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Homeward Bound Cat Adoptions Gives Injured Cat a Second Chance After Traumatic Start

Las Vegas, NV — Katla, a 5-year-old tortoiseshell cat, has endured a journey of survival, resilience, and transformation after arriving at another shelter in January following a suspected traumatic accident, likely being hit by a car.

Frightened, injured, and facing an uncertain future, Katla remained in a kennel while shelter staff worked to manage her pain and monitor her condition. Though they provided compassionate care, her long-term outlook remained unclear.

Recognizing she needed more specialized support, Katla was transferred in February to Homeward Bound.

“When Katla arrived, it was clear she was dealing with more than what was visible,” said Vanessa Porter, Executive Director. “She was underweight, dehydrated, fighting infection, and suffering from severe dental disease. But despite everything, she remained incredibly gentle.”

Katla’s medical journey proved extensive. After stabilization, she was diagnosed with severe stomatitis, a painful condition requiring the removal of nearly all her teeth. Her recovery required hospitalization, medications, and intensive monitoring.

Further evaluation revealed an additional complication: a paralyzed front leg resulting from her initial trauma. After allowing time for healing from dental surgery, the veterinary team made the decision to proceed with a leg amputation to improve her long-term quality of life.

Today, Katla is recovering well and thriving in foster care. “The transformation has been incredible,” Porter shared. “The scared, withdrawn cat we first met is now affectionate, trusting, and clearly feels safe.”

Katla’s care—including diagnostics, surgery, hospitalization, medications, and amputation—totals nearly \$3,250.

Homeward Bound is seeking community support to help offset these costs and continue providing lifesaving care to animals in need. “We never hesitate to say yes—but we rely on our community to help make that possible,” Porter added.

Donations can be made online at: <https://givebutter.com/TurnCompassionIntoActionIn2026>

Or by mail: Homeward Bound Cat Adoptions 2675 East Flamingo Road, Suite 3 Las Vegas, NV 89121

Katla is expected to be available for adoption soon. Inquiries can be directed to adoptions@homewardboundcats.org.

For more information, contact 702-463-9996 or visit HomewardBoundCats.org.