

Bubba's Odyssey

Sometime around 2006 a young male cat found himself homeless. He must have been a beautiful kitten but someone no longer wanted him. So, he began wondering the neighborhood in Frenchville, Maine. Over the years he won many female hearts, both of his own species and of ours. Several people fed him and one woman in particular fed him and let him in when he was in danger, such as when he was being chased by a wild animal, or when it was very cold. She had dogs and cats of her own but she reached out to this burly and charismatic tom cat named "Bubba".

In February of 2013, the woman called Paws Animal Welfare Society, Inc. about Bubba because he had had a nasty sore on one of his front legs for some time that did not heal. A PAWS volunteer took him to a veterinarian in Presque Isle where he was tested, neutered, dematted, given his rabies and distemper vaccinations and where his sore was cleaned. Thus began Bubba's transformation from a bedraggled and very smelly tom cat to the beautiful cat he is today. It was to be a long journey. Bubba was returned to his "sometime home" with the assumption that the sore would heal now. It did not. The PAWS volunteer discovered in early April that the sore according to his caretaker was still "gross". Bubba was then taken back to Presque Isle and the surgeries began. Each week from April through July, the PAWS member took Bubba to Presque Isle (a 100 mile round trip from Frenchville) for either surgeries, the removal of stitches or check-ups. And to ensure that he would get the best care possible, she fostered him.

Through it all Bubba was patient and cooperative. Everyone who met Bubba and cared for him saw what an exceptional cat he was. The doctor who worked on Bubba was finally successful in getting the sore to heal. We are very grateful for that and for his generosity with regard to sparing PAWS a good portion of the cost.

In October of 2014, Bubba was adopted by a family who wanted him for their daughter, a charming young lady who had survived brain cancer a year earlier. Hadley plays with Bubba and he has endless patience with her carrying him around and treating like the cuddly "teddy bear" that he is.

Bubba's story has a happy ending but, sadly, his story is not uncommon and many equally fine and deserving cats are not as lucky. Too many people who are passionate about taking a cute little kitten into their homes do not hesitate to toss them out like yesterday's trash when it is time to have them spayed, neutered or given other medical care. This is why PAWS' mission is to spay and neuter all pets so that someday cats like Bubba will never find themselves homeless.

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