



*Simba*

Simba is an 8 year old handsome orange male domestic short haired cat who suffered a life-threatening illness October 2015: an urethral obstruction which prevented him from being able to urinate on his own.

This is a true emergency as fatality can occur in a very short amount of time if not medically addressed. After days in the hospital, Simba's body was not responding to medical treatment as expected, and it was decided that surgery would be the best choice for treatment.

Simba's surgery was successful and he was then able to urinate on his own. He was released to his home where he continued his recovery, and was thankful that his mom was able to take care of him.

His multiple days in the hospital with intensive nursing care and his surgery resulted in a large hospital balance. His mom was having difficulty finding the resources to cover the expense, having been involved in a serious motorcycle accident in 2013 and having a dog undergoing a splenectomy in October of 2014.

THE EMPATH PROJECT Committee heard about Simba's case after his mom asked about needing some help financially. Following THE EMPATH PROJECT board approval, funds were released to aid in Simba's care as he was a perfect candidate with a wonderful outcome!

"I can't say enough about the vets and staff at Mt. Laurel! Everyone has been super nice and caring. While Simba was hospitalized, they encouraged our visits to him and made us feel welcome. I was at ease leaving him there when I saw how well he was being treated and loved by everyone. Dr. Rose was great with him and us, taking the time to explain everything and showed us that she really cared. Dr. Mankowski who performed the surgery even took time out to call me recently to check on Simba after he had to be brought back and put on medication again. Having the EMPATH project help me financially was a blessing! I am so grateful for that! I understand that it is partially funded by the employees at Mt. Laurel Animal Hospital, and that just shows how caring all the people are! I look forward to the day that I can repay it some way to help another person provide care for their pet." Mary M.