

Learning to trust and love again

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 wellbeing 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.

Hi, my name is Mavis. I'm a beautiful longhaired cat, but I know that is not what you see when looking at my pictures. That's because I got a COVID haircut. Yip, even cats get those when they can't get to the groomer. I hated having my hair cut and I screamed loudly at everyone who would listen. My long fur was so matted that some spots it had to be cut right to the skin. That's what happens when you're abandoned and trying hard to survive outside on your own in the winter. I definitely needed some help!

I knocked on many doors in Altona before this one guy started to help me. He put food outside for me and tried to coax me inside to the warmth. Oh, I wanted too but, after my bad experience, you have to be careful whom you trust! I heard him say, "I guess

we are going to heat the world waiting for you to decide to come in."

But I was cold, his house was warm, and I could smell some good food in there. Not wanting to drool all over my already ugly fur, I went in to eat and he slammed the door closed! Then he called Altona Animal Control and I was in cat jail! I was thinking I would never ever trust people again, but things had already started to change for me, I just didn't know it yet.

Furever Friends Cat Rescue volunteers visited me and told me things were going to be okay if I just start to trust people again. I'm still working on it in my foster home. Maybe you can be someone I trust? If you've got dogs...forget it! Those aren't very trustworthy; even most cats aren't very nice to me. I think a home with just some nice people might be what I need to be my most beautiful self and learn to trust and love unconditionally again.

Someplace just for me to play and snuggle because that is what I love to do! I jump so high to get that feather wand and like a nice soft blanket and a lap to snuggle on once I've tuckered myself out. I've been fully vetted including a spay, vaccinations, booster, tattoo ID, blood tested, treated and I'm ready to be adopted!

Mavis is a female, longhaired, brown tabby cat. Birthday: February 16, 2020. She is fully vetted. For more information, please contact us: call/text 204-304-9173, email furever_friends@icloud.com, visit our website www.fureverfriendsaltona.com, or find us on Facebook

