I've booked the female to be spayed on Friday. (The male, I was informed, was booked in to be neutered at the P.D.S.A clinic. I will follow this up) Meanwhile I discovered a very kind elderly lady who feeds every cat that turns up at her back door. She was happy to have a trap in her garden. I'm hoping to catch all the cats living rough, one at a time, process them and admit and rehome if tame. The ferocious ones will be neutered and returned as they have a guaranteed food source.

16th June

Transported the female and the male (I had persuaded the family to let me neuter him as well) from the 'problem' house to the vets. There is no more operating space this week so next week the trappings will all begin again.

"Do you take in pigeons?" I asked this young caller to take the injured bird to Fernlea vets in Kingswood where they kindly agreed to treat him for free before

passing him on to Secret World.

17th June

Volunteer transporter Anthony brought in the last seven kittens from the house in Knowle West where the Moggery is spaying the five mothers.

Perspective adopters began arriving at noon and Elveena and Pam were chosen by a teacher from Brentry. Using the Magnificent Seven as my theme I had christened the new arrivals Brynner, Bronson, O'Reilly, Lee, Dexter, Chico and Britt. Black Brynner and tabby Dexter were chosen and a Portishead couple chose Bronson and tabby Lee. If only all new arrivals were cute and friendly!

18th June

Alpha Sign Systems (who kindly donated stick on signs for our Mogmobile) today fixed a new Moggery plaque by the front door of H\Q. We are now looking very smart.

