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Dear Friends,

I don't know about a lot of things. You see I was just born a few weeks ago. My mom told me we were living in a, well, not-so-nice place before we came here. She said there were a lot of other cats and a lot of other things all over where we used to live. There was so much human stuff she couldn't move around too well, but I guess that was okay.



©2015 Robin A.F. Olson. Little Zoe with her Mama and brothers.

*With so many cats in this place, my mom was scared to leave her hidey-spot. I know she was scared because she was going to have me and my brothers soon and she didn't want to give birth in this place like the other cats did. **She said that it seemed as though there were more and more cats being born, some of them went to Heaven right away and we should feel lucky that we didn't go there yet.***

*She said that she counted how many cats there were and she counted one cat for every one of her toes, then she ran out of toes! So she said there were must be more than 18. **I guess her sister had a kitten that went right to Heaven and then another sister got really really sick from being full of babies and she almost went to Heaven, too.***



©2015 Robin A.F. Olson. #06, Sweet Peaches, about a year old, who's looking for her forever home or a rescue organization to take her on and help her find one.

I don't know why there are places like this—full of cats and full of dirty cat droppings and dirty human piles of things, because it doesn't seem like the place where a little kitten like me would want to grow up.

My mother told me that before I was old enough to tell my own stories, some human-ladies came to our place. They carefully

lifted us up and put us into a nice clean box with a handle on the top. Inside it there was a soft bed. It was nice and clean, too. They told us not to worry and that they would take care of us. I think one of the ladies had wet sparkles covering her eyes that she had to wipe away with a soft cloth. She seemed sad when she looked at us, but I think that's because I look kinda funny.



©2015 Robin A.F. Olson. #07, Terrance, about a year old male, who's looking for his forever home or a rescue organization to take him on and help him find one.

I'm really tiny for my age and I think I have bad things inside me that made me feel not my best.

The ladies that brought us to the new place gave us a huge metal box to live in so we can all stay together. It's nicer than our old place and clean, too.

My brothers are small, but I am the smallest. The ladies said I am...I dunno. Something about bread, being in-bread? **They say I should be more developed by now, but geez, I'm doing the best I can.**



©2015 Robin A.F. Olson. #05 & #09, Silly 7-month old siblings looking for their forever home or a rescue organization to take them on and help them find one.

The ladies are feeding me extra milk and they are getting me some medicine. I hope it will help me feel better really soon. **I know they are worried about me going to Heaven and I'm a bit worried, too. I don't know much about anything, like I said before, but I do know these ladies are really good people.** They helped us when no one else could help, and they will take care of us so we can get big like my mom someday.



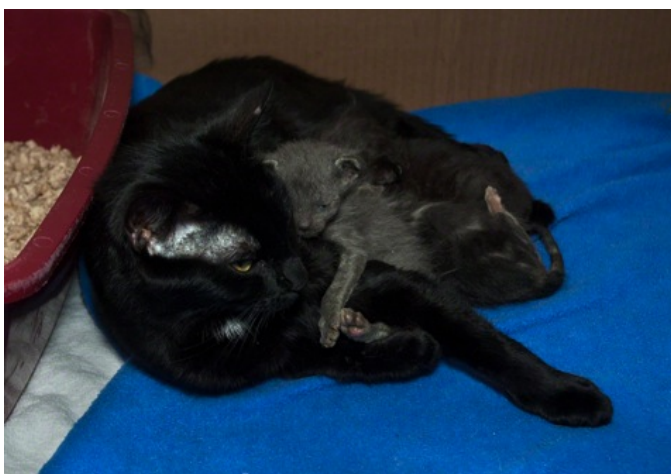
©2015 Robin A.F. Olson. #04, Phillip, a sweet boy barely a year old.

The problem is there are so many other kitty-cats who came from the not-so-nice-place and they need something called a Rescue Group to help them go to a nice place to live. The kitties don't need much, just somewhere clean and with good food, whatever food is. I only drink milk right now, but I hope you know what I mean.



©2015 Robin A.F. Olson. #10 Very friendly female tabby, about a year old.

The ladies told me that to keep helping all of us they need donations so they can make sure we'll get more good food, some of the kitties get special treatments called spay and some get neuter, and they all get vaccinations...and the donation-thing is something they really need help with.



©2015 Robin A.F. Olson. A Mother's Love can't heal everything, but hopefully we got to this family in time so that none of the kittens will be lost.

Well, I have to rest again. I get tired easily since I'm only 3 weeks old. I hope you can help me and my family and all our other kitty friends somehow. I'd like to have a chance to grow up and see the world, but I just don't know if that will happen.

I'll write again if I can.

Thank you for reading my story.

Your friend,

Zoe

From CiCH/Robin:

*This is a true story that began two weeks ago with a phone call from a person asking me for help to get a C-section for his cat. When I explained how dangerous that procedure was to the mom and babies and asked about the mother cat's condition, he began to reveal what was really going on: **He had more than 18 cats and none were spayed or neutered.** Far more than I could take on myself, I reached out for help and my fellow rescuers answered the call.*

PAWS in Norwalk ^[1] sent a representative over to the home to begin the process of sorting out what needed to be done. This liaison was terrific, keeping us abreast of what was going on, **but the true heroes are the staff at Nutmeg Spay/Neuter Clinic, who offered to not only vet each and every cat, but they would travel an hour to get ALL the cats and have ALL the cats recover from their procedures on site, then stay on in their facility until legitimate rescue organizations could step in to help.**

PAWS and our rescue, Kitten Associates ^[2] granted funds to provide 8 of the cats spay/neuter surgery and vaccines, and the former owner of the cats provided funds to get 7 more cared for.

Considering this is a situation that Nutmeg normally can't get involved with and is so far from their facility, the staff deserves a huge round of applause AND especially, our support. They're still in need of \$2,200.00 to provide complete care to all the cats...

*...(a couple needed emergency spay surgery and had additional health challenges, plus all the cats were tested for FIV and Feline Leukemia, dewormed, de-fleaed and some needed special grooming). **Nutmeg is in dire need of assistance from the local rescue community to help them place each and every one of these cats into a loving home.***

Every cat is spayed/neutered, has their rabies and distemper vaccinations and NEGATIVE for feline leukemia and FIV. Many of the cats are very friendly and all are under the age of 3, with most being older kittens.

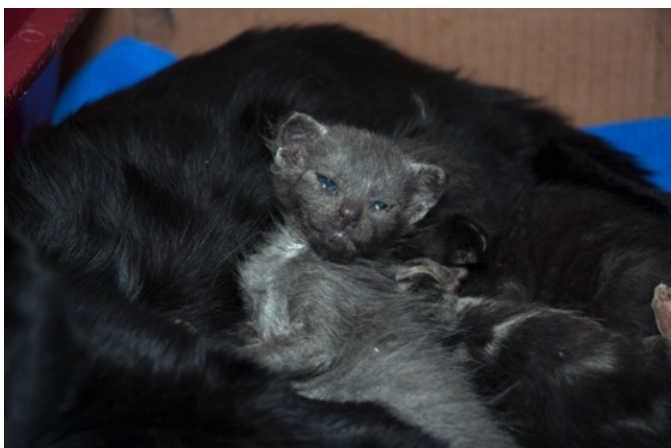
Please visit NUTMEG CLINIC ^[3] to share your love for kittens like Zoe. Simply use their PayPal donation widget (DONATE BUTTON on left side of page) or mail a check to: Nutmeg Spay/Neuter Clinic, 25 Charles Street, Stratford, CT 06615 and note on the check "For Zoe & the Kitties." Any unused portion of donations will go directly to the other cats in Nutmeg's care. **Nutmeg Clinic is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization so your donation is tax deductible as the law allows.**

Connecticut and surrounding area rescue organizations, please consider taking just one or two of these deserving cats into your adoption program so the folks at Nutmeg can get back to doing what they do best—keeping the animal population under control with safe, effective sterilization and vaccinations. In the almost three years since they have opened their doors, they've already spayed or neutered almost 10,000 cats and dogs.

If you'd like to inquire about any of the cats, please contact Gilda at info@nutmegclinic.org ^[4]

I'd like to personally thank Nutmeg for stepping up to a difficult situation and for being willing to house such a large number of cats. They aren't a shelter so this is tough on them.

Lastly, to the kitten I nicknamed Zoe, I hope you make it, Little One! I look forward to reading your next letter.



©2015 Robin A.F. Olson. Come on, Zoe! You can do it!

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Sharing this, with love and *PRAYERS* for Zoe and each and every cat in need!

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