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Mon, 2011-07-25 10:15 — Robin Olson

I know a lot of people who rescue cats and they often say to me that they think they're cat magnets because cats who need help, always seem to find them. My friend, Izzy, is one such person and recently she had to take quick action to save the lives of helpless neonatal kittens.

Izzy and her husband, Mark were helping bring in hay at the boarding farm where they keep their horses. While they were there she found out something that was both heartbreaking and a true emergency.

At the boarding farm there was a tractor shed on the property. The owner found 5 newborn kittens without their mother. The owner figured the mama would come back, so she didn't worry about it. She checked on the kittens the next day, but no mama. **For two days the kittens were left alone, not fed or kept warm. At less than a week old, without urgent care these kittens would perish.**



©2011 Isilwath. Izzy smartly used an insulated thermal bag to help keep the kittens warm. One of the MOST important things you need to provide to very young kittens is warmth.

She mentioned her find to her next door neighbor who said he'd shot and killed a white cat in his yard, worried she'd kill his ducklings. **Without pity or concern, he ended her life, not realizing he may have also just ended the lives of five little kittens, as well.**

The owner moved the kittens to her stable, hoping another feral mama would find them and care for the three boys and two little girls, but no help arrived...until Izzy got there.



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Now Izzy has a few, ah cats, dogs, horses...well more than you can count on your fingers and maybe toes, so Izzy knows how to care for animals, but she's got her hands full already. She didn't bat an eye, or try to get out of helping these babies. One look at them and she was smitten. **Each delicate creature was snow white, but by some comedic genetic twist, all but one has at least one black dot on their head. It's as if a cosmic force anointed them, marking them as ones to be saved.** Izzy knew she had to move quickly, so she took the kittens and got them home where she began the difficult task of trying to warm them up get them FED. Time was of the essence!



©2011 Isilwath. *Jazz.*

Izzy and her husband, Mark, also a dedicated animal rescuer, helped tend to the kittens. The phone rang. It was the owner of the farm. **They found a sixth kitten.** He, too, looked like the others, but was strangely about a week older. He was alone and crying. Mark drove back to get him. They weren't going to turn their backs on kittens in such dire circumstances. The kitten was sick and probably starved. They put him in with the others, hoping for the best.



©2011 Isilwath. *Vash.*

It was touch and go for a few long days. Izzy and Mark took turns feeding and helping the kittens void their bladder and bowels. At that age, the kittens can't even do that without help. It's a very difficult thing to do TIMES SIX. Every few hours the kittens were fed, cleaned, loved. Now was the time to pray and hope that they weren't too late, at least for some of them.



©2011 Isilwath. Princess.

It's been two weeks and the kittens have survived so far. Each day they live is a big success for Izzy and Mark. They decided it was ok to go ahead and name the kittens.

Their names are:

Justin - older kitten - two gray spots on his head

Shiro - all white female

Princess - white female with two very small gray spots on her head

Screamer - little male with a black spot on his head

Jazz - little male with a large gray spot on his head



Vash - little male with three gray spots on his head

©2011 Isilwath. Screamer.

They're squirming and crying and eating and doing all the things little kittens should do. **Two of Izzy & Mark's own cats, have become surrogate mothers to the little ones, offering their own warmth and companionship,** (though since they're spayed-no milk) that the kittens so desperately need. It's as if they knew, too, that these little angels needed them.



©2011 Isilwath. Cee Cee with her foster babies.

But what happens next? Izzy and Mark don't live in a big metropolitan area full of potential adopters and don't have resources to home so many kittens. Well, that's where I stepped in. I told Izzy I had her back. I didn't want her to fear having six extra cats. Even though I'll have Amberly and her five kittens by then, I'll find a room for these angel babies. I'm just part of the team that's going to get them to their forever homes. **We're trying to right a heartbreaking wrong and perhaps in getting these kittens strong and adopted into great homes, we're honoring the spirit of their Mother, who truly is an angel now.**

©2011 Isilwath. Sophie, one of Izzy & Mark's cats, helps with motherly duties when it comes to giving Justin a bath.

Can you help provide a small donation so we can pay for the Angel babies vet care? Your donation is Tax Deductible as the money goes to my 501(c)3 Non-Profit cat rescue, Kitten Associates, Inc.

You can use the ChipIn widget, above or mail a check to:

Kitten Associates, Inc., P.O. Box 354, Newtown, CT 06470. (make check out to: Kitten Associates and note "Angel Babies" on your check)

The kittens will need shots, to be spayed or neutered and microchipped. It's about \$85/cat to do it here in CT, so we're just asking for the basics. **If you can help, great! If not, you can help by sharing this with your friends. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

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What a wonderful story!! So ^[17]

What a wonderful story!! So glad these little babies were found in the nick of time. They are so precious. Thank you Robin and your friends for all you do for the animals.

Mon, 2011-07-25 11:44 — [Random Felines \(not verified\)](#) ^[18]

YEAH to you and to Izzy. The ^[19]

YEAH to you and to Izzy. The world needs more people like you!!! And boo to the bad man - worried cause it "might" happen. sheesh.... We know this kittens are in good hands and smiled at the adults taking care of them. We did the same thing with the bottle baby we had last fall - even Ivy seemed to like her. :)

Sat, 2011-12-03 22:50 — Lisa Fleming (not verified)

Can my book help... ^[20]

Hi Robin, I found your page from a fellow writer on Cat Writers' Association page. My just released children's book, Cat and Crow: An amazing friendship, based on a true story, might be able to help with the angel babies vet bill. Do you know where my book could be placed on a web site for purchase? It can be on as long as you need. My publisher would give 20% of the proceeds to your cause. Please vist 'their' Facebook page, Cat and Crow Children's Book to message me.

Thanks so much,

Lisa Fleming, author

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