

40 Bladder Stones and a Broken Heart

Here's how you took Fiona's pain away

The situation was heartbreaking — for both Fiona and her devoted dad.

Due to hardships beyond his control, Fiona's owner lost his home. He knew the most caring and responsible thing he could do for his dog was relinquish her to the **SPCA Cincinnati**.

It was the right thing to do, but it was hard for both of them. Fiona seemed timid and guarded after being separated from her dad. On top of that, our staff saw right away that something was seriously wrong. Poor Fiona was urinating blood.

Fiona needed to heal, both physically and emotionally.

We acted quickly, and because of your compassion and generosity, Fiona found the care she desperately needed. Our veterinary team discovered that Fiona had 40 bladder stones! She must have been suffering from a prolonged, untreated urinary tract infection — and excruciating pain.

The **SPCA Cincinnati** VP of Medical Services, Dr. Smith, surgically removed the stones and set Fiona on the path to healing. The cloud of pain that surrounded her lifted.



Fiona was devastated to lose her loving home. Thankfully, you were there for her.



X-rays revealed that Fiona had 40 bladder stones! She must have been in excruciating pain.

With your love and support behind her all the way, Fiona began to blossom. She started playing with other dogs and snuggling with our staff. She overcame so much, never losing her gentle nature. Now this special girl patiently awaits the love and new home she deserves.

Fiona's story of resilience reminds us that your compassion saves and changes lives. You gave her comfort and hope when she had none. Thank you for giving pets like Fiona a second chance. 🐾



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Animals Owe Their Lives to You. *Thank You!*

Dear Animal Friends,

In a world that's ever-changing, with so many causes that deserve our heartfelt attention and our compassion, I want to recognize you.

You never forget the animals that need you. You, through your steadfast support, make sure the **SPCA Cincinnati** can continue our necessary and ongoing work to care for homeless pets in our community. Thank you for making a commitment to this lifesaving mission.

Your dollars help us rescue thousands of animals every year. You help pets suffering from neglect, injury, and hopelessness, and turn them into healthy, happy, and thriving companion animals with families who love them!

On behalf of the dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, and other animals in our care, we are eternally grateful for your help in giving a voice to the voiceless. We look forward to sharing many more happy tails and success stories made possible by your generosity.

Thank you for supporting the **SPCA Cincinnati**.



Warm regards,



Mike Retzlaff
President & CEO

Pets Benefit From *Your Love* in Foster Homes

Your donations are behind everything we do, from sheltering pets to powering programs in our community and more. One of the ways your support stretches beyond our walls is through our foster care program.

Our foster families are volunteers who provide temporary care for animals in their homes. Thanks to you, we can provide all the supplies foster families need.

Foster homes are full of love. Just ask Chris and Marlene Waldron. When foster dad Chris arrived home from a work trip, his foster kitten, Mega, ran right to him and leapt into his arms. Seconds later, the kitten was fast asleep.

"There's no denying Chris is Mega's person!" Marlene said. That's how they earned the special distinction of "foster failures" by adopting Mega. We think that kind of "failure" is a resounding success!



Thank you for helping homeless pets on every step of their journeys.

Alone and Tied to a Chair

You rescued Daisy from unthinkable neglect

Hungry, injured, and tied to a chair. Daisy was left in a hallway of an apartment complex where tenants passed her daily. As the days wore on, Daisy began to starve. Her bones showed through her emaciated frame.

As each person so heartlessly passed by, Daisy had every reason to lose faith in humans. **But you came to her rescue.**

Backed by your powerful support, the **SPCA Cincinnati's** Humane Agent, Lyndsey Sparks, responded to a report of neglect. Someone had finally cared enough to make a report, and Agent Sparks rushed to the scene. She found Daisy in critical condition and brought her back to the **SPCA Cincinnati** — where your donations provided the love and care she'd long been denied.

Thanks to you, Daisy received care and rehabilitation for five months.

Despite everything she'd endured, Daisy was loving and affectionate. We tended to her open wounds, injuries, and parasitic infections. Poor Daisy even had heartworm, a potentially fatal illness. Thanks to you, she received treatment and care. She seemed grateful for every ounce of kindness she received, and shared kisses with our medical staff.

Daisy spent the next five months undergoing care and rehabilitation. We also focused on enrichment and socialization measures to help keep her spirits high.

Today, Daisy has truly found her place in the world. Once helplessly tied to a chair, now, her adopted mom, Morgan, tucks her into bed every night.



Daisy was left tied to a chair to starve. Thanks to you, help was on the way.



Today, Daisy is happy and healthy in her loving home!

SCAN HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DAISY'S JOURNEY



Daisy's story is heartbreaking, but the happy outcome is a true testament that there is hope within our community. From the call for help to the response of the **SPCA Cincinnati's** team Humane Agents, to the hard work of our medical professionals, kennel staff, foster families, and the contributions of generous donors like YOU, Daisy is alive and thriving today.

Thank you for being an essential part of a network of advocates who made Daisy's survival a success story. Please don't stop making stories like hers possible. 🐾

You Help Mend *Broken Hearts*



Skipper's before-and-after photos show the lifesaving impact of your generosity. Thank you.

Skipper was found as a stray on the street, starved. He was skin and bones when he arrived at the **SPCA Cincinnati**, emaciated from fighting an intestinal parasite. After further examination, we discovered that Skipper was critically sick. He had a rare tick-borne disease as well as a severe heart disorder, which threatened to shorten his life.

Skipper was treated promptly for every condition for which he'd been suffering, and within days our medical and kennel staff noticed progress in both his weight gain and overall health. As in all heart-wrenching medical cases, it is abundantly clear that even a little love and TLC goes a very long way for these companion animals. Skipper began to run and play with renewed energy and happiness unseen before. It was as if a light switch turned on for him upon receiving dedicated care.

The road to recovery is a long journey at times. It is recommended that Skipper receive balloon valvuloplasty (a specialty heart procedure by a cardiologist, which typically costs between \$6,000 and \$9,000).

When you give, you help provide the emergency care and rehabilitation that gives pets like Skipper hope at a better life. Every contribution has impact and provides the resources that rescue deserving animals from inhumane conditions. Skipper has come a mighty long way, and it is because of our generous and devoted friends like you that his transformation story continues to get better and better. 🐾

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