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(PHOENIX) – A curious cat who was slowly starving while trapped inside a swamp cooler is now on the mend, thanks to the Arizona Humane Society. The 5-year-old male tabby cat weighs just more than 5 pounds – about half of what he should – after spending an unknown amount of time stuck inside the cooling unit with no food or water.

“Cupid,” as he’s been dubbed, was starving, dehydrated and filthy, but is otherwise doing remarkably well. The friendly fellow needs at least two weeks of foster care so he can gain weight; then, he can be put up for adoption.

“He will spend the next couple of weeks eating a high-quality kitten food that is packed with nutrients and extra calories so he can put on much-needed weight,” explained AHS Director of Medicine



(Left) Eager for affection, “Cupid” recovers in the AHS Second Chance Animal Hospital™.

(Below) The curious cat nearly starved to death after becoming trapped in an old cooling unit. No one knows how long he was stuck with no food or water.



Nancy Bradley, D.V.M. “He could add up to three pounds while in foster care and be back up to a normal, healthy weight.”

An AHS Emergency Animal Medical Technician™ (EAMT™) rescued “Cupid” on Monday from the old cooling unit, which was situated behind a restaurant near 25th Avenue and Bethany Home Road. A passer-by heard the kitty’s cries for help and called the AHS. The EAMT™ dismantled the unit to free the kitty, and then transported him to the AHS Second Chance Animal Hospital™. Despite the ordeal, “Cupid” is proving to be a friendly, highly social cat. And he’s happy to have a full bowl of food and water close by at all times.

Had “Cupid” not been rescued in a timely fashion, he easily could have suffered irreparable organ failure and died, Bradley explained. Dehydration was also a very real possibility.

“He is a very lucky kitty,” she said. “The best news is that we expect him to make a complete recovery. With his wonderful personality, he will be a terrific pet for years to come.”

Founded in 1957, the Arizona Humane Society is the state’s largest, nonprofit animal-welfare and protection agency. The mission of AHS is to improve the lives of animals, alleviate their suffering, and elevate their status in society.

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