

Dear Friends,

I'm writing today to ask for your donation to help Hula – a sweet little tiger kitten with a spinal abnormality requiring thousands of dollars worth of care to investigate and correct. With your kind donations, we are able to provide necessary care for Hula and other special needs cats, many of whom would be euthanized at other shelters.

Hula was slated to be one of those cats. She was surrendered to another area shelter after her owner moved to a new apartment where cats weren't allowed, and staff there quickly fell in love with the happy little ten-week-old kitten.

Sadly, Hula's care was considered too expensive and her prognosis too unclear for the shelter to deal with, so she was scheduled for euthanasia. Unable to bear the thought of putting this lively, spirited kitten to sleep, the staff contacted MRFRS to ask if we might be able to help. After reviewing Hula's medical records, including x-rays and veterinary notes, with one of our consulting veterinarians, the staff at MRFRS decided to give her a chance, knowing your generous donations would allow us to help her as we have so many other cats.

Born with only one eye and a defect in her spine, Hula wobbles when she walks and is unable to jump. In spite of this, Hula loves to play, and she purrs the second you look her way. Her wobbly gait brings to mind a dancing dashboard hula doll, leading staff to her name.



The fact that her front end seems to be trying to go in a different direction from her back end doesn't seem to bother this little girl one bit. Hula doesn't know she's anything other than a regular, busy little kitten, and as soon as we met her, we knew we had made the right decision in saving her life.

Safe in a foster home where she is loved and cared for, Hula is currently awaiting further diagnosis and treatment. While Hula's particular case is unusual, the cost of her care is not. **Each year, the MRFRS spends tens of thousands of dollars helping cats like Hula.**

Like you, we believe that every cat deserves a chance at life and, once they are healthy enough, a loving home – but we can't do this important work without you.

Please make a donation today to help fund Hula's treatment. Your generous support will help ensure that no MRFRS kitty ever goes without needed care.

Sincerely,

Stacy LeBaron
President, MRFRS

P.S. – To see a video of Hula in action, check out our Facebook page today at facebook.com/MRFRSorg !

MEET SOME OF THE OTHER CATS YOUR DONATIONS HAVE HELPED:

GRYPHON

This five-year-old cat lived as a “neighborhood kitty” in a local mobile home park, where he was fed and adored by all the residents. When Gryphon got into a bad fight and ended up with a severe chest wound, his caretakers, unable to afford the cost of vet care themselves, brought him to MRFRS for help. This big sweetie pie is now on the mend and will soon be looking for a forever home!



RAMONA

Having spent her whole life as an outdoor cat, Ramona was fed, but received no vet care after being spayed as a young adult. When her caretakers moved out of state, they brought her in to us to stay and we soon discovered that her teeth were so badly infected that her sinuses and eyes had become involved, and she could barely eat. After major dental surgery, Ramona can eat and breathe normally again, and she's looking forward to life as a house cat!

ICY

This handsome gray & white boy came to us in desperate need of dental surgery. When the vets began to examine him, however, they discovered a much more urgent problem: a massive diaphragmatic hernia, most likely a result of being hit by a car, causing Icy's internal organs to be pushed up into his chest cavity. After major surgery to fix the hole, Icy recuperated for several months before finally getting his horribly infected teeth cleaned up. Today he is recovering nicely with a foster home!



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