

Winky:

Winky came to The Humane Society of Washington County out of a hoarding case in Johnson City, TN.

Winky was placed in our care with her 3 brothers (Happy, Bashful and Hippo). Winky has always been a sweet girl but you could tell that she didn't just have your average upper respiratory infection. Winky's eye was terribly swollen, so swollen it wouldn't open. We started the litter on a round of anti-biotics, eye medications and immune system boosters. As the litter was getting healthy we would separate them from our girl Winky. Winky just couldn't seem to get over it. I was praying for her eye to open, but when it finally did, I realized that was the least of her problems. When the meds finally started to kick in enough, her eye opened and I wasn't prepared for what I saw that morning. Swollen, red, inner eye lid turned out and just this tiny little spot where I could see her eye. After I sent pictures to the heads of the cat fostering program they asked me to take her to see Dr. MacLane at Appalachian Animal Hospital, so we did and she advised that the eye had possibly ruptured but wanted to wait for the swelling to go down before removing it. We decided that we needed a second opinion at this point, so we went to see Dr. Vail at Blue Ridge Animal Hospital. Dr. Vail advised us that she also thought the eye had ruptured and wanted to wait to see if it needed to be removed. Heartbroken we went home. Winky had put up a good fight to get better and was still fighting to save her eye. A battle in which everyone thought she was going to lose. To our surprise, Winkys eye had gotten better. Well, not totally better. It's still a little weird looking, like she's always giving you the stink eye, and the pupil is cloudy so we know that she will never have full vision in that eye. But that hasn't slowed down our tough girl. She still sleeps all night under the covers with me, lays all day on the pillows next to my boyfriend, runs with her crinkle ball up and down the hall, jumps out at our feet from her hiding box as we walk by. Winky deserves a home with someone who will love her, give her what she needs (which includes daily belly rubs and cans of wet food) and love her as we do. Someone who is as perfectly imperfect as she is.

