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Tue, 2012-08-07 14:36 — Robin Olson

We all had a very bad scare a month ago when Tater fell ill. The Vet felt it was the “wet” form of FIP^[1], a fatal disease. **We were all heartbroken and scared, but determined that if there was ANY chance Tater could survive, we would make that happen no matter what we had to do.**



©2012 Maria S. *Still got that belly, but we're not concerned that it's FIP.*

Miraculously, through a twist of fate and our foster mom, Maria's careful observation, we were led down a path to a possible answer. It was NOT FIP, but a double-whammy parasitic infection along with a very nasty upper respiratory infection. We began treatment right away and sure enough, Tater's condition began to improve.



©2012 Maria S. *Mugging for Maria.*

Tater began to EAT again, then began to play; two big signs he might survive. The Vet finally took the FIP diagnosis off the table and we all breathed a sigh of relief for the remainder of July. **Sadly, a few days ago Tater relapsed or is battling something new.**

Tater was carefully examined. **His lung sounds were not good. The Vet wanted to take x-rays and do blood work.** We had that done and the Vet decided to put Tater on strong antibiotics for the next **THREE** weeks. This poor kitten can't catch a break. I asked if we had to consider the FIP diagnosis once again-terrified of the answer.

The Vet feels it's not FIP, but it IS a very serious upper respiratory infection which could turn into pneumonia.

©2012 Maria S. and Robin A.F. Olson. Check in with Tater, ChiChi and Latte, too.

Due to the costs for care and to also provide care for Willow, who is still struggling with a URI,

we're going to ask a tiny favor—for EVERYONE to consider donating the price of a cup of coffee to help us top off the Tater Tot Fund.

The ChipIn for the fund is below and is also in the RIGHT sidebar on my blog. PLEASE do not feel badly if you can't donate at this time. That's why we're only asking that everyone chip in a small amount. That way it will add up to a great donation if everyone takes part!



©2012 Maria S. Tater getting some comfort from his new buddy, Sammy.

Your donation is **TAX-DEDUCTIBLE** as my rescue, [Kitten Associates](#) (2) is a 501©3 Non-Profit Cat Rescue.

If you'd prefer to send a check, please make it out to: *Kitten Associates* and please note on the check the funds should go to "Tater Tot" mail it to:

Kitten Associates
P.O. Box 354
Newtown, CT 06470-0354

Any funds not used for the care of this family will go into our General Fund.



Thank you for helping us, help Tater. We couldn't do it without your support!

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PLEASE have the vet test Tater for heartworm. Tater is so young it is unlikely to be this, since the heartworm does its damage as it's dying and being absorbed into the cat's system for elimination and the life span of the heartworm is about 3 years. So it is probably not this. But on the off chance, do it. My cat had very similar symptoms including lung changes that looked like pneumonia on x-ray but weren't. With supportive care we got my cat well, a miracle really. Thumbs up to this lovely boy and my wishes and prayers for full recovery.

Tue, 2012-08-07 16:38 — [connie & the crew \(not verified\)](#) ^[20]

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I have been surfing online more than three hours today, yet I never found any interesting article like yours.

In my opinion if all site owners and bloggers made good content as you did, the web would be a lot more useful than ever before. |

I couldn't resist commenting. Very Exceptionally well written!

Way cool! Some extremely valid points! Kuddos to you on a Job well done!!!!

Thu, 2013-03-14 10:00 — [Pet Transport S... \(not verified\)](#) ^[24]

Love your site ! ^[25]

I love your web site! You share some really great information im going to tweet some of this info and share with my followers. Thanks for all the valuable information.

Kuddos to you on a Job well done!!!!

Thanks for posting and sharing with us.

Sun, 2013-03-17 00:51 — [Pet Transport S... \(not verified\)](#) ^[24]

Great Site ^[26]

I love cats! Come visit my site as we relocate a lot of cats.

[Cat Shipping Service](#)

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