

A Story of Rescue, Love, and Healing

“BOB”



Bob is a "Snowshoe Siamese"

In 1999; Patrick came home to find his father speaking with a woman who was looking for a new home for the male kitten held in the pet carrier at her feet. This kitten had been mistreated and tortured by the family who previously owned him.

Photo by Patrick, 2004.

When Patrick first saw Bob his tail had been operated on twice. His tail had been slammed in a door more than once and had begun to rot away. After the first operation, it began decaying once again, so his tail was removed so it now looks like a bob cat's tail. The bones in one of his front paws were somehow broken and have never really healed; you can still feel a lump on the top of one of his paws. A six year old child of the family put Bob into the microwave oven and turned it on. Fortunately, someone intervened, but not before Bob was burned on his nose, his foot pads and his ears.

Patrick's father and mother agreed with him that they needed to offer this little kitten a home, even though they already had four cats and a parakeet. Patrick named this brave little kitten "Bob" because of his bobbed tail.

For a long time after his arrival, Bob could not purr or relax. He would hide under beds and behind the furniture. Bob hated being picked up and held. He was like a shadow in the house, scooting from shelter to shelter with his back and shoulders hunched up to protect himself from the tortures he expected and feared.

After a while, Bob picked Patrick as his favourite person; he slept on Patrick's bed and followed him everywhere in the house. Patrick was the first person who got Bob to purr. Bob purrs a lot now and likes to be petted and scratched under his chin. Bob gradually widened his circle of trust to include everyone in the family and now sleeps with Patrick's brother, Paul. When friends come to visit, Bob will gravitate to the person who needs a little extra attention and warmth.

Although there was once a time when it was so hard for Bob to feel safe, now his beautiful blue eyes shine with love and trust for the family who never gave up on him. Bob loves drinking from a bowl with flower petals floating on the water.

Submitted by Patrick & family, November, 2004