



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



9. Barron

Barron was found wandering the streets with a pink collar and bell imbedded around his neck and under his front leg. It pulled painfully and had cut deeply into his skin. He had other wounds on his body too; we have no idea of their cause. Finding food on the street must have been very difficult; he was so thin you could see every rib. Barron looked pitiful but was oblivious to his sorry physical state. He loved everyone he met, rubbing on them and looking up searchingly with his green eyes.

Barron required weeks of wound care in our clinic and was a great patient, putting up with numerous bandage changes and treatments. He had developed lead poisoning from the metal parts of the collar, but in spite of this added challenge, he made a steady recovery. As the weeks passed, he gained weight and his fur began to grow back in most places.



Once Barron could leave the clinic, he moved into the office area. He craved lap time as well as play time and was very clever—playing with nearly anything he could bat around, hiding in briefcases, and sitting atop doors to observe the goings on in the office. He even seemed to enjoy showing off a silly costume one of the volunteers put on him.



Did you know that black is the most common color for cats? As a result, they arrive at animal shelters in greater numbers than cats of other colors. While no one knows why, black animals tend to be overlooked for adoption. Perhaps they do not stand out as much as other animals or maybe lingering old wives tales conjure misconceptions. The reason could not be their personalities because black pets are as delightful as pets of any other color.

We knew that Barron with his bald patches would be less appealing to many people. It would require someone who would see through his appearance to appreciate his dynamic personality.

One fine day a young couple came into the shelter and described the kind of cat they wanted. An adoption counselor introduced them to Barron and it was love at first sight! Barron went home with them that day where he now shares the household with a Boston Terrier buddy.



It is so wonderful to know that our shelter is able to save even the least fortunate, like Barron. I hope you feel great about it, too, as it is you who makes it possible through your gifts and support, as well as by adopting and volunteering.

Thank you so much and warmest, best wishes for the holidays!

-Bonney Brown

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