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Thu, 2015-05-14 10:16 — Robin Olson

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I didn't want to take Freya to the Vet. I was sick with worry about it. If Freya was a "normal" cat I wouldn't be so concerned, but we already know that Freya has lots of deformities so it wouldn't be surprising that her ovaries or uterus had some issues. I knew she'd be in very good hands because Dr. Chris, our Board Certified surgeon, was going to do the procedure. He'd also be the final word on whether or not Freya still needed to have her right inner ear CT scanned and if she'd also needed surgery on her ear canal to drain any remaining infection.



©2015 Robin AF Olson. Our Freya.

I love Dr. Chris, not like I want to run away and bear his children love, but I really cherish working with him. He's always smiling even though the poor guy has often had to soothe my fears about Freya. He's extremely smart and talented and I trust his opinion (*okay and he's really cute, too, but that has nothing to do with it. I'm just dutifully relating information as any good writer would*).



©2015 Robin AF Olson. Dr. Chris last December with Freya.

So this morning I sat in the now so very familiar waiting room at [NVS](#) ^[2] with Freya at my side, who was snuggled inside her Robin's egg blue cat carrier. Dr. Chris came out from the back of the building to escort us into an exam room. Just seeing his radiant smile made me feel more relaxed. I hadn't seen him for a few months and it was good to see him again. After we said a quick hello, I found myself focusing on the mental laundry list of things he needed to know about Freya. As I spoke I noticed

he was looking at Freya as she ran around the room. He was smiling, then remarked how great she looked. After all she'd been through I didn't see her transformation as clearly as Dr. Chris did.



©2015 Robin AF Olson. Freya's nickname is Monkeypants, so this is a box of monkeypants.

Dr. Chris examined Freya as we spoke about what should be done today. We went over the costs which would range from \$1800.00 to \$5100.00, the low price being only the spay. **Of course many of you who do rescue know we can get spays done for under \$100 at a clinic, but Freya couldn't go to a clinic since we didn't know what was yet to be discovered inside her.**



©2015 Robin AF Olson. At the vet yet again. At least Freya's not scared being there.

It was a tough nut to swallow, but I knew we had to do what was right for our kitten. Dr. Chris said that he didn't feel Freya should have the CT scan yet. Clinically she was doing very well. **She was playing, eating, passing stool. She no longer had a head-tilt, though she does have some deafness, which could be something she's had since birth.** Instead of spending that money on the CT now, he thought it was wise to wait and give her more time. If she relapses then we'd have to do the scan, but for now the less we do to her, the better.

All that was left to decide was when to do her spay surgery. Again, I was surprised by the answer. **Dr. Chris felt that Dr. Mary or Dr. Larry could do the spay and that as a rescue it would be better for us to bank the savings so we could rescue more cats than spend it on having him do the procedure.** I asked if he felt it was safe to have our G.P. Vet do the surgery and he thought they could easily handle it. He also said I could bring her back and he would still perform the procedure if our other vets didn't feel comfortable taking her on.



©2015 Robin AF Olson. Freya meets the raccoon.

He added that it was very unlikely Freya would ever need the “twist” surgery that Dr. Pavletic pioneered to aid her rectum function. The plan was for it to be her final surgery when she reached her first birthday. Since she never ended up developing megacolon, which would have been corrected during her spay, there’s no need to do that either. So instead of needing three surgeries for her colon/rectum, she was done after just the one we did last year. Wow!

I agreed to call Dr. Larry and to determine whether or not we could have Freya’s spay performed today since she was already fasted and ready to go. **Then, what I never expected happened.** In my writer’s mind I’d describe a romantic scene about being alone in the exam room with Dr. Chris; about how our eyes locked in an intense gaze across the room, the passion building between us, undeniable, magnetically drawing us ever closer, but also knowing his peers and my friends might read this; I’ll have to keep a more detailed fantasy to myself. **In truth, what really happened was very straightforward, COMPLETELY professional and G-rated.**



©2015 Robin AF Olson. Freya loves Aunt Nora.

Dr. Chris is leaving NVS. I will never see his smiling face again.

It was a bitter pill to swallow after such a long journey. After discussing the results of a million x-rays of Freya’s colon, after a hundred tears worrying about my kitten, after all this; **it was over.** Dr. Chris said his residency is wrapping up in Newtown and he’s accepted a position in Miami and will be leaving in July (*in that heat?!).*

Resigned to this disappointing news, I gave Dr. Chris a hug goodbye and told him I was sorry to see him go (along with my silly schoolgirl crush). He walked us over to the reception desk, smiling politely as he said goodbye, then turned, greeting the next couple waiting to meet with him.

Two hours later.

Freya and I were in the exam room at Dr. Larry's office. As he entered the room I could feel the energy shift. I knew that Dr. Larry's in-law had passed away a few days ago and that he was truly hurting. He looked visibly thinner and tired. Before we could talk about Freya I reached out and gave him a big hug and told him how sorry I was for his loss. **Dr. Larry's my brother from another mother and I hate to see him suffering.** I felt badly for even asking him to spay Freya. He should be home with his family.



©2015 Robin AF Olson. Freya's tail obsession goes into overload when she sees Spencer's tail.

I gave Dr. Larry the rundown and explained to him why I felt it was okay to at least try to spay Freya. We had a few rounds of blood work done in the past that were very clean. She'd had a 2-hour long surgery and did well. She was eating and playing normally. She went into "heat" so that meant something was working inside her. We just didn't know how well it worked or if there were other surprises.

Dr. Larry listed his concerns, which all made sense. He told me she could have part of her reproductive organs fused to other organs or her digestive tract or a whole host of other issues that could kill her.



©2015 Robin AF Olson. Yes, Freya watches TV.

In the end I agreed that he should consider this an exploratory surgery and if she was well enough to be spayed, to do so and if not I'd take her to Dr. Chris for a surgery at a later date.

He told me that he'd call me right away if there was a problem and that if she did all right he'd wait until he was done to let me know how things went. Basically if there was no news any time soon, that was good.

Three hours later.

Dr. Mary, Dr. Larry's partner, called me. She sounded as cheerful and bubbly as ever. She said; **"Well, Miss Freya is all set. We did the spay and she's recovering now."**



©2015 Robin AF Olson. Freya vs. Fluff Daddy.

"That's it?"

"Yes, she did fine. Everything was normal. She may act a bit odd for a few days since she her hormones were still elevated, but other than that she's doing well. You can pick her up later this afternoon."

After I hung up the phone it hit me. It's OVER. Freya doesn't need any more surgeries and hopefully will never need a CT scan. She's spayed. She's had her shots. She's been de-wormed. She's passed all the milestones our other foster cats have passed. It just took a lot longer and we never were sure we'd make it this far.



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No more worrying about if she's going to survive her surgeries. **She did.** No more worrying about her being able to pass stool. **She does.**

No more wondering if she'll ever hold her head straight or have both eyes open. **It's all good.**

Then I recalled something I wrote in my [very first post about Freya](#) ^[3]:

"In my mind's eye I can see Freya, sleeping on a soft bed that is bathed in sunlight. She's comfortable and plump. She looks like she's smiling as she sleeps away the afternoon. She is healthy and well and these dark days are over for her. She didn't have to die, she got to live. That is my dream for Freya..."

And for once, my dream came true due in part to so MANY generous donors who offered not only financial support but sent cards and gifts to Freya, who put tires on my old car, who sent us emails and called and told us they cared so very much about our little foster kitten. **To our amazing Vets: Dr. Chris, Dr. Larry, Dr. Mary, Dr. Pav, Dr. Deb and Dr. Cory--yes, it took all your expertise to bring us to this fine day and I appreciate it so much.** To Chelsea and Randy, who gave up their kitten because it was the right thing to do for her, even though it meant giving her up (*and it was Chelsea's birthday that day, too*), thank you for your bravery and trust in letting a rescue take over when you weren't able to.

I guess there's only one thing left to do. **It's time to put Freya up for adoption.**



©2015 Robin AF Olson. Home from being spayed, Freya gets some much needed rest.

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Comments

Thu, 2015-05-14 11:18 — Lisa (not verified)

There's no way I'd be able to ^[22]

There's no way I'd be able to put her up for adoption. After all you've gone through together? Couldn't do it. I can only foster if I don't get attached, and I've only done it twice. The first time was torture letting her go, but the second was easier, probably only because I knew who was adopting her and knew she would be spoiled rotten.

Thu, 2015-05-14 12:01 — net (not verified)

Freya ^[23]

Robyn, I think I speak for most of us when I say, "Freya belongs with you." Should the need arise that she needs any more medical procedures, I will always be willing to help out financially. Freya really does belong with you. You've had her best

interests all along.

Thu, 2015-05-14 12:03 — net (not verified)

Freya [24]

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Thu, 2015-05-14 12:16 — Jen (not verified)

awww.. [25]

I thought for sure... After all you've been through with her, that she'd be a foster fail!!

Thu, 2015-05-14 12:18 — Jeanne B. (not verified)

Are You Kitten Me? [26]

Are you Kitten me?

After all this, *of course* you're going to keep her. Right?

I know I wouldn't be able to part with her after that. You two are soul-bonded. I think we'd all forgive you if this was a foster fail. :-)

Thu, 2015-05-14 12:37 — catzs3 (not verified)

What???? [27]

I am so happy for you and for Freya. This little bundle of joy has been through so much and you have been right there with her the whole time.

Now as for you putting her up for adoption.....I have been thinking for the last several months that you would end up keeping her because you have this bond. She trusts you and knows you will take care of her no matter what. I just assumed you would make her yours permanently without hesitation.

Tell me I am right. Or give me one of those Dr Handsome smiles and hugs that it will be okay for her to go to a stranger.

Thu, 2015-05-14 13:06 — Kitty Plourde (not verified)

Adoption [28]

There is no way I will believe that you will ever put up that little angel Freya for adoption. You, Robin, will never be able to give that sweet fur baby away. You and she have gone through way too much to ever be separated. You two are the dynamic duo.

I seriously believe that you could not give her up if you tried.

Thu, 2015-05-14 13:41 — jmuwj (not verified)

RE: FREYA [29]

Oh no! After all you have been through together? I had assumed you were "an item" and a forever match. Wow. This is a shock! SO glad she came through her spay with flying colors. How amazing she is!

Thu, 2015-05-14 13:43 — Rosemary (not verified)

freya [30]

NO. No adoption. She's already home. Please. It'll break my heart. You are her mommy. No adoption. Ask anyone. They will agree. Please...

Thu, 2015-05-14 18:13 — [Ellen Rubell \(not verified\)](#) [31]

Freya [32]

UP FOR ADOPTION??? After all you have been thru together, you're not keeping her? I'm shocked. That's a joke, isn't it??

Thu, 2015-05-14 22:23 — Catnynouse (not verified)

Freya needs adoption [33]

Could Chelsea and Randy adopt her?

Fri, 2015-05-15 06:35 — GD (not verified)

If Chelsea and Randy were ^[34]

If Chelsea and Randy were interested in adopting Freya back...is that something you would consider? I don't know all the details or such, but perhaps they want her. Should they get that option, first? If the answer is no, I do understand...I am sure there are a number of reasons. I am just curious.

Fri, 2015-05-15 20:22 — lynne wilson (not verified)

Robin.....your just kidding ^[35]

Robin.....your just kidding about giving her up right?

Fri, 2015-05-22 10:54 — Kathy (not verified)

Adoption ^[36]

Hi Robin,

How are you ever going to give her up? You have been so much with her and she captured your heart from the first second that you saw her.

I used to foster cats and kittens for a cat rescue/shelter but gave it up after three years. My heart was crushed and broken because of the kittens that I couldn't save. I know that I did save many but even though I was fostering, the kittens were mine while they were with me.

When I left the rescue I kept three of the rescues. My first foster that never got adopted, my last kitten and one of the kittens that ended up with neurological damage.

I admire you that you keep going on and have followed and prayed for Freya every step of the way.

Take care,

Kathy

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