

Suffield Veterinary Hospital March 2014 Patient of the Month

Meet Patches, shown in this adorable photo taken by Lorilee's Photography of Enfield. Patches is a special young cat owned by the Oliveira Family of Suffield. Joe Oliveira shares Patches' story:

"Here is some information about Patches and why our family loves him! In October 2013, our family grew by two more when we adopted two kittens. Although brothers, they couldn't be more different from his brother Dusty. While Dusty is skittish and initially hid even from us, Patches has always been as friendly a cat as one could imagine. Whether Patches is playing with his brother, cuddling on the couch with our Labrador named Riley, or being the most tolerant, sweet cat to our two young daughters Celia & Brynn, his amazing personality always shines through.

Early on December 4th, Patches sadly was hit by a car in our neighborhood. Thanks to the extra special care by the Suffield Animal control officer, Angelo, and the staff at Suffield Vet Hospital, Patches survived. It was another 3 days before we found out what had happened and that Patches was alive. During those few days the whole family, including the other pets, were upset, but then we were overjoyed when we saw him at SVH. As hurt as he was, he stilled purred and kneaded at us when we first saw him. We visited him daily to make sure he knew we were there for him and loved him. Over the past two months, he has grown stronger and our family has been reunited."



As soon as Angelo brought in the shocky, badly-injured cat that had been struck by a car on that December day, the staff at Suffield Vet Hospital stabilized him with fluids and checked for a microchip (there was none present). X-rays were taken which revealed a crushed and shattered pelvis. Despite having what must have been extreme pain, this kitty purred and rubbed his head into our staff caregivers. A surgeon gave us the opinion that even without surgery to repair his pelvis, with time he would be able to walk again. We cared for his wounds, managed his pain, and prayed his owner would be found.

In honor of Patches' amazing attitude and friendliness despite his extremely painful injuries, we are proud to name him Suffield Veterinary Hospital's Patient of the Month!

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