



The Story of the 3 Blind Kittens

SPCA Cincinnati

Hello there! This is Dr. Smith, VP of Medical Services here at the SPCA Cincinnati. She'd like to tell you about three very special kitties to the SPCA... LUXURY, TREASURE, and DYNASTY!

"These kitties are pretty miraculous. Luxury, Treasure, and Dynasty came to our shelter from the local dog warden facility really sick – skinny, flea ridden and with ring worms. Yet, what was most dramatic about them upon their arrival was the fact that they were blind.

Kittens normally have their eyes open right about 2-weeks of age. Sometimes if they get a really bad infection in their eyes at this stage the eye lids will fail to open. We've all seen kitties with eyes matted shut, but this was to an extreme level. Because of the infection that they had attained, their eyes never opened and completely fused together!

Between the three of them only little miss Dynasty had a glimmer of hope with one eye slightly exposed. They likely survived while nursing with mom. Dynasty was likely their guide, helping her siblings also find food.

When they made it into our care, we started these kittens on good medication to begin the process to open their eyes slowly and naturally. Even when our medical staff got them all cleaned up, removing the crustation, their eyes still would not budge. So, the next steps involved soliciting the help of one of our amazing devoted fosters, Terri Rouse.

She took such good care of them in her home. Terri had them for about 4-months treating them for ring worms and administering lots of medication into their eyes... not to mention all the love she poured into these three kitties daily! Even when the infection started to clear up and their prognosis was improving, it still wasn't enough to get those eyes to open up.

Our medical team moved forward with surgery to give them the gift of sight! Their eyes looked pretty great upon the reveal. Luxury, unfortunately, had one eye that could not be saved due to how severe the infection had taken hold of her. Though, once the scar tissue was removed, we were elated to know that 5 out of the 6 eyes were indeed healthy.

For kitties that came in completely blind and can now see & play it has been nothing short of amazing. It is a huge testament to our Rescue Family as a whole, especially our fosters! There is no way we at the SPCA Cincinnati can accomplish this level of humane work, like on sick animals such as our 3 Blind Kittens, without the support of our community.

And you may ask why. Why would we do this – so much for three kittens? Well, this is why. Luxury, Treasure, and Dynasty may not have survived or at best had a low quality of life.

They are the “why” behind what we do. They too deserve the best life possible. And, we need help from people like you to continue to provide these services. To make animals who would typically be unadoptable, healthy. To be able to give the daily care needed to each and every animal day in and day out. So, thank you for contribution and your support!”