

Suffield Veterinary Hospital September 2018 Patient of the Month

Meet Dakota, a 2-year-old female Siberian cat owned by Agnieszka Kedziora of Nyack, NY. As you might expect, most of our feline patients aren't purebred, and few of them come from such a distance. But Dakota is different.

Ms. Kedziora has been a breeder of champion Siberian cats for several years, and Dakota is one of her favorites. Recently she was not acting well, lost her appetite and had some smelly discharge. Their normal veterinarian diagnosed pyometra, a life-threatening infection of the uterus and recommended that Dakota be spayed. Dakota's owner had attended seminars at cat shows that discussed successful medical treatment of pyometra in the cat, but nobody in their area had experience with this procedure, and all recommended the spay surgery. During the search for alternatives, someone suggested contacting Dr. Huntington because of her special interest in breeding services.

Dakota came to Suffield on a Tuesday morning, extremely sick. She spent 5 days here getting fluids and multiple injections of the life-saving medicine daily. Throughout her treatment, Dakota purred, rubbed against us and taught us why her owner was so hopeful to keep this sweet girl in her breeding program. We followed by ultrasound as the size of her uterus initially showed slight increase in diameter (any additional distension and we would have immediately spayed her) but then it began to slowly shrink down. Each day she felt better. By Thursday night she was eating on her own, and when she went home on Saturday her uterus was back to normal size.

While we acknowledge the urgent need to prevent overpopulation in cats in general, we also are proud to be able to help ethical breeders of purebred cats in circumstances like this. For this reason we are pleased to make Dakota the September 2018 Suffield Veterinary Hospital Patient of the Month.



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