

Meet Pawner – a Whisker Warrior

Furever Friends Cat Rescue is a nonprofit organization based in Altona. We operate with volunteers, donations, and support from our community. Our mission is to rescue the lost, abandoned, and homeless cats in our community. We are dedicated to the care and well-being of our local feral cat population and to help educate the public on the need to spay/neuter pets, the prevention of animal cruelty, and the importance of responsible pet ownership.

We are grateful for this opportunity to use this column in a number of ways: featuring cats that are available for adoption, sharing stories of cats that have already passed through our rescue (happy ones and sad ones, because those happen too), announcing fundraising events, and providing educational content.

A Whisker Warrior is a cat that requires vetting beyond the scope of a typical intake.

Hil My name is Pawmer. This is my rescue story...

There I was, just walking around outside. I was going for a stroll to smell the flowers when... SNAP! My paw got caught in a trap! Oh, the pain! I ran home for help. Oh, the pain was so bad! I was bleeding all over the place and my foot was just hanging on by a thread. My family rushed me to the vet. From the other room, I overheard them talking about me. They didn't think they could afford the vet bill for my care, so they decided to leave me to my fate.

I was so sad. I couldn't stop the tears from rolling down my face. The veterinarian came back into the exam room to tell me about my options. It did not look good. She said that since my family had surrendered me, I'd have to come up with the money to pay for the bill myself. She also said that I'd need my leg amputated because my paw was so damaged it couldn't be saved. The other option was to be euthanized. WHAT? No way, I wanted to live!

I made a few phone calls to see if I could get a job; but because of the COVID restrictions, no one was hiring. I was getting a little desperate. I could see that the vet really wanted to help me. She said that she knew of a rescue that helps cats like me, when they have the space. She offered to contact them for me. I purred to show her my appreciation.

When she called Furever Friends Cat Rescue, they said that I sounded like a wonderful cat and that they'd accept me into their rescue. They got really busy finding a foster home for me and getting it ready. I had emergency surgery, my leg was amputated at the shoulder. While I was under anesthesia, they cut off two other pieces that apparently I won't need anymore. They called it a 'nooter'. I hardly noticed it at all.

Now I'm in a foster home learning how to be a three-legged cat. They treat me so good! I purr and snuggle to show them how happy I am, and how much I appreciate being saved. My foster family told me that I will never have to go outside into that dangerous world ever again, phew! They said that Furever Friends Cat Rescue will find me an inside home with a loving family.

I can hardly wait to be healed and adopted! Because they helped save me, I'd love to help Furever Friends pay for my vet bill. It's really big! So, if you're hiring, I'm available. Or you could send a donation by eTransfer (furever_friends@icloud.com) That might be a better option because I'm still laid up and it could be a while before I'm ready to work.

If you're interested in adopting me, here's some important information: I'm a male, shorthair/Ragdoll cross. My birthday is January 25, 2018. I have beautiful blue eyes, and yes, I can use a litter box just fine with three legs. For more information, please contact FFCR. Call/text 204-304-9173, email furever_friends@icloud.com, visit their website www.fureverfriendssaltona.com, or find them on Facebook.

