



Rescued Throwaway Cat Sophia

She was left to die, abandoned because she was getting older and would need some care. So she wandered the neighborhood looking for food, shelter, and some love. She showed up on someone's back step and cried for help; she couldn't last much longer. The cat that came to be named Sophia was on her last legs from ill health and starvation. Fortunately, the homeowner gave her some food and she was able to hold on. As a tropical storm from Hurricane Irene was about to hit the northeast, Sophia was saved and given shelter in the family's garage. A local rescue group, Capital District Humane Association (CDHA), offered assistance with vet care. But, it was not good news when the vet determined Sophia was at least 10 years old and had some serious health issues – a thyroid problem, high blood pressure, and kidney disease. Although these have been addressed with daily medication and diet, there is a steep challenge to find Sophia a caring home. In fact, some shelters would euthanize her to make room for younger, healthier cats who could find homes more easily.

The thing is, despite her age and health issues, Sophia is a great cat and has much to offer someone. She is pretty and sweet, and loves to be petted and held. Her favorite thing is to snuggle in your lap and give you kisses; she enjoys showing how much she appreciates your care. Please consider helping Sophia by adoption or by making a contribution to CDHA for her care. Contact: [\[redacted\]](#) for more information.

