



Happy Holidays

Dear Friend,

We don't know how this **one week old kitten** ended up behind a dumpster at the rear of a well known restaurant. Was she born there? Did her confused mother drop her there? Or, for some unforgiving reason, did a person actually abandon her?

Fortunately, **Abbey** was found by a compassionate individual, who immediately set out to find help. Unable to locate an animal shelter in her immediate area that would accept the little critter, she called a friend for advice. The friend's recommendation was: **"Let's call Suncoast Humane Society."**

Abbey, Week 1



It did not matter that nearly 100 felines were waiting to be adopted at our animal care center. Or, that an additional 40 kitties were in foster homes awaiting their opportunity for a permanent home. **What did matter was that we had to find the resources to save this one week old kitten.**

Volunteers stepped forward immediately with an offer to provide foster care for "as long as it takes." This special husband and wife team was aware that around the clock attention would be required. **Abbey would have to learn the appropriate behavior and social skills needed to become a stable adoptable cat.**

Abbey, Today



Six weeks of nursing Abbey along with lots of love, care and bottle feeding, proved to be a success. Even the volunteer's pet canines assisted with the rearing of Abbey by keeping her tidy with an occasional tongue bath. The following two weeks would find Abbey spending "quality play time" with other felines. **We couldn't let her grow up thinking she was a dog!**

Our animal care staff, along with our volunteers, are confident that Abbey will now enjoy many long years in a permanent loving home, **instead of her life ending behind that dumpster.**



Although Abbey was a very special story, there are other pets that have recently been given a second chance through our **Shelter Angel Medical Fund.**

*There is, for instance, **Luna, a Husky Mix**, who had life saving surgery to cure a severe pyometra infection.*

***Ace, a Dachshund**, treated for severe dental disease that kept her from eating a nourishing meal.*

***And, Remy, a Greyhound Mix**, treated after eating a near fatal dose of rat poison.*

PLEASE HELP ABBEY AND HER FRIENDS HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON by supporting the Shelter Angel Medical Fund and other important programs of Suncoast Humane Society.

Thank you for caring. Happy Holiday's and a great 2011!

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