Meet Mouse! She is an absolutely beautiful 4 ½ week old kitten that was born an orphan on August 15th 2014. She was found outside a friend's under a fence that had fallen down with a sibling that the mother hadn't even cleaned off. My friend waited what seemed like forever for momma to come back but she never did. He had no idea what to do with such a helpless little baby and that is where I stepped in! Mouse has been in my care since that day. Between the midnight bottle feedings and teaching her to potty I have absolutely fallen head over heels for her! The love I had for such a tiny kitten only grew as I watched her gain weight, learn to crawl and then learn to clumsily walk. It was so exciting waiting for the day she would open her beautiful eyes and to have her ears finally open to hear her name. She would squeak the cutest little squeak every time you called her. She has settled in perfectly with my two small children that adore her, our 1 year old mastiff/pit Scarlett that won't leave her side, and even our 11 year old crotchety kitty Squirrel that doesn't like anyone! She is a lively poof ball who loves to cuddle and purr away. Did I mention how adorable she is!

On September 5th, at just 3 weeks, while getting her bottle ready, I turned away for two seconds and my 2 year old son grabbed her trying to help. This resulted in a couple broken ribs which punctured her lung allowing air to flow into her chest cavity and simple fracture of her femur. I rushed her to the Dr. where they were very optimistic of her injuries. They placed a compression bandage around her chest to hold the hole in her lung closed allowing it to heal and stopping further air from escaping into her chest cavity. This worked wonderfully and in two days the hole in her lung had healed and the air in her chest cavity had absorbed. Because of her small size, we were faced with having to amputate her leg. The Dr. was absolutely wonderful and immediately got in touch with a friend that happened to be an orthopedic surgeon who said he would be able to save her tiny leg. This was wonderful news but came with a hefty price of $3,204.17. We had family matters which left me a single unemployed parent with a huge hurtle I had to jump because euthanasia was not an option. I immediately created a Facebook page for her (Mouse's Journey) and spent the next couple days networking to get donations to help with the surgery costs. That is where Paws 4 A Cure and various donors stepped in to help Mouse. I was still short by $3,000.00 when a very generous lady told me she wanted to help and asked for the Dr.'s information. She then paid the remaining balance for the surgery. Her only request was that she remain anonymous and that once I was back on my feet I would help someone else in need.

I am happy to say that Mouse will be having surgery on September 18th and will be back home with us the following day. I couldn't have done it without the donations that Paws 4 A Cure has received from such wonderful people as well as the others who have helped us! I am extremely grateful! I want to thank every person who has donated to Paws 4 A Cure allowing them to help not only Mouse but so many more! THANK YOU SO MUCH! With tons of love from Mouse and her family!