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It may be long overdue but it's no less sincere: a BIG, BIG SHOUT OUT AND THANK YOU TO Andrew, master craftsman and design daddy behind the sublime line of cat scratcher/loungers called Brawny Cat ^[1].



I've written about Brawny loungers before, but this lounger is different. **It's far bigger, bolder, utilizes exotic hardwoods and is completely hand built. It even had a tiny metal plaque on it that glints in the sun.** It's HUGE. It's heavy. It's built to last for a very long time. It's called the **Big Sleeky Comfort Throne** and our little Freya is lucky enough to have one to call her own.



©2014 Robin A.F. Olson. Little Freya not long after rescue.

This story began innocently enough. Last autumn I reached out to Andrew for advice. **Freya hadn't had her surgery yet and although she loved using corrugated cardboard scratchers, she keep soiling them to the point where I was replacing them every DAY.** Clearly that was not a good use of resources so I thought there had to be a better way. I knew Andrew must have scraps of laminated cardboard so I hoped I could take some of it off his hands and use those.



©2015 Robin A.F. Olson. Of course Fluff Daddy liked the box best.

Andrew chose to go above and beyond, telling me that although he was taking a short break from building cat loungers and didn't have anything he could send me right away, that he would send me a little something later in the year. He did just that, shipping Freya a lounger that took our breath away. When a HUGE box arrived for Freya, I knew it was from Andrew. **Inside the box was a breathtakingly GIGANTIC lounger, far bigger than Freya would ever need.**



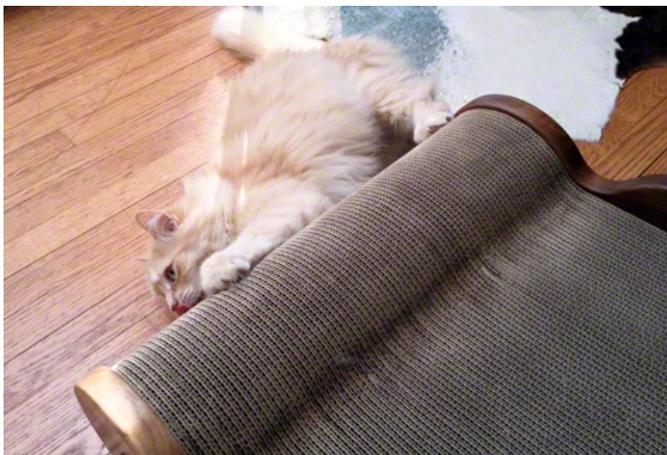
©2015 Robin A.F. Olson. Freya's impressed!

Within less than a second of putting the lounger on the floor, Freya ran over to it, claiming it for her own. She must have known it was for her!



©2015 Robin A.F. Olson. Lots of room to grow into-that is IF Freya grows beyond kitten-sized.

What's not surprising is that our other ten cats have spent time on the lounge, too. Frankly, it's rarely ever empty. That said, if Freya wants the lounge-end of discussion. She may be small, but that's HER lounge and she's not going to share. If she wanted to there's plenty of room on it for two.



©2015 Robin A.F. Olson. Blitzen is a big fan!

Freya also likes to watch TV since the Throne is in view of her favorite shows. In the four months (yes, a very tardy thank you) we've had it, the cardboard is still in great shape and the lounge is a nice compliment to our furnishings.



©2015 Robin A.F. Olson. Blitzen showing off his modeling chops.

We also have a few Sleeky Lounges, which are a very budget friendly version of the Throne. They wear well. It's been nearly two years since we've gotten those loungers and **they're still going strong** and are used every day. **You can see more about them [here](#).** [2]

As most of you know, Freya did have her surgery and is doing GREAT. I'm sure if she could talk she'd thank Andrew, too, for his generosity and for his compassion for cats-especially a little kitten who needed his help.



©2015 Robin A.F. Olson. Freya watching the *Secret Life of Cats* [3]-of course.

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Hi, any ideas on when Andrew might return?

I have wanted a Brawny Cat lounger for several years and money wasn't available at the right time.

If you speak with him, please let him know that there are people waiting to own one of these loungers :)

and would be proud to have one.

thank you,

Shelia

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