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A Life-Saving Act Leads to a New Beginning

Menomonie, WI – In a touching story of compassion, connection, and healing, a heroic act from one of our DCHS shelter cats has led to a forever home for not just himself, but his best friend, too.

When a local veterinary clinic was facing a difficult case with a critically ill cat, they reached out to the Dunn County Humane Society with an unusual request: did we have a healthy shelter cat willing to donate blood for a life-saving transfusion?

Owen, a sweet and gentle cat who had been with us for 12 weeks, stepped up. While the transfusion gave the pet's family precious extra time, their beloved companion ultimately passed. Days later, still grieving, the family reached out again — this time to meet the cat who gave them that final gift.

At the shelter, Owen had formed a close friendship with Calypso, one of our long-term residents who had been with us for over eight months. The two had become inseparable, living together in one of our colony rooms as a bonded pair.

When the grieving family met Owen, they instantly fell in love — and upon seeing his bond with Calypso, they knew their family had room for both.

From heartbreak to healing, Owen and Calypso's story is a reminder of the quiet heroism that animals bring into our lives — and how love often finds us when we need it most—and when we least expect it.

For anyone interested in covering this heartwarming story or speaking with the adopters, please contact: Harvey Weidman

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