

‘Racing’ Pigeon Razzle’s Rescue Story

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Injured racing pigeon Razzle grounded & helpless in Tara’s backyard

Another wonderful rescue story. On July 9th, Razzle was discovered by my neighbor Tara. Razzle self-rescued herself to Tara who noticed her sitting all day in the same place in her backyard. Concerned, we posted to [Palomacy’s Help Group](#) on Facebook. We got quick advice and brought her indoors to safety.



Razzle was very hungry!



Rescued Razzle safe and comfortable in a rolled towel donut

Palomacy Care Coordinator Jill made a vet appointment for her and asked me to take Razzle to Medical Center for Birds (MCFB). Razzle had crash-landed with two broken legs (presumably from a violent collision) and, unable to stand, had only been able to sit and await her fate- rescue or death.



Razzle's radiograph

At MCFB, Dr. Crystal Schoellmann initially set her broken legs and stabilized them in casts made from tape.



Razzle's tape casts

After further consideration, Dr. Schoellmann decided for the best outcome, Razzle would need surgery to insert pins and fixators.



Waking up after surgery

We went back to the hospital one to two times a week so they could make adjustments as she healed. MCFB was and is amazingly talented and so compassionate. It would not have happened without them, so thank you so much MCFB.



Razzle was a very patient patient

Razzle was determined to get better and thrive. It blows my mind if you look at her X-ray with two broken legs to her standing now. Razzle has been fostered at my house while rehabbing.



Razzle standing tall on her healed legs!

Tooney, a King pigeon, also fostering in my bird room, took a liking to Razzle.



Handsome Tooney bathing

They have been courting through the cage bars while she healed completely. Then I saw them preening and I think feeding each other (kissing).



Flirting



Falling in love through the recovery cage bars

Once I let them out together, Razzle welcomed Tooney who is twice her size. So they are married and here's another wonderful rescue story with a very happy ending.



Razzle & Tooney fell in love & married



Congratulations Razzle & Tooney

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