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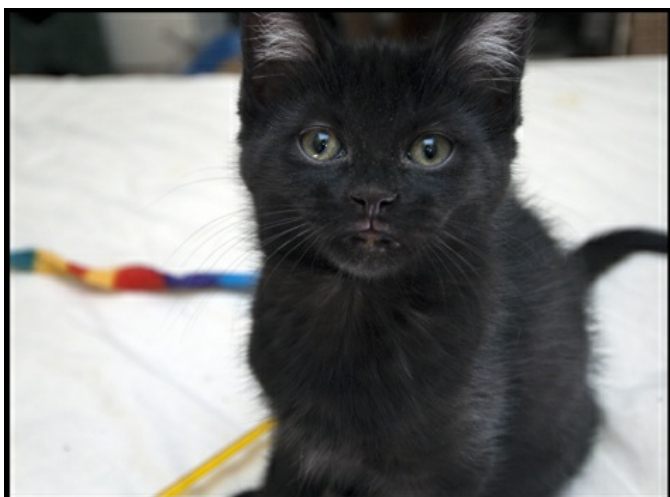
After having to re-schedule three times over the past month, this morning I dragged my weary butt out of bed and took the Kittens in Black to visit the Vet. **Sabrina and Black Beauty are getting spayed** (*as I write this*) and the others are getting their Distemper Combo booster vaccination. **Normally, I'd be assisting on the spay surgeries, but I admit to feeling grateful they didn't need me today.** I've had the kittens since they were a week old. The idea of doing things to them that I know will make them uncomfortable and cause them pain is very difficult to accept. These procedures must be done, but can't I sit in the other room and not watch this time?



©2012 Robin A.F. Olson. Sabrina this morning before I took her to her spay appointment.

The kittens are growing rapidly and I need to get them all adopted soon before they lose that super cute kitten quality. The problem is I don't have time to get them adopted!

A week from today I'll be packing for my trip to Salt Lake City, Utah where I'll be a Speaker at [BlogPaws](#) [1]. The only problem with this is: **1. I'm terrified of flying.** Just thinking of it makes me want to throw up. The last time I flew this far was in 2000. **2. My computer hard drive died** and I couldn't work for the past 4 days which puts me way behind schedule for getting things ready for the trip. **3. I got some freakish food poisoning** a week ago and haven't been able to shake it (*sorry for the almost gross pun*). **4. I am so stressed out about traveling, not having enough time or money that I'm sure I'm making myself sicker** and I'm not sleeping well (*partially due to Jackson the cat's random early morning yowling*).



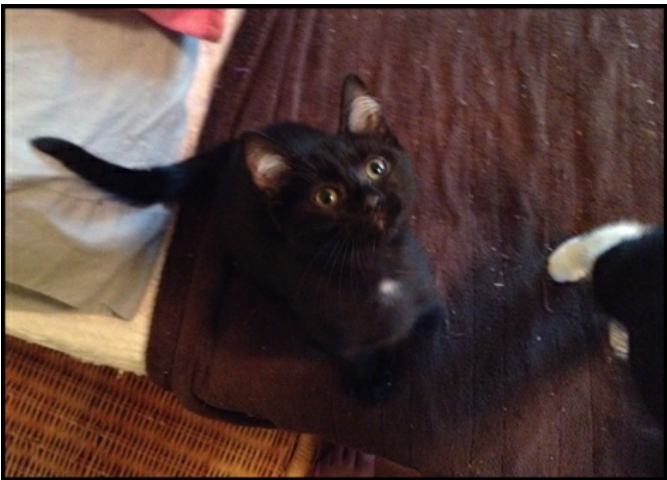
©2012 Robin A.F. Olson. Don't you want to adopt me?

The good news is that I'm up for TWO BlogPaws Nose-to-Nose Awards and the event will be streamed live a week from Saturday! I don't know if you have to be a paid registrant to view the festivities, **but once I find out I'll let you all know since it was all of YOU who got me the nominations for Best Meow Blog and Best Blog Writing!**



©2012 Robin A.F. Olson. Dahlia wants money to buy a catnip tea. She's such a gold digger!

I'm trying to sort through applications and find good adopters. **I really need an assistant.** Between making calls to the adopters, the vets, doing a background check, then trying to co-ordinate home visits and having the adopters come here, get cats to the Vet and put them on Petfinder, leaves me little time for anything else. I've been trying to get volunteers, but I'm starting to wonder if I don't have a good gene for volunteer-finding. **It's been over a year and I have one person I can count on to help with adoption events. I need to find time to get some volunteers..sort of ironic, now that I think about it.**



©2012 Robin A.F. Olson. Cutie Patootie wants to know where breakfast is and why it's late (answer, you're going to the Vet, don't back talk your foster mom!).

I got an update on the Kittens in Black's mama, April. She's doing very well and has gained a **FEW POUNDS** now that she is on her own in foster care. April's been spayed and though her foster family loves her, they're not sure they can adopt her. I hope it works out for April because this family also adopted April's daughter, Bon Bon!



©2012 Helen T. Bon Bon.

Bon Bon is doing very well and loves that she can spend time with her mother and her new friend, Wolfie (*who is not too sure about Bon Bon but he's warming up to her*). I'm told that Bon Bon is very confident, playful and affectionate.

Our family in Georgia, Cami, the feral mama and her kittens Coco, ChiChi and Choco have also experienced a few changes.

Cami is feral. There was no warming up to her, though Maria tried very hard to work with Cami and to socialize her. **We realized the best thing for Cami was to find her a guardian, but finding homes for feral cats can be a tall order to fill.**



©2012 Maria S. Cami, off to her new forever home-where she'll get three squares and a warm cot.

Because we recently changed the Vet we use in Georgia, Maria met with a Vet named Dr. Ann. **Dr. Ann did the initial exam of Cami** (*if you want to call watching a cat fly around a room, hissing and spitting an exam*) **and told Maria that she'd recently had to put one of her barn cats down and was open to the idea of taking in another one.**



©2012 Maria S. We're all sad that Cami couldn't live indoors, but this is the best possible outcome for her. If she only knew how lucky she was!

It was too good to be true, so Maria and I vowed to keep quiet about it until Cami was ready to be spayed. We had her spayed last week and Dr. Ann took her to her home on Saturday. Cami didn't give Maria any trouble and Dr. Ann will keep Cami in a big crate in the barn for a few weeks so she'll get used to her new home. **To have a Vet adopt one of our cats-especially one who is feral is simply outstanding!** We're very grateful Dr. Ann was willing to take Cami on and now Cami will have a safe place to live and a full belly. She won't be left to fend for herself. It's a great outcome.



©2012 Maria S. The gang. Coco, Choco and ChiChi (far right).

The kittens are doing well, though ChiChi remains very small and underweight. I'm hoping she'll catch up at some point, but her siblings are almost a pound heavier than she is and that does worry me. Maria tells me they all play and eat well. She de-wormed them (*right, Maria?!)* and otherwise they seem to be thriving.



©2012 Maria S. Our little (and first!) flame point, Coco.

Jackson Galaxy-the cat continues to yowl late at night or early in the morning, but each day it's less and less. He's attacked most of my cats at least once. I rarely ever see things heat up so I don't know who started it or why it's happening. My cats give him a lot of space, but I also see them sitting a foot away from him looking out the same window or sleeping not far apart. **I see Jackson wanting to play, but some toys scare him. He loves to chase after a stuffed carrot cat toy or the laser pointer, but he doesn't like feathers or strings waved in his face.**



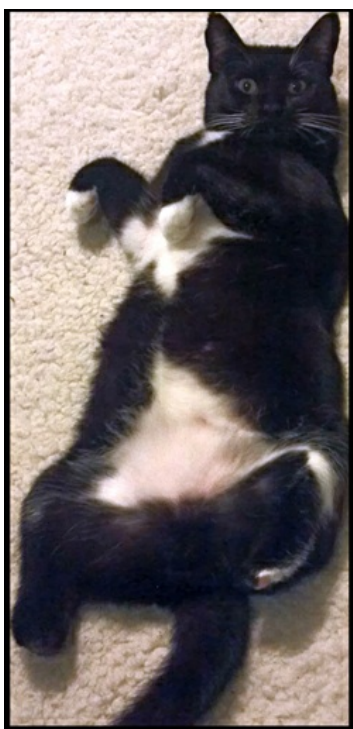
©2012 Maria S. Goofy Choco.

Jackson slept on the foot of the bed the other night, which was a very surprising sight. A few of my cats didn't come to bed that night, which wasn't very surprising. I realize they have to work out who gets what space and that takes time. Day to day things are better. Jackson's rough coat is getting silky. His feline acne is going away. **He loves to give head butts and kisses and even let me pick him up for a few seconds, but he weighs almost 15 pounds so he's not so easy to lift him anyway.**



©2012 Robin A.F. Olson. Jackson enjoying the view of the woods.

And finally, King. **King is doing well**. We ordered his Leggings for Life to cover his back legs. King's back legs end an inch short and he has no back paws. We want to cover his back legs so the ends of the legs, which end in a callus, don't get scraped or bruised. Personally, I hope these things come in cool colors!



©2012 Maria S. Belly rub, please!

King has been living with Maria's other cats and gets along great with all of them-even the dog! (*you can read King's back story [HERE](#) ^[2] and [HERE](#) ^[3]*) I still can't believe this handsome boy came from living outdoors on his own at a palette factory!

I'm hoping that King's forever home is out there and will find him soon. King's been waiting for six months, but until the time for him to go to his family, at least he's safe and happy and getting a requisite number of belly rubs each day.

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Thu, 2012-06-14 21:44 — Sally Watkins (not verified)

King ^[17]

I have fallen completely in love with your beautiful King! I have a female Tuxedo named Violet that was a rescued Kitty that looks like his twin! I am new to your Blog so I'm not sure where you or Maria are located. I am in Va. I am so very happy for him that you saved him from his sad life!

Thu, 2012-06-14 23:45 — [Robin Olson](#) ^[18]

Thank you, Sally. ^[19]

King is located with Maria in Georgia. At some point he's going to be transported to my home in Connecticut where we'll continue to look for a forever home for him. You're in between where the transport travels so we could have them make a pit stop in VA! :-) If you need to know more about King, just contact me at info@coveredincathair.com

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