

Suffield Veterinary Hospital December 2019 Patient of the Month

Meet Mitsy, a sweet old kitty owned by Mora Geoffrion and her family. Mitsy was first adopted more than 10 years ago from the Springfield MSPCA shelter. She was a new mother of three adorable kittens that had already been adopted. When Mora walked up to her crate, Mitsy began talking to her as though she was picking Mora out, instead of the other way around. This is how her proud owner describes Mitsy:



Since coming to live with me she has been a very vocal, social, curious and affectionate companion. She likes people and will tolerate being picked up by strangers. She loves her tunnels and has been known to explore open purses left on the floor by visitors. "If it fits, I sits" is her mantra which includes empty fruit bowls on tables, empty boxes on the floor, especially if there is tissue in them, and empty paper bags. She will not overlook an empty lap, a warm sunny window or a place to curl up next to me on the bed. When coming home from a trip, or just a shopping trip, she is right there at the door to bring me up to speed on her adventures while I was gone.

A year ago Mitsy started losing weight, and was wasting away despite still having a great appetite. Blood tests showed that she had an over-active thyroid gland, a common condition in geriatric cats. It can be treated with oral or transdermal medicine, or by a special diet, or by a single dose of radiation to the thyroid gland. Each option has its pros and cons, but most endocrinologists feel that radiation is the gold standard treatment. So Mora set her up with the veterinarians at Radiocat for therapy.

Here is Mora's description of the experience: *From Mitsy's point of view it was no big deal. The technician at Radio Cat told me that all went well with the treatment and recovery. When she brought down the carrier to go home, Mitsy knew what that meant and walked right in. At home she went about her business as usual. The hardest part for her was the car ride. The staff at Radio Cat was very professional, answered all my questions, checked to make sure I understood what to do to get ready for her recovery, and gave me a timeline to follow.*

Mitsy is at least fifteen years old, but as you can see in this cute photo taken by our Vet Tech Jen Haire, she is showing no sign of slowing down and we look forward to many happy years ahead. For being such a sweet survivor of thyroid disease, we are happy to name Mitsy our December 2019 Patient of the Month.

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