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Dear Supporters

Exciting news! Ian Fergusson the local BBC Weatherman has joined us as our third patron. Ian has already agreed to open our Christmas Fair on November 28 at which our other local patron Tony Bullimore will make a guest appearance to meet volunteers.



Ian and Lorraine

On November 14 we need all hands on deck to help with bag packing at the Cadbury Garden and Leisure Centre in Congresbury, we will be there from 10am until 5pm and we will need whole families or groups of friends to cover the seven check outs. Please ring 924 3128 and offer an hour or two.

This year we are featuring our volunteers at work on our 2010 Calendar, ie, cleaning, feeding, brushing, etc. The calendar is on sale at SGS Printing on Gloucester Road and Mogfords in Westbury-on-Trym, as well as Moggery HQ (£5 on collection or £6 by post).



January



March

The Sponsored Walk took place again on a sunny day and was enjoyed by all. So far we have raised over £1,000 in sponsor money and there is still more to come in.

Further fundraising days are:

November 14	Cadbury Garden Centre 10am – 5pm
November 28	Christmas Fair 2pm-4.30pm – Friends Meeting House (opp Somerfield Car Park) Gloucester Road
December 15	Almondsbury Garden Centre

Christine

The Moggery Diary

28 June

Squidge and Barry left their foster home for a permanent home in Henleaze this morning. Although not brothers they had become inseparable friends.

14 July

I answered the phone at teatime not realising the frantic two hours that would follow! A Scottish woman had come down to Bristol to look after a friend's dog while he had a hip replacement. What the friend hadn't mentioned was that he had a garage full of cats and kittens! After only two hours in Bristol the woman had been contacted by her daughter who had had a bad fall so she returned to Scotland leaving me with the problem of **all** the animals.

Companion Care vets at Abbeywood agreed to admit all the cats. All the mothers will be spayed in the next few days and the kittens held for a week until space can be made here. The hospital social worker was contacted and she arranged to board the dog. (the three generations of cats are all tortie or ginger)

16 July

There was a lull at midday after the cleaning round was finished and I risked heating some soup. There was a quiet almost apologetic knock on the door and I opened it to find a man with his supportive friend. "Can you help me by taking my kittens?" I explained The Moggery was bursting at the seams but how many were there? "Eleven" he replied, (I turned the saucepan off at this point) "How many mothers have you got?" "Well there's Susie then there's Fluffy and there's our Blackie and her kittens who have just had kittens." I arranged to admit the eleven youngest kittens and booked in seven adults for neutering. The supportive friend backed me and persuaded the owner to reduce his cat household to just three neutered cats as he was on benefits and had no car to take them to a vet if they became



ill. No, we don't have room but eleven kittens and four adults need to be admitted.

17 July

I was asked for help in spaying a cat from Sea Mills today. A second call followed from the cat owner's mother "We don't want her back and can you take the last kitten we couldn't get rid of?" Bella was found to be too heavily pregnant to spay and was taken to Valerie and Ken Andrews our Henleaze foster home along with her twelve week old baby.



Bella

19 July

Bella's baby was adopted today giving her a little respite before her new kittens arrive.

A heavily pregnant black and white stray from Shirehampton came into care and I cajoled volunteer Samm to foster her so she could have her babies in peace. Marie-Antoinette went off with all the necessary equipment after Samm's cleaning shift.

21 July

A stray OAP cat was brought into care this morning. She had had an overactive thyroid for a long time which had caused her near blindness and was affecting her kidneys. All I could do was make her warm and comfortable and give her painkillers for what would be just a few weeks more of life.

23 July

A hyperactive male ginger kitten was found by a busy road today. Yarkoff (named after a volunteer) was rescued only just in time as he wanted to play in the traffic!

3 August

Marie-Antoinette had five black kittens at the bottom of a wardrobe this morning.

5 August

Bella sensibly produced two tabbies in her litter of four kits born tonight (we'll forgive her for producing two black kittens with them).



Autumn and one of her kits

11 August

"The Dog's Home told me to ring you can you take my cat and her litter of week old kittens as my son's tormenting them?" Thankfully vet nurse Danyelle at Companion Care vets offered to foster this family for me.

I appealed in the Evening Post for homes for black or black and white kittens today. The result? **One** phone call – asking me to take **in** four more black and white youngsters. Volunteer Chris Lloyd offered to be a temporary foster home for these.

17 August

"A stray cat came in and had kittens in my pantry can you take them?" My first call today brought in a gentle black and white cat and five black and white kits from Hartcliffe. The road name had 'berry' in it so mum was christened Halle and the babies Bil, Blue, Logan, Boysen and Wortle.



24 August

Today's mother cat gave birth in a conservatory in Shirehampton. As we had just won the Ashes I gave her the name Cricket and her black and white babies were named Freddie, Flintoff and LBW.

28 August

"My cat's had six kittens and they are all ill" I was left a mobile number which was unobtainable.

29 August

The same caller rang to say five kittens had died and left a new number which I called immediately. The last kitten had died by the time I rang. I arranged to spay the mother next week and two other cats in the house.

3 September

One of our supporters who lives locally was on a bus stop and she overheard someone asking the queue "if they wanted any kittens". She immediately said "give me your phone number and Christine will collect them all from you." Therefore this afternoon four more black and white kittens were admitted with their mother who was also unwanted. As the kits were born on 4 July I called them Peggy-Sue, Mary-Lou, JR and Brett and the mother Jolene.

13 September

An early morning call from another rescue concerned a little tortie kitten who had been found in a barn near Chew Magna. Autumn was only about three weeks so a nursing mother was urgently needed. Halle growled at the kitten when I introduced her so I rushed to Valerie and Ken Andrews to see if Bella would take a youngster under her wing. The kitten was crying as I ran up the stairs with her and Bella answered her and was waiting the other side of the bedroom door as I went in. Autumn was given a hard wash down and then Bella lay down for her to feed. Tonight Valerie rang to say that Autumn was taking her

place in the line up at feeding times and all was well.



Autumn

15 September

Sita and Safina two OAP torties had been featured in local magazine Bishopston Matters. Their owner had moved to rented accommodation in London and couldn't take them and their chances of finding a new home together were remote. Amazingly a kind person saw their photos and rang offering a much needed home.

30 September

A very distressed woman came to my door today. Her son had a stray cat in the garden which was being attacked by the family pet. Please could I help? Although we are saturated I arranged his admission to the Animal Health Centre for neutering while we found space for him. Patch turned out to be a very sappy black and white (what else?) fluffy adult who had been living rough for some time. He will go to our Brentry site.

1 October

Very sadly Ramsay was returned after nearly a year in his home. Apparently he had been jumping up on surfaces. Well, that is what cats do! Do our prospective adopters expect their pets to sit quietly doing the Times crossword while they are in work? Fortunately we have very few returns each year because I am very fussy where our precious cats go and I interrogate prospective homes before they visit. A few years ago I placed a mother cat and kitten with a couple and left the house at the same

time as them as I had an appointment. "Call me if you need any help I'll be home in an hour." When I returned to the house the couple were waiting in their car outside bringing the mother and kitten back. Their crime? They had run all over the house! (I hadn't had time to wash dishes as I usually do when cats leave so they came in and finished their tea). They didn't know where they had been but they had a lovely time!

2 October

A little black kitten had been found under a bush in a park in North Bristol and the finder had taken her to a rescue who had turned her away as they were full – the caller was ringing from her car outside the house with the kitten in a basket. Lorraine was admitted into the Dayer Suite.

3 October

A social worker rang to say he had removed a kitten from a household where he was being ill-treated – please could they bring him straight over? Jason (named after his rescuer) is at least a tabby and stands a chance of a new home.

8 October

A mother and kit were living rough in a garden in Shirehampton and under threat from the family dog. I agreed to admit the identical 'Felix' types because they were at risk. Veronica and baby Violet are in HQ now.

9 October

Went to collect four cats for neutering under our assisted scheme and found six waiting for me! I also collected five sad kittens from the household who were so infested with fleas they were even running in their eyes and ears.

10 October

Cricket and LBW went off to a lovely local home. Cricket was washing her baby very roughly when the adopters arrived and that clinched it!



11 October

Our new patron Ian Fergusson looked around HQ and cuddled lots of black cats before adopting Lorraine to join their existing cat family of two.

19 October

Vet Nicky Bromhall and head nurse Debbie Cornwell gave up their free time today to vaccinate everything in HQ and at our Brentry site. By 4pm all our inmates had been treated.

20 October

Sadly a sick OAP ginger cat from Shirehampton trapped yesterday was too ill to bring back to health. He had been living rough for a long time but was only brought to my notice three days ago.

21 October

I have Bil on one knee Wortle on another and Logan is sitting on my notebook as I write – I'll have to give up being creative for tonight as there are too many obstacles!

22 October

Admitted six black kittens from Yate lunchtime. Their mother and another female from the same household were neutered this morning under our assisted scheme. The kittens had been advertised in Trade It for over two weeks and were unwanted. Can't think of imaginative names for anymore black kits so the boy will be Ford (any colour you like as long as it's black) and the five girls Blackie 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5!

I had a horrendous call lunchtime. A Warmley woman had a cat who had recently had kittens but she hadn't found homes for the previous kittens who were now eight months and unneutered. She asked me to take in the mother and her two female older kits but insisted on keeping a new female kitten and an unneutered male.

I advised her the new kittens would need spaying in 4 months and the male ASAP, Companion Care vets kindly agreed to hold the three female for several days after their neutering for me to make space for them. In 2009 in a wealthy country like the UK why is there so much neglect of pets still?

