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Homeward Bound Cat Adoptions Saves Cat from Life-Threatening Blockage — Community Support Needed to Cover Emergency Surgery Costs

Las Vegas, NV — Homeward Bound Cat Adoptions is sharing the dramatic rescue of a three-year-old cat named Oliver, whose life was saved just two days ago after suffering from a severe and prolonged intestinal blockage.

On Wednesday, the organization received an urgent email stating that Oliver needed emergency surgery for a suspected stomach blockage, but his owner could not afford the procedure.

The word “blockage” immediately raised alarms.

According to the information provided, Oliver had been vomiting black foam, refusing food and water, and hiding — all critical warning signs of a potentially fatal obstruction. As communication continued, it became clear the symptoms had been ongoing for nearly two weeks.

Recognizing the urgency, Homeward Bound Cat Adoptions requested immediate surrender in order to provide lifesaving care. Once Oliver was placed into their custody, he was rushed to a veterinary partner for emergency evaluation.

Veterinarians found Oliver lethargic, severely dehydrated, and in significant pain. X-rays confirmed a foreign body obstruction. Without surgical intervention, his condition would have rapidly deteriorated and likely become fatal.

Oliver underwent emergency surgery the same day.

The procedure successfully removed the obstruction — later identified as material consistent with a garage foot mat — and he was admitted to intensive care for close monitoring. While the first 24 hours were critical, Oliver began eating the following day and showed encouraging signs of recovery, including purring and increased responsiveness.

“Blockages are among the most painful and dangerous emergencies a cat can experience,” said Vanessa Porter, Executive Director for Homeward Bound Cat Adoptions. “Time is everything. Had Oliver not received surgery when he did, the outcome would have been devastating.”

Oliver’s initial medical costs — including diagnostics, lab work, imaging, surgery, and ICU hospitalization — have exceeded \$3,500.

As a nonprofit rescue, Homeward Bound Cat Adoptions relies entirely on community support to respond to urgent cases like Oliver’s. The organization did not hesitate to intervene despite the financial impact.

“We acted because his life depended on it,” Porter said. “Now we’re asking the community to stand with us so we can continue saying yes to emergencies.”

Oliver is currently recovering and is expected to make a full recovery. Once fully healed, he will be placed for adoption into a safe and loving home.

Donations to support Oliver may be made [securely online](#) or mailed to **Homeward Bound Cat Adoptions**, 2675 E. Flamingo Road, Suite 3, Las Vegas, NV 89121.

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About Homeward Bound Cat Adoptions

Homeward Bound Cat Adoptions is a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving the lives of cats through adoption, foster care, community partnerships, and compassionate programs that support both animals and the people who love them.