

## *Purrfection of Impurrfection: Special Needs Kitties Find Loving Homes*



If you see a cat with three legs or a kitten born without any eyes, do you see a kitty with a disability, or a cat that will need lifetime of special care? Stray Cat Blues, Inc. had nearly a dozen adopters in 2010 that will tell you "not in the least!"

Stray Cats Blues has a long history of taking in cats & kittens with what most refer to as "Special Needs" or "Disabled." There is no doubt that 2010 was a banner year for adopting out "disabled" cats and kittens. By looking past these "imperfections" and focusing on what this cat "can do," instead of what it "can't do," the outcome is always better than expected.

Kiwi, the black and white kitten pictured was run over by a car and her right rear leg was shattered. If she had any chance to survive, her leg needed immediate amputation. Kiwi wasn't even seven weeks old at the time. The most logical decision would be to euthanize her as rescue groups seldom have the resources to pay for special surgeries like this. But a local vet did the surgery at no cost to SCBI. Within days, Kiwi was up and about and in less than two weeks was racing about with her four-legged siblings.



And there was Piglet. Piglet is a little brown tabby found roaming the streets when she was only six weeks old. To everyone's amazement, even the veterinarian's, Piglet had been

born without eyes. What made Piglet so special was that she didn't know she was different. Piglet was adopted into a wonderful home with three other cats and a couple of dogs, all of which are blind, deaf or both. She has flourished and is absolutely adored and amazed by everyone who sees her.



Among the most special of these cats is a little girl named Harper, a feisty kitten with an incredible will to live in spite of her horrific circumstances. Harper was one kitten in a litter of four that had been surrendered to a local shelter. The litter was only about four weeks old, not yet old enough to eat on their own. Another local rescue took the three healthy babies. SCBI took Harper.

Harper was severely injured; her right front leg had been nearly detached from her body. Harper would have died from her wound within hours and was scheduled to be euthanized. She certainly was not a candidate for surgery at only 10 ounces. She wasn't even walking yet. It was doubtful she would survive the anesthesia, let alone traumatic surgery.

However, with a little pleading from her foster dad (and pointing out she wouldn't wake up from euthanasia either!), Dr. Hillary Causanschi, a Philadelphia veterinarian with vast experience with this type of surgery, agreed to attempt amputation of the leg – still thinking there was little chance of success. To everyone's

jubilation, Harper did awake from her surgery, although for nearly 72 hours her outcome was touch and go. This is Harper just four days after her surgery.



Harper has indeed flourished since that time and did find her "forever home" in the state of Indiana. Harper's new mom and dad had relocated from Doylestown to Indiana. After hearing Harper's story, they knew this little girl was for them.

This is a note from a SCBI adopter who adopted two cats – one totally blind and her sister with one eye.

"The babies are amazing! Daphne has no idea she doesn't have eyes and is running around the house just fine. She has no fear of the dog - in fact, she snuggles into her face!! Delaney finds me whenever I am sitting down for snuggle and pet time. They definitely are life changers!!"

The list doesn't stop here. Stray Cat Blues still has a number of cats and kittens that have been injured, have undergone surgery or were born with "disabilities." Please think about one of these special cats. We can put you in touch with the adopters mentioned in this story so you can learn for yourself that these cats are no different from the "perfect" ones. We are so sure that these cats will flourish in your home that you can take one home for a trial visit to be sure this is the cat for you.

## PetSmart Photo Promotion Three Weekends in December



Get out the old red suit, white beard and squeaky toy. Santa is coming to town and to PetSmart for the annual Santa Claws Photo Fundraiser.

For \$9.95 you get a digital photo of your pet with Santa and an exclusive holiday frame. Five dollars of the price of the package is donated to Stray Cat Blues.

This year Stray Cat Blues volunteers will be covering this event in two locations on the following dates:

**December 11th & 12th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
North Wales and Collegeville PetSmart stores**

**December 18th & 19th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
North Wales PetSmart store**

So come on out and support our worthy cause and have a few laughs too!

PetSmart, Witchwood Drive, North Wales.  
PetSmart, Providence Town Center, Arcola Road and Route 29, Collegeville.

## You Can Help!...Its Easy

If you love cats and would like to help us...become a SCBI volunteer. We have three major adoption locations and need help in all of them. Petsmart North Wales, Petsmart Collegeville, and Pet Supplies "Plus" Telford.

We need:

- Morning and evening cage cleaners at Petsmart
- Foster homes
- Table Staffers
- Phone and email volunteers

Tell us your schedule and we'll find you a job. The time commitment is up to you...just a few hours a week will make all difference to our wonderful kitties.

If you are interested and at least 18 years old, complete a volunteer application either in one of our adoption locations or online at [www.straycatblues.petfinder.org](http://www.straycatblues.petfinder.org). Our volunteer coordinator will contact you. The kitties thank you...and we truly appreciate the help.



## Barn cats galore....

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Our barnies are FREE OF CHARGE. They are tested negative for FIV and FeLv, spayed/neutered, fully vaccinated, microchipped, wormed, bathed & groomed. We deliver them to you in a training cage that helps acclimate them to your property so they don't run away when released. To adopt, please complete a Barn Cat adoption application online at [www.straycatblues.petfinder.org](http://www.straycatblues.petfinder.org) or email us at [savingstrays@yahoo.com](mailto:savingstrays@yahoo.com).

Detach or photocopy this coupon, complete it and mail to: Stray Cat Blues, Inc., PO Box 8, Colmar, PA 18915

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