



The Story of Clovis

SPCA CINCINNATI

Hi! I'm Dr. Smith, one of the veterinarians here at SPCA Cincinnati. I'd like to tell you about a very special kitty to the SPCA, CLOVIS.

Clovis was found as a very sick stray on the streets. He was weak – barely able to stand, and so sickly thin. He was matted from head to toe & filthy. He had a wound on the cornea of his eye. He had a horrible respiratory infection, a calicivirus, that was causing him to be congested, have conjunctivitis and severe ulcers on his tongue. He had such horrible dental disease that he would drool blood. His mouth was so painful, and he was so weak that he was unable to eat or clean himself. He had worms and ear mites. And unfortunately, he had FIV, the kitty version of the HIV virus.

Clovis was suffering. He was at death's door. But despite it all, he purred and made biscuits and was just so happy to have been brought to a place where he would get love and attention.

It took months to nurse Clovis back to health. Lots of medications and TLC. Once he was strong enough to tolerate a quick anesthesia procedure, we neutered him and shaved off the filthy mats. A few weeks later, we did the first of 2 dental procedures – eventually removing all of his teeth.

His FIV status, has made him very slow to heal. But Clovis is now strong and healing and will be ready for adoption any day now. He loves all the attention that he gets everyday from the kennel staff and medical team.

While Clovis' case is dramatic, he is just one of many special needs Kitties to be saved by the SPCA.

In the past and at many shelters with more limited resources, cats that are FIV positive are simply put to sleep. But we know that many FIV cats can live years beyond their diagnosis & many have a normal lifespan. Recent studies have shown that FIV is unlikely to be transmitted from cat to cat within a stable household. At the SPCA, we will not euthanize a cat solely for the diagnosis of FIV. In fact, over the past 2 years, we have been able to find homes for over 25 FIV positive cats.

Also, because of previous contributions, we are able to provide dentistry to pets in need like Clovis with our full dental suite that includes dental X-rays. In 2021, we removed over 300 diseased teeth.

And you may ask why. Why would we do this – so much for just one kitty? Well this is why. Clovis here appreciates every minute of effort we have put into his care. He is why we do what we do.

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! And Clovis says thank you too!