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Dear Supporters,

Another year has flown by and amazingly for this time of year we still have kittens looking for homes as we have had a very long kitten season.

Coming up in December we have two opportunities to raise money and awareness of The Moggerly work. Tesco at Golden Hill have kindly given us two dates, On Friday 8th December we will be collecting both money and food in the foyer from 10am-10pm. We need helpers throughout the day so please ring 9243128 and offer an hour or two hour slot. On Saturday 16th we will be bag packing which involves standing by a till and packing customers' bags in return for a donation. We need lots of helpers for this day, because we need to cover at least 6 tills through the day. Please offer an hour help—it is fun—honestly!

Please also arrange a Christmas dinner collection in your place of work or Church. I enclose a poster for you to stick on a Christmas paper covered box. (Please download if you receive this by email) Thank you for all your efforts.

I hope you have had a successful and happy year and wish you a joyous Christmas.

Christine

The Moggerly Diary

1st August Sisters Irina and Olga left for Keysham. Their much smaller sister Marsha needs a lot more fattening up before leaving H/Q

4th August

Black brother and sister Villeroy and Bosch left together to live with a young couple in North Bristol.

7th August

A direct adoption today. A Yate resident had been feeding a battered unneutered mostly white fluffy stray. The Moggery paid for his neutering, de-fleaing and de-worming and then publicised him on Facebook and our website. A wonderful new home was found with an Almondsbury family and after they signed the papers at H/Q they collected him from his kind feeder. Teddy has really fallen on his paws.

8th August

Black and white Nora Batty left for Yate and one of our youngsters, Kumho left for Downend.

Dare I begin to hope our numbers are going down?

12th August

More adoptions, Clover and Orange Blossom, a brother and sister left together and beautiful Norma Jean left for an indoor home (due to her deafness) near Slimbridge in Gloucestershire.

14th August

An elderly local resident called at our local Rowe vets to say she was feeding a young stray with an obviously infected eye. The vet, Julie rang me and I travelled to the surgery collected the OAP (and her shopping trolley) and returned her to her home to identify the sick stray. A sweet, little tortie was in her garden obviously with a very severe infection. I rang the surgery and on my arrival vet Julie prepared to remove the diseased eye. A `phone call later told me Julie was shocked at the amount of pus in the eye socket and that the infection had reached her lungs.

A few more days without treatment and the poor cat would have died. Little Carmelle (named after her rescuer) survived her operation and with a long course of antibiotics should make a full recovery.

15th August

Carmelle is eating well. (making up for lost time)

19th August

Beautiful, grey, mother Celia left to live with a retired woman in Central Bristol.

20th August

Tortie, Aspidestra left for a comfortable home. (glad to get away from her demanding older babies)

27th August

Carmelle's operation area has healed well and she had found a new home in Pucklechurch with another young female. Due to her 'impaired vision she will be kept in once darkness falls.

29th August

Now, back to the stray ferocious 'pregnant' Chicita. I had my suspicions that the security guard at Avonmouth may have had bad judgement regarding the black and white female as no kittens have arrived.

Vet Julie gave 'her' a whiff of anaesthetic and rang to announce her "baby bulge" was more of a "beer belly". She is in fact a neutered male!

I had a lovely home lined up for a feral with a couple living near Berkeley in a converted granary. Chicita now Chico was transported, transferred carefully into a puppy training pen and in three weeks will be let out to patrol the stables. (A far cry from the Avonmouth Industrial Estate where he was living under lorries)

30th August

"One of my parishioners is very ill. Her cat has had kittens and she can't cope. Please can you take them in?"

I travelled to Lawrence Weston where the local vicar's wife let me into the property. (the householder was in hospital) I collected three black and white kittens who were around fifteen weeks and arranged to spay mum cat and her brother at the end of the week. However, when the mother cat appeared I realised with horror she was heavily pregnant again. I admitted Mum cat and rang a local foster home asking them to prepare a space.

7th September

I was just leaving H/Q tonight and looked in on Mum cat (who was staying with us until the kits arrive – as the foster mother was nervous of delivering kittens) I could see that her sides heaving, so I sat with her and stroked her as her labour progressed. At 7pm I could see her struggling with a breech baby which I eased out, rubbed with a prepared towel and gave to the mother to lick. Seve seems an appropriate name for the little black baby. Harper arrived more easily at half past seven and was the first of the three black and white babies born in quick succession. Mum cat and her new family settled down contentedly on new bedding and I waited for half an hour to make sure the last kitten had been born before leaving them for the night.

8th September

Told the morning volunteers of last night's birth and they crept in the room one at a time to quietly see the new family of four. One of the helpers came into the office to tell me there were now five babies. Mum cat was lying on a second black baby. (I tell all expectant mothers not to have black kittens as they are very hard to rehome so she waited for me to leave last night before sneakily having a second black kitten) I decided Extra Time was a suitable name for the last addition.

10th September

Two of the fifteen week old brothers were adopted together today. Bede and Alban left for a home near H/Q.

15th September

Collected a cheque for £303 from Henleaze Waitrose. We were chosen to benefit from their Community Matters Scheme.

16th September

Sunday volunteer Claire, adopted twin sisters Paige and Flag. They will have a lovely home.

20th September

I was shopping at Aldi and the checkout operator was studying my Moggery sweatshirt. He explained a stray cat had walked into his Henbury flat and given birth. Could I collect the mother cat and two kittens?

23rd September

Travelled to Henbury and brought in Waitrose, (Rosie to her friends) and babies Aldi and Lidl. All these are black and white and friendly.

24th September

A local resident saw an old ginger cat eating leaves in the road near H/Q and brought him to us. A scan found a chip. His name is Jasper but his owners mobile number was no longer active a note was put through his registered address asking the occupant to ring us.

28th September

No response so far regarding Jasper so I wrote a full letter asking the new occupant to pass the envelope onto the previous occupant (if they know where they have moved)

30th September

Success! Jasper was reunited with his grateful owners. I urged them to contact Petlog and register their new address and 'phone number. (Identichipping is a wonderful system but owners have to keep the details up to date)

1st October

Friendly black Aytee was chosen today and Aldi and Lidl went away together to a home in Stoke Bishop.

5th October

Brought in two tiny sisters from a household where I have neutered 12 cats under our Assisted Neutering scheme. These seven week kits are half the size they should be and they have little pinched faces. I took them to local vet Julie to check out. I bathed them in flea shampoo as although they were infested in fleas they were too young to have a 'spot on' flea treatment.

6th October

The new babies, black and white Octavia and tortie Autumn are only licking food, I'm desperate for them to eat and put on weight.

9th October

Baby Bo whom I had bottle fed from three weeks left for a new home in Dursley. His new home had earlier this year taken on two 'difficult to home' cats and I felt they deserved a kitten they could cuddle. (Bo is in serious danger of being kissed to death)

10th October

Admitted six kittens from a household where I had neutered four cats under our 'Assisted Neutering' scheme. Unusually there are five tabbies and just one black-who is now a novelty.

14th October

Vet Julie rang to say that four dying black kittens had been taken into her surgery. Could I take them and bottle feed? I rang the household they had come from and offered to take in the mother cat. An hour later the householder rang to ask if I would take her five month old son as well. I arranged to collect both cats on my way to work tomorrow morning. At the vet surgery the kittens were kept warm and given fluids, however their gums and tongues are white –they have flea induced anemia. Carried the kittens home and began bottle feeding them after settling them on a towel covered hot water bottle.

15th October

In the early hours of the morning I checked the litter and they were contentedly asleep. They had a good breakfast a little while later and I became hopeful of their survival. Collected the mother cat (who was full of milk) and her son and took them to Rowe vets for checking. After consultation with Julie I decided to reunite mum and babies as both parties have now been treated for fleas. All seemed well.

16th October

During my day off today I had three reports that all was well. The kittens were lively and the family seemed content.

17th October

I was very shocked this morning to discover one kitten had died in the night and the others were too weak to cry. I ran into the surgery with the survivors who were given oxygen and put on drips. They revived and I went back to prepare a bottle feed for their lunch. As I arrived at the vet with their warm milk I was told the last on had just died. They had been gaining strength and then

just died while being held by vet Julie and assistant Tracy. Everything possible had been done for them but it wasn't enough.

18th October

Collected Macy, a little black kitten who had been bought off Gumtree, as a present and was unwanted.

21st October

"Can you come and get my cat? I've shut her out of the house as she had got fleas" Brought in a sweet natured tabby and white female-Nasa

Waitrose was adopted today for a lovely home in Brislington.

23rd October

A flurry of adoptions saw Rupert, Miley and Oscar leave for loving homes.

24th October

After a successful thyroid removal Chubby left to be a companion of an elderly lady in a Redland residential home. Her job description is to sit next to her owner and be stroked-I think she can manage that.

27th October

A family from Thornbury came to adopt Manuka, a friendly and playful young black and white male. They had seen him on our website and had chosen him. However, ginger Jason climbed onto the teenage daughters lap and tortie Kylie repeatedly ripped the father's legs until he picked her up to cuddle. The visitors had come for one kitten but they left with three!

28th October

The tiny sisters, Autumn and Octavia are still only the size of birds but they have fat tummies now. A local family who had adopted from me in the early days of The Moggery visited today and the little sisters climbed on their shoulders -mission accomplished, they left for a new home in Almondsbury half an hour later.

29th October

Handsome Ginger boy Rommel had lost a lot of weight. I took him for a check up today and vet Julie found a tumour under his

tongue. I'm very shocked as just two weeks ago when he was admitted and neutered Julie had written in her note "Good, clean mouth," Apparently this type of tumour can grow in 48 hours. I held his head as he was gently put to sleep.

31st October

Collected a friendly tabby and white stray being fed by a couple in their eighties in Southmead. I wanted to get him inside before the fireworks started tonight. He's been fed very well but the couple feel they can't take another cat at their age. Due to his girth and the date I decided Pumpkin was the most suitable name.

