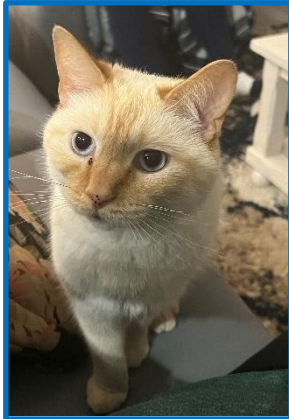


NAME: Ben

GENDER: Male

DATE OF BIRTH: September 7, 2022



Ben was surrendered to 4Paws by a woman whose family adopted him from a farm in rural Virginia as a kitten. As he grew older the parents became less tolerant of him being inside because they didn't like cleaning his litter box and taking care of him. They were going to put him outside. The adult daughter offered to take him to her house in northern Virginia and find a rescue that could take him. She did not want him trying to live outside since he had always been an indoor kitty.

Ben is hissy and aggressive in new environments, but his foster assessed it was out of anxiety. Ben's former owner said he has never been around any other cats. Given that, and the upheaval he has endured, it is no wonder he is grouchy! Ben was caught on camera actually having fun with a kitten in foster, so there is hope! Moreover, Ben has been on a calming supplement which seems to help him. He loves people and likes being around them. New people need to let him sniff the back of their hand and wait for permission in the form of a head butt before they should pet his head. In time if Ben decides he likes you, he may let you pet him along his back. Because of this, it is advised Ben is adopted to a home with older kids or adults. He would do best as an only cat but could probably do OK with dogs if properly introduced.



Ben likes judging the other cats on a high perch. He is a little picky about his wet food, preferring turkey and chicken flavors. He likes snacking on dry kibble and is eating Purina One Indoor Advantage.

Ben has been neutered, vaccinated against rabies and distemper, tested negative for FIV and FeLV, and microchipped.