

PawPaw

A nice elderly woman who had been feeding stray cats in her area, showed up with a cat whose tail had been bitten through the bone, and part of its tail had already fallen off. The nice lady had been feeding a colony of outdoor cats and had already taken this female to be spayed and gotten her vaccines. Now the poor cat, who she named PawPaw, was in serious trouble. The lady who had been feeding the stray cats had taken her to an emergency vet hospital, but she could not afford the thousands of dollars to amputate the tail. She was heartbroken. She couldn't let the cat suffer, and she could not afford thousands in vet care. Her only option was to euthanize the cat so at least it didn't suffer anymore.

Our veterinarian examined PawPaw and despite the miserable condition of the cat, she did not even have to sedate PawPaw to evaluate her wounds and figure out how to proceed because PawPaw was so trusting. Obviously, amputation would be required along with follow up antibiotics and pain medication and wound dressings.

PawPaw returned to the shelter for a short time after the surgery to remove the amaged tail, but a recheck showed that the tail was still rotting away. So a second surgery was needed to remove all but about an inch of her tail.

