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# CATS ILLUSTRATED

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## Juliet has broken her leg!



Recently in Pawsville, temperatures have been fluctuating a lot. Today, Pawsville dropped down to ten degrees after getting rain, freezing the water on driveways, roads, and sidewalks. Juliet did not know of this, so when she went out onto her driveway to collect the newspaper, she slipped and landed hard on her foreleg.

Image above - Juliet, resting in the hospital.

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Juliet called to Blackpelt and her kittens for help, and together they lifted Juliet into the car and drove her to the hospital. Right now Juliet has gotten a cast, and she is resting peacefully in the hospital. However, Juliet had a pretty large break in her leg, and it is hurting a lot. On top of that,

Juliet will have a cast for four weeks, restricting a lot of movement and ruling out a lot of activities. But at least Juliet is okay, and she will get better — but it will take time.

Many cats are worried for Juliet and themselves, so today most grocery stores were sold out for salt and rock salt, which cats have used to melt the ice on their driveways and front walks. Blackpelt got free bags of rock salt from various cats, supposedly gifts to help prevent any more incidents along the lines of what happened to Juliet. Blackpelt has been sprinkling rock salt on his driveway, and the ice is finally melting. However, the roads are still icy, and there isn't enough salt in the county to take care of that. So that meant cats had to find a way to solve the problem themselves.

Some cats used chains on their tires so they wouldn't slide on the ice so much, but the chains didn't really work. So it was Harvey who came up with a transportation idea. "What if we designed a machine to mimic the action of sliding on your belly," Harvey has said, "it would have pedals, but it would be able to slide on ice easily!" This is a very good idea, and cats have been working to design a machine similar to what Harvey had in mind. Luckily, Pawsville does not have any hilly streets, so you could never go too fast.

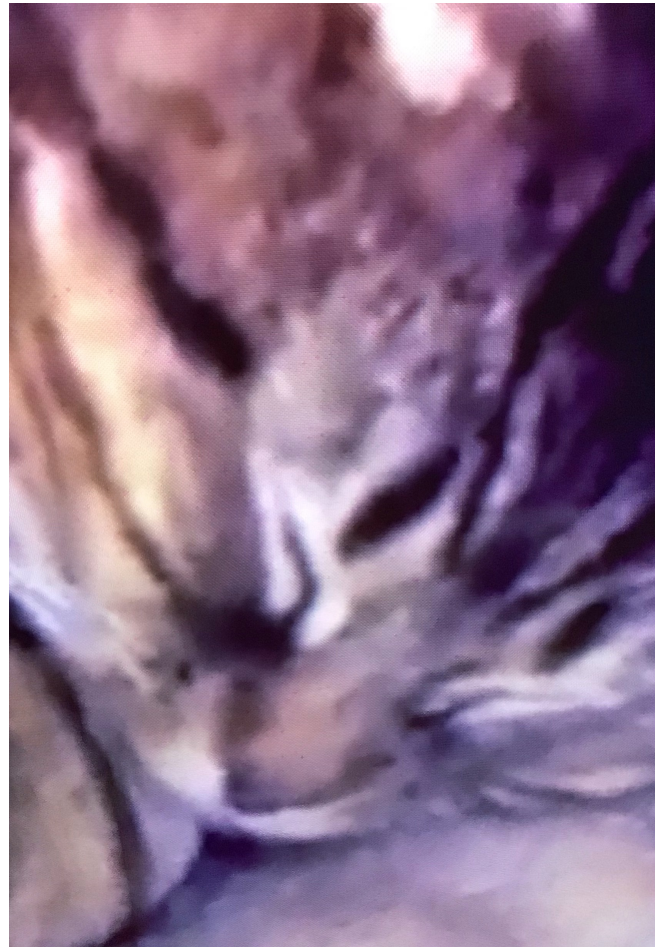


Image above - Harvey, who's happy that cats are using his idea.

**“Fifteen minutes — not my best! I could’ve stolen it in five minutes flat!”**

- NAYA

Naya has expressed a certain amount of interest in these new machines, so when the first one was prototyped, it was gone within fifteen minutes. No one even suspected Naya, or at least until she started driving it around. However, Naya has claimed that she was just testing out the prototype and she had “no theft ideas in mind.” But the prototype did drive well, and it was a faster and less tiring way to drive through icy streets. So even though the testing

happened a bit prematurely, the machine did what it needed to do, which counts as a success.

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