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Thu, 2013-04-04 10:37 — Robin Olson

When I first met Chloe and assessed her for rescue, I had serious concerns that her behavior would change any time soon-that I'd be putting my friend, Katherine into a tough situation because ultimately Katherine would be responsible for this cat's future. I was clear with Katherine that right now Chloe was not adoptable, but I had a glimmer of faith that this cat COULD turn around. We just didn't know if it would take months or years to do so. In cat rescue it's rare to have the luxury of time when there are so many other cats who are just as deserving and who also need help. It's a constant dilemma.



©2013 Katherine Reid. Chloe's back is finally free from mats

The good thing about smaller rescues is that sometimes they can take that time. They aren't faced with the crushing demand big shelters get for space-not that they aren't always busy, but it's not as severe. Even here I've been able to hold cats for over a year when necessary. Is it the best thing to do? No. For those cats, I'd guess they'd beg to differ.



©2013 Katherine Reid. Chloe knows there's a treat on Katherine's leg, but will she try to reach it?

Chloe has made some astounding changes, almost overnight. Katherine has worked tirelessly to offer Chloe everything she can think of to enrich Chloe's life and give Chloe a good reason to bond with Katherine. Katherine tried all sorts of grain-free treats, different types of canned and dry food. **Two days ago Katherine brought Chloe an offering of cat grass-something none of us had thought to try. Within moments Chloe was greedily chomping the grass. She was having SO MUCH FUN that Katherine was able to brush away Chloe's matted fur.** Chloe was too happy to care about being brushed and the mats came out easily.



©2013 Katherine Reid. Treat gone! Cat on lap-almost!

Katherine persisted, always giving Chloe space and passed only short periods of time in the room with her.

Chloe quickly realized that Katherine had the GOOD treats, that Katherine wasn't going to harm her; and with that Katherine was rewarded by having her FIRST CONTACT with Chloe that didn't result in bloodshed.



©2013 Katherine Reid. First pets-no growling or hissing, too!

Once Katherine began to pet Chloe, a new cat shyly emerged, one who may have been beaten down, or simply ignored for so long that she gave up, we'll never really know. What we do know is that Chloe is blossoming, instead of retreating. This cat has the heart of a warrior, this chubby siamese mix, and so does her foster mom.



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Katherine has an extremely full plate. She could have opted to put Chloe in her shelter and let her sort it out while she went back focusing on her other duties. She could have taken Chloe

at face value two weeks ago and opted to euthanize her because it would have taken too much time to turn her around-and there was **NO GUARANTEE** that it would **EVER HAPPEN** anyway. Luckily for Chloe, Katherine was willing to give her a chance.



©2013 Katherine Reid. Katherine tried a number of different brush types on Chloe until she reacted positively. Look a the **HUGE** change in Chloe's expression.

Katherine and I are cut from the same cloth. **We NEVER want to give up on ANY CAT and Chloe was no different.** We couldn't know she would begin to trust again, but when I saw that glimmer of joy the moment I met her, fleeting though it was, I had a feeling we needed to try and I'm so grateful that Katherine agreed.

Chloe still has a long road ahead of her, but now that her mats are brushed away and her ears have finally been medicated, each day Chloe will feel more comfortable and confident.

I believe it's safe to say (KNOCK WOOD) that Chloe's darkest hours are passed and, with any luck, a bright shimmering future lies ahead.



©2013 Katherine Reid. This is the moment all rescuers live for. Thank you to Katherine for sharing it with all of us.

Animals in Distress is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. If you'd like to make a donation to help with Chloe's long-term care, you can use this [LINK to their PayPal account](#) [1]. Thank you!

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Thu, 2013-04-04 17:14 — Warm Fuzzies (not verified)

Chloe [10]

what a great story..i hope this little girl will find a nice peaceful place where she can show her affection..

Thu, 2013-04-04 17:40 — jmuwj (not verified)

RE: CHLOE [11]

Chloe's always been a beauty to me, from the start. Give up on her? NEVER! Never give up on any cat! We're not talking about criminals here, but sweet, beautiful CATS who may, through no fault of their own, develop "issues" but who are always deserving of our love, respect, patience, and protection. You go, Chloe girl! The perfect home will connect with you. <3

Thu, 2013-04-04 19:01 — Anne in FL (not verified)

Katherine.....BLESS YOU!! [12]

Katherine.....BLESS YOU!! Your patience and persistence warm my heart. I am in tears over this little cat I have never met. It makes me believe again that all things are possible.

Please take a moment and really think how much you have done for this one kitty. Astounding. And beautiful. You have changed her life. Wow. Priceless.

Now that Robin has turned to saving pebbles and she is letting no rock go unturned I am sure glad you are around...wink wink, nudge nudge.....

Anne

Sat, 2013-04-13 15:03 — Richard Rock Bl... (not verified) [13]

Recent \$10 Donation [14]

Just donated \$10 to Chloe and Katherine. There was no way to note it on the PayPal form...

God bless you for helping Chloe. I have found that God is patient and never gives up on US, either...

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