



Wanda Dixon

July 17, 2015

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“ I had the pleasure of spending 12 years of my life with Wanda (practically half of it). Last weekend we laid her to rest, had her cremated, and chose a lovely bronze kitty-kat urn to hold her and keep her as close to the family as possible.

A little over two months ago my family and I found out that Wanda had oral cancer. The prognosis wasn't good, but I did my best to care for her and to make the most of her final days. The first couple of weeks were very emotional for me, but I did get to a point where I accepted what was to come. I had never lost someone close to me, but I had to toughen up and take care of my little lady.

For the first week or so following her diagnosis, Wanda seemed like her usual self. But things eventually changed. Wanda stopped eating, so I would liquefy her food and feed her by hand (squirty oral syringe). I also had to administer a few different medicines daily. She stopped grooming, so I would wipe down her fur with a wet wash cloth daily and brush her more often. She started to drool a lot, so I would be wiping her mouth whenever I saw any drips. She would require extra cuddles and I loved every minute of that.

It was hard work and it made me understand what it's like for people who have young children. And as much extra work went into caring for her, especially when she would sometimes really not want to cooperate...I'd spend years doing it all if it meant she would still be here with me. However, her condition got to a point where it would have been selfish of me to keep her alive longer. Oral cancer is just a terrible illness for any cat to get...and it broke my heart that Wanda got it. She did not deserve that.

No one will ever replace her. Every time I think about her, my heart feels heavy because I miss her so much. And part of me still feels very guilty because I feel like I could have done more to prevent all this. I really wonder what I could have done to keep her healthy, or what I could have done to give her more life and ease her pain. When we did let her go, I looked into her eyes as she passed so

that I could be the last person she saw. And boy oh boy do I still wonder what she was thinking....but I hope at least that was somewhat helpful to her.

All she ever wanted to do was be loved, and then loved some more. She never hissed or bit anyone. She was always docile and caring. She was the quintessential lap-cat. No mischief, no stress...just cuddly love. It really sucks thinking about her and its suck being in this house without her.

Through her life I learned unconditional love, and through her death I have become a stronger person.

I'll honor your memory the best way I can mama. You're always my baby girl. xoxo

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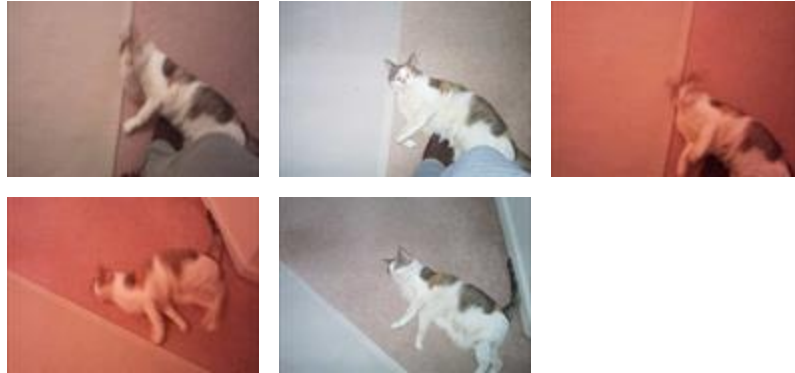
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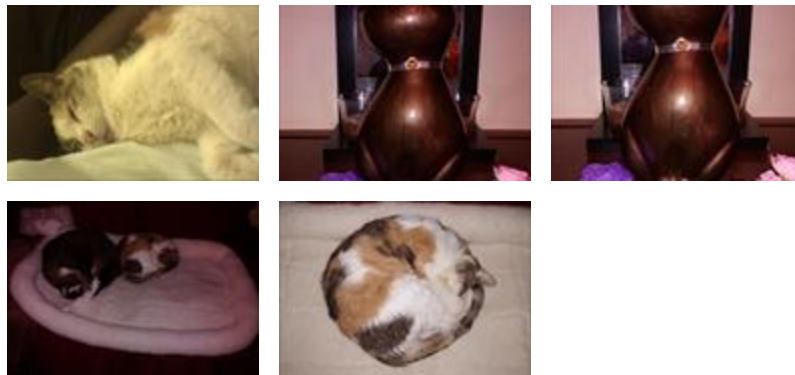
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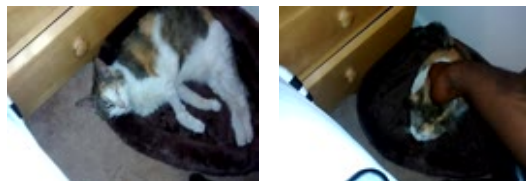
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