

Suffield Veterinary Hospital February 2014 Patient of the Month

Meet Waldo, the beloved new pet of Kristin Morrison and family of Ashford, CT. This handsome portrait of Waldo was taken by Lorilee's Photography of Enfield. Until a couple of months ago, he was loved and cared for by a wonderful couple from Enfield. Then he started having urinary problems — serious ones. He developed a urethral blockage, a life-threatening condition in which urine cannot escape the bladder causing severe pain and death in as little as 48 hours. After our veterinarians corrected this once and sent him home, he returned within a few days, again blocked.

Because his owners were often away from home, they were afraid to keep Waldo. What if this happened while they were away? They asked if we could find him a good home. Since he had been such a patient, sweet cat through all his troubles, it wasn't difficult. Up stepped Kristin, one of our veterinary technicians who had helped care for Waldo. After we again relieved the blockage, he went to his new home.

Unfortunately, he was in trouble again a few days later, and back he came. This time, we needed to



perform definitive surgery to widen his urethra. While none of our regular staff veterinarians perform this delicate surgery, we are fortunate to have Dr. Christine Mullen, a veterinarian and longtime friend of the practice, working with us on Mondays. She is a very talented surgeon and successfully performed the urethrostomy on Waldo in mid-December.

Waldo hasn't looked back! This fellow who'd led a quiet life in Enfield adapted quickly to 2 young boys and several dogs in a boisterous happy home. In many respects he is like a dog, because he likes to sprawl out on the floor on his back and just fall asleep, and he follows Kristin around the house wherever she goes. He often "announces" his presence into a room with a meow.

For reminding us that even the most severe conditions can have happy endings, and to introduce Dr. Mullen as a new member of the SVH family, we are proud to name Waldo our February 2014 Patient of the Month.

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