**Kittens found in suitcase rescued by Vets4Pets Dagenham Nurse.**

On April 8th one of the nurses at Vets4Pets Dagenham noticed a suitcase purposely abandoned near her home. The nurse, who is locally known for her work, opened the suitcase and found that it contained 15 kittens aged between three to five weeks. She took the kittens to the Vets4Pets Dagenham practice where she works, where they were examined by the highly trained and professional team of vets and nurses, and found to be in good condition overall but in need of some tender loving care. Some of the kittens had eye infections which the vet treated.

It is believed that there was a total of three or four litters but the team can’t be certain as there were no mums with them.

After their health assessments and treatment they were taken to the local Cats Protection branch where they were found foster homes, some amongst the team at Vets4Pets Dagenham, until they’re old enough to be found permanent homes. They’re still too young to feed by themselves so they’re being hand reared by their foster carers, a time consuming and delicate task.

Debra Teo, Head Veterinary Surgeon and Practice Owner at Vets4Pets in Dagenham said, “We are pleading with all cat owners to have both male and female cats and kittens neutered. The current situation could so easily have been averted and also could have easily ended up being a tragedy.”

It is important for pet owners to neuter their pets in order to avoid unwanted litters. These can be financially draining for the owner and traumatic for the kittens and the mothers if they have to be parted prematurely when the owner family can’t cope with the costs of the new additions.

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