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Wed, 2014-01-29 18:35 — Robin Olson

I was sure Nanaimo and Linzer were going to be adopted first out of Mocha's family because they were almost identical twin tuxedo kittens. They often had a surprised expression, which made them appear to be caught just before they got into mischief. They could be considered "double trouble" just by the way they looked, but after spending a few minutes with them, it was clear they were love bugs, too.



©2013 Maria S. Nanny (left) and Linzy (right) just after rescue.

I admit that their name choice was probably the two worst cat names I've ever come up with, but in my defense, [nanaimo](#) ^[1] is a chocolate and vanilla baked treat. If my readers were all from Canada, they'd understand that and might even agree it wasn't such a bad choice.

Okay, it was a bad choice.

Moving on...

Dr. Larry hooked me up with adopters who came to visit Nanny and Linzy, but it didn't work out. They ended up taking home [Marigold](#) ^[2], who is now living in the lap of a very loving home.



©2014 Robin A.F. Olson. Flyin' Linzy.

In no time, I got another great application from a family in Wilton, about 30 minutes drive from here. They'd lost their senior kitty after a long illness and were looking forward to adding two kittens into their home. Everything checked out, except for one little detail. I called the vet for a reference and they told me there was a second cat named Hudson listed on their

records, but the last they'd seen him was August of 2013.



©2014 Robin A.F. Olson. *Tiger Teaser* [3] *moustache*.

Normally I'd jump all over that lack of detail on their application, but instead I decided to talk to the family when I saw them. There are plenty of times when a family takes on a pet when another family member is in trouble or they help out a neighbor and they don't consider the pet to be part of the application. I made a mental note to ask about this cat once we did the home visit.

The home was lovely. We only met the mom and younger son. The husband was in the house, but was "busy" with something. Too busy to come out and say hello? That seemed odd. The daughter was away in college.



©2014 Robin A.F. Olson. *The Goof Troop*.

We talked about where the cats would live. We talked about their cat who passed away. The son, who is 14, talked about the cat and how much he loved her. **We talked for about 30 minutes and not ONE WORD about this other cat, Hudson. I finally asked about him and the woman teared up.**

I was told that Hudson was a cat they adopted in 2013 who got outside and ran away. They supposedly did everything they could to get him back but he just wanted to get outside from the first day and they had a really hard time keeping him indoors. He'd been gone for 5 months, but the vet was never informed. The kid jumped in to agree with everything his mother was saying. My cat-rescue-senses went on alert. **Was this simply crocodile tears or was she sincere? Was the kid told not to talk about the cat? Was that why he, too, acted as if Hudson had never existed until I pressed them about him?**



©2014 Robin A.F. Olson. Linzy?

I asked her for a photo of Hudson since my buddies at Animals in Distress (A.I.D.) are right down the street and I'd planned to go there to visit anyway. Maybe they could help. The woman changed the subject. Before she did that she'd described where she got the cat and I was pretty sure she was describing A.I.D. but I didn't challenge her on it. I had some detective work to do.

We concluded the visit and left feeling like something was wrong, nice home, nice people, but something was off. My fears were confirmed a few minutes later at A.I.D. I asked the folks if they knew about a cat I'd just heard of. All I said was the name, **Hudson**, and they all stopped in their tracks and looked at me. Hudson was THEIR cat. He had lived in a basement his whole life until they rescued him and he'd **NEVER** been outside. **There was no way that cat would want to get out. The Vet told ME that the family had vaccinated the cat for Feline Leukemia months after adopting him, which also gave me another clue that they were letting the cat outside on purpose because usually when there are NO OTHER CATS in the home, the vets don't vaccinate for FeLV.**



©2014 Robin A.F. Olson. Biscotti showin' off the belly.

After conversations with many of the volunteers, it was clear to me that something was up with this family. First, they lied a lot on their application, and then they lied about letting their cat outside. **I'd heard that the husband did not like the litter pan smell and relegated the cat outside.** I can't confirm that, but what I could prove to be true made me very angry. Most rescues won't adopt to homes where the cats are let outside. Here in Connecticut, it is **JUST TOO DANGEROUS**. They may have known to lie on their application to get the kittens. I knew for certain there was **NO WAY** they were going to get our cats. **There were known coyotes in the part of Wilton where this person lived and A.I.D said 5 cats in the area had gone missing in the past few months. I didn't need any more reasons to say no.**

I expected to get a reply to my email turning down the application, but I never heard another word. I'm worried these folks will lie to get a cat who will just end up like all the others because they won't keep the cat inside. **I hate to vilify ANYONE. I really do, but I also will not tolerate being lied to to get a kitten.**



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Mocha and Pizzelle got adopted next and, again, I got another promising application for the twins. This one was from a Police Officer in a nearby town. He had a dog, two teenage sons and a wife. Very stable home life. Very nice family. Great vet reference. They came to visit the kittens and I have to say, for such BIG (I mean TALL) people, they were ALL VERY MELLOW. **The kittens had fun with them and vice versa. It was one of the easiest adoptions I've ever done, though looking back it took a long time to find the right fit.**



©2014 Robin A.F. Olson. Happy family with happy kittens.

Their dog is a golden retriever who is elderly. **I'm guessing the kittens are sleeping on him by now. The last update I got mentioned they were all doing great.**

It all happened so quickly. In the space of less than a week, Marigold, Mocha, Pizzelle, Nanny and Linzy found their forever homes with wonderful families. For once, I didn't cry. I was just happy the long dry spell was over and we were getting some kitties adopted again.



©2013 Maria S. Mocha's kittens, Nanny, Linzy and Pizzelle the day of rescue. And to think these kittens would have perished if we didn't have Maria to foster them and all of you to help fund their rescue. Thank you for helping us do our life-saving work. Want to read this family's backstory? Just go [HERE](#) ^[4] and [HERE](#) ^[5].

The discarded cats family was mostly spoken for now, with the exception of Biscotti . He remained on his own in the big foster room for the first few days after the adoptions. Being alone pushed Biscotti out of his shy zone and he became a lot friendlier without the other kittens around. Sam and I took turns sleeping with him so he wouldn't cry from loneliness. I knew he needed friends and that the Clementine's desperately needed the space, but I wasn't sure how Biscotti would survive against 5 VERY outgoing, rambunctious kittens.

I also feared that although the Clementine's had been getting antibiotics and treatments for their upper respiratory tract infection that Biscotti could get sick. **I asked myself what made the most sense: put Biscotti with other kittens to soothe his loneliness, but risk getting him sick? Or, keep him on his own and let him cry throughout the day?**

I couldn't stand to see Biscotti be so sad, so I took a chance and put him with the Clementines.

Boy was that ever a stupid idea.

...to be continued.

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[Aw...BS meter is quite accurate!](#) ^[12]

Aw...so glad your kitty BS meter was working, Robin. I totally enjoyed the detective work you did and the final outcome for the kitties. I can't wait to read the next post about Biscotti and the Clemmies! (Who I watch daily on your dropcam. :))

Thu, 2014-01-30 15:26 — [jmuhj](#) (not verified)

[NANAIMO and LINZER](#) ^[13]

BIG props to you for taking the time and effort to get to the bottom of that very undesirable family's lies! I, too, pray they do not adopt any cats as they are obviously unfit to do so.

But who DID adopt them? And how is Minnie doing?

Thu, 2014-01-30 22:03 — [Robin Olson](#) ^[14]

[Adopted by the Police Officer & Family](#) ^[15]

They were adopted by the police officer and his family (see photo in blog post). Sorry that was not more clear.

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