



Each day we will share one of the 12 most heartwarming animal rescues of 2011. Each happy ending is made possible through your generosity!

11. Mini



Mini weighed only a few ounces when he arrived at the shelter and he was already facing a life-threatening crisis. The circulation in his tiny front foot had been cut off by his own umbilical cord. He was rushed to our clinic where he received emergency care. Dr. Jackson brought Mini home that night, and many nights after, to give him the round-the-clock TLC he needed to survive. At first he could not even nurse on his own and had to be tube-fed.

Tiny as he was, and even with his injured foot he would make his way around on the soft blanket in his carrier and demand attention with loud cries! He had a strong spirit, a powerful will to survive, that was evident to everyone who saw or heard him.

Mini's foot needed to be amputated in order to ensure his survival. It was a delicate procedure on such a tiny kitty, but it was Mini's only hope. He came through the surgery with flying colors and bounced back stronger than before!

Dr. Jackson continued to bottle feed him every few hours throughout the day and night. He grew stronger each day and as he grew, his personality began to shine. Mini never

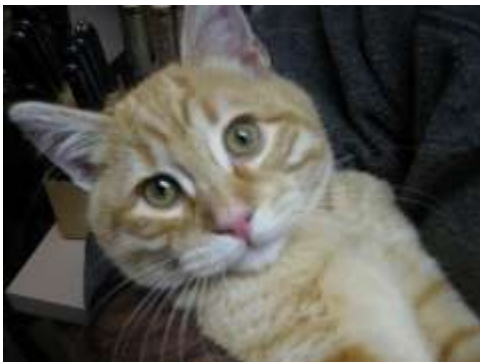


seemed to notice that he was different from other kittens; he was happy and full of love.

Finally, when Mini weighed two pounds, he was ready to be neutered and made available for adoption. When Perry met Mini and heard his story, he was smitten and took him home to be part of the family.

Just this week we got a photo of Mini – now named Orion. He no longer resembles the fuzzy, bouncy kitten, but has become a handsome cat.

“We changed Mini's name to Orion because he's a Man Cat. He has so much character and personality that he can entertain the entire family and never repeat a single antic,” wrote Perry, Orion's proud person.



Thanks to you, Mini is enjoying the holidays with his human family, as every pet should. He is living proof what can be accomplished through compassion and generosity – your compassion and generosity – and for that, we thank you!

With warmest wishes for the holidays,

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