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Late one night Stephen texted me. I had told him to put a shower curtain over their bed so Holly could be in their room unattended and not be confined to just the bathroom. They put it over most of the bed, but the bed was bigger than the curtain. Holly peed between the pillows, which wasn't covered, **AND** she peed **ON** the shower curtain. Again, alarm bells went off. The shower curtain trick should have worked, but it didn't. They had blocked off the sinks so Holly wasn't using them. She was using both of the litter pans in the bathroom, but still peeing on the bed, covered or not.



©2017 Stephen Kellogg. Oh Holly!

Time was running out. [Stephen](#) ^[3] was emotionally drained and was leaving in a few days. I knew he'd stick with whatever I said, but I imagined how bad it would be for him to be gone and Kirsten to be left home to deal with this so I did something I've never done before. **I told Stephen to let me foster Holly here.** She could meet my so-very-mellow foster cats, Annie, Andy and Mia. I'd be able to assess her for the next three weeks. I'd be more sure she'd need ultrasound or more sure she has a behavior problem. **Maybe I could help her more here than I could from a distance.** I would not be able to properly introduce Holly to the foster cats, but I bet that because she was only 6 months old, she'd integrate easily after a few days as most of our fosters have...but Holly is a tortie, remember?



©2017 Stephen Kellogg. ON the shower curtain that was on the bed...no, this should not be happening, yet it was.

Stephen had a family-meeting and they agreed it was worth doing. When we spoke about it on the phone I could hear the grief and heartache in his voice. He didn't want to fail Holly and neither did I. He didn't want to give up and re-home her, but he was beat down. He asked me if it couldn't work out with Holly would I consider allowing him to adopt one or two of my foster cats? He was honestly scared that I would think they were a bad family and wouldn't adopt to them. I assured him I would be honored to help should that time come, but to not worry about it now. Even I have a cat (*Petunia*) who should have been in a different home years ago, but I made it work. It's far from a perfect solution for either of us, but she is loved and cared for (*and far too old to be re-homed*). What I did for *Petunia* wouldn't be right for Stephen or his family OR Holly. It was too soon to make such decisions. There was still a lot more we could do.

Stephen was mentally exhausted (*both of us were*). Throughout our month working together he constantly kept me on my toes. I knew he needed a break, even if it meant I'd have a lot on my hands and possibly a big nightmare of peeing in the foster room. It felt like the right thing to do, so I spent a few hours preparing the room for Holly's arrival. The next morning the entire Kellogg clan came over to see Holly's new temporary home and to say goodbye for now.

If you've read my stories before you know there's one common thread-the one that goes "*what have I done?*"... and "*let my actions be a warning to others.*" Right? Remember those fun stories? Ha ha ha...here we go again...

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RE: HOLLY ^[17]

She's such a little beauty! *PRAYERS* for her to be able to get over whatever the matter is and be in a safe, calm, serene, loving permanent home very soon!

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