



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

## 4. Tugger (aka Franken-Kitty)



Tugger after his surgery.

Tugger, a young cat, came to the shelter after he was attacked by a dog. His face had been badly torn and he was lucky to be alive. The damage to his face was very close to his eyes which required immediate attention. Dr. Slatin examined Tugger in our clinic and went to work on him right away. He was anesthetized and Dr. Slatin painstakingly put his face back together and stitched him up. Once Tugger is fully healed, he should look pretty much like a normal cat!

Our clinic staff performs lifesaving miracles like this every day. Seeing an individual, like Tugger, really brings home to me the amazing work our staff performs.

The many sutures on Tugger's little face earned him the nickname of Franken-Kitty, however, his personality could not be sweeter. This little guy probably used up one of his mythical nine lives, but he is a playful and lovable little cat who seems very happy to be alive.



Tugger is now in foster care as he heals while our clinic continues to monitor his care. Tugger's foster home is one of thousands in our community who have offered to provide

Tugger being examined in the NHS clinic.



Tugger, now healing in his foster home.

care to injured or neonatal animals until the animals are ready to be adopted. This year, we have seen a growing number of animals like Tugger brought in because their families could not afford veterinary care. Foster homes for injured pets are a critical part of our lifesaving work.

Our fantastic team of dedicated veterinarians, licensed veterinary technicians, and clinic support staff work very hard in spaying and neutering every pet before adoption, providing medical care to the shelter animals, and handling emergency situations like Tugger. Your generous support allows us to operate our clinic and be there for injured, homeless animals in their hour of greatest need.

Tugger would thank you, but he is too busy playing or napping.

-Bonney Brown

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