

Maynard's Story



Two years ago a gentleman moved from Bensenville to Oregon, IL. He wanted to take his ferals and he did – all nine of them. We facilitated the trapping of them and they are enjoying the warehouse tremendously! Recently, a new cat showed up, he was really beat up. The caretaker contacted us because he knew Maynard needed extra care beyond being neutered. Here's Maynard's story:

We saw that Maynard had an ear injury and when he shook his head, he would fall over. Thinking he might have [cerebellar hypoplasia](#), we indicated that on the information we send to PAWS for each cat. Maynard was returned without neutering with a note that the ear was severe and he should see a regular vet. The next day, off he went to Glen Ellyn Animal Hospital. They

were very busy so he was dropped off. When it was his turn they called to verify all that was needed for him and asked if we had noticed his leg wounds. We hadn't – if you had seen the gross, caked on debris on that ear, you might have figured all of his problems came from his ear, too! GEAH was kind enough to not only take pictures of the process of cleaning and stitching his leg, but they sent the pictures to us, too!

Maynard had clearly been in a fight with someone awhile ago, there was even straw debris in the wound. Luckily the infection had not gone into the bone as often happens if we don't get there in time. The skin was pulled together and stitched loosely in order to allow drainage if it was necessary. Not sure what happened with his ear but he had MORE straw in his ear and a perforated eardrum. It was cleaned out and we hoped the injectable antibiotics would start working on that in addition to his leg. He got neutered that day, too. He came home with me, Tammy, as there was no one else available at that time who could provide the level of care he needed.



Initially Maynard was MAD. Luckily he had a cone on, so when he tried to bite the hand that was treating him, he just nailed the cone. But those paws were fast! Treatment consisted of pain meds – switching to those that could be put in the food by the next day because nothing was going in his mouth that seemed like medication! Because of his

tendency to fall over, no wet food or water could be left in his cage – if his wound got wet it would slow recovery. So, twice a day, I held his canned food and his water bowl. Even THAT was irritating to him – those hormones were still causing trouble. As his wound drew together and a very hard, rough scab formed, I started putting Neosporin on his stitches to keep them soft so that he didn't catch on everything.



Back to the vet after a week and now it was time to start putting medication in his ear. His leg was healing so beautifully we didn't remove the stitches just let them be. Another week after that, May 24th, and his wound was healed so well that the stitches hardly needed to be snipped and most of the scab just came off. Yea! But his ear was not healed yet, we took a culture to find out the best medication to use and added another oral antibiotic to his regimen. As I write this on May 31st, the new ear and oral medication seem to be working and at his next vet appointment I hope his ear will be sufficiently healed that he can go home.

Maynard is still falling over but much less so and sometimes just being able to get out and exercise can make all the difference in the world. His hormones have settled down and he rarely gets irritated now. He's due to go to the vet on June 2nd. I hope to post good news after that visit!

This is just one more cat that we give the care and consideration

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