
CATS ILLUSTRATED

Harvey's heater has broken down!



As it is an old heater and it has been working hard in the past week, Harvey's heater has broken down. Right now, Harvey, Makenna, North, Reposado, and Smoke are stuck with no heater inside a house not much warmer than the air outside. Currently, the house temperature is fifty degrees and dropping, and it will be very cold in the house by the time that its temperature stabilizes.

Image above - Harvey, who isn't that cold, even though it's only around fifty degrees in his house.

Right now, Harvey, Makenna, Reposado, and Smoke are hunkering down in Harvey's therapy office, which is separately heated and has a newer heater. However you can't live your life in an office, and cats have to make

regular trips to the house, usually to go to the bathroom. However, North has it the worst. He has a big work deadline coming up, and he has to work in his office for at least five hours a day. His only warmth is a blanket and a space heater, which are only enough to raise the office's temperature to fifty-five.

Other cats have been feeling bad for Harvey, and today, his therapy office got a delivery of warm casseroles, thermoses of soup, and other warm and hearty food items. Harvey was very grateful, as the canned food that he had been eating before was nearly frozen solid. Harvey's house is one of the oldest houses in Pawsville, and his heater would have to break down sometime. Makenna has called some heater installers to come to Harvey's house and replace the old broken heater with a newer one. Then Harvey will be able to go back into his house without a winter coat on.

Other cats have had slightly faulty heaters, too. Juliet, who also has an older house, noticed that her heater was sputtering quite regularly. She has turned it off for now, but you can't leave your heater off forever when the outside temperature is twenty, and your house doesn't have great insulation. Her kittens and Blackpelt are huddled together right now, all wrapped in warm scarves and blankets. The temperature in their house has dropped dramatically down to fifty-five degrees, and it will probably drop some more.

“If my heater ever breaks down, I have a plan. I mean, heaters are on the side of houses — I’m sure I could pry one off!”

- NAYA

Many cats are hoping that their heaters do not break down while the streets leading into Pawsville are still icy and unsafe to drive on. The heater replacement cat told Makenna on the phone that they could come by when the roads were clear, which could be a while. In the meantime, they have bought a couple more space heaters, so that North can stay warm even while working in a house that is forty degrees inside.

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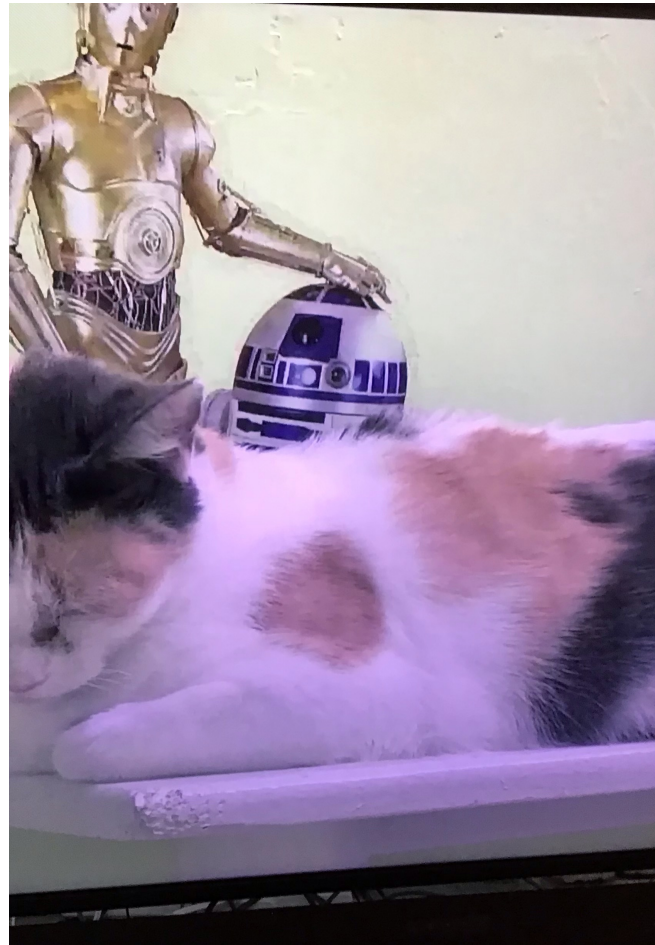


Image above - Rudy, who has a very new heater and is real smug about it.