

Featured Felines: Escapes & Rescues 16 (2024)

Tiny, adopted by a 10-year-old boy in Newfoundland
Jasper, rescued from the streets of Montreal, Canada
Ozzy, rescued from almost certain death on the street

Tiny, befriended by a young boy Newfoundland, Canada

When his parents took 10-year-old Easton to the Exploits Valley SPCA shelter in Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland to adopt a new family pet, they expected him to choose a kitten. But Easton had other ideas! As soon as he saw **Tiny**, an overweight ginger cat the same age as himself, he knew that was the one he wanted to take home. He didn't care about Tiny's age or weight, but fell for his loving and affectionate personality. They bonded almost straight away.



Tiny had lost his home – I don't know the reason – and older cats such as he was are less likely to be rehomed, so it was fortunate that Easton came along and took a liking to him. Tiny was soon out of his carrier and started snuggling with the boy; he was very happy and they've become best friends!

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Jasper, saved from the winter streets

Montreal, Canada



In summer 2023 a Canadian couple, Kurt and Mel, who had been used to helping and feeding the local stray cats, noticed a new visitor they hadn't seen before coming into their yard. He was beige in colour, and had scars on his ears. They began to put food out for him on the patio, and he devoured it eagerly.

He started to visit regularly for food, and gradually became more trusting, until he would venture onto the patio and snooze by the window or in a shelter they'd built for the community cats. Eventually he'd even accept treats from their hands.



But come autumn **Jasper**, as they'd named him, came less often and they wondered what had happened to him – until one day he reappeared, rather the worse for wear and with wounds probably resulting from brawls with other cats. His condition worsened as the weather became colder, and Kurt and Mel felt they had to intervene. They'd asked around, but no one claimed him and he seemed to be homeless.

They managed to entice him into a humane trap, so at last he could come in from the cold – not long before Christmas. He was taken to the rescue organisation Chatons Orphelins Montréal, to a quiet room where he'd be warm, comfortable and able to unwind. At first exhausted and a bit confused, when he realised he was safe he began to relax and then to seek attention. Taken to the vet's, he was found to be FIV-positive after his life on the streets, and there were traces of old wounds. Jasper was thought to be about five years old, and it's likely he once had a family.



He went to a foster home, where he quickly gained strength and his personality started to come through. He enjoys the company of his humans, greets them by rolling over and purring, and loves head and chin scratches. He's a sweet and gentle cat. In June 2025, it seems he was adopted and finally found his forever home.



[LoveMeow](#) (Jan. 2024) | Chatons Orphelins at [Facebook](#) (search for 'Jasper')

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Ozzy

Rescued from the verge of death Ohio, USA



I don't know when this took place, or when, but perhaps in early 2024. The poor cat was found lying by a busy roadside among accumulated rubbish, covered in mud and seemingly just waiting to die; he appeared almost unable to move. No one took any notice of him, until two kind and compassionate men came along and saw him there.

They approached him, and were surprised that he didn't run away – until they realised that he couldn't even stand up, let alone run. He was barely alive, so they knew there was no time to waste; they gently picked him up and took him to the nearest clinic. The vet found no broken bones, but the little soul was dehydrated, malnourished, and it seemed his nervous system was affected, possibly from being struck by a vehicle, which is why he couldn't move.

Following the vet visit, the men took him home, where he could rest and have some food, while being kept apart from other cats in case of infection. The next step was a warm bath, to clean off all the mud and dirt; the cat, now named **Ozzy**, was calm throughout and seemed to know he was being helped.



Then came the long process of recovery and rehabilitation. Physical therapy was needed to help his nervous system recover; one technique they used was to encourage him to approach tasty food held a little distance away from him. At first he had to crawl to reach it, but gradually things improved until he could get there with a wobbly walk. With continued treatment and the addition of multivitamins to his diet, he began to make real progress. The men's dedication and Ozzy's spirit never wavered, until eventually he could walk, if rather unsteadily at first.



Ozzy turned into a very friendly cat, loving attention and hanging around with his humans and his feline friends. He kept on fighting, and one day surprised his rescuers by running! He found it hard to keep his balance, and would stumble, but persevered. He was almost fully recovered and living a healthy life. What a change from the sad creature he was when rescued; miracles can happen!

[Happy Whisker](#) (March 2024)

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