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Thu, 2011-06-30 13:35 — Robin Olson



What a nightmare. I had Cara's blood work repeated on Tuesday after three weeks of diet change and a short course of antibiotics. I'd hoped to see her White Blood Count come down to normal levels. It was not. It was **29,500-high normal is 19,000. Cara also showed elevated Neutrophils (26,500 and high normal is 12,500) and 295 bands (300 is high normal). From the [Cat Spay of Sante Fe](#) ^[1] this article describes in better detail what these values mean: "Band neutrophils are the youngest form of the neutrophil, and indicate that the bone marrow is trying to produce and release cells as quickly as possible. A few bands can be present in a normal patient, but an overload of bands always means that there is an active infection."** This all adds up to something is wrong and Cara has a festering, lingering, S.O.B. infection of some sort.

Dr Larry and Dr Diane (Cara's Specialist) agreed that this is indicative of an abscess-probably in her esophagus. The only way to be certain is to look. The only way to look is to knock Cara out and use a scope on her. The cost is going to kick us in the shins, but I'm not going to do another fundrasier. I've already bugged you guys too many times and many of you have helped out. Cara doesn't look sick or pitiful, but she's harboring quite a serious problem. **She gained 8 ounces over the past month, which is remarkable, but puts her at 2-3 pounds under what she should weigh for her age.** She's grown a bit, but I have to wonder how she will be stunted from months of being debilitated. She continues to projectile vomit once a week. I may have to make a deal with the devil to get her the treatment she needs, but I'm not complaining.

We need ANSWERS and we need them NOW and we need to "FIX" this girl for once and for all! Cara needs a warm and loving home, not to have to spend her life being run back and forth to Vets.

P.S. and will someone please tell me why cats always have to have expensive Vet care done on Holiday weekends?

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We hope they can figure it out for everyone!!! We will be purrin' for you.

And mom agrees - why do they wait for holidays or 5am on Sunday???

Thu, 2011-06-30 15:15 — Mychal Meyers (not verified)

What a beautiful, sweet ^[9]

What a beautiful, sweet little kitty. I feel so badly for her. All my love, Cara!

Thu, 2011-06-30 21:50 — Shelli ^[10]

same reason Noah Matan ONLY ^[11]

same reason Noah Matan ONLY gets sick on 3 day weekends - argh!

Love and lightness to Cara.

(and to all the furry love muffins at casa Robin!)

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