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I had a code phrase for Sam so he knew to go get Pizzelle. The mom was about to jump out of her skin and almost blew the surprise. Hanna was focused on Mocha we could have screamed there was a second cat coming and she would not have heard us. We finally got her to turn around as Sam uncovered the second cat carrier. **Pizzelle jumped out and Hanna just looked at him. No jumping up and down. No screaming. Nothing.**



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Her mom and dad tried to get Hanna to understand what was going on. Hanna was chasing after Pizzelle as he was racing around the room. Mocha saw him and growled, then slunk off into a corner. The mom got upset and told them this was normal and explained why, while in my head I was saying a prayer that both Mocha and the mom would calm down.

Hanna finally realized both cats were hers, but I think she was so overwhelmed and distracted it hadn't really sunk in enough for her to react to it. She loved being able to pet the cats and play with them, talking to them and clearly thrilled that the cats liked her as much as she liked them. Pizzelle had her attention and she was playing with him and petting him as he checked out his new home.



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We talked about feeding the cats, **then Hanna asked when the cats could come out of the basement and sleep with her. Her mom quickly shut her down, saying no, that no way would the cats sleep with her.** They were dirty,

carried disease, etc. **I just about grabbed the cats and took them out of there when I heard her say that.** I did my best to let her know that one of the most wonderful things about having cats is sleeping with them and **that they would make more noise and keep Hanna awake if she DIDN'T allow them to sleep with her.** Hanna was happy to have me on her side, but I had to tread lightly.



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Mom came up with all sorts of reasons why it was bad, but in the end I got her to agree to at least giving it a chance or maybe letting them sleep with her a few nights a week. **I couldn't imagine this little girl having her first cats and not be able to cuddle with them at night. The problem was her mom feared they'd scratch her face or hurt her while she slept.** Steven seemed more relaxed about it. I hoped that they would let them some day. **I had to have faith that in time it wouldn't be a problem, especially as Hanna got older.**



©2014 Robin A.F. Olson. *No! I'll get the toy. You stay put!*

Meanwhile, Mocha was angry and upset. Hanna was playing with Pizzelle, who was completely at ease. I kept close to Mocha, fearing she'd lash out. I suggested that we do the paperwork and let them decompress for a few minutes. The mom stayed behind, which gave me pause. She was already uptight and fearful. I hoped it wouldn't affect Mocha and amplify her distress.



©2014 Robin A.F. Olson. Mocha. I hoped she would stop lashing out and go back to her sweet self soon.

Things began to calm down between the cats, who were busy getting petted or running over to the big sliding glass door to the back yard. A few dried leaves scattered across the grass and the cats were dazzled by the movement. I knew they'd be spending hours looking out the window watching the birds and squirrels. They were calming down and Mocha's tail went back up and she stopped growling.



©2013 Maria S. Looking back to last summer. Mocha not long after rescue. Exhausted from being trapped inside a cat carrier with her 3 kittens, she finally gets some rest in the safety of Maria's home. Read more about their backstory right [HERE](#) ^[2] and [HERE](#) ^[3].

It was time to leave the cats. I did so with a heavy heart, but with a hopeful heart, too. Mocha and Pizzelle would want for nothing and little Hanna had two new best friends who would be a big part of her life. It was hard to believe, looking back, that this was the same cat and kitten (along with two others) who were discarded, ^[3]-trapped in a cat carrier and dumped in a cul-de-sac. No note to where they came from or any information about them. They were left to die in the August heat in Georgia without food, water or shade. Their future as black cats in the south, was bleak.

I guess it goes to prove that black cats can be lucky after all.

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It's wonderful that Hanna now ^[7]

It's wonderful that Hanna now has two lovely cats to care for and hopefully her Dad, who sounds like a very good chap will support the little girl and her cats.

I worry whenever I hear anyone express fear that a cat will scratch a child. Why? because fears amongst non animal folk often grow when unchallenged, and that, sadly for cats where declawing is still legal can lead to them being declawed.

Maybe the cats will turn the Mom into a cat person? That would be a great ending to the story.

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