

Cutie Cat's Journey to Happiness



ARF has so many happy endings and our rescue cats and dogs come from so many different situations. The following story just reflects one of many stories that started out very sad and ended up extremely happy!

We were contacted by the gentleman who formerly owned "Cutie" and in the original message he left ARF he sounded desperate and at wits end to do something with this long-haired cat with the hair matts he just could not deal with (he actually mentioned he would have to "put her down").

Gyvel Young, the ARF PetFinder and Foster Dog Program Coordinator, was able to speak with him and convince him to relinquish this precious cat to us. Gyvel then arranged to have her shaved and treated and I picked her up from the veterinary office and brought her to ARF. She was really sad and embarrassed without her hair but we know she felt so much better.

She did not stay with us for long before Suzette Molina contacted me and when she told me about her daughter I knew immediately that this cat would be the perfect match for the family.

The story below gives the heart warming details of this adoption.

Sonja Heryford, Director
Animal Referral Friends (ARF)



Dear ARF,

I just wanted to send along some pictures of our new family member Cutie. We adopted Cutie on April, 10 2009 (Good Friday) because my daughter Chloe wanted a kitty so badly that she began to adopt our neighbor's cats. She would sneak food out on the porch each night so they would be there when she woke up every day. We asked her to stop doing that and she replied "I can't, they just love me." We knew this was not going to stop until we got one for her very own and let me tell you this is one very happy 8 year old. She keeps her litter box immaculate and makes sure she has plenty of food and water at all times. Here are a few pictures of Chloe and her buddy Cutie.

Thank you ARF for all that you do and for making our lives so much richer. We are blessed.

The Molina Family.

Dear Suzette,

I just now had an opportunity to look at the photos of Cutie and your adorable daughter that you emailed to Sonja at ARF. They made me break into tears. I am the ARF board member who rescued Cutie (formerly no name) from her owner who wanted to euthanize her because she turned out to be a longhaired cat. The poor thing was living outdoors most of the time with little or no shelter. She was starving for attention; she'd go to anyone just for a cuddle. Her coat was so badly matted that it formed one hard piece of crust along her back. In one large area the mat of fur was peeling back, exposing her skin. The exposed skin became raw and inflamed and infected. She was suffering so badly.

She is one of the sweetest cats I have met - with a loving, kind disposition. And I can't think of a cat more deserving and more appreciative of her new surroundings than this darling little being who had such a bad start in her life. Now her life will be filled with joy and I count it a blessing that I knew her, even if it was only for a brief moment.

Hugs to your family and to my precious little Cutie,
Gyvel