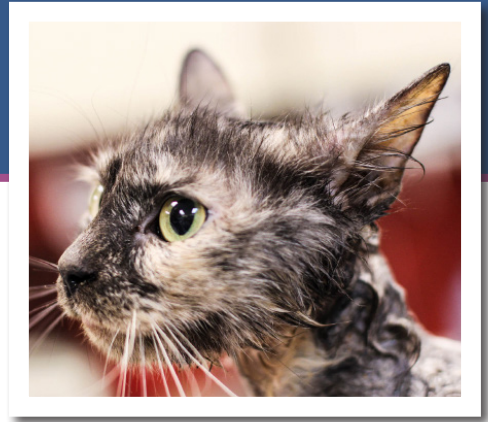


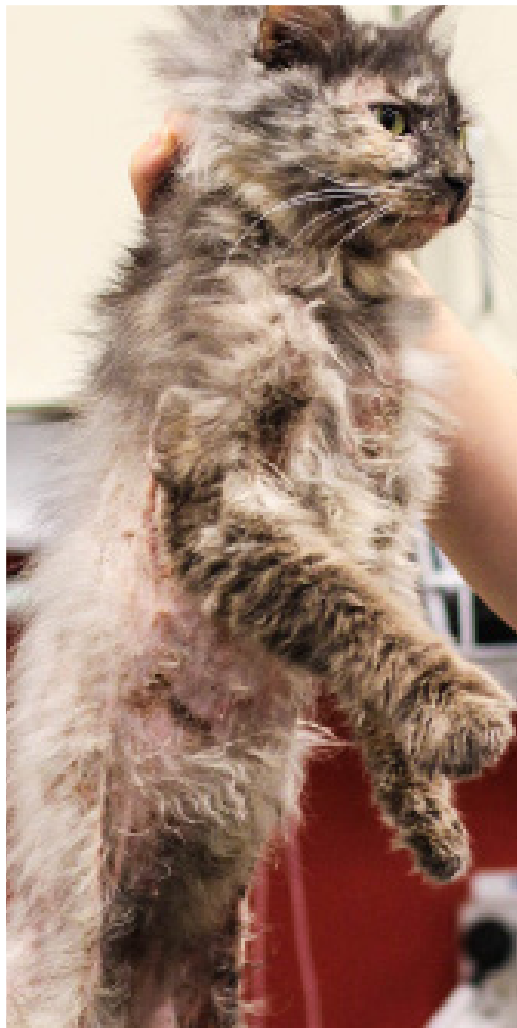


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## It was just a few degrees above freezing when she was dumped on our doorstep...

How this frail, young cat survived the cold we aren't sure. Just a thin flannel sheet covered her dirty, rusted carrier. Beside the carrier sat a paper bag containing everything that was hers – a bag of food and a couple of worn toys – with the words, "Please help me. Needs extra love," hastily scribbled on the sides.



*Yes, we would help her. We would give her love...and a whole lot more. Thanks to generous donors like you, Homeward Pet staff can provide urgent care to animals like this abandoned and defenseless cat.*

Weighing less than six pounds, Tallulah was extremely underweight, malnourished and dehydrated. Severe allergies had caused painful lesions and hair loss over her entire body. She was encrusted in scabs, her ears were filthy. Covered in fleas and anemic, Tallulah had developed an irregular heartbeat.

*Tallulah was sweet, and trusting. She needed our help and wanted our love. How could someone let this precious cat fall into such horrible health?*

Immediately, our dedicated veterinary team provided Tallulah the care she needed.



She received a warm, medicated bath to wash away years of scabs, flea dirt and neglect. Her ears were cleaned and flea treatment was applied, maybe for the first time in her life. She was given antibiotics and an anti-inflammatory to help her heal.

*Previously deprived of life's most basic comforts, Tallulah was placed in a clean kennel filled with fresh bedding, food and water.*

Special care would continue for weeks – shampoos, flea treatments, topical sprays and antibiotics. The lesions on her skin improved. With a special diet and supplements, Tallulah gained a pound, and became strong enough to finally have her lymph nodes tested, which had been swollen upon her arrival. Biopsies were taken and sent to the lab, and were determined to be the result of allergies and infection – the very conditions that we were treating since her arrival. The conditions that caused her to be dumped, alone and freezing, on our door.

Today, Tallulah's health continues to improve. Her fur is growing back, her lymph nodes are reducing in size and she is becoming stronger. She is living with a renewed sense of hope and will soon find her forever home. Tallulah is one of many animals at Homeward Pet who have been rescued, and thanks to you, have been given a second chance at life.

*Please make a meaningful gift today to show animals like Tallulah that you will continue to be there for them regardless of the amount of time or special care they require.*

Use the enclosed envelope to make your generous donation today or visit [homewardpet.org](http://homewardpet.org) to make a gift online.

*Thank you again for your unwavering support.*

*Terri Inglis*

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Executive Director



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