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Bad luck doesn't last forever. Though, someone may need to sit Cattan down and persuade him of that. For most of his life, this charming, friendly fella has drawn the short straw—but thank goodness, his luck is finally changing.

When reading through Cattan's long list of health episodes, you might assume he spent his early life stalking back and forth under ladders while stomping on mirrors. However, this lovely boy's bad luck came about through no fault of his own. He just didn't get the early health care and intervention that all cats need to live a pain-free, healthy life.

Cattan spent his early life in a free-living colony, where veterinary care was non-existent and he caught Feline Immunodeficiency Virus. When he grew older, he adopted himself a human companion, but this person owned many cats and could not provide Cattan with the care he needed. Cattan—and some of his friends—were later surrendered into the care of Maneki Neko Cat Rescue.

When Maneki Neko took the wheel, it seemed things were finally looking up. However, this was just the beginning of some new challenges that would test the resilience of even the strongest feline. During routine veterinary checks, we learned that Cattan had FIV, serious painful dental disease, a heart murmur, and cat flu. This discovery was only the beginning of many months of “whack-a-mole” in treating Cattan’s health. Just as one issue was discovered and treated, a new one popped up. Poor Cattan patiently accepted desperately-needed treatment for Stomatitis requiring all of his rotten teeth to be surgically removed, a three week long blood nose, early kidney failure resulting in Cattan spending five days in hospital to treat dehydration , and was diagnosed with glaucoma.

With every bit of bad luck thrown at him, Cattan continued to display a zest for life. He was never going to give up on the comfortable life he knew he deserved once his medical woes were behind him. Just as vets finally thought they had a handle on his issues, it seems that all the health problems from his early life had a meeting and joined forces in one last attempt to break his spirit. Cattan was dealt a new, very difficult challenge: a detached lens in his left eye was obstructing his tear glands, and causing so much inflammatory pressure that vets considered removing the eye altogether.

Thankfully, Cattan is made of stronger stuff than 13 lucky cats put together. With medication and care, Cattan’s eye pressure is now within the normal range. But, a detached eye lens is making life very difficult for him, and will only cause more health woes down the line. So, it’s time for one more significant surgery that will attempt to remove this floating lens, and save Cattan’s sight.

Cattan’s life has already improved so much since he came into care with Maneki Neko foster carers. He grew from a bag of bones into a full-sized cat in several months. He now meows for food, attention and belly rubs—when just months ago his vocalisations were whisper-quiet. He started his life shivering in the cold, and ten years later, he is finally inside where he belongs, flopping onto his carer’s chest for a snuggle and padding behind his humans like a shadow.

We think it’s only right—after all that Cattan has been through—that we do everything possible to restore his sight. In a time where suffering is all around us, let’s spread happiness and change Cattan’s luck, by supporting his surgery fund. We can all give this beautiful boy a happier view, and a fresh lease on life.



***Update: Cattan's surgery has been successful. His specialist is very happy with how he is progressing and this week he has been able to part with his e-collar and get back to looking after his own beautiful coat. He is still on 4 different types of eye medication a day but hopefully at his next visit he will be able to start reducing these down. Thank you to everyone who has donated and made this surgery possible.***



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