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Tue, 2010-12-28 17:06 — Robin Olson

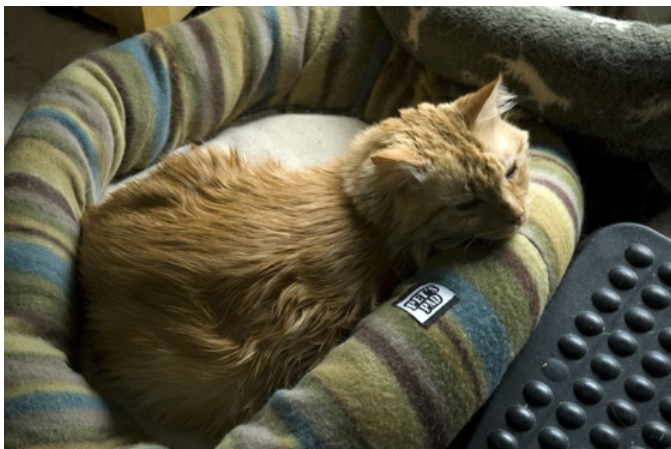
Bob's been home for almost a week since he had surgery to remove the right lobe of his liver. We found out it was cancerous, but now removed, it could be considered to no longer be a threat to his health. Of course many of you know, they also biopsied one of his mesenteric lymph nodes, where they found he had lymphoma. As in humans, the amount and severity of cancer is rated. In humans, they call it "stages," and in cats, it's called "grades." Bob's cancer is "low grade," which means we may have caught it very early on in the game. Dr. Weisman said it could be a blessing in disguise because if she hadn't done the surgery, the [lymphoma](#) ^[1] would have grown unchecked until it was probably too late.



©2010 Robin A.F. Olson. Bob a few days after surgery.

At least Bob has options and I'm glad I didn't wait another month to see how homeopathy would work for him. He just would have gotten sicker.

There are two great candidates to help Bob with the next phase of treatments. It's ironic that they are almost exactly the same distance from here-about 50 miles. [Dr. Post](#) ^[2] was referred to me by Dr Weisman and the other, [Dr. Impellizeri](#) ^[3], who runs the [Vet. Speciality Center of the Hudson Valley](#) ^[4] was glowingly referred to me by Dr. Larry as well as Super Deb-who used to **WORK** for this Vet. I have appointments with both Vets, but am leaning towards Dr. Impellizeri.



©2010 Robin A.F. Olson. Enjoying freedom from his pen and a nap near my space heater.

I'm really grateful to live in a place where I have choices and don't have to drive Bob hundreds of miles for treatment. It's important to me to be careful about what Bob must endure and the value of the stress on him versus the beneficial results. I find myself treating him as gently and lovingly as I can. He feels like he's made of glass.

It's been a long week, but Bob continues to recover. He's eating well and some times looks perky, though he is tired and sleeps a lot. He loves his heated bed and his dehydrated chicken treats. His belly turned black and blue from the surgery, but

that is starting to fade. Tomorrow we visit Dr. Weisman to have his staples removed.

What is very frustrating is that Bob caught Nora's upper respiratory infection. I gave Bob some homeopathic treatments and he seems less afflicted. I certainly hope that this is the case. The last thing Bob needs is to be sick with something else.

Last night, I let Bob out of his pen. He was glad to be free from confinement and went right back into his old routine. He sits quietly, in "his spot" and waits for meals to be served. He sleeps in his favorite places, too. He gave me a real thrill by climbing the stairs to our bedroom, then not only did he sleep in a cat bed next to my side of the bed, in the middle of the night he climbed into the "human" bed and slept with us all night. At one point I got up to see if he was on the floor and was surprised to see him flanked by Spencer and Blitzen at my feet. I didn't want to go back to sleep. I wanted to just watch him and have the joy last of seeing Bob surrounded by his family, resting comfortably, maybe even happy.

He's a good boy, that Bob.

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Tue, 2010-12-28 17:15 — [Tigger, Munchki... \(not verified\)](#) ^[13]

How wonderful that he is ^[14]

How wonderful that he is improving, and the surgery went well. We are so glad to hear this update. Continuing to send purrs and gentle headbonks.

Tue, 2010-12-28 17:39 — Katnip Lounge (not verified)

Wonderful Bob ^[15]

I'm continuing to pray for Bob. He sounds like such an excellent kitty, I hope he does well and graces your life for a good long while.

xx Trish

Tue, 2010-12-28 18:55 — Tracy (not verified)

Bob's surgery/recovery ^[16]

Robin:

It sounds like Bob is doing very well. I am so glad to hear that his lymphoma was a low grade. It sounds like he's lucky to have caught it early. Praying for the best for all of you. Keep us updated. He's one handsome guy!!!

Tue, 2010-12-28 21:58 — [ZoeEmEffGee](#) ^[17]

so happy to hear this ^[18]

It sounds like there is still a chance for Bob - he's a real fighter! He's not ready to leave you yet it seems!!!

Hopefully things will continue to look up and he will be well again.

Tue, 2010-12-28 22:13 — [Amy and The Hou...](#) ^[19]

It is great he is doing better! ^[20]

I am so glad that Bob is doing better, that they got all that nastiness out of his liver and that it is a low grade lymphoma - those are all good news. Yes, he is still recovering - that was some major surgery he had after all, but soon you won't need to treat him like he will instantly break and hopefully with the right treatment he will go into remission and be with you for a very long time!!

Tue, 2010-12-28 22:32 — Joni Dick (not verified)

YEAH! ^[21]

So glad to hear Bob is feeling better and you're (hopefully) getting some sleep

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