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Wed, 2014-03-12 10:07 — Robin Olson

Big Daddy needed to find a needle in a haystack. That needle was a rescue or adoption. Being FIV positive made Big D's chances of finding a placement any time soon a long shot, but what Big Daddy had going for him was all of you—his angels. Angels who read my blog post [THE ACCIDENTAL FERAL](#) ^[1] and didn't sit on their hands, they did something about it. They shared his story. They talked about him. The news spread..and then...



©2014 Warren Royal. *Big Daddy doing what he does best.*

Within a few days an email arrived from a woman named Chelsea. I could tell from her words she was very upbeat and interested in Big Daddy, not just *pie in the sky* dreams of wishing she could adopt him. **She'd known other cats like Big D and knew she could take him into her shelter. She and her peers love difficult to place cats and they work very hard to find them great homes. They aren't spooked by FIV.** They know Big Daddy can be with other cats and people. They can find him a home.

Chelsea's the Foster Coordinator for [Angels of Assisi](#) ^[2] and it's in Roanoke, Virginia, about a 6 hour drive from northern Georgia, where Warren and his wife, Terri are currently fostering Big Daddy. Since I've had a few unfortunate experiences transporting cats to rescue groups I'm not familiar with, I began to ask around to find out more about A of A and make CERTAIN they were legitimate. Why? [Here is just one reason.](#) ^[3]



©2014 Lori D'Angelo. *I just realized the origins of Lori's last name most likely described a person who was "angelic." Come on...tell me you don't believe in fate now!*

One of our readers named Lori, offered to go to A of A and, just like a spy, took lots of photos covertly so she could report back to us. Okay, she didn't have to do that as I'm sure no one would have minded. She let us know

that the place looked good to her and she'd been there years back and found it to be a good place back then, as well. **Another friend of Covered in Cat Hair named Tori, told me they had a good reputation and she gave me more info about what good community outreach they have and how she felt it would be a good place for Big Daddy, too.**

Angels has the best animal photos I've seen in a long time. Their [Blog](#) ^[4] and [Facebook](#) ^[5] pages are well done and active. **I asked Warren to do some checking, too and by total coincidence he discovered a new client of his has a BIG location in Roanoke AND they'd love to meet Warren if he was in the area...then he finds out his client adopted a cat from Angels!**

I was relieved Chelsea was understanding and helpful about all our questions and concerns, because I think she understands what dangers lie out there if you are not careful about where you place a cat.

The decision was made. Big Daddy will be leaving Warren and family this weekend. **Warren is personally driving him to Angels to make absolutely certain it's a good placement for him.**



©2014 Warren Royal. Best friends forever.

Big D has blossomed since he was first trapped. Almost daily Warren has sent me a photo of Big Daddy looking more and more relaxed and content. I almost begged Warren to keep this big boy, but after many long conversations with his wife, he couldn't sort out how to make it happen with the cats he already has. I know Warren's saved so many cats over the years...

...but I have a feeling that saying goodbye to Big Daddy will be his toughest. I hope you'll join me in telling Warren how proud you are of him and thanking everyone at Angels of Assisi for their offer to help.

I'll cross my fingers that in the coming days we'll get the best news-that Big Daddy has found his forever home, but for now I'll be happy that Big Daddy is with the Angels.

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It was heart-warming to read about Big Daddy, but Romeo's story made me so upset. So many kitties, in such terrible conditions :(I am glad to see that, though he's struggling, he's still hanging in there and getting all the love and attention possible.

Thank you for all you do and for all the things you've taught me.

Sat, 2014-03-15 11:23 — [cloakmaker](#) (not verified) ^[11]

You terrified me with the title! ^[12]

I read this post worried that you were being euphemistic about not finding Big Daddy a home! Much happier to hear that his going to a good place to wait for his people.

I have to compliment Warren ^[13]

I have to compliment Warren on his bravery and generosity. It always impresses me when a person will give his whole heart to an animal, knowing full well his heart will break when it's time to say goodbye. Thank you, Warren, for taking such good care of Big Daddy, and for helping him find out about safety and love.

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