



"Andorra"

Dear Cat Lover,

There's no question about it, cats make wonderful companions. From playful kitten to wise and mature adult, cats enrich our lives. And sometimes we are lucky enough to find a cat that is uniquely special and fills our life like no other. For the Malanes, Andorra was that cat. A Devon Rex with a curly coat, big ears and a pixie face, Andorra was filled with curiosity and boundless energy.

A pioneer in kitty adventure travel, Andorra loved being in the car – traveling from the shoreline and mountains of the Pacific Northwest and Canada to the jungles and beaches of Costa Rica in her signature red hoodie. Never one to be left out, she'd often ride on Ryan's shoulders like a fury parrot.

Sadly, Andorra was diagnosed with Evans Syndrome, in which immune-mediated hemolytic anemia (IMHA) is a primary component, and the Malanes lost her almost 13 years to the day she first entered their lives.

Primary IMHA is an autoimmune disease in which the body attacks and destroys its own red blood cells. In secondary IMHA, the surface of the red blood cells becomes altered by an underlying disease process or a toxin. The cat's immune system then recognizes the altered red blood cells as evil invaders that must be destroyed. Secondary IMHA can be triggered by a variety of causes such as cancer, feline leukemia, feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV), or feline infectious peritonitis (FIP).

While there is much that veterinarians and researchers understand about IMHA, improved diagnostics and treatment options can help more cats live full lives after diagnosis. To help make this possible, the Andorra Fund has been created to fight IMHA and further hematology and immunology research in cats.

As someone who loves cats like I do, I hope you will join me in this opportunity to make a difference and expand feline research in this critical area by making a donation to support the Andorra Fund. With your support, you will help Andorra's adventurous spirit live on through research discoveries that will benefit cats for generations to come.

Winn Feline Foundation has a proud 51-year history of funding important feline health research and contributing to advancements in the field of feline veterinary medicine. These accomplishments would not be possible without the support of cat lovers like you, and for this we are grateful.

Please help us make a difference in the lives of our beloved feline companions with a gift to Winn Feline Foundation today. With your support we can help improve the lives of cats so that each of our feline companions can live a long, healthy life.

With Gratitude,

Julie Legred, CVT

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Thanks to you...

**Every cat, every day benefits
from Winn-funded research**

In 2019, you helped us to fund 16 grants (over \$307,000) in March, which was the largest number & dollar amount for grant awards to date in Winn Feline Foundation's history.

To date, your support has allowed Winn to total over 6.9 million dollars towards feline health research since the beginning.

Important research is being done in the following areas:

- Chronic Kidney Disease
- Feline Infectious Peritonitis
- Shelter Medicine
- Genetics
- Heart Disease
- Infectious Disease
- Pain Management
- And more...

Help us to do even more in 2020 for feline health by donating today!



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