

Featured Felines: Cats with special needs 10 (2026)

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Little, a blind cat
Lucky, burned with acid, Virginia
Carmen, who lost her ears, Oakland, California
Callie Mae, lost all four legs, Alabama

Blind cat Little (2026)

Unknown location



There are many tales of blind cats; this one caught my eye although I don't know where it's from – presumably the US. **Little** was a 10-year-old blind cat who in 2005 was in a shelter; it seems she'd been blind from birth and she'd been rescued from a feral colony. She came to the attention of Josh Norem, who already had two other blind cats at home, and he decided to take in Little as well.

At first she was scared and hid, but after a while she emerged to check out Josh's apartment – she found her way around well if a little cautiously, using her whiskers a lot as she couldn't see. Josh noticed that she was shaking her head a lot and that her eyes seemed to be constantly leaking. Thinking she might have an infection, he sought veterinary advice, and it was found that she actually had small, malformed eyeballs that hadn't developed properly. When they were removed and the eye sockets sewn shut, Little was much more comfortable and there were no further problems.



She came to behave just like any normal cat, navigating her way around easily, using her litter tray, climbing onto tables and up her 5-foot 'cat condo'. She loved playing with toys that made a noise, and was even able to find toys that had been hidden under beds and furniture. 'She's a perfect cat and I'm lucky to have her in my life,' said Josh. [LoveMeow](#) (May 2013)

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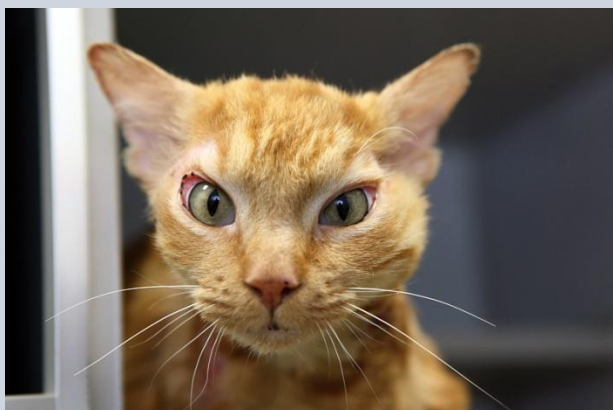
Lucky, burned with acid (2026)

Fairfax Virginia, USA



In April 2013 a cat came to the Homeless Animals' Rescue Team (HART) at Fairfax Station, Virginia, suffering from what had originally been described as injuries from a car accident. However, the truth was that he had second-degree chemical burns to his shoulders, neck and the back of his head that, sadly, must have been caused by a human having poured acid onto him. Named **Lucky**, he started immediately to receive love and treatment for his wounds. He must have been in a lot of pain, but proved to be a friendly cat who purred throughout and kneaded his paws while his wounds were cleaned.

A Facebook page was set up to report on Lucky's progress, and .quickly gained a large number of followers, helping to raise money for his treatment. As his story spread, people would even call in at his vet's to make donations. As the weeks went by, Lucky's healing went well, and although I've no later information, he was due to be put up for adoption as soon as he was fully recovered. I think there would have been no shortage of potential adopters.



[Life with Cats](#) (June 2013 – archived copy)

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Carmen, who lost her ears (2026)

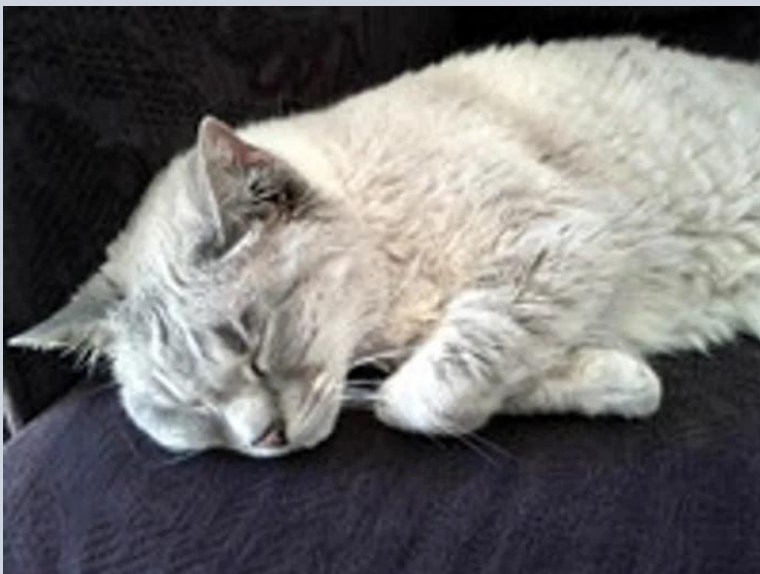
Oakland, California, USA



One of the volunteers at Cat Town, a rescue organisation in Oakland, saw a cat trying to cross a busy road, oblivious to the traffic, and was able to rescue her. It turned out that she had fungus growing in her ears, and tumours on both ears – so she was deaf, and likely had been suffering from deafness and discomfort for a long time. The difficult decision was made to carry out ablation surgery, meaning the removal of both ear canals and the external ears (pinnae).

The operation was successful, although it left **Carmen**, as she had been named, with vertigo, irregular eye movement and difficulty in moving around as she struggled to keep her balance. She went home with a foster family, who did their best to make things easier for her and help her to rehabilitate, and gradually she learned to adapt. She became quite well-known for her resilience and tenacity and became a much loved family member. She 'loved to be loved', finally had a good quality of life, and had a feline friend in resident cat Jarvis.

Below left is how Carmen looked before her surgery.



[Love Meow](#) | [Mousebreath](#) (*archived copy*) (both Sept. 2013)

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Callie Mae, who lost all four legs (2026)

Mobile, Alabama, USA



I haven't been able to find much about **Callie Mae**, but apparently a dog was chasing her and she ran up a utility pole carrying electrical cables and was electrocuted. She was taken to the Theodore Veterinary Hospital in a suburb of Mobile, where it was found that the damage to her legs was so severe that all four had to be amputated above the knee.

There followed a long period of rehabilitation, but Callie Mae was a fighter and learned to crawl and to get around on her stumps. When she was back to full health there were plenty of applications to adopt her. The hospital chose her adopters carefully, and she went on to live a good life. Having no claws she needed help with scratching and she needed to be brushed; and of course she loved being helped onto someone's lap!

[WKRG](#) (Aug. 2010 – archived copy) | [YouTube](#) (2011)

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