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Masha, a cat from Obninsk, Russia is being praised as a hero after saving a baby who was left in a box outside in freezing temperatures, reports Jenna Mullins of E!Online. Not only did the brave Tabby cat meow for help, she also waited in the box with the baby to keep it warm until help arrived.

Masha is the neighborhood cat who is taken care of by local residents, one being Irina Lavrova, the woman who heard Masha's calls for help as she was taking out the trash. "She is very placid and friendly, so when I heard her meowing, I thought perhaps she had injured herself. Normally, she would have come and said hello to me. Imagine my shock when I saw her lying in a box next to a baby. Clearly her mothering instincts had taken over and she wanted to protect the child," states Lavrova.

It was clear someone had left diapers and baby food in the box, but not so clear why the baby would have been left in such a dangerous situation. The baby was rushed to the hospital and is healthy and doing fine. Doctors presumed she was in the cold for a couple of hours and police are investigating how it happened.

Masha was just the neighborhood cat, but now she's earned the title of hero. Lavrova explains, "Everyone in the block is very proud of her. We have all spoiled her rotten by giving her her favorite food."

Looks like Masha's getting the royal treatment, as deserved!

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