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Tale of lost cat has the purrfect ending

Logan returns... eight months later

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The Fishback family had assumed they'd never see their lost cat Logan again, but a remarkable coincidence has brought him home eight months later.

Late last June, the six-year-old tabby bolted from their Stewarttown residence, and while he'd returned from overnight excursions before, this time there was no sign of him after days of searching.

"The kids were pretty upset," said Dave Fishback of his children, five-year-old son Andrew and daughter Ally, 2.

"He got out on a Thursday and by Saturday, we started fearing the worst. At first, we weren't that concerned because he'd always come home. But after a few days, we'd kind of given up hope."

Andrew wasn't so convinced. Without prompting by his dad or mom Charlotte, he began praying every night before bedtime for his buddy 'Beast' to return.

"Please God, help Logie find his way home," he would plead.

Months passed, and not even a sighting of Logan by neighbours. The Fishbacks own another rescue cat, seven-year-old McKinley, that actually wasn't disappointed that she now had the house to herself.

Then on March 8, Charlotte went for lunch at Judy's Restaurant in Erin with a co-worker who'd been considering adopting a kitten. He told Charlotte he'd seen a cat in the Upper Credit Humane Society located just across the street that looked similar to a picture of Logan posted on the family's Facebook page.

They proceeded to enter the shelter's room that housed about a dozen cats, where the co-worker pointed out a dark brown feline named Jack.

"That's Logan!" Charlotte exclaimed.

"I burst out crying, 'That's my cat. He came right over to me and was purring up a storm. I took a good look at him and knew it was Logan. He was a lot heavier but had the same facial markings. I took a picture on my phone and sent it to Dave at work just to make sure.'"

The Fishbacks returned to the shelter later that day with the kids to claim their long-lost pet.

A manager at the UCHS seemed skeptical of the Fishbacks' claim, perhaps thinking that Charlotte was trying to wriggle out of paying the \$160 adoption and medical fees.

But after comparing some pictures, there was little doubt about his identity.

The manager could only divulge that an elderly man from Hillsburgh

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Five-year-old Andrew Fishback prayed nightly for the return home of his beloved cat Logan and after eight months, his wish came true thanks to a chance encounter his mother Charlotte had recently at the Upper Credit Humane Society in Erin. At right is daughter Ally. Photo by Ted Brown

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