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Fri, 2012-01-06 12:07 — Robin Olson

I've been getting to know Bobette since she and her boys arrived last month. Right off the bat, I noticed Bobette angrily going after her kittens and I asked my Vet about it. He suggested it was due to her being spayed and the boys being big enough to leave and that in the wild, they would have been cast off to prevent them from in-breeding with the colony. It made sense, but it troubled me to see her doing that. The boys were not being injured, just scared off.

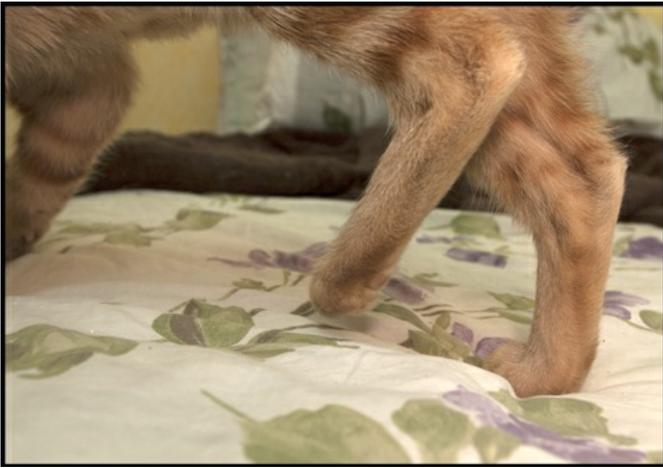


©2012 Robin A.F. Olson. Bobette getting some love from her boys.

But what I've come to understand is that Bobette is in pain and I believe that's what makes her lash out. She can be a warm and affectionate Mother. Her boys often come over to her and rub up against her, but if they try to play or get too close to her leg, she growls and swats at them.

©2012 Robin A.F. Olson. Bobette often sits with her leg stretched out. I hate seeing her like this and can't wait for her to get better!

Bobette's limp, which used to be almost unnoticeable, is now pronounced. She wants to chase after toys, along with her boys and some times she does, but her back legs go out on her and then her limp gets even worse. **She doesn't jump much these days and she sits awkwardly on the bed. At times she extends her leg, stretching it out, trying to pop her sublimated kneecap back into position, but it won't go.**



©2012 Robin A.F. Olson. This is Bobette standing, not walking.

Her injury is rated a 4 out of 4-the worst it can be. Although the Vets in Georgia told us she didn't need surgery, our Vet, Dr. J. Chris Mixon, feels she would do very well and have a much more comfortable life with it. I asked if her kneecap would pop back out and he said no and that he often does this surgery on much smaller patients and those stay in place (those little pocket-pal dogs), so this should go fairly well.



©2012 Robin A.F. Olson. Mikey waiting for his forever home.

After surgery Bobette will have to have THREE WEEKS of cage rest and THREE WEEKS of mild exercise. I will HATE crating her, but I know it's nothing compared to a lifetime of being able to run and jump like a normal cat. **Bobette was either struck by a car or hurt by a human. However she got this way, I'm determined to help her be whole again.**

The cost to repair Bobette's leg is not going to be \$100.00 as I first reported. I don't know if I misunderstood or the other factors, like a pre-op blood test, weren't taken into account. **Dr. Mixon, is still giving us a tremendous and very generous discount. Instead of paying \$2500.00, he's only asking for \$500.00.** One of our friends already donated \$100.00 to her surgery so we only need to raise a little bit more.

Bobette NEEDS this surgery or she will live in a lot of pain for the rest of her life.



©2012 Robin A.F. Olson. Mikey (right) and Mom (left)-hard to tell them apart and Mikey is about half Bobette's age.

If you can help, your donation is Tax Deductible as the funds go to my 501(c)3 Non-Profit Corporation, Kitten Associates. To donate, use the Chipln widget, above or you can mail a check made out to "Kitten Associates" and mail it to:

Kitten Associates

P.O. Box 354

Newtown, CT 06470-0354

Every dollar counts and if you can't donate, then if you can share this info on FB or Twitter that would be just great! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP!

And a BIG THANK YOU to Dr. J. Chris Mixon of the Newtown Veterinary Center ^[1] on 98 South Main Street in Newtown, CT for donating his time and skills to help Bobette. We couldn't do this without you!

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Robin,

Having just had Coco's PL surgery, I cannot afford to donate, (\$2600 not including future Physical Therapy visits)...but certainly know how much it hurts to see them hurt and that is why I went for the surgery, too. I have been posting about it on my blog, along with some very informative links. Let me know if you need any advice or guidance.

Teri

Fri, 2012-01-06 14:34 — [Robin Olson](#) ^[14]

Yes! Help needed! ^[15]

please email me offline! info@coveredincathair.com I would love to talk to you about this!

Fri, 2012-01-06 12:34 — Robin R (not verified)

Bobette ^[16]

Bobette, your going to be feeling better real soon and chasing those babies of yours!

((HUGS)))

Sat, 2012-01-07 10:40 — [I HAVE CAT \(not verified\)](#) ^[17]

BLESS YOU!!!! ROBIN ^[18]

i loved hearing you speaking to Bobette.....and thank you for being so observant and noticing what the vets did not! You are my idol!
xo

Sun, 2012-01-08 00:02 — [Robin Olson](#) ^[14]

:-) ^[19]

Oh Tamar, I can't take all the credit. Maria, who fostered Bobette initially, saw a mild limp and I agreed that she should have the kitty x-rayed. The Vet thought it was fine as is, but after Bobette got here and I saw how she was, I realized she was uncomfortable. Perhaps the long transport made her condition worse, I don't know. All I know is my Vet said surgery is the way for her and since then she's been getting worse and worse. She only lays on the side of her body opposite the bad leg, but she is sweet as pie. She loves face rubs and reaches out to me to encourage me to keep doing it. I hate that she will have to be confined for 3 weeks, but I know in the end, with any luck, she will begin feeling better. I hope I can provide the proper care for her. I'm a bit scared. This is the first time I've cared for a cat who gets to keep her leg after surgery- usually I get them after their leg has to be removed (which is dreadful but they sure seem to recover well). Anyway....thank you for your note, but I am not deserving! I just put the money together and hope I'm making the right choice. We'll know in a month or two! :-)

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