

## Rescue of the Month: What a Champ!

**Champs Animal Shelter: A special haven for special-needs cats.**

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She gets up on the furniture and climbs up on the windowsills," says Lynn LaChance, describing the antics of Tumbles the cat. Such ordinary feline behavior doesn't seem worth expounding upon, until you learn that the cat in question has no back legs.

"Tumbles was turned in when she was about 5 weeks old," says LaChance, the owner of Champs Animal Shelter in Wareham, Mass. "She ... has what they call spina bifida in humans; her back legs were twisted and useless. With the amount of deformity she had, my inclination was that we'd keep her through the weekend, then have to put her down. But she was running through the house on her two front legs by Monday. Within a year the back ones were amputated and she was doing great."

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