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It's been a very long road for Polly and her family. They've been here for three and a half months-the longest I've ever had fosters. **They should have found their permanent homes a long time ago, but chronic upper respiratory for some or life and death strictures for another, made it impossible to put them up for adoption.** The exception is Chester and his mama, Mazie.



©2011 Robin A.F. Olson. Mr. Handsome! (Chester Cheesetoes)

Chester never got as sick as Polly and didn't have two strictures that Cara is recovering from. He's just a big, love-bug whose already had lots of interest from potential adopters. I've held off moving him because he has a slightly runny eye. I think that a visit to the kitty eye doctor for both him and Polly are going to be needed. I won't adopt out a sick cat unless that cat is deemed "special needs." I worry that once adopted, the cats might not get the care they'll require-the extra observation and attention to make sure they don't break with the URI again. I have to be very careful about screening adopters. In fact, I had one application come in and in doing the background check I discovered they had not one cat, as listed on their form, but over 18 animals, ranging from ferrets to dogs and a few cats! **The Vet they listed said they had not SEEN any of these animals for TEN YEARS!**



©2010 Maria S. Polly a few days after being rescued, before she got sick.

For the most part, Polly and Chester are in good shape. **Polly is FINALLY getting spayed TODAY.** I hope she'll do all right. She's a tiny bit sniffly, but I really can't wait any longer. She's about to go into heat, if she hasn't done so already. I can't believe how big she is. I'm facing the very real problem of not being able to find her a home she's getting so large. I worry about Cara and especially Mazie, who no one has had an interest in adopting. I had planned for her to go to my friends at Animals in Distress where she'd be seen every week at their open house. It would mean separating her from her babies and putting her in a room with many other cats. She broke with a tiny DOT of ringworm so I held her back for four extra weeks, but that is long gone now. I just couldn't bring myself to let her go. **I'm hanging onto the hope that she can be adopted with one of her babies.** It's a long shot, but I want to try...yet...now her babies are not babies.

Who will want these cats when "kitten season" is here?



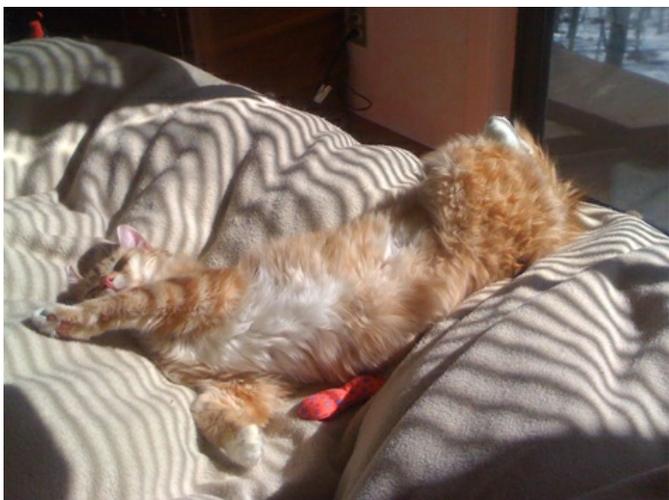
©2011 Robin A.F. Olson. Polly before heading off to be spayed.

AND I still have Noelle, remember her? The kitty caught in the car engine? She's in Georgia with another Henry Co. cat we rescued last year. We need to get them up here and adopted quick! They're just waiting around. I had to put off moving them because I have no space for her. Plus, I can't help any more cats. **I HATE not being able to rescue!** It really bothers me a lot. In fact I feel a lot of shame about it. I really do. Without foster families, my hands are tied. I can't bring any cats into my house. I'm full up. We need some local folks to help out and join our forces so we can start rescuing all those spring babies that are starting to be born!



©2010 Maria S. Noelle after the surgery to dock her tail.

Then there's MacGruber. **Yeah, he's STILL here, too!** I had to hold him back because the little bugger had a TINY dot of ringworm on his foot. Ugh. He's loving his life. He and Blitzzen are constantly together, either playing or getting into trouble. They chase after Petunia and that's caused a lot of problems. Can you spell, *inappropriate urination*?



©2011 Robin A.F. Olson. MacGruber has made himself at home it seems.

We wish Mac could stay with us. He really feels like a part of the family. He's got a huge personality, that's for sure, but we also know he'll get ten times more attention-which he deserves, if he had a family to call his own.

That **ALL** that any of these kitties dream of...a good home...and SOON!

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Wow! Polly looks so much healthier these days! Thank goodness for people like you that can help these cats recope until they find a good home.

Thu, 2011-03-31 12:51 — kimmy (not verified)

Shame?! ^[16]

"feel a lot of shame" - goodness Robin! I stopped reading this blog entry as soon as I read that line, as I had to stop and comment. You should never feel any shame for the work that you do. You're going to bat for kitties near and far and doing everything you can to give them a chance at finding a forever home. I'm just so flustered that you think that I'm at a loss for words! Get rid of that silly idea of shame and just remember how awesome you are!

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