The lives we touch inspire us

Like many girls her age, Precious loves animals of all kinds. At 8 years old, after playing with a feral cat, she became ill with what doctors first suspected might be the flu.

Soon unable to swallow or stand, Precious was flown to UC Davis Children’s Hospital where she was diagnosed with severe brain inflammation caused by rabies – a combination that’s almost always fatal.

A team of UC Davis critical care and infectious disease specialists placed her in a drug-induced coma. With the help of antiviral medication and her own tenacious spirit, Precious fiercely wrestled the disease and became the third person in the U.S. to survive rabies without a vaccine. Today, this vibrant young girl dreams of becoming a veterinarian.

To learn more about Precious’ story and the “one team” approach to care at this region’s one nationally ranked comprehensive hospital for children, visit children.ucdavis.edu

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