

Looking for a home to call my own

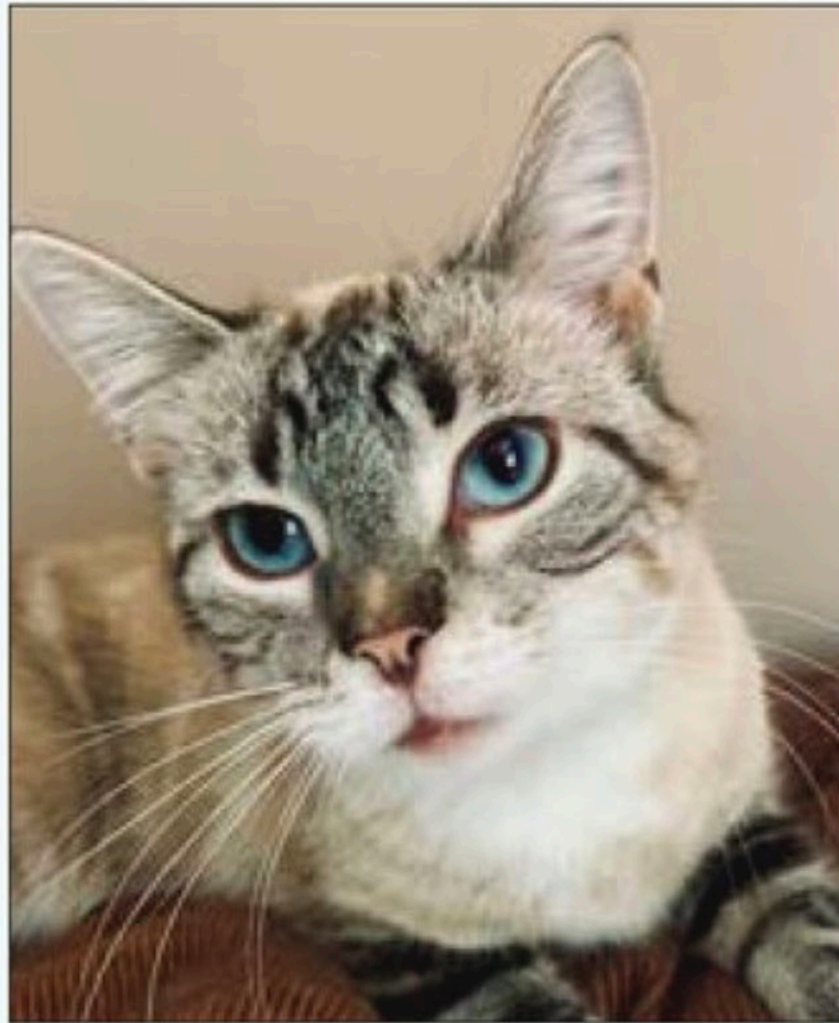
Furever Friends Cat Rescue is a nonprofit organization based in Altona. We operate with volunteers, donations, and support from our community. Our mission is to rescue the lost, abandoned, and homeless cats in our community. We are dedicated to the care and wellbeing of our local feral cat population 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.

My name is Sienna.

My life wasn't bad before I was rescued. I had a place to sleep, that was out of the elements, and plenty of kibble to eat. I was free to chase birds and catch mice whenever I wanted. I even got wet food, if I was one of the first cats to show up at dinner time. I lived in a big cat colony and since I was born there, I had my place within the group. I had close cat friends to play with and I lived a very carefree life. While this lifestyle comes with freedom, it doesn't come with medical benefits or a retirement plan.

The other cats told me that colony cats don't live as long as most cats, once we get an ailment... we die! I looked around and I didn't see any old cats at all! This started to worry me. When I was just a little kitten, I had a bad accident and my leg never healed properly. Now that I'm full grown, I was starting to feel some pain when I walked. Catching mice and chasing birds was difficult and I hadn't caught one for a really long time. I would rush to be early for dinner, but my leg



would slow me down. I was always passed by the more agile cats, so I didn't get wet food as often as I liked. The worst, though, was my mouth! My teeth ached and crunching the kibble food hurt so much. Sometimes, I would just drool. Get me a bib because it would just pour out of my mouth!

When the Furever Friends Cat Rescue volunteers walked by one day, I made my presence known. I heard that they give cats like me a chance at a better life. I also heard that they offer a full benefits package and a sweet retirement plan! When they first caught me, I thought I'd made a huge mistake! I had to be kenneled! Then I had to stay in the pound "just in case I belonged to someone". Pfft!

Then I had to go to the vet, worst time ever and so many trips in a car. They cut off my leg and pulled all my teeth. I was in horrible pain, and I tried to go back to my cat colony, but they wouldn't let me leave! They said that things would get better, to be patient. They were right.

It has definitely been easier without that leg dragging me down. Now, I'm so fast when I chase toys! They said that we can't have real animals to chase inside, so I chase a wand. It's kinda like a bird on a string and I love it! I get wet food all the time! Yum!!!

My mouth has completely healed. My foster family is great, and they even slept in my room when I came back from the vet, just to make sure I was going to be okay. They really care, but I find myself wanting to hang out with their cat more than them. I definitely want my furever home to have other cats.

The Furever Friends volunteers told me I have a wonderful life ahead of me. They said they would find me a great inside place for the rest of my life. See, I knew they had a retirement plan! I can't thank everyone that helped me enough. Even though I show my gratitude and appreciation with snuggles and purrs, it doesn't pay for the vet bills or buy me canned food, so I'm hoping for your help. If you donate to my care, I'll send you a personal thank you. Help pay my vet bill and I'll love you forever! Donations may be made by eTransfer to furever_friends@icloud.com, cash or cheque.

Sienna is a shorthaired, siamese-cross female. Her birthday is May 31, 2020. She is fully vetted and has the most beautiful blue eyes. 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.