

Featured Felines: Escapes and Rescues 19 (2024)

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Liah, rescued from Morocco; Morpheus, found on New York streets

Liah

Blind kitten found in Morocco



On holiday in Morocco in July 2019, a German lady called Carolin and her companion were watching two dogs play with a small kitten outside their apartment one evening. At first all seemed well, but as time went on it appeared that the kitten was being overwhelmed by the boisterous dogs. They went downstairs, the dogs ran off and the calico kitten was on its own, with no sign of its family despite a search. They decided to bring it indoors.

The little soul turned out to be dirty, emaciated, covered in fleas and ticks, and had diarrhoea. They first gave her a bath to clean her up, and next day took her to a vet for a health check. She was given flea and worm treatments and was estimated to be about three months old; apart from malnourishment she was reasonably healthy – but she'd experienced a serious eye infection that had permanently affected both eyes, so she was effectively blind. The intention was to care for her until she'd recovered her health and then seek a good home for her in Morocco..



However, the longer Carolin spent with the kitten the fonder she grew of her; she was turning out to be playful and lovable, with a big personality despite her blindness. Carolin decided she would have to take the kitten, now named **Liah**, home with her to Stuttgart. The adoption process, with vaccinations and paperwork, took longer than expected, but fortunately Carolin found a local woman who would look after Liah temporarily and would help with the formalities. Eventually, after four months, Carolin was able to return to Morocco and take Liah back to Germany in November 2019.

She soon settled in, and after a year or so was joined by a one-eyed tabby companion called **Luna**, with whom she gets on well; the pair enjoy playing together. And despite her blindness, Liah has become adept at playing 'soccer', dribbling balls (and blueberries!) with remarkable accuracy and agility.



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Morpheus (2024)

Rescued from the streets of Bronx, New York City



Morpheus was a semi-feral cat scratching a living on the streets of the Bronx district of New York City, suffering with limited vision from a painful condition known as eyelid entropion. There were some neighbours giving him food and water, which he accepted gratefully and didn't flee from them. They decided eventually to contact [Little Wanderers NYC](#), a local rescue organisation that does sterling work amongst the many feral cats of the city. A plan was put in place to collect Morpheus and take him to safety; although shy, he didn't run away and seemed to know they were there to help him.

A priority was to deal with his eye problem, which required surgery, and that was successfully carried out at the Animal Medical Center, a large veterinary teaching hospital in New York. Morpheus was then placed with an experienced foster carer where he could recover and become used to being in a comfortable environment. It didn't take him too long to start coming out of his shell, and after some months of care and socialisation he was ready to find his 'forever home'.



He came to the attention of a lady called Monica, living in Vancouver, Washington state, who had previously adopted **Triscuit**, also from Little Wanderers NYC. So Morpheus made a cross-country trip to the west of the USA to his new home. Still slightly nervous around humans at first, it wasn't long before his personality began to show through; he got on well with Monica's other cats and Triscuit, in particular, became his playmate and best friend. Morpheus turned into a happy and playful cat, 'prancing around with his luxuriant tail in the air and singing his song of chirps and trills', said Monica. And he loves his food!



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