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Thu, 2010-08-12 13:23 — Robin Olson

I had every intention of taking the kittens to the Vet, mostly so that Dr. M could compare them to tiny Cinnamon, but not do anything else with them, since they seem to be fine. Cin was the one whose eye bothered her and who is skin-and-bones skinny. Just having the Vet look at one kitten could not cost much. Of course, that was not to be.



©2010 Robin A.F. Olson. Waiting to see Dr. M. while Dr. Larry lollygags in ITALY.

The kittens were a definite hit with everyone at the newly-almost-done-with-remodling Maple Ridge Animal Clinic. I was sad that Dr. Larry didn't decide to scrub his family trip to ITALY, just to take care of my kittens, but I'll have to get over that.

These kits are delightful. After the initial "ooo-ing" and "ahh-ing" was over, Miss Amber brought us into the exam room, put the carrier onto the floor and opened the door. One by one each kitten shot out of their confines and began to race and sniff around the room. Cin ran to the back of one of the exam tables, into a TINY space where she was able to collect a bit of fuzz and give us a good scare. If she had been timid, I doubt we would have been able to get her out of that space! A moment later she was bored with her confines and jumped out and continued to run around with the others.



©2010 Robin A.F. Olson. Super Deb giving Sugar Pie a lift, while trying not to fall in love with her.

Miss Amber began to weigh the cats. Cin is up to 1 lb 2oz, which is up from being less than a pound a week ago, but still about 6 ozs less than her SISTERS..and yes it is confirmed, I have a **GIRL CLUB!**

Weighing the cats was a good indicator of age, which is at about 6 weeks. I began to feel some dread as each cat had their temp taken and we discussed what should be done for the kittens. That's when I realized this simple visit was going to cost some bucks. Ugh. Then, Dr. M. came into the room and started to talk about testing, more shots, more meds...ho boy..here we go...and I don't get a discounted rate, *(because I haven't asked and because I'm not a Non-Profit just yet and because I'm scared to ask, so I have to feel the situation out when Dr. Larry gets back from his trip)* so this is going to hurt.



©2010 Robin A.F. Olson. Yodel and Sugar Pie enjoy running around while their sisters get weighed.

Cinnamon's temp was a bit low, but not dangerously so. The stool samples came back. One tested negative for anything and one Elisa tested positive for [Giardia](#) ^[1]. Dr. M wants me to treat all the kittens for about a week and said that this may be why ALL of them feel very boney. What is weird is they don't have the runs! For such little kittens they have really nice stool. Nice size and shape. Not mushy or even that smelly. Maria and I have been giving the kittens [Bene-Bac](#) ^[2], which may be keeping their digestive tract in better condition? One thing's for certain, the cats LOVE IT, so getting them to eat it is not a problem. And yes, if you foster cats, you need to know about the beauty of a nice stool. Many kittens have lots of intestinal parasites. Add to that, transitioning from their mama's milk over to cat food and odds are you'll be seeing mooshy poop-and with kittens that can be a dangerous thing if it doesn't resolve.

The other thing I learned was that because I wasn't sure how old the kittens were when they were pulled out of Henry County, I opted to let the vet in GA decide if they should be started on FVRCP shots. Well, that was a waste of time because they were too young. Now we have to start the series all over again. So each kitten got a shot, which really hurt poor Cin. and which didn't bother Sugar Pie a bit. The shots will be repeated again in 4 weeks and 4 weeks after that. They also should be re-snap tested for FIV and Feline Leukemia because they were too young to have an accurate result, as well. Great! So I just wasted a bunch of money on Vet stuff in GA. Live and learn. I hope learn...oy veh.



©2010 Robin A.F. Olson. Sugar and Honey B. completely dwarfed by the chair.

Cinnamon's eye was definitely irritated. Was it due to a trauma or the beginning of the dreaded URI beginning to take hold? Whatever it is, she's being treated with antibiotic eye drops to see if we can get her feeling better.

We talked about diet and I'm going to add [Nutri-cal](#) ^[3] to their food for awhile, along with my own idea of adding some plain chicken baby food into their grain free canned. They're also getting some KMR since they're still a bit on the young side. Basically, I give them whatever I've got.

You can say the same thing about the Vet bill...I gave them everything I've got, too. I have sooo got to find a Vet who will work with me and who I like and and and...but I first need to get my papers filed so I'm a proper Non-Profit! I've retained a great Lawyer and am looking forward getting this done, though let's not talk about money, because legal fees and filing fees make

the Vet bill look quite tame.

Deep breath. It's going to be fine. It will work out. You won't lose your house and be forced to live in a cardboard box. You won't. Maybe a small shed? Like that guy on "[Confessions of an Animal Hoarder?](#)" I have to stop watching that show...more on that next...

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Thu, 2010-08-12 16:33 — Kat (not verified)

GREAT website Robin. Even ^[19]

GREAT website Robin. Even greater undertaking! GOOD for you! I am a friend of Connie's. She said I should check out your site. So glad I did! Best of luck with everything.

Katherine (Kat)

Thu, 2010-08-12 17:14 — [isilwath](#) ^[20]

Makes me appreciate my vet ^[21]

all the more. He never charges me for an office visit, and only charges me for the meds he uses at cost. I'll be heartbroken when he retires. :(

If you put up a Chipln to help with stuff, we'll help as much as we can. I know from Barb, GA rescue licenses are \$400. O.o You'd think they'd make hem more affordable, but I guess not.

But tale a deep breath. Keep saying, "The money will be there" and believe it. It will be there. Don't fret or fear. It'll all work out.

Thu, 2010-08-12 17:44 — [Robin Olson](#) ^[22]

Thank you! ^[23]

Thanks Izzy! I want to think more about how I do fundraising. At least I know that once we DO get our non-profit status, all the donations we got so far are tax deductible retroactively!

Kat, welcome to CiCH! Thank you for stopping by. I adore Connie! She is good-people! :-D

Thu, 2010-08-12 19:39 — Kat (not verified)

She most definitely is and ^[24]

She most definitely is and you must be too!

We currently have 17, YES, 17, because we just can't let those fosters go. HOWEVER, we did let one of our great volunteers give the two baby girls we were caring for a most wonderful home. Hmmm, seems we ended up with the lone boy staying here. He's a fourteen week old WILD child that doesn't care in the least that everyone else is five times his size! In this house I guess that's to his advantage!

Seems we just run our own kind of shelter here, the " stop and stay forever" shelter. Wouldn't trade a single one, even when they test, test, TEST! It just goes with territory! Gotta love 'em and if you don't please go away!

All the best to you. Those babies are beautiful! Have fun!

Fri, 2010-08-13 10:23 — meowmix (not verified)

I thought Yodel was a dude. ^[25]

Seriously I thought so too, along with the other moocats. Not bad there... you got an all girl team there.

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