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Fri, 2009-12-18 18:38 — Robin Olson

I got Rudolph, Comet and Dasher to the Vet this morning. I was both grateful to get an early appointment and even more relieved that Rudy made it through the night. For a little guy, he is very sick.



I managed to get a crappy photo of him as he curled up on my chest. He's very affectionate even though he can barely breathe.

The Vet Tech took everyone's temp (except MINE of course). Rudy was at 103.8°F, Comet was at 104.2°F and Dasher was normal at 102°F.

The general consensus was that it would be pretty tough for these cats to get so sick in the 36 hours it took to get them to CT. They left GA in good health and somewhere along the line they became very ill. Comet had to be hospitalized. She hasn't eaten much, is depressed and very very thin for her size. At 8 months of age she is just 3 pounds. She was dehydrated and uncomfortable. I'm glad they kept her. I'm worried about her and I'd be more afraid she'd end up crashing here!

Little Rudy ate for us, so he was sent home with a bag full of meds. Two eye drops, antibiotics, a probiotic and nasal drops. He is "this" close to being hospitalized, himself. He only weighs 1.11 lbs. Our Director took him for a few days to help me out. I have no space to quarantine another cat. My hope WAS that I'd be getting the cats adopted out quick and I'd have time and space for any foster cats that are here. That will not be the case now.

That said. One cat was spared being sick-so far. Vixen.



To describe her as a knockout does her a disservice. This cat is stunning and very very affectionate. To imagine that even a cat as fine as she, had faced death due to an overcrowded shelter is beyond my comprehension. From the get-go, this girl was all over me, purring and wanting to be held.



She made quick friends with Dasher, too. I just loved her!

Yes, she's adopted. Of course-though I wish she could have stayed longer. She went to an awesome home and these folks will be taking her to visit MY Vet, the wonderful, Dr. Larry! Hopefully, I'll get to hear how she's doing since we're all in "the family," so to speak.

Although it's been a trying day and things are not going to be going very smoothly, that's for sure-I got to see this today:



And this...



Dancer

And this...



Blitzen

Oh yeah, and...



Donner

I think I have the most beautiful kittens in the world and I'm NOT going to let ANYONE adopt them!!!! MINE! MINE! MINE!

Anyway, they're too young to be adopted, so they're here at least another two months..I mean years...I mean weeks!

I got a lot to do...a ton of paperwork, gotta get to the store since now we're supposed to get blasted with a nasty snow storm tomorrow. What happened to the Christmas card I was going to design? All the gifts I was going to buy? I haven't even

decorated the damn tree yet! I'm really glad I just got two huge shipments of cat food today, so at least they cats will be fed no matter what. They're saying 8-15" of snow starting tomorrow!!! So much for last minute...Holiday?...shopping? anything?

Ugh.

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OMG SOOOOOOOO CUTE! ^[17]

What a bunch of gorgeous kitties~! I am jealous that you have a house full of adorable kittens for Christmas. I can totally relate about getting ready for Christmas. We have a pine scented candle....and uh, no tree! I hope Rudy and Comet are much better soon!

Happy Holidays!!!

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WOW! ^[19]

Before I even read what you wrote about Vixen aptly named btw I gasped out loud! So loud! That is one seriously gorgeous kitten! They are all super good looking though!

Sat, 2009-12-19 19:22 — [acninee](#) ^[20]

Any good news today ? ^[21]

How are Rudy and Comet?

Mon, 2009-12-21 20:59 — [Your Daily Cute \(not verified\)](#) ^[22]

Beautious kitties! ^[23]

These are the most beautiful kittens I've seen in a long time... and you know that says a lot! We see a ton of cute kitties roaming around the Cat Blogosphere and stuff.

I really, really, really, really hope they all get well. I'll be thinking of them!

Wed, 2009-12-30 15:52 — [angie \(not verified\)](#) ^[24]

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WOW, vixen!!

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