

## I think you would love a good boy like me

*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.*

**M**y name is Clipper. I have lived as a stray my whole life. I have never had a place to call home. I have never had a family that would take me in and commit to having me as a pet for the rest of my life.

I have spent my whole life roving from one place to the next.

I have had some pretty good places and I wish they would have loved me enough to take me in, but they never did. And I question what could be wrong with me that people don't love me enough to make me their pet.

I started out as a little kitten, as most cats do. I was socialized with humans and learned to truly enjoy the company and attention of people. As soon as I was weaned, I was given away to a family. I was a "free kitten". The people that gave me away never looked back. They never made sure that I went to a good home. They never checked in on me because if they had maybe they would have cared that my new family could not afford to take care of me and feed me a proper diet. Not having proper nutrition as a growing kitten affected my growing teeth. As an adult, I now had to have every single one of them removed because my mouth turned into a cavern of pain!

I was growing and getting big when the kids got tired of playing with me. I guess the novelty wore off. That family also gave me away "for free". At this point I was feeling my sexual prowess coming on strong as I was not neutered. I needed to let all the sweet ladies know I was available and ready. Tinder is not an app for cats so I did what cats do...I urinated... apparently that is unacceptable behaviour because I was once again gifted "for free"... this time to a farm. Well, this farm did not want me wandering or chasing the lady cats, so they had me neutered and my ear notched. This was not done at the vet! It was not by a trained professional I can tell you

it was not pleasant, and that pain drove me away and I was on my own to find a new place to stay.

I ended up at a golf course. That summer was great! Lots of rodents to hunt and lots of people who petted me when their ball rolled near me. It was awesome...till winter. I was very cold, very hungry, and very lonely. I wandered back into town where I was found by a person and given to...another farm. They had a big barn and lots of warm straw. It was not perfect, but it was good. They took care of me but moved away and I stayed behind. Once again all on my own except for the occasional person that came by to fill my food and water bowl. One day when that person came around, I cried. I asked if there was something that could be done. If there was somebody out there that cared about me at all. I cried and cried asking, "Why won't anyone love me?" I am a good boy. I don't urinate anymore. I don't eat a lot, I am snuggly and playful. I don't smell bad or scratch furniture.

They turned and said they would call the local cat rescue.

Do you know what happened next?

I was taken in by that rescue! They said I was one lucky cat because they had just had an adoption and had room to help me.

Oh my I was so happy! I am an inside cat now, so warm! My mouth is all fixed and healed. I get great food! I am in a foster home, that means that this is still not a permanent place or my forever family. Furever Friends Cat Rescue told me that they would find somebody who wanted a good boy like me, and I would be adopted to that family! They said I have to be patient because it will be a "good family". They have tried to reassure me that I am completely lovable and there is nothing wrong with me. I still don't completely believe them, but I am working on my confidence and one day will be living my best life.

Will that be with you and your family?

*Clipper is looking for a home that will love him forever. He is a short haired brown striped tabby. His birthday is Sept 8, 2019. He is fully vetted and available for adoption. For more information, please contact us. Call/text 204-304-9173, email [furever\\_friends@icloud.com](mailto:furever_friends@icloud.com), visit our website [www.fureverfriendssaltona.com](http://www.fureverfriendssaltona.com), or find us on Facebook.*

