

FEATURED CAT

Lola

Whatever Lola wants, Lola gets! Well, not everything...but this little sweetheart is pretty persuasive when she gives you a wide-eyed look with those big baby blues. She also likes to come in close for a nuzzle and lick on the nose, then she'll flop and roll over for a belly rub, and she's actually sincere about that—no tricks! Then she might jump to the back of the sofa to drape herself around some friendly shoulders and start up her dainty but determined purr motor. She's irresistible!

Lola is as smart as she is beautiful, and extremely social; she needs a family who will enjoy her participation in daily household activities. She will be happy to greet your friends and spend time hanging out with the whole gang. She will especially love your friends who are willing to get on the floor and play a few rounds of Cat Dancer or Da Bird. Lola might be a bit much for a family that includes small or big people



who aren't always steady on their feet because she likes to walk very close and weave around and between feet as they move.

As with all bright and confident youngsters, Lola is very curious and easily bored, and will do best with another cat or cat-friendly dog to keep her company when the people are gone or busy. She is very skilled at organizing games with the other kittens in her foster home, including hide-and-seek, hunker-and-pounce, and of course kitty soccer matches featuring balls that

crinkle and jingle. If your home includes a youngish adult cat who is bored, lonesome, and needs a pal, Lola might be just the girl for you.

Lola is about one year old and is in excellent health. She has been spayed, microchipped, and is up-to-date on vaccines. She has tested negative for FeLV/FIV. Her adoption fee is \$100. To learn more about Lola or any of our cats for adoption, please call 503-402-8692, email arcf@pdx-petadoption.org, or visit www.pdx-petadoption.org.

FEATURED DOG

Trudy

Look at that beaming smile! Trudy is a truly happy girl who enjoys pretty much everything life has to offer. She gets along with dogs, cats, chickens, goats, and—her special superpower—pigs! There just doesn't seem to be anything that bothers Trudy, even though we know she went through some tough times.

Trudy landed at a high-kill shelter when her former owners surrendered her following a death in the family that left Trudy homeless. She was transferred to a rescue organization that shortly afterward went out of business. Someone familiar with My Way Home Dog Rescue and their

mission to save senior dogs saw Trudy advertised on Craigslist and contacted My Way Home asking for help to rescue her again.

It didn't take long for My Way Home volunteers to see that Trudy's easygoing and confident personality would make her an excellent companion. She has seen enough of the world to not sweat the small stuff. She loves going for walks and car rides, and exploring new things. Trudy is not a puppy but she is not ready to retire to the couch! She wants her new family to take her places and include her in the fun stuff.

Trudy is a German Shepherd mix, about eight years old and weighs about 70 lbs. She was in desperate need of dental care, which has been taken care of, but otherwise her health is very good.



MUTT PAWS PHOTOGRAPHY

All dogs from My Way Home Dog Rescue are spayed or neutered, microchipped, and are current on vaccines. Trudy's adoption fee of \$250 includes leash, collar, blanket, and food sample.

If you are interested in meeting Trudy, email mywayhomedogrescue@gmail.com or call 503-974-4944.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

This has been the longest, hottest summer we can remember in Portland. It was so hard on animals, and many of our rescues were complicated by the effects of dehydration and severe parasite infestations. It was hard on our volunteers too, and we're all looking forward to seeing our beautiful landscape turn green again.

On Fourth of July weekend we got a call from a woman who found a feral momcat and her kittens at her work. It was unbearably hot, and the little family was extremely hungry and dehydrated, but employees are not allowed to feed or care for cats on the property of that business. Our volunteers got busy and within a few days had trapped four adult cats and eight kittens. The kittens were very weak; in addition to being emaciated, dehydrated and loaded with parasites, they had serious eye infections that would have caused blindness if left untreated. They required many weeks of care, including as many as six medications every day, but all the kittens survived with eyes intact, and have been placed in permanent indoor homes. Beautiful

Eleanor is the mom of one of those litters. Because they had no committed caregiver, the adult cats could not be returned to the original location. These cats are now fixed, vaccinated, and healthy but they aren't interested in being house cats, so we're looking for a shop, barn, or backyard that would welcome some feline presence. Please contact us if you have or know of such a place.

We almost always have more kittens than our foster homes can handle, but when we have a little extra room, we help our friends in other areas of our state without the many rescue resources we enjoy here in Portland. We were able to take six litters of kittens from Cat Utopia in Pendleton, including **Kiva** and her three brothers, and four litters from our rescue friend in Albany. All were placed with loving families after all necessary vet work was done, including spay/neuter of course.

Our friends at My Way Home Dog Rescue took in a sweet young dog named **Sadie**, who was abandoned at a garbage dump in a southwest desert. Sadie is a beautiful white Aussie, and in addition to being deaf, she appears to have been hit by

a car, and she'll need complicated surgery to repair a broken hip. We made a contribution toward Sadie's medical care because she deserves a life free of pain and full of love, and we know the volunteers at My Way Home will make that happen.

Recently we noticed a young man moving out of his house, and stopped to talk to him about the furniture he had put at the curb to give away. A short discussion revealed that the young man was concerned about his cats, since he was moving in with family members who wouldn't allow more pets. He had a momcat with four kittens barely a week old, and their daddy, a very handsome tabby. The young man had taken the cats from someone else giving them away on Craigslist, and although they were fed and cared for, none had ever been to a vet and all were obviously about to become homeless. We arranged to take the whole family and scrambled to get them into foster homes. They became Phoebe and the "P" litter, and daddy cat was named Peterson.

It's unusual for us to have a friendly momcat with tiny, healthy babies, since there

are other rescues with foster homes who specialize in exactly this kind of rescue. We were enjoying the novelty, until later that week two more moms with babies needed our help. They've put a bit of a strain on our foster homes, but we now have Ramona and her six babies, including ginger boy **Roscoe**, and Simone with her five little ones. If you know anyone ready to adopt kittens, we'll have a bumper crop ready around mid-October.

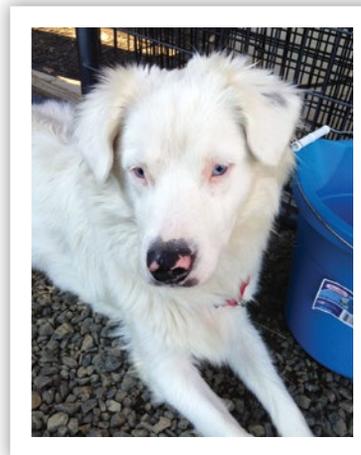
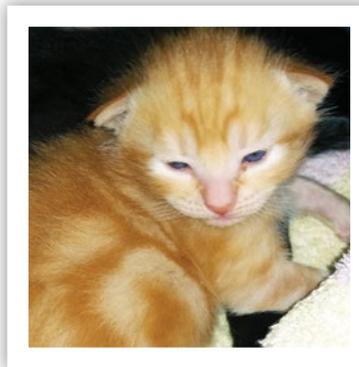
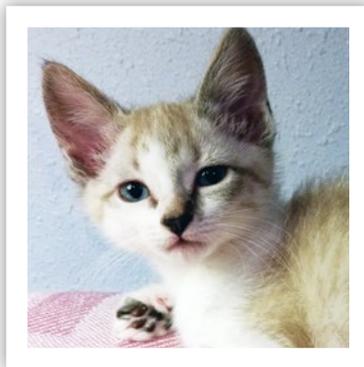
These are just a few of the many projects that keep us busy every day. The requests for help never stop coming in. If you'd like to join us as a volunteer, please get in touch! We especially need foster homes for adult cats. If you can't

volunteer, then please adopt, and if you can't do either of those, please donate!

On behalf of all the animals whose lives we touch, thank you for making our work possible.

Happy Fall!

— **Carma Crimins**
PRESIDENT



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:
ELEANOR, ROSCOE, SADIE AND KIVA

Since ARCF does not currently have a dog adoption program, we are working with other local dog rescue groups who share our goals and philosophies of animal welfare and rescue.

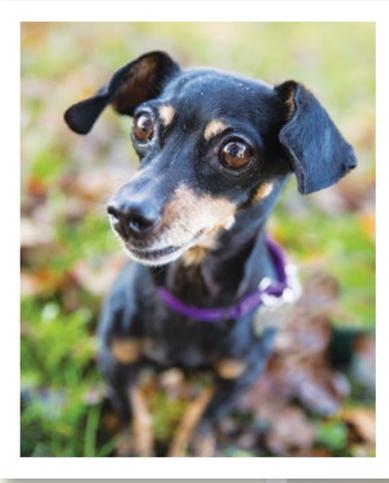
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MY WAY HOME DOG RESCUE

Princess

Everyone knows dogs are good for seniors, but little is said about how seniors are good for dogs.

My mom, Dorothy Boswell, lost her little companion dog Marty to congestive heart failure last spring. Marty was a rescued dog and very devoted to my mom. When he died Mom said, "I don't want another dog, I don't want the responsibility." My mom is 88 and fully in charge of her memory, sense of humor, and current events; she is just slowing down a bit and needs a reason to go for a walk every day. My daughter Claire and I were convinced she DID need another dog, so we took charge.



I have many friends in the animal rescue world. I called Carma at Animal Rescue & Care Fund and told her my story. ARCF works closely with My Way Home Dog Rescue and Carma knew about Princess, a senior Dachshund with quite a history.

Princess was surrendered by her previous owner to a high-kill shelter. She had some lumps that everyone was fairly certain were cancer. My Way Home committed to saving Princess anyway. After extensive surgery, the cancer was gone and Princess went to rest and recover in foster care. Meanwhile she dreamed of a quiet forever home with a warm lap belonging to a person of her very own.

When her foster parents went on a honeymoon, they needed a spot for Princess for two weeks. Carma knew just the place. "Just two weeks, Claudia. My Way Home will provide the supplies, and your mom will have some company. It will be great!"

My eyes lit up! Maybe Mom would fall in love in those two weeks and Princess would have a home. I called my daughter and told her my plan. She is always ready to jump into cahoots with me, so the plan was hatched.

Two weeks went by. Other than one little accident on

the carpet and one unauthorized dash out the door, Princess was a perfect companion. But Claire and I had left out one little piece of information for Mom: she didn't know that Princess was on a break from a foster home, not a permanent home.

"When are her owners coming back? I'll be ready to send her home."

Oops! What do we do, what do we do?

"Can you keep her one more week, Mom? Her 'owners' are still trying to get back to their regular daily routine."

"OK, one more week, but that's all."

I figured we would be home free at this point. Nope. More stories had to be concocted. Carma, Claire, Cheryl, and I decided we would say the newlyweds would be moving to California and couldn't



DOROTHY AND HER PRINCESS

take Princess. We were at the four-week mark and Princess hadn't left my mom's side; no more indiscretions on the carpet, no more escapes—truly a little Princess. Mom was in love and we all agreed that Princess was in her forever home at last.

Part of the deal is that I walk her every day after work, Claire gives her baths, and we both help with vet visits. We are committed to keeping stress for my mom to a minimum. Sometimes it takes a village (or

maybe a "take charge" daughter and granddaughter) to make pet ownership possible.

Princess, or Cess/Cessie as we call her, is in heaven and so is my mom. Cess has recovered well from her surgery. She loves to go for walks, adores my mom, and the feeling is mutual. They both have the devoted companion they needed.

— Claudia Stewart

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FIA, LEROY, MAX & NEKO

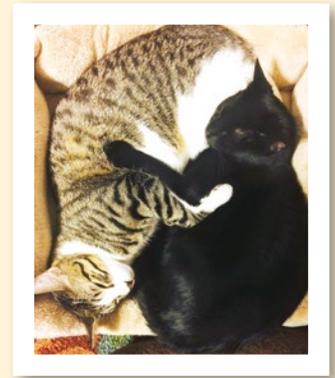
A few days before Christmas last year, one of our volunteers was shopping for rescue supplies in a big store full of such things. A fellow shopper was overheard asking a sales person about food and litter suitable for young kittens. Then she asked if the store would take the kittens for adoption because there were six in the litter and it was becoming financially challenging to care for them. Kittens do indeed require a tremendous amount of food and litter, we know that so well! Our volunteer stepped in and offered ARCF assistance to care for and place the kittens, and to help with spay surgery for the momcat, if needed.

Sometimes our assistance is welcomed, other times it's a more difficult conversation, but this time the family was grateful for help. We arranged spay surgery for the mom and, because the kittens were already weaned, we soon collected the kittens, called them the "S" litter, and brought them to our foster home. Two of the kittens were adopted by the family (after they were spayed as well) and that left us with four kittens ready for their forever families.

Neko & Max

(formerly Spike & Shashi)

It's been a little over 3½ years since I lost my 21-year-old cat, Clyde. He was my best cat ever and it took me quite a while to feel ready for new feline love. I didn't think I was quite ready when Roberta told me about her new kittens and their siblings, but when I met them I was smitten. I was disappointed that another family had plans to adopt Spike and Shashi, but a week later I received a breathless call from Roberta—the adoption didn't go through and the kittens were still available!



NEKO (LEFT) & MAX

I was a little apprehensive, as I've never had indoor-only cats, but as soon as I met the kittens, I was willing to give it a try.

To prepare, I purchased several cat trees and scratching devices. This was a good move because from day one, Neko (Spike) and Max (Shashi) have only been interested in their scratch posts. I also created a "safe space" where they initially spent their first few days getting used to the sounds and smells of their new home. When we opened up the whole first floor of the house, they took a while to explore everywhere, but always returned to their space, including to sleep at night.

Just as they were getting used to the house (maybe a little bored? no new adventures!) it was warm enough outside that I could open the doors to our enclosed porch to invite them into a different environment. Our enclosed porch has become their catio, where they spend a good deal of the day. I've hung a bird feeder outside the screen door, and put peanuts on the stoop to entice brave squirrels to entertain the kittens. Their tallest cat tree is on the porch, along with food, water, and an extra litter box. From the porch they can see us most of the time when we are gardening in the back yard.

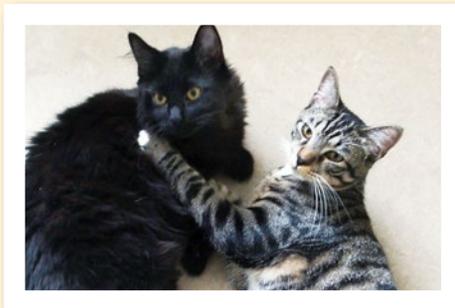
Neko has become cerebral, thoughtful, and a bit lazy, while Max is more playful, active, and helps keeps Neko in shape by teasing and chasing him even though he is the smaller of the two. I wasn't anticipating how much fun indoor cats could be! But it's much easier than I thought, the cats are healthy and safe, and so are the backyard birds that I've nurtured since Clyde's death.

— Chris Scarzello

Leroy & Fia

(formerly Schroeder & Sylvia)

We heard about ARCF from a fellow Aurora Chorus member, who spoke highly of you! We came to meet the four "S" kittens in January and our hearts were won over. It was hard to choose two since all four were friendly, adorable, and loved each other so much. We decided we wanted a female, so we picked little Fia (Sylvia). We also heeded your recommendation to split up the tabby boys because they were bigger and rowdier, and the black kitties were a calming influence. During our first visit, Leroy (Schroeder) crawled into my lap and purred, so we figured he



FIA (LEFT) & LEROY

wanted to come home with us.

Today Fia and Leroy are healthy, playful, and loving. They love to run around, play in their "tube," and sit in the window watching birds and squirrels. They also love their lap time and our 14-year-old orange tabby Colby, who is learning to like them too. They are interested in the great outdoors, so we're planning to build them a catio soon!

I showed a photo of the kittens to my friend Chris, who was also interested in adopting a pair of kittens. Another family had been interested in the other two "S" siblings but when that adoption fell through, Chris was able to adopt them, and now we are "cat aunties!"

— Roberta Jortner and Karl Lee

Doogie

This handsome young fellow was found wandering a neighborhood in Milwaukie. Although he hadn't been neutered, he was so thoroughly at ease around people that we knew he had a family somewhere. We whisked him away for some necessary vet work, and in the meantime went through our usual procedures for tracking down owners of found cats. After a month of no response to our efforts, we started looking for Doogie's forever family.

We took Doogie to several outreach events and he handled them like a rock star, but no applications were submitted. At one of these events on a scorching July day, Megan came by with her sweet dog Rizzo. She was looking for a companion for Rizzo, who had recently lost a leg to cancer. Adding another dog to the family would have been too much, but a cat like Doogie seemed like a good potential match. We talked it over and decided to give Doogie a chance to stay with Megan and Rizzo for a week and then talk again.

Here's how that turned out:

Doogie is wonderful! He and Rizzo get along great. He is a happy boy, exploring all parts of the apartment. He still loves his mouse toys; we find them hidden in our beds and the couch. I call him Douglas when he's being bad, but otherwise he's Doogie. We love having him!

— Megan Nelson



DOOGIE WITH HIS NEW PAL, RIZZO



Maddox

Maddox is turning nine years old this fall, and I've had him for three of those years. A phrase I repeatedly say to myself in regards to Maddox is "I am so lucky!" From day one, he has been the sweetest guy. His motor is always running and his favorite toy is a shoe string tied on to a stick—go figure! He's such a simple dude and I have never had any issues with bad behavior...

not once in three years! We had lived in a small apartment, but we recently moved into a house and he's adjusted great. He loves all the space he has to run, the big windows to sit in, and of course he's found some sun to sprawl out in too. Thank you again for pairing me with Maddox, he still remains the highlight of my day.

— Cynthia Clements

ANIMAL PLACEMENTS

June-July-August: We placed 13 cats in loving, responsible homes. Major expenses were:

Veterinary Fees: \$4,494.30*
 Food/Supplies: \$1,454.35
 Fundraising \$1,244.50
 Education/Outreach: \$1,244.50

* These expenses include veterinary care for the pets of Portland's homeless. We also had expenses for injured and sick pets and emergency vet visits.

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SUCCESS STORIES

Finn (formerly Quinn)

Finn was rescued as part of a community cat TNR (trap-neuter-return) project in Clackamas County. There were about sixteen kittens in the group, most not very well socialized. Finn was a bit timid, but he showed interest in making friends with us. He was



FINN

a bit older than our usual "boot camp" recruits, but winter was coming on and we had a little extra room, so we decided to give him a chance.

Finn was happy with the indoor life and loved being around other cats, but he stayed cautious around people. He enjoyed being pet and brushed, but unexpected

motion or noise would send him skittering for cover. He spent time in several of our foster homes, and he was always sweet but remained shy.

Katherine and James Still adopted another shy kitten named Lily from us a few years ago to be a companion to their older cat, Sprite. It was a

stressful introduction, but eventually they became friends. When Sprite passed away, Katherine wanted to find another companion for Lily. She contacted us and we agreed that Finn might be a good fit for Lily. He adores



FINN & LILY

other cats but never tries to dominate; his feline social skills were excellent, even if people still made him a bit nervous. We knew Finn would be shy about meeting new people, so we sent a little video of Finn in his happy place, which was quite irresistible.

Katherine understands about shy cats. She met Finn and decided to take him home. She planned a careful introduction and here's the result:

Lily and Finn are doing so well! She gives him a good swat whenever he's too much in her face but he doesn't seem to mind, just continues to follow her around adoringly. He's most comfortable with me (since I'm around him the most) and is incredibly affectionate and playful. We're working on being comfortable being picked up. What a charmer he is. He's got quite a purr machine, and such a drooler! Thank you so much for everything! We're so grateful to have this little guy in our family.

— Katherine Still



Goldie (formerly Jewel)

In 2011, I adopted a cat from you. She was called Jewel then, but now her name is Goldie. I really can't thank you enough for helping me to find her. She lights up our lives and brings us many smiles. Our first month was rough because we didn't understand each other. But now it is smooth sailing! Last year she got a baby brother named Mario. She is extra happy because my boyfriend works from home and she has Mario too, so she gets the constant attention she craves. Thanks again for all you do.

— Rachel Krokus



We shared Large Carl's story in our last issue, but so many people have followed his rescue from the beginning that we wanted to share this recent photo of Large Carl with his girl Marcie. Life is good.

IN MEMORIAM

Our sympathy goes to John Briggs and Jeff Feiffer for the loss of their cat **Patches**, who succumbed to lung cancer at the age of 19 years. Patches was remembered with a donation to ARCF by his friends Glenda Hughes and Bill Gollhofer, who note that in his lifetime, Patches witnessed the creation of the internet, pull-top cat food cans, pocket-sized cell phones, and organic catnip, to name just a few momentous developments. His life was full, and he was deeply loved. Patches was preceded in death by his feline sister, Ms. Frisk.



OSLO

Debbie Norr and Hammad Khan are heartbroken by the sudden passing of their cat **Oslo**. "Lolo" was about six months old when he showed up in the yard to hang around with their other cats. He wasn't entirely accepted at first, but he was

such a gentle and friendly guy that it didn't take long! Lolo's favorite things were climbing into cabinets, eating, wrestling his brother and sister to the ground in order to groom them, and eating. After 11 years of dealing with health issues and an early back injury, his body gave out. His big beautiful green eyes, pink nose, and sweet silent meow will be missed so much by the entire family—two- and four-legged alike.

Steven and Dona Morris lost their dog **Winston** at the age of 14 years. He was their beloved friend, and is deeply missed. Winston was remembered by his friends Edward and Linda Barnes with a donation to ARCF in his memory.

We were saddened to learn that Lori and David Hachiya lost their cherished dog **Kimi**. We received a note and donation in Kimi's memory from their dear friend Lorraine Jones.

Heather Rosenwinkel sent us a donation in memory of **Tabby**, beloved cat of her friend Isabel McDonald. Tabby was a semi-feral cat who was devoted to Isabel, but never learned to enjoy the company of strangers. Her death was sudden and unexpected, and she will be missed.

Although he spent less than a day in our care, dear **Fred** made a big impression on all who met him. A kind person called to let us know about a cat roaming her neighborhood who appeared to be very weak and ill.



FRED

Our volunteer picked him up and went straight to the vet. Fred was sweet, docile, and obviously very sick. The exam revealed multiple organ failure and likely malignant tumors, in addition to just being very old and infected with FIV. We gave him unlimited delicious food, a warm bed for a long nap, lots of cuddles and kisses, and then we said our goodbyes. Fred, we hope to meet you sooner in your next life, so we can make sure it is a long and happy one.



EBONY

Our friend Bibi Momsen recently lost her stately Dachshund companion **Ebony** at the age of 10+ years. She was the only surviving puppy in her litter, bred to be a show dog in Texas. But Ebony was too anxious for that kind of life, so she was retired at an early age and adopted by Bibi. Two years ago Ebony woke up with a very painful back and some paralysis, which required immediate surgery. She benefitted from acupuncture, massage, chiropractic treatment, laser, and hydrotherapy, but in recent weeks her pain no longer responded to any treatment and it was time to let her go. In addition to Bibi, Ebony is survived by her feline sister, Squeaks.

We rescue and care for hundreds of kittens every year, many of them in very fragile condition. We provide the best care possible with the help of our vets, their technicians, and our excellent foster parents. But sometimes nature is more powerful than our medicine, and invariably a few kittens don't survive. Their little lives are precious, and it's hard on all of us to lose them. This year we lost **Coco, Emily, Gidget, Ginnie, Grace, Giovanni, and Nelson**.

FEATURED CAT: SPECIAL NEEDS

Billy

We'd like to introduce Billy, a sweet, handsome cat who is ready to meet his forever family. He's been with ARCF since January 2014, and it's time he had a home of his own.

Billy came to us from the Corvallis area where he had been living outdoors with a few other friendly community cats. His caregiver had been feeding him for several years, but noticed recently that his nose looked very swollen and he was limping. A rescue friend in the area knew about Billy and asked if we could help him. We hoped to provide some basic medical care and place him for adoption.

Examination revealed that Billy's nose was most likely swollen by a fungus called *cryptococcus*, typically found in environments where bird droppings are plentiful. The treatment is a daily dose of antifungal medicine, for 4-6 months. He made it through that, under some protest because antifungal medicine is notoriously nasty tasting. His swollen nose got better, but it will probably never be quite perfect because the infection was there long enough to permanently swell his sinuses.

Billy was getting excellent care from his foster family and doing well with the other cats and kittens living there. He never seemed to have a lot of energy, but he was happy and enjoyed being around people. He caught a cold at one point, and he had that nagging limp, and sometimes his paws seemed very sensitive. The doctor prescribed an antibiotic for

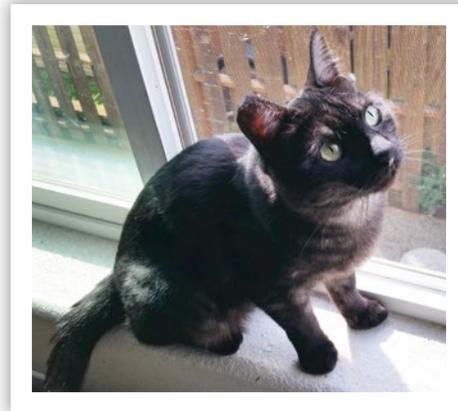
his upper respiratory infection (URI) and Billy responded very well; his symptoms improved, and he suddenly had energy to play like a normal young adult cat. At that point we felt he was ready to have his dental cleaning.

Billy didn't do well under anesthesia, and the doctor was concerned enough to stop the process and wake him up before the procedure was started. Radiographs done afterward showed that Billy had a piece of metal shrapnel embedded in his jaw and a pellet from an air gun lodged in his left lung. Nothing can be done about those bits of metal in his body, but it helped explain the limp and at least some of his breathing problems.

It seems that Billy didn't start out in life with the strongest immune system and his environment was pretty hard on him. But we've discovered that his special needs are actually quite minimal: a small daily dose of doxycycline, probably for the rest of his life. The cost is minimal, about

\$10 a month, and it's a fish-flavored compound that he willingly takes.

In spite of all his trials, Billy has become a very spunky and social guy who really enjoys being around people. He has a beautiful plush coat, black at the top of each hair and white on the bottom. He gets along with the other cats in his foster home, but he wouldn't mind getting all the attention as an only cat. Please get in touch if you have a place for Billy in your home. Reach us at 503-402-8692 or arcf@pdx-petadoption.org.



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