



Atomic: "I may be tiny, but I've got a giant purr!"

For kittens like Atomic, their survival is literally in our hands. Atomic weighed just ounces when she was brought to SHS. Found in a local backyard, the tiny orange kitten appeared to be newborn with her eyes not yet open, all alone with no apparent means of survival.

She had an abscess on her neck and her fur was in terrible condition. Our veterinarian immediately attended to her wound, administered antibiotics and kept her warm and well-fed. Under the attentive care of our medical team and Ashley, our Foster Program Manager, Atomic has become healthier, extremely playful and is eating (and purring!) like a champ, yet has remained very small. At 5 weeks old, she was the size of a two week old kitten. Now at 11 weeks old she has started to put on weight, but is

still not growing at a normal rate. Diagnostic testing has not given our veterinarian enough concrete information to act on.

As Atomic continues to grow and mature in the coming days, we anticipate getting a clearer picture of what could be causing her slow growth rate. In the meantime, we will surround this tiny being with all the love and medical attention she needs.

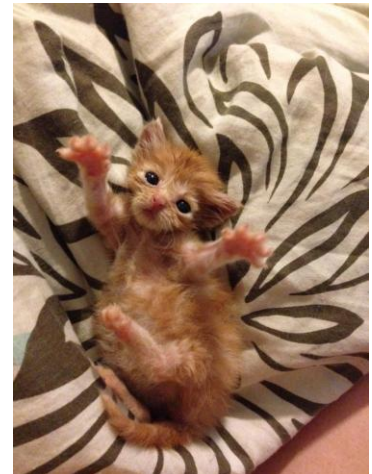
Each year during kitten season, we help about 500 kittens go from homeless and helpless to strong and healthy. This is no easy feat considering that most, even without challenges like Atomic's, arrive in a very fragile state. They are hungry, dirty, covered with fleas and frequently have compromised health. Our shelter hospital team routinely treats kittens for colds, tummy parasites, digestive upsets, eye infections and anemia due to flea infestation during the season. Your generosity enables us to provide the care necessary to get kittens through this critical time in their young lives and into loving forever homes.

Please help by contributing to our [Angel's Fund or Foster Care Fund](#) today!

Other ways to help?

Volunteer: We could not save the lives of so many animals without the compassion and care of our dedicated Foster Volunteers. At this time, we currently have a great need for volunteers to open their homes to kittens who are eating on their own, but still need time to grow big and strong before they can be spayed/neutered and ready for adoption. Typical length of foster for this age group is 1-4 weeks. Click for [more info](#) and [foster orientation schedules](#).

Adopt: Adoption is the ultimate "two-fur" because you are actually saving two animals - the one you bring home, and the one who gets to take her place at the shelter! Meet your new friend [here](#).



Kittens need your help today!