



Cat Shot with Arrow Now Looking for a Home!

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Our beloved vet friend, Dr. Kim West, has been volunteering at the [Humane Society of Delaware County](#) learning new spay and neuter techniques and assisting Dr. Melanie deHaan from [SOS of Ohio](#), who also volunteers at the shelter. Dr. West has seen a lot of things since she's been going up to the shelter over the past few months. The most heart breaking, by far, however, was the cat that came in on December 22 with an arrow through her body.

Dr. West did emergency surgery to remove the arrow. She called OSU to get assistance as she performed the delicate procedure. The metal arrow was completely through the cat's body. Not only that, but Dr. West said it had been there for at least a week. It was an old injury. The poor cat had somehow been surviving with it in her body.

Because she was worried about infection, Dr. West took the kitty home with her to recover. The one-year-old tiger, tabby female was named "Sparrow," because she was "spared the arrow." She is now doing very well and Dr. West thinks she can be adopted into her forever home.

I cannot understand how anyone could do this to a cat or any defenseless animal. Dr. West said it was not an accident, but appeared to have been done intentionally. It truly makes me sick to my stomach.

When I searched for the 10TV news stories about Dr. West's kitty online, I found several disturbing stories about cats being shot with arrows in Crawford County. A cat was found on Christmas Eve with an arrow through the head. She also is expected to live. There have been five such cases in the Galion area since July. You can read the full story [HERE](#).

A teenage boy has since been identified for shooting the cat in the head and will face charges of animal cruelty. You can read that [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

Sparrow's assailant is still out there, however, and no charges have been filed in her case.

Miss Sparrow continues to make a full recovery at home with Dr. West. If you are interested in adopting Sparrow, please contact us or go ahead and fill out one of our adoption applications on our web site, www.bandocats.org under "How you can help" and "Adopt." Once you have been approved, we'll put you in contact with Dr. West so you can meet lovely, little Sparrow, who is super, super sweet (and young). This kitty will be going to a forever home where she will never, ever be in danger again! You can count on that.



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