

News Release

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Steinmetz the SuperHERO

Picture the cutest seven-month-old cat ever, trying to run, play and be a kitten—yet being unable to because of an injury. That was Steinmetz back in March when he arrived at Nevada Humane Society. Now, he's a different cat, and he's ready for a new home.

Steinmetz arrived as a stray, having been dropped off at Animal Services. No one claimed him, so he came to Nevada Humane Society to find a home. During that time, staff at both shelters noticed his right rear leg was... odd. It appeared broken, so he was taken immediately to the veterinary clinic at Nevada Humane Society for care. His personality was not affected—he purred, rubbed his head on everyone, and wanted to be held—all the time. Steinmetz was clearly a charmer.

While his young body appeared to be in good shape, it was not. Radiographs unfortunately revealed that *both* back legs would need a serious surgery. Steinmetz was born with bilateral medial patellar luxation, which basically means his kneecaps would pop out of place, preventing him from normal mobility. While this is common in dogs, that's not the case with cats, so we had to reach out for help.

Steinmetz was seen at Sierra Veterinary Specialists. They confirmed that surgery was an option, but they wanted to wait to let him continue growing given his young age, so he went to a foster home for several months.

In June, Steinmetz had surgery on both knees. Even with his entire lower body shaved, stitches up and down both back legs, he was adorable. He was sweet and gentle, not to mention, strong. The doctors at SVS said he was one of a kind—he was ready to move around and get back into the swing of things right after surgery. Steinmetz was basically a superhero, overcoming all odds and showing us he was unbreakable.

Recovery kept Steinmetz on bed rest for another month and it was tough. He wanted to jump and leap and play. We had to say no, and he didn't like it. But he got over it, because he was given so much TLC and attention that he soaked it up—and now his new family better be ready for a cuddle-aholic.

Just the other day Steinmetz was given the official all clear from the SVS team. He has come so far with all of his physical challenges. He now walks well, has no pain, and is happy. It's as if he finally understands that all this time we've been helping him get to this point. His next superhero adventure? To find a family and a home.

While Steinmetz is waiting for you to meet him, we're working behind the scenes to raise money for all of his bills. His medical journey was a need, and it saved his life, because most shelters across the country would not have done this. We did. This is Nevada Humane Society. This is lifesaving.

If you can contribute to cover the cost of Steinmetz's care, he, along with his human staff, would appreciate that. Will you donate to [Emily's Fund for Injured Pets for Steinmetz?](#) 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. Steinmetz thanks you for letting Nevada Humane Society save lives.

