



Pesto Gets a Taste of the Good Life!

Pesto had a secret admirer. Whitney admits she “was constantly looking at adoptables on shelter websites, even though we never had room for another pet.” Eventually, after the devastating loss of one of their senior cats, she and her boyfriend were ready to bring home a new friend. They felt that adopting another senior would be a wonderful way to honor her life.

“I looked at SHS’s website and saw a familiar face. I knew Pesto had been there for a long time.” Whitney was right – Pesto had been with us for over a year! What she didn’t know yet was the 10-year-old cat’s bumpy past. Pesto’s previous owner brought her in to be euthanized at our public hospital. She’d been losing a lot of weight and had stopped using her litter box. We explained to him that if our shelter veterinarian thought she had a good prognosis, we could treat and eventually adopt her to someone willing to care for her. Thankfully, he agreed to surrender Pesto instead.

Our veterinarian diagnosed Pesto with Hepatic Lipidosis, or fatty liver disease. Even though she was considered morbidly obese, she was not eating well. In addition to treating her liver disease, our hospital team supported Pesto with IV fluids and a feeding tube so she could receive regular nutrition. After a few days, Pesto was not responding to treatments and appeared to be declining. Concerned about Pesto’s quality of life, our vet wanted to give her one more day. The next morning she brought our directors in to discuss Pesto’s condition. While they were talking, Pesto lifted her head up and began to purr!

Within days, Pesto was using her litter box, head-butting and responding to affection! After she fully recovered, we began managing her condition with a special diet and made her available for adoption. She was adopted once, but returned because she was too nervous around the family’s children. So, she waited patiently for the right person to come into her life.

“They handed me Pesto’s record and I wanted to cry,” Whitney shares. “I knew this cat needed a third chance. I called my boyfriend and we never looked back.” She says that Pesto’s temperament is similar to their other cat, and it was perfect that she is a senior and doesn’t overwhelm him like a kitten might. Sure enough, Pesto and 13-year-old Bully are coexisting well - even after she claimed some of his toys as her own. It also seems that being in a loving home has brought out Pesto’s frisky, playful side!

“I want to thank you all for everything you did for Pesto. I can promise you she’s found her forever home.” And we’d like to thank you, Whitney, for giving Pesto the “third chance” she needed to have a good life!



**5/13/16 Pesto’s mom
Whitney adopts Angel!!!**

THIS JUST IN!!! Yesterday Whitney adopted another of our “special medical” cats! 13-year-old Angel is now in the loving arms of *this* compassionate human angel!