



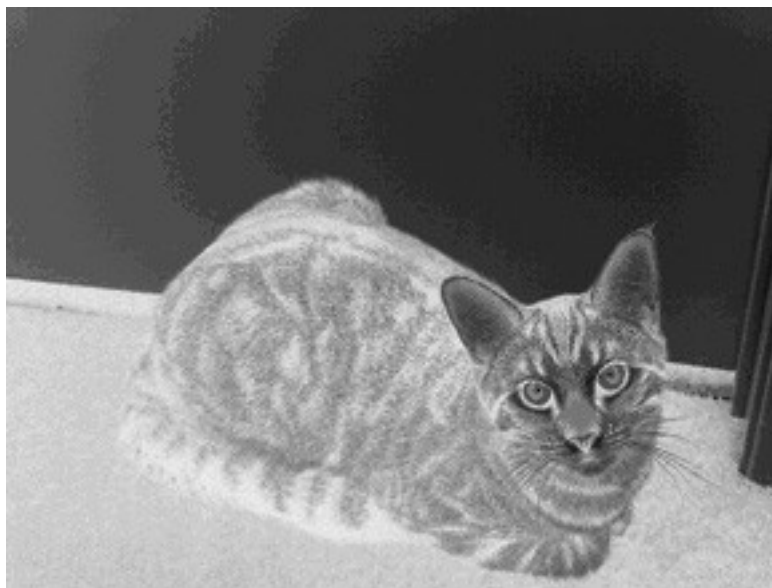
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Inside this mailing you're going to be reading some pretty difficult information. Before you do, I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Linda Brown and I live in Concord, California.

Leroy Moyer, the founder of Voices For Pets has asked for my help. I am a huge animal lover but I was hesitant to help only because Voices For Pets deals with extremely heart breaking stuff. The kind of stuff you can't get out of your head once you've seen it or read about it. But I found it difficult to say no just because I can't always control my tears.

Voices For Pets doesn't have a foster and adoption program and we rely on the many other wonderful animal groups that do. It's an unfortunate fact that there aren't enough facilities to accommodate the need. So you see, I wasn't really surprised when we received a call from a man who threatened to hang a cat that was abandoned. Without going into all the details of this particular case, I will tell you that Leroy and I responded to the call. As it turned out, and as I suspected all along, this man was not going to hurt this cat. I believed it was his way of crying out for someone to help. Certainly not the best way, but after meeting him I understood. He had found this nine-month old cat that he and his wife called "Friendly" but with one cat and two rabbits of their own in a small apartment they couldn't afford to keep him. Every place he called, everyone he spoke to turned him away. His call to Voices For Pets and his threat to hurt "Friendly" was made out of desperation and frustration. I know how angry I've gotten when I needed to get help for an animal only to be turned away and out of desperation stretched the truth to get it.

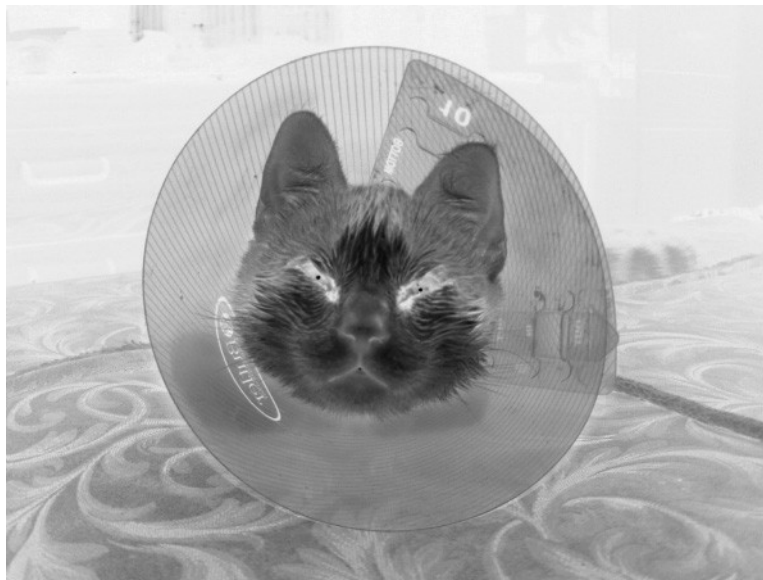
Below is a picture of "Friendly" now called "Pepper" in his forever home.



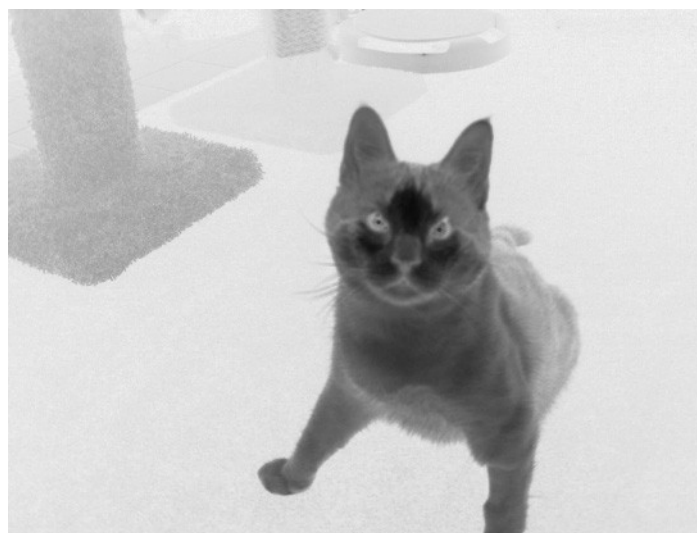
**Pepper**

But here is where fate really stepped in. At night, while Leroy and I were driving "Friendly" to his new home, we saw a little flash of yellow and white run across four lanes of traffic. Upon first sight of this tiny nine-week old kitten we knew how desperate he needed us. You see, "Pumpkin," as he is known in his now forever home, was exhausted, covered with fleas and his eyes were so badly infected that his eyelids were deformed. Without surgery he would in no doubt go painfully blind. By the way, "Pepper" and "Pumpkin" are now brothers! They both have the same forever home!

Voices For Pets didn't hesitate to help either one of these animals. And as long as funds are available we never will. This is why I'm asking for your help. We are in desperate need of donations, it doesn't need to be a lot, but if everyone gave just a little, it will allow Voices For Pets to respond to the next phone call. With a little luck and perseverance, every now and then we get to save a small defenseless animal from a fate that none of us wants to think about. Unfortunately, "Friendly" is only one of the many calls we're getting about abandoned animals. With the cold weather coming and the economy as it stands today, your help is needed more now than ever. We realize that not everyone can send a donation but you can contribute in many other ways. Gathering signatures on the petitions or writing letters to district attorneys are so important, but there are so many other ways you can help. We need volunteers for various things. If you would like to become more involved with offering your unique talents to Voices For Pets then please contact me either by mail, in the envelope we've provided or by e-mail at: [linda.voicesforpets@yahoo.com](mailto:linda.voicesforpets@yahoo.com).



**Pumpkin after surgery**



**Pumpkin Now**

Happy Holidays to you and your little furry people, and Thank you so much for your continued support.  
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