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Update-A-Rama Part Three: CARA!

Fri, 2011-08-05 08:31 — [Robin Olson](#) [1]

So how's Cara doing?

What a VERY VERY LONG, difficult journey it's been for Cara. (*here's just one of the many [posts](#) [2] about her*) **Starting when she was just 3 weeks old last November, Cara has been sick.**



©2011 Robin A.F. Olson. Cara, a few months ago, during the worst of her illness.

Cara was injured from Doxycycline scalding her esophagus, **which led to her needing three endoscopies to repair**, which led to her getting helicobater pylori, which led to yet more medications, frustration, blood tests again and again and after the better part of a YEAR...

CARA IS FINALLY GETTING BETTER AFTER NINE MONTHS OF VET CARE!



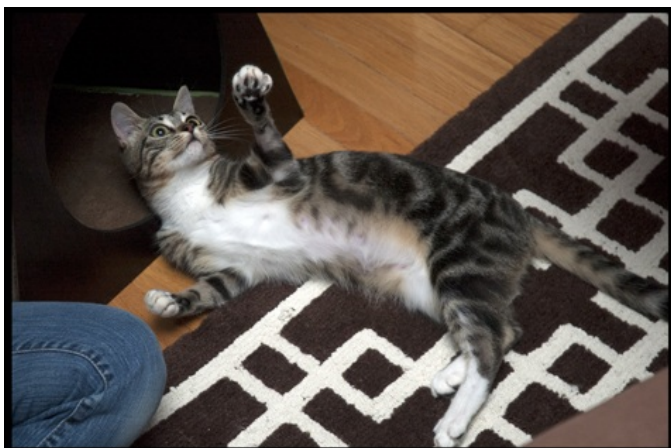
©2011 Robin A.F. Olson. Cara's coat is like fine silk and the pattern has really come to life.

Cara's been living in another foster home for about a month. Over that time Cara finished her (*we hope*) LAST round of medication. Her Vet, Dr. K. claims she should be FINE now. **No more vetting, other than getting her SPAYED!**



@2011 Robin A.F. Olson. She may have grown some, but Cara still has big owly eyes!

A few days ago I visited Cara. Seeing her again was startling. I knew it was Cara, but I didn't really recognize her. She looked so much better. Her coat was silky and shiny. She ran around the house and played with the other cats. I could tell she was very happy. **No more hunching over in pain. Gone was the weak and fragile kitten I spent so many hours fussing over and medicating.** Before me was a thriving young lady, still tiny and with those big owly eyes. It was Cara, only a lot better.



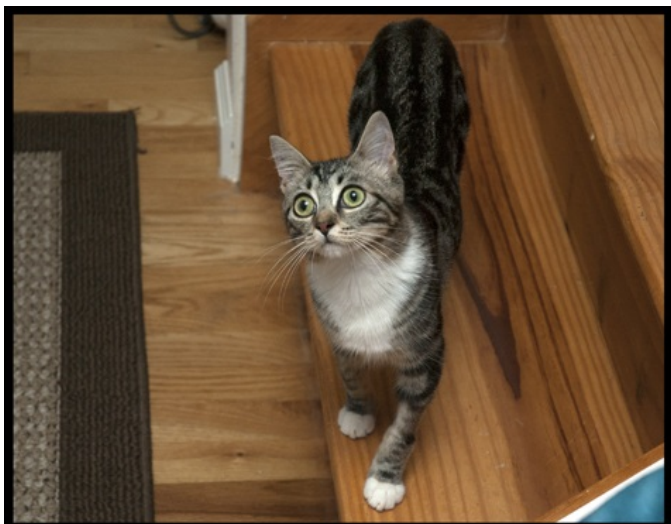
@2011 Robin A.F. Olson. Cara has plenty of energy now!

Cara is no longer confined to a room by herself. She's free to run around the house and make friends with some of the other kitties. Two of them were also cats we rescued! One is Precious and the other, Little Maria. They'll be featured in the next update! Right now **Cara is too busy having fun, finally growing a bit and gaining some weight.** She may be about six pounds, four fewer than her brother, (*Chestes*) Boris! **She also has great energy and no longer shakes her head and licks at her mouth-which tells us she's no longer nauseous.**



@2011 Robin A.F. Olson. What's out there?

We're nearing the end of our journey with Cara. She'll be spayed by surgeon, not just at a clinic. We have to take extra precautions because we don't want to injure Cara's esophagus during the anesthesia. Dr. K will be checking on Cara's spay, too. Only the best for this little girl who's suffered so much, already.



©2011 Robin A.F. Olson. Cara looks terrified but she's just watching a toy!

Once Cara recovers, we know what comes next. We figure out how to say goodbye to her. **I have a feeling it won't be a difficult goodbye, but more like a "until I see you again."** Cara's probably not really going to be out of our lives any time soon, but I'll report on that when the time comes.

I think it's safe to say, that this is the day we've been waiting for for a very long time. **This is the day when we can stop worrying about Cara and start focusing on watching her blossom into an adult.**

Comments

Thu, 2011-08-11 02:12 — AnneC (not verified)

YAAAY!

First time commenter but have been reading for several months now -- and honestly it's been Cara's tale that keeps compelling me to check back. Maybe it's because she reminds me of my little [Coraline](#).^[3] with those eyes, but as soon as I started reading about what she was going through my brain was all "THIS KITTEN MUST LIVE OR THE UNIVERSE IS GOING TO HAVE TO ANSWER TO ME!" So, again, YAAAY! It is a joy to see her growing up so nicely!!!

Sun, 2011-08-07 02:26 — Cassy (not verified)

Adorable

Cara is so adorable. Hope she'll be very happy on her forever home and that they will take care of her as well.

Cassy from [Beginner Guitar Chords](#).^[4]

Sat, 2011-08-06 21:32 — Kelsey A Kruse (not verified)

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So glad to hear - such great news. Love little Cara and her sister Polly! Thank you Robin.

Sat, 2011-08-06 12:33 — Marilia (not verified)

Yupiiii!

Congratulations!!!! I'm so happy about Cara! Great job friends!

Sat, 2011-08-06 00:01 — Bernie (not verified)

Cara

What a journey this little girl has gone thru. I can see a lot of love and hope in her big owl eyes. She is a beauty. It takes special folks to do what you folks are doing. However, you do it so very well.

Cara will have a good forever home, there is no doubt about that. Time for her to shine.

Fri, 2011-08-05 20:47 — ellawi

CARA!

Robin, your persistence has paid off in this beautiful kitten. Thank you!

Fri, 2011-08-05 09:07 — Teri and the cats of Curlz and Swirlz (not verified)

Cara Recovers

Amazing! Look how great she looks! Thank you for your perseverance and to all her CB fans who donated to her 'get well' fund, too!

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