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Holly peed on Sophia, the eldest daughter's bed.

Game over.

Even though I warned the family this could happen while she's adjusting to her medication, they will not give her any more chances. Perhaps they hung on because I was such a passionate advocate for giving her more time all these months. Perhaps she would have been long gone if they hadn't contacted me, maybe in a new home where she didn't pee on beds. I can't say. **All I know is there is no way she is not going back to the rescue that had her before to live in a cage.**



©2017 Robin AF Olson. Holly.

Sam agreed that this was not going to happen to Holly when I told him about my fears. I was glad for his support. It could set Holly ever further back to put her in a cage in a room with a lot of other cats. She'd be an emotional wreck. Holly can come back here and be part of [Kitten Associates](#). ^[9] Hopefully she won't skip a beat and will resume enjoying her life in the foster room until we can re-home her. If she pees on the bed until the medication takes full effect, I guess I'll do more laundry.

In some ways Stephen and I are cut from a similar cloth. We both work very hard at what we do and are passionate about it. I said as much to him when he told me the bad news. I told him I couldn't bear working so hard, for so long, only to fail. There wasn't anything more I could do than I had done. He had tried very hard and put up with a lot of chaos and mess, beyond what most people would tolerate, and he STILL loved Holly and still ached over this decision.

I was so busted up about this news that I went upstairs and laid down on the bed in the foster room because it's so far removed from the rest of the house. I was unable to do a thing. I just laid there completely depressed and heartbroken. My

silly tuxedo polydactyl foster cat Andy came over to me and snuggled under my chin. He has always been a great comfort to me and his timing couldn't be better.

I couldn't stop going over it in my mind. I worked so hard for Holly and I really thought this story was going to end with a happy reunion. I know the Kellogg-girls are going to be distraught about this, too. I feel responsible for that and it breaks my heart. What I fear most is that the good feelings we all had for each other will morph into awkwardness and distance, until we are all faded from each other's memory.



©2017 Robin AF Olson. Yes, the entire Sandy Hook Volunteer Fire & Rescue ⁽¹⁰⁾ is in my kitchen.

On top of everything else, it's been a terrible few months for me, personally. We're in a crisis. In addition to seemingly everything breaking at the same time, without notice or warning, the power got shut off on Monday, the literal icing on the cake of horrors and humiliations I've had to bear. *This is what I get for running a non-profit rescue and helping others. I'm broke. The range almost set the house on fire, so we can't use it any more.* I've been without a way to cook decently for a few weeks. I just want to make my scrambled egg for breakfast again. It's awful microwaved. It leaves me feeling ill, but how can I complain when other people have it so much worse than I do?



©2017 Robin AF Olson. No kidding. Look at my shirt. I guess maybe I knew I had to wear it that night.

I've never felt so low and hopeless. I'm trying to rise above it. My friend Adria told me she'd had her power cut many times a very long time ago. She's ok now, but she's known bad times. She reminded me that things can change for the better, I just can't give up. I'm terrified things are going to keep changing for the worse. Something has got to give. It's been years and years of *awful*.

My lone ray of hope is something my friend Carolee told me this morning. She is the Animal Control Officer here in Newtown and I've known her for many years. I told her about Holly and how I feared she'd never find a home, but Carolee said it happens all the time. **She's had cats and dogs returned for peeing or passing stool just one time on the floor. She**

finds a new home and usually that's the end of the issue. Could the answer be so simple? Holly really just needs a new family?

I don't know.

All I know is having her return will be deeply painful for all of us. I don't know how we'll move on as friends. I'll continue to do my job, to be Holly's advocate, until I can find her a new family to love.

...twelve more hours later...

Stephen sent me some photos of Kirsten with Holly or just of Holly looking forlorn. I couldn't understand why he'd send them to me. He'd given her up. He wrote to the rescue who handled Holly's initial rescue and told her they had to give her up and that I was taking her, but Holly was **STILL WITH THEM**, not with me.



©2017 Stephen Kellogg. Kirsten and her girl, Holly.

I had a feeling that Stephen was determined to move on with re-homing Holly, but that maybe his girls were pushing back about it. This morning the evidence became more clear when I contacted them to tell them I'd spoken with Dr. Larry. **They needed to be reminded that Holly had to be on Prozac for at least 4 to 6 WEEKS** before we knew if it was truly working and she'd only been on it for 2 ½. I hoped they could give her more time, but I felt like I was pushing my luck.

Kirsten surprised me by telling me that Holly was doing great. She was following everyone around, being very affectionate and playful AND peeing in the litter pan. So I said; "Really???" So no giving her up then?" and she replied that she wanted to give Holly a chance, even after the incident two days prior.



©2017 Stephen Kellogg. *Where she belongs. Holly is home.*

So...here we are again. **Is Holly going to lose her home or not?** I guess she got a reprieve for now and I'm thankful for that. I'm not sure I should "*de-pee-proof*" the foster room just yet or frankly what I can do, other than wait and see.

Time passes...

Final words (*for now*). Holly peed again, this time on Adeline's bed. Stephen said Holly needed to come to me as soon as possible. Really. For sure. I told him it being Memorial Day weekend that I needed to take her on Tuesday, honestly needing a few days break. I began to make preparations for Holly's arrival, resigned to the inevitable.

Until a day later...when "*girl power*" kicked in and Kirsten lobbied for more time (*for which I am truly grateful*) and to please give their dear Holly a chance. So they got what they wanted.



©2017 Robin AF Olson. Andy and Annie with little "sister" Holly.

Meanwhile, Annie, Andy and Mia were supposed to be adopted together, but as fate would have it the oh-so-patient adopter was really just a sociopath who was also passive-aggressive. She went bonkers on me, was rude, impatient and pushy. **I decided to do a bit of detective work on her application and discovered she'd had a DUI a few years ago at the age of 51 followed by having her nursing license suspended, then a year later in 2015, revoked.** She had lied about being retired from nursing. She could not be near controlled substances for 4 years. Even though I admit I didn't want the kitties to get adopted, that wasn't a factor when I realized they could have been in danger with this person. I put an end to the adoption while the woman bad-mouthed me on social media.

HOLLY. IS. STILL. HOME.

She's getting her Prozac every day. She's being loved by her family and, I hope, starting to outgrow her tendency to pee inappropriately (*she's gone 12 days with no issues*). I just got a photo from Stephen of her playing on her NEW CAT TREE so I'm taking that as a very good sign.



©2017 Stephen Kellogg. Holly's new cat tree.

I got to meet a singer/songwriter and get a glimpse of what life on the road is like for him. I got to know him as a fine man, kind and loving, passionate about his family and his music and his little torte kitten. He made me a cup of tea, gave me a bottle of bourbon, a bunch of *Stephen Kellogg* CDs and a t-shirt, but most importantly he gave me his friendship, which I will always treasure.

This consultation went far above and beyond anything I could have imagined. Holly and the Kelloggs (especially Stephen) kept me on my toes. I learned a lot about how the other side of a cat behavior issue effects the people that live with the problem and that was a great lesson to learn.



©2017 Robin AF Olson. BFFs.

No matter what, I will continue to be there for Holly-girl and the Kelloggs, in any way they need me. It's been quite a ride. One I will never forget.

As much as there can be...this is The End of Holly's Story...



©2017 Stephen Kellogg. Holly's dad. If you'd like to catch Stephen. [Here's his current Tour Info.](#) ^[11]

As for me, I have another case to work on dealing with a purebred lynx point Siberian cat who I took into Kitten Associates to help her find a new home. Her mom's allergies got so bad she couldn't be near the cat any more so I offered to help. The problem is, I didn't know that the cat has a few issues. Okay, one issue. She's very aggressive and unpredictably so. How am I going to get to the bottom of this and help Stormy find her forever home or is she going to be considered unadoptable? Find out next...



©2017 Robin AF Olson. Stormy lives up to her name.

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