

NAME: Mario

GENDER: Male

DATE OF BIRTH: June 7, 2022



Mario was rescued by a 4paws partner rescue in Charles Town, WV. He was found outside with a terrible upper respiratory infection when he was a kitten and brought to the WV rescue, where he was fostered and put on antibiotics. When his loud breathing didn't resolve, a specialist determined that there was scar tissue protruding into his nasal passage. Additionally, within 3 weeks of Mario stopping antibiotics his upper respiratory infection returned. The tissue was interfering with his passages and would block any mucus from draining, which promoted these chronic infections.

A highly rated veterinary practice performed surgery to correct the scar tissue in November 2023, and Mario has been going strong ever since. He will probably always sound a little sniffy and snorty because of the nasal issue, especially when eating and grooming. But despite his initial physical condition, Mario is a playful, outgoing boy and loves everyone. He can be a little too overbearing in play which may put off other cats (especially females). He does great with male kittens that like to wrestle with gusto and seems to enjoy the camaraderie of other boy cats and kittens he has developed in foster. Mario is especially good buddies with Chester, and they have been observed napping together and grooming each other.

Mario can be mischievous and likes to chew edges of cardboard box flaps, open cabinet doors, and bust into bags of treats and catnip. Of course, he always shares with his friends! Mario has no fear of dogs or other cats and needs a home with a lot of action and other animals. He would do great with kids of all ages.

Mario has had his vaccinations, is microchipped, and has been neutered. He has tested negative for FeLV. Mario tested FIV+ but can live with other cats. The virus cannot be passed between cats unless through violent biting that penetrates muscle tissue, which happens when two unaltered males are competing for resources outside. Mario likes both wet and dry food and is eating Fancy Feast classic pate and Purina One kibble.