



Matteo's Story

Nearly a year ago the shelter had space for some new arrivals. CARA decided to take in four kitties from Animal Control, and two great Ladies went and did the hardest job - picking who gets that special chance...

So when they were visiting with the cats, they noticed Morris (big ol orange tabby that looked like the 9-lives Morris), Sawyer (grey and white kitty), Iris (black little female), and Matteo...

They were all Sweeties. And other than it looked like Matteo was in a fight before he came to CARA (they called him a Scrapper), they all seemed ok. The Ladies did notice that Morris had a weird spot in his ear and during Intake that day decided to treat it like Ringworm; just in case. They scheduled a vet appointment.

Well long story short - It takes several weeks to get a positive culture on it, but there are ways to see if it is Ringworm (For Example: You can use a black light and some forms of it will glow green.) ...

They started all four kitties on special-order medications from CA (tuna flavored) and lyme-sulfur baths two times a week....

All four kitties showed and glowed signs of Ringworm... gloves, gowns, and isolation for them...

The back part of the Shelter (the "Dungeon" (Isolation Area) & Cat Quarantine Area) were revamped into a Isolation Station based on what a Dr. Newberry from sheltermedicine.com suggested in treating Ringworm.

It didn't stop the CARA Volunteers! They were the Ones who had the pleasure of the (stinky) bathing of four reluctend Cats for about 2 1/2 months while they recovered. It was confirmed they had Ringworms and it took 3 months after their Arrival at CARA for them to finally be able to be put up for Adoption.

No other Animals or People contracted the Ringworms :-)! It was a great success story on treating Animals; only possible because of the dedication of some awesome Volunteers and the Holly Fund.

So poor Matteo spent the first 3-4 months at CARA in a cage getting poked, prodded and bathed - but he was alive.

Matteo is just one of many cats and dogs that have benefited from the Holly Fund. While Matteo, Sawyer, Morris & Iris may not have been perfectly healthy when they left Animal Control, they deserved a chance on life. They deserved it just like those many others that leave there, and leave there healthy. For those that have the pleasure of enjoying them, it doesn't matter how they were. It matters how they are now. They became valued family members & friends. CARA & the Holly Fund will continue to make those chances possible!

~~~ Until there is None, Rescue One!~~~