

Little Buddies Adoption and Humane Society

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A Fixer-Upper

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Little Buddies received a plea for help from a shelter in West Virginia when a four-month-old kitten with a limp was dropped off 30 minutes prior to closing. The kitten had been attacked by a dog and was obviously in a lot of pain. They urgently needed a rescue to help, or they would have to euthanize him. They did not have the ability to get him the vet care he needed, nor space for him to be quarantined. We stepped up immediately by having a transporter pick him up and take him straight to the vet for examination and X-rays.

This poor kitty was covered in fleas, had a fever, and was diagnosed with a severely broken shoulder. Thankfully we were able to schedule surgery just a few days later and keep him comfortable on pain medication in the meantime.

The vet who initially examined him told us of a friend who is also a vet, Dr. Skinner, who was interested in fostering and potentially adopt-



Tip

ing him. We quickly got her approved as a foster and were happy to have the expertise of a vet caring for him as he recovered. Dr. Skinner named him Tip because he has a cute white tip on the end of his tail.

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He's Really Hip



Taloo

Taloo and his two brothers were found by a good Samaritan who feeds and trap-neuter-releases (TNRs) strays near her home in rural Pennsylvania. Taloo and his siblings began visiting her back porch to eat the food she had left out which allowed her the opportunity to trap them. They were a bit skittish, but did accept some petting, so she reached out to the rescue community for foster and adoption support.

Little Buddies offered assistance and took Taloo and his siblings into foster care. Taloo's brothers were quickly adopted, but Taloo was

a very nervous kitty who was sporting a limp. His foster took him to the vet where an X-ray revealed a non-healing hip fracture. The vet explained that this was an old injury causing him extreme pain with every step.

Taloo was referred to a veterinary specialist who surgically removed his fractured femoral head which is the spherical-shaped part of the bone that attaches the leg to the hip. Removing this eliminated his "bone on bone" source of pain.

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Letters from Home

Hi, Little Buddies! It's me, Pumpkin.



Pumpkin

At five weeks old, I was found in rural West Virginia by a good Samaritan. I had puncture wounds on both of my back legs exposing my tendons. Oh boy did it hurt! The woman reached out to Little Buddies who immediately rushed me to an emergency vet where they cleaned my wounds and dressed them with colorful bandages.

After just a few weeks my wounds had healed beautifully, and you could not tell that I had ever been injured except for the slightly shorter fur on my legs due to the vet shaving them to properly clean my wounds.

When I arrived at my foster home, everyone fell madly in love with me. They adopted

me and now I have a home forever.

They have another cat that looks like me and also two big animals that look a bit different from me, but I fell in love with all of them. My mom said the big animals are called Labradors. I absolutely love to attack their tails. I also have learned to fetch and give them a run for their money.

I often take free rides around the house on my chariot, my grandad's walker, so everyone knows I am truly a prince. If the chariot is not available, I attach myself like a snake to my mom's ankle. I hang on tight as she moves around the house. If I am not asleep or playing, cuddling is my favorite activity.

If my mom isn't awake when I

am hungry, a few kisses and occasional love bite do the trick to let her know it is mealtime.

I like to carry my toys around the house, even the big tower toy with balls in it which I like to keep with me at all times. They can be a bit cumbersome to drag up and down the stairs, but I will do anything to keep my toys close. Despite my rough start, I am glad to have found my forever home where they spoil me rotten!

This letter was written with the help of Kimberly who adopted Pumpkin this year.

Dear Tabby

Dear Tabby,

This being an election year, we were just thinking that a dog or cat would make a better president than a human. What do you think?

Signed,
Democat and Republican

Hi Guys,

I agree with you for many reasons. Being an elected official requires good listen-

ing skills. With their superior hearing, dogs and cats listen better than humans. State dinners could be served with one bowl per attendee. There would only need to be one course and no need for fancy china or expensive utensils.

Fewer FBI agents could be employed since dogs and cats can run faster and jump higher than any human criminal. There would be no need to maintain the large White House since a dog or cat president could easily live in

one room with a few toys and treats.

Dogs and cats believe in equality for all, where treatment does not depend on the color of one's fur. Having a dog or cat president would make for a more purrfect union.

Signed,
Tabby



Tabby is a Columnist for Little Buddies

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His surgery was successful, and he needed to be confined for a couple of weeks and monitored closely. He was exercised in a confined space daily to ensure he had a chance to heal and was bearing weight appropriately.

At his six-week follow-up ap-

pointment, x-rays showed that he had healed very well. He now moves like a normal kitten who runs, climbs, and jumps.

Dr. Skinner could not part ways with Tip and decided to adopt him. She says that he is a talkative kitty who

adores the company of people. He watches birds from the window and even animal shows on TV. His favorite toy is a purple gift ribbon that he loves to drag around the house. We are thrilled to have been able to save both his life and his leg!



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“Why can’t you be self-cleaning like the cat?”

Cat Cartoon-A-Day Calendar; Jonny Hawkins

He’s Really Hip (cont’d from page 1)

Taloo required careful rehab for eight weeks. He was a trooper during confinement the first two weeks after surgery, receiving regular pain meds and range of motion exercises.

Over the next six weeks his activity gradually increased.

His muscles now provide support for his leg and scar tissue has created a false hip joint that allows pain-free movement.

We knew Taloo had a successful outcome the day he climbed to the top of his cat tree! He has fully recovered

and shows off his agility by chasing cat toys and running all over the house. Taloo is available for adoption and ready to find his forever home where he can have his favorite evening snuggles and laptime.



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Animal and Human Lives You Have Enriched



Oatmeal

It is thanks to your kind donations to Little Buddies that we have been able to save so many abandoned and homeless animals. We would like to share with you the stories of some of those animals.

Oatmeal was rescued by Little Buddies at only a few weeks old. She was found outside all alone in rural West Virginia. Oatmeal received lots of tender loving care in her foster home and was eventually adopted by John and his wife. Oatmeal continues to prove to her family that she is anything but bland. They say she is constantly getting the zoomies and is the queen of the house!

Oreo was rescued from an overcrowded shelter. His irresistible nature helped him find his forever home with Stephanie. Oreo's adoption was a slam dunk!

Little Buddies rescued Nemo along with his mom and other siblings from a trailer park overrun with cats. His foster who decided to adopt both him and his mom is swimming with joy that we found Nemo!

Starry was found living outdoors and was brought by good Samaritans to a local humane society. The humane society did not have space for Starry so they reached out

to Little Buddies. She was so happy to be rescued and settled right into her foster home. Starry was adopted by Ben and his family and she continues to light up their home day and night.

This is just a small sample of the adoptions your donations have made possible. Animal lives have been saved and human lives have been enriched because of you.

Thank you

Peggy Carlson, MD

President, Little Buddies