

# Lola's Story



So how does it happen? A much loved pet at one time, out in all weathers scavenging for food to survive, too weak to hunt for pray. Lola had been living on a building site, she'd mainly look for food in bins, the builders would see her & take pity on the scrawny skinny cat and share their cribb with her.

Just in the nick of time her luck was about to change. One of the carpenters found her curled up fast asleep in his jumper and decided to give Sally's Cat Rescue a call to see if they could come to her aid. When Sally saw the poor scrap she was reduced to tears, all her fur had gone from her body and she was covered in sores from a flea allergy - she was one of the worse cases Sally had seen, malnourished, dehydrated, she wobbled when she walked, and she weighed just 2 kg.

She was admitted to vet hospital where the first item to tackle was getting emergency fluids into her; she was just too weak to take bloods right away. It was clear there was an underlying problem and various tests would need to be done over time.

The day came when she could come to the rescue, as per usual, the rescue was over-full, she would have to go in a dog cage in the man cave (belonging to Sally's long suffering partner who longs for his shed back). Every one of the volunteers who met her fell in love - she looked at you craving for attention and they would allow her to wonder about the shed. On nice days she'd spend it nosing about in Sally's garden and laying on the sun lounger enjoying the warmth of the sun.

After many vet trips and steroid injections her fur is returning, and Sally was delighted to see she was gaining weight (she had gone up to 2,5kg). Alas bad news was to come. The tests had revealed little Lola was F.I.V. (Feline Auto Immunodeficiency Virus) however, contrary to popular belief it doesn't mean an immediate death sentence, F.I.V cat's can live a long happy life with care. Euthenasia was not an option as Sally never puts cats to sleep that can be helped, regardless of their age, rather she offers them care and the right medication.

Lola now has a place in the rescue block, and with the most softest of beds! Most day's the door is left open so she can potter in and outside. Sally's aim is to provide Lola with a Lindee Lu pen (we like to call it a Penhouse) so she can wander in & out in safety.

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With the generosity of our members and supporters, and now her kind hearted Virtual Parents we can see this happening in the very near future.