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Jakey and Teddy are still here. I don't know why it's been so difficult to find them a forever home. Interest in adopting them together is few and far between. Applications are lacking in ways I can't overlook, if I do happen to get any. Now Jakey has gotten ringworm on his back foot and Teddy has it on his shoulder-at least I'm pretty sure that's what it is...so it means even more time here since they can't go anywhere until they clear up. **In the meantime I'm itching to do a rescue, but with Bobette in the big foster room and the boys having to spend the night in their room leaves me no extra space.**

I'm already seeing kittens appear on Henry County Care & Control's [Petfinder](#) [1] page. It makes me sad and sick. Here we go again. The sense of urgency ramps up. This Animal Control is going to be overloaded any second. Lots of animals are going to die. I sit back and take a deep breath. I'm not the only rescue helping HCC&C, but that doesn't mean any of the cats I read about are safe.



**This is NOT BOBETTE! This mama and her babies are ID# 2/18-0416 and need rescue! Contact: [mystiblu@bellsouth.net](mailto:mystiblu@bellsouth.net) if you are a GA LICENSED RESCUE ONLY.**



©2012 Robin A.F. Olson. Teddy with his creamy filling showing.

**Things are not looking good for any local Georgia cat who needs help.** Between the news of PETA's investigation of [Caboodle Ranch](#) [2] in Florida, which alerted the ASPCA to respond to claims that over 700 cats were being mistreated and living in poor conditions. The number of rescues helping with this situation is astounding and includes: Atlanta Humane Society (Atlanta, Ga.); Bay Area Disaster Animal Response Team (Belleair Bluffs, Fla.); Cat Depot (Sarasota, Fla.); Florida State Animal Response Coalition (Bushnell, Fla.); Good Mews Animal Foundation (Marietta, Ga.); Humane Society of Broward County (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.); International Fund for Animal Welfare (Yarmouth Port, Mass.); McKamey Animal

Care and Adoption Center (Chattanooga, Tenn.); PetSmart Charities, Inc. (Phoenix, Ariz.); and RedRover (Sacramento, Calif.). Staff from the University of Florida (Gainesville) College of Veterinary Medicine and Maples Center for Forensic Medicine at UF are also assisting with the rescue operation. **The news was NOT well received by many in the rescue community who were outraged that the owner of Caboodle Ranch, Craig Grant, was treated like a criminal and is being persecuted unfairly. You can read some of their comments [HERE](#) [3] Meanwhile, others claim there are seriously ill and dead cats on the property.** Add to that, the news of a hoarding situation of 40 cats in GA means local cats may have a tough time finding a rescue.

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I've got to find Jakey & Teddy a home and get them out of here as much as I adore them..I mean they drive me crazy!**Now that they're out of their confinement for most of the day, they get bored so easily that they constantly bug me for either attention, food, playtime or food.** I had to put them in their room the other night after I counted having to scold them 15 times in 15 minutes...and this is after they had play time and it was 10pm and I just wanted a few minutes to fade out in front of the TV. **Apparently the fact that I sit on the loveseat in the living room means they should lie under it with their belly up and rip the underside out of the furniture. You know..for fun.** There are a billion toys inches away and they go for the furniture. Hmpf!



©2012 Robin A.F. Olson. Jakey, silly boy.

Then there's Bobette. What am I going to do with this cat? She was supposed to go over to AID months ago, but I held her back because she needed surgery and I felt responsible to get her healthy before she goes anywhere else. **The problem I'm seeing is she HATES her offspring to the point of it being dangerous if they sneak into the room when I enter to feed her.** I haven't allowed any of my cats to see her for fears of what she will do. If she won't get along with other cats, that's going to be a very tough sell. I'll have to set up a screen and do a test with my cats. I wonder if it's just her boys she wants to stay away from or all cats. Oh boy...



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©21012 Robin A.F. Olson. Bobette Jumps!

It's tough to say what is going on with Bobette's leg. I see her every day and changes are not so apparent to me. I can say I've seen her run with more confidence and JUMP! **I also notice her pulling her self up onto the bed instead of jumping up on it so is her leg weaker or stronger?s**



©2012 Robin A.F. Olson. Room enough for two.

Three weeks ago Dr. Mixon told me she may still have a "dip" to her gait until he removes the pin in her leg. It's the last thing that will be done and hopefully removing it will allow her to be more comfortable since the pin is right under her skin and I think it is uncomfortable for her.



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**On Wednesday the pin will be removed.** Will I get bitten again? Will Dr. Mixon be the lucky winner? Hopefully we know to go easy with her and will be able to get her lightly sedated enough so Dr. Mixon can quickly remove the last piece of hardware from her leg.



©2012 Robin A.F. Olson. Jakey with the ASPCA [4] Kitty.

Bobette's fur has grown back. If she didn't limp I would almost not know she had surgery. **Her knee has stayed in place, but when I felt her leg it felt terrible.** I think it's because I was feeling the nylon sutures that will always be in her leg. At least that's what I hope I'm feeling!



©2012 Robin A.F. Olson. Jakey is having a bad hair day.

The weather has been odd. It was sunny and in the 50's in February and now that it's March, it's colder and snowy. **I feel uncomfortable in my own skin. I want to be free of it and do something. I don't like sitting around when I know cats need help.** Behind the scenes I've been doing some things to help other cats, but it's not enough. I miss having teenie kittens around and this is after I promised myself a break.



©2012 Robin A.F. Olson. Jakey with Blitzen.

I suppose having cats that don't require much care is enough of a break. **It's almost spring, Kitten Season looms on the horizon. With the weirdly warm winter I fear it's going to be a Hell of an explosion of kittens very soon. Better take it easy while I can.**

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### **Orange Tabby Mom testy with kids?** <sup>[15]</sup>

I had been having that problem with my mom, she had been living free outside before she had them. But, I have the option to move them all in a big enclosed space outside all day. I found she was not like that there, in fact they played and groomed happily. Also, when I changed the room to allow them to enter and exit that outside room the mom started to want to stay in the room more often, even when they were not being allowed out at night.

Hope it helps.

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