

Firemen Rescue "Forest" using Jaws of Life

This was no ordinary "cat in a tree" situation. No one will ever know how many days the homeless cat had been wedged between the tree trunks, unable to free himself, suffering with massive, painful injuries. The cat must have fallen a great distance to have become so firmly wedged. Some young boys playing nearby heard a repeated crying sound and investigated; they called the animal control officer; she called a Kitty Angels volunteer.

Our attempts to free the cat using a lever and a house jack failed. We needed professional help, and within fifteen minutes of our call a team of professionals from the Danville NH Fire Department arrived. As they worked with their Jaws of Life equipment they took turns holding the cat's head; talking softly to him; reassuring him that he would be okay. After several attempts "Danville's finest" were successful in separating the trees and the cat was freed.



Forest – kneading, purring, and resting comfortably after his surgeries

Suffering and dehydrated, the cat received pain medication and fluids at a nearby Emergency Veterinary Hospital. This nameless little stray was then brought to Amherst Animal Hospital, where a team worked late into the evening to save his life. One of the techs named in "Forest." Poor, gentle, Forest had a high fever; multiple deep wounds along his spine, abdomen, and legs, which were severely swollen from lack of blood flow; blood in his abdomen from severe bruising; and lesions and swelling in the corners and inside the mouth. It was initially predicted that one of his legs would have to be removed. Forest spent almost two weeks in the hospital, enduring multiple surgeries and hydrotherapy to restore blood flow to his lower body. There were so many wounds that there was not enough skin to close them; special surgical techniques were required to relieve the tension.

Forest is now recuperating comfortably in a foster home, where he looks forward to adoption into a lifelong, loving, home.

Our thanks to the wonderful rescue squad from Danville's Fire Department – without their prompt, professional and caring response, Forest wouldn't be alive today...our thanks to all the other "Angels" – professional and volunteer – who pulled together to save Forest's life...and thanks to all those who have helped Kitty Angels – it is through your generosity and goodwill that animals like Forest are rescued, survive and find a peaceful new life.

Kitty Angels is a non-profit organization, staffed entirely by unpaid volunteers. There are so many cats out there like Forest — cats whose daily suffering cannot be ameliorated without your donations. Every penny of every donation is used to care for cats in need. Please help!!

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