

Our Laddie and the story about the Ugly cat

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Everyone in our house knows how Ugly was our Local Cat.

Ugly cat loved three things in this world: fight for survival, eating „anything that might be found” and, let’s say, love. The combination of these things together with the homelessness and living in our yard left incurable wounds on the Ugly cat's body.

For starters, the Ugly cat had only one eye. It had no ear on that side of the head. Cat’s left leg had been broken and had knit together in a strange angle. Due to this fact it looked like the cat is going to turn the corner all the time. It had no tail. There was a small cultra with a small tuft at the end though. If the head and shoulders of the Ugly cat were not covered in countless scars, one may even call it a dark grey tabby cat.

Everyone who took a look at the cat had the same reaction: "What an Ugly cat!" Children were told not to touch the cat. Adults threw rocks at it to make it go away and closed the door in front of the cat so it would not enter the apartment. When the cat tried to approach our street sweeper, she sprinkled water over the cat from a hose.

Curiously the Ugly cat always had the same reaction. If someone poured water on it – the cat patiently got wet until the torturer got bored. If the cat was thrown at with something - it rubbed against person's legs as if it was apologizing. As soon as the cat saw some kids, it ran headlong to them, rubbed its head against kids’ arms and purred loudly thus asking for softness. When someone picked up the cat, it immediately started sucking the cloth, a button or anything else it could reach.

But once the Ugly cat met the neighbours' dogs. From the opened window I could hear the dogs barking, the cat screaming for help and the dog owner's commands: "Take it!" and I ran to help. When I approached, the Ugly cat was torn apart, all covered in blood and almost dead. It was lying there crumpled up. Cat’s spine, legs and back of its body has lost its shape. The end of cat’s life was close. There was a tear running over cat's muzzle.

The cat was wheezing while I took it home.

I was literally running to get the cat inside!!!

I was afraid I could do even more harm, but the cat was just trying to suck my ear...

I stopped and pressed the cat close to me while I was swallowing my tears. Cat’s head touched my palm, it opened its golden eye, looked at me and I could hear... purr!!! Even when in such pain, then cat was asking for one thing only - for a tiny bit of Love! Maybe some sympathy... At that moment I realised that it was the most loving being I have ever met in my life. The most loving and the most beautiful (on the inside). The cat just looked at me, certain that I could make the pain go away.

The Ugly cat died in my hands before I reached the house and for a long time I was sitting next to the door and holding cat’s warm body in my lap.

After that I thought about this situation a lot - how a miserable, crippled tiny being can change my views on what a pure soul and true, endless love really is. The cat has really changed my views. It taught me about sympathy more than thousands of books, lectures or conversations could. And I will always be thankful for that. The cat had crippled body, but I had crippled soul. It was my turn to learn how to love truly and deeply. To give love to your closest ones without asking for anything in return.

Most people want to become richer, more successful, strong and beautiful.

However, I will always reach for only one aim - to love like the Ugly cat did...

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The story about the Ugly cat was written in the Delfi.ru commentary section of the article with Ulubele’s cry for help to find the owner of the blind dog that was found in a sewer. We did not find the dog’s owner, but we found a new home where the blind dog is still living happily. Unfortunately we do not know who the author of the painful story about the Ugly cat is, but we are sure it moved you, made you think and did not leave you indifferent.

It often happens that events or destinies are almost identical or they repeat. There is a story similar to the one about the Ugly cat. It is the story about the black cat LADDIE.



On February 2, 2013, Laddie was taken from the streets to Ulubele. Cat's worn out body was bruised and limp. It had only half of its tail and the paw was ripped off from the hind leg. Instead of a paw there was a purulent bone covered in blood. People found the cat half-dead and brought to us, to Līči. We could not tell whether the cat had been torn apart by a car or there was another cause, but wounds were not fresh and the body was infected. In the warmth and safety of the Līči cat shelter Laddie was quietly laying as it could not raise its head. The cat looked at the carers with big, trustful eyes and... as soon as somebody paid attention to the cat or touched it... Laddie thanked by purring loudly...

In 3 months, thanks to the mastery of doctors, care of the carers and good medicine, Laddie has recovered. As soon as there are any visitors at the cat shelter trying to pick the cat to take home, Laddie to prick its ears. The cat flounders on three legs and tries its best. That's how much Laddie wants Someone. But no one wants this cat as the crippled animal has bone instead of a paw and just a half tail. Doctors have different opinions on whether the leg should be amputated or left as it is, as the bone will start to wear thin... Probably many people reading this will say that it's just another crippled and homeless cat. Why would someone try to save it? But we will try and help as we believe that the UGLY cat has come to Ulubele to find its peace and shelter and teach all of us about LOVE.

Please help if you can. Medicine related costs (for medicine, x-rays) for 3 months are LVL 150. We at Ulubele dream about Laddie getting prosthesis for its paw, so the bone would not wear thin and we would not have to amputate the leg.

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