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Recycle Love: Adopt A Shelter Pet • Spring 2020 Newsletter

An Eye Opening Experience

Mater arrived at the shelter last fall with two siblings in a five-gallon bucket. They were found on a horse farm with no mama kitty in sight. These poor little kittens were struggling to stay alive. Shelter staff hurried to get them warm and got some milk replacer into their little bellies. These kitties were named Mater, Sally and Lightning because we were hoping for a speedy recovery.

All three kittens' little eyes were matted shut. They were gently cleaned and given eye ointment since they were too young for an antibiotic. Soon they were eating on their own and started to rough and tumble with each other.

They grew quickly into teen-agers and were soon ready for adoption… except for Mater.

Mater's little eyes were very strange looking. They were misshapen and continued to need eye ointment two to three times per day.

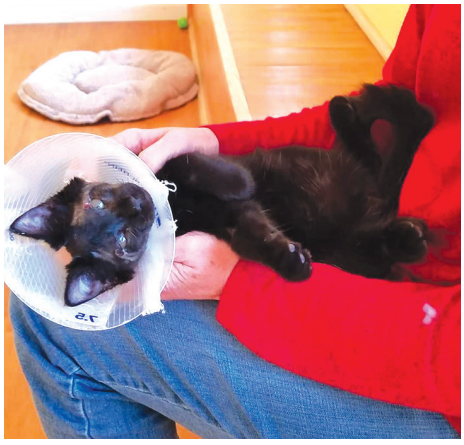
Poor little fella

Our vet diagnosed Mater with a condition called feline eyelid agenesis which is a relatively rare genetic defect that can cause lifelong problems. Mater's eyes wouldn't close properly. Hair and other debris rubbed the cornea bringing constant pain and irritation, potentially leading to ulceration and he couldn't blink.

Prior to surgery

The vet said that there is a surgery that can correct this condition. So off Mater went to Avondale Pet Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa which specializes in this type of surgery. Mater was scheduled for surgery but developed an upper respiratory infection which needed to be treated prior to surgery. The staff was very kind and quickly fell in love with this little purr machine. On November 29th, Mater received his much-needed surgery. He recovered at Avondale for a week and returned to the shelter for more TLC.

Mater's surgery was expensive, and Noah's Ark put out a plea for donations. Thanks to Critter Crusaders and all the folks that donated, the surgery was completely covered.



Just getting some lovin'

We are happy to report that Mater fully recovered and now has properly functioning eyes.

His vision may not be 100%, but he's ok with that. Mater has gone from a homeless kitten who desperately needed a warm place to sleep to a happy and healthy young cat who has a cozy house filled with toys, food, and friends. Mater found his forever home with Philip and reports are he is doing very well.

"Mater is getting along amazingly! He is the sweetest most energetic boy anyone could ask for. I love him dearly and am very thankful I was able to adopt him." —Phillip

SUCCESS STORIES! Did you adopt an animal from us? We'd LOVE to hear from you. Email **friends@noahsark.org** with a picture and story about how your new addition is doing in their new home. You may be published in the next newsletter. —*Dawn*

Happy Endings

Nothing in the world is friendlier than a wet dog.

We are so in love.

Finnigan

We adopted a GP named Atlas, now Finnigan, and I wanted to tell you how fabulous it has been. Thank you so much for everything you do! — Kathy

Nap time

Lola

Wanted to give you an update on Sunni aka Lola. She is 4 months old today and has added a lot of energy into our home.
—Thanks, Amanda

We love our little Comet

Comet

We just adopted Comet; he is a wonderful addition to our family!
We love him so much.
—Thank you!, Andy

Thank You Donors and Supporters

COVID-19 is causing significant hardship in many of our lives right now. We would like to take a moment to thank everyone who has supported Noah's Ark, kept our doors open, and made it possible for lives to be saved. At Noah's Ark, we continue to care for the dogs and cats we have rescued and continue to rescue, while implementing the guidelines to keep us all safe. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers, as we will hold you and your loved ones in ours.

Thank you donors and supporters. You make it all possible. —Dawn Hauck, Director

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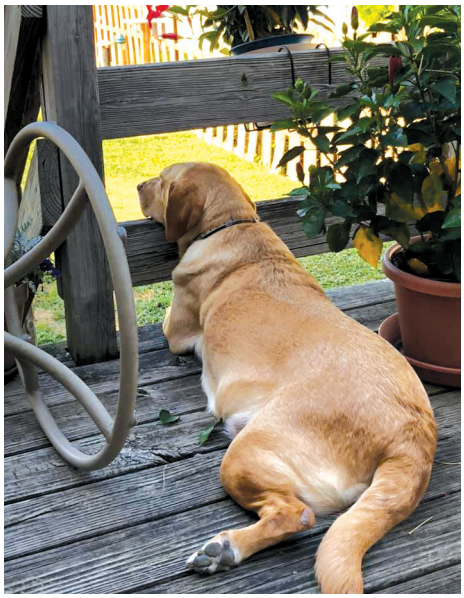

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