

News Release

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***Broken and injured in multiple places, no one knows what happened to Carmen.
Except her. And she's not telling.***



Carmen is three months old. Most kittens at this age are hyper, bug-eyed, curtain climbers. Not Carmen. You see, she was one of those who was completely alone. She was found on the streets and ended up at Animal Services. Whether she was left by her cat mom or a human mom who couldn't care for her, we don't know (and she's not telling). But instead of playing the guessing game, we decided to fix her, aka, *save her life*.

Carmen looked as cute as ever and was more affectionate than anyone. She purred, kneaded her tiny paws, stared at you with her big gold eyes and yes, she even smiled. She was happy. It was clear she had been around people and we tried to get her to share her little secret of her street cat days, but she remained tight lipped. What she did reveal, was pain.

Her back leg didn't work. It was dragging behind her. Her tail was missing the fur and skin—it was naked down to the bone. She was dirty and hungry (thankfully, not emaciated). Carmen went right from Animal Services to Nevada Humane Society for vet care. Her leg had to be amputated, and her tail as well—at least, most of it. We left her with a tiny stub, kind of like a Doberman. But yes, we saved her life.

Carmen quickly became known for her sweet demeanor, before and after surgery. Everyone, even the non-cat folks, loved her. Not to mention she was (is) beautiful.

Just two days after surgery, cone around her head like a flying saucer, no leg and no tail, she was still the sweetest gal. We knew that once healed she'd be a heartbreaker.

Fast forward to her last day of care, Carmen was free as a bird. She's mobile, happy and healthy. Her gorgeous silver and peach fur is growing back. She had already picked her person too—a Nevada Humane Society volunteer who helps out in the veterinary clinic—so she went home the day the vets gave her the all clear. Carmen is now doing better than ever, thanks to us (not to toot our own horn or anything) and her person even told us that on day one, she took off up the stairs in a bundle of energy, and already has the dog (a 65lb dog) wrapped around her tiny paw. Carmen is home.

So now, as we continue to share story after story of those extra special homeless pets that need us, we ask that you would donate to their care, to keep our fund going so that we can always help them. Will you donate to [Emily's Fund for Injured Pets for Carmen?](#) Contributions are tax-deductible and can be sent to 2825 Longley Lane, Reno, NV 89502 or credit card donations may be called into 775-856-2000, ext. 324. Thank you for helping Nevada Humane Society save lives.



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