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Pirelli - In Memoriam

As the holiday season is upon us, we want to pause a moment to honor the beautiful soul of Pirelli. Pirelli came to us broken in body, but his spirit was still full and loving. His joy for life and gentle gratitude to be out of excruciating pain - he was intentionally abused and tortured - was inspiring to all who met him, as well as to those who never had a chance to meet this boy face to face. He reminded us of why we do what we do, and why the joyful times mean so much more. Seeing Pirelli in such condition, that we would have given anything to fix if we could have, only made our resolve more firm to keep on keeping on. He just couldn't overcome the severity of his wounds. All was as it



should be for him at the end of his short, amazing life. He had an adoring fan club and won the hearts of everyone. We want to thank everyone who donated, shared and loved this boy even though you never met him. He touched all of our hearts and we learned a valuable lesson from him. No matter how bad you think things are, pick yourself up and keep trying!

It was an especially tough year this year. Pirelli reminded us to keep going. No matter what. Here's to you, sweet brave boy. We will never forget you. Thank you for all you gave in the few short days you were with us.



ROSCOE RESCUE

It was a very warm day in late spring when Roscoe was found in the desert. His eyes were barely open, he was so young. And he was far too little to be able to regulate his body temperature on his own.

As it happened, someone had just decided that morning to take the day off from work and go hiking. Much to his surprise, he heard a kitten mewling a short way off the trail he happened to choose. Without such incredible timing, Roscoe wouldn't have made it.

Rushed to his local veterinarian, Roscoe was passed from vet tech to vet and back in order to keep him warm and fed. He took to bottle feeding like a champ. Enter two soon to be F.A.T. Katz fosters, who use the same veterinarian. They said they would love to continue bottle feeding this little guy, and keep him warm and as healthy as he could be under the circumstances.

Who says real men don't bottle feed kittens? These pictures say it all. Roscoe grew into one of the most loving, affectionate (smoochy) kittens we have ever had the privilege to take into our adoption program. All the volunteers at our adoption clinics thought he was the cat's pajamas (no pun intended). Finally, one of our volunteers could no longer resist. Home he went with a kitten pal where he is as happy as can be and still one of the most affectionate little guys ever.



Roscoe's rescue reminds us how timing is everything. He could have just as easily died out there in the desert, starving to death or being eaten by a coyote. Whoever left him there, we will never know. But thanks to a good someone who went hiking that day, cared enough, and knew what to do, Roscoe is living a wonderful life.

Our gratitude and thanks to all of you who rescue, foster, donate, provide health care, help clean and set up our clinics, and adopt. We couldn't do it without you.



Adoption events are held every weekend at PetSmart 2100 Louisiana Blvd. NE Saturdays 11:30am-5:30pm & Sundays 12-4pm

Mosey, One of a Kind

On a cold January night in 2018, a foster's husband caught a 'flash of kitten eyes' on the back porch just before the kitten jumped the wall. This foster does Trap Neuter Return in the area. Trap set, she waited. Sure enough, between 2 and 4 am in the morning, Mosey hopped in for some real cat food. He mewed, the foster reached through the trap to rub his head, and the non-stop purring began.

Only 6-8 weeks old, Mosey's head, chest, neck and back were matted with engine grease, his skin broken and raw from being pulled so tight by the hard gunky clumps. Boy he was gassy and smelled like a dumpster.

The vet shaved Mosey as close as she possibly could. Even the top of his little head was bald and took a long time grow out. Many areas on Mosey's body couldn't be shaved, however, because his skin would have been ripped out with the fur.

For the next two weeks the foster gently pried loose the remaining mats and goo with twice daily washings and q-tips. It was tedious work, coupled with carefully applying a topical antibiotic as close to Mosey's skin as possible to help prevent infection.

Through it all, Mosey was a champ. He didn't stop purring. He knew he was being helped and couldn't show his gratitude enough. His foster remembers how he looked at her with his beautiful trusting eyes every day, never resisting her care. She still cries when she talks about Mosey. When Mosey's fur grew out, he was a gorgeous little boy. His beauty finally matched his indomitable spirit. He was joyful, happy, and full of fun.

Of course, the inevitable happened, and Mosey was adopted by someone who shared his joy and love for antics. No one could resist Mosey. We sure couldn't! His resilience touched our hearts. Happy life, Mosey. We learned so much from you!



We are an all volunteer organization so your donations go directly to the cats in our care!

Please consider becoming a member or a sponsor today! See the membership form below!

A huge thanks to all of our volunteers, fosters, donors, members and sponsors! If you are interested in donating, volunteering or becoming a member, please complete the form below, call 505-293-2830 or email

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