

Adonis

Currently Eating

Dry Food: Purina Kitten Chow (always available)

Canned Food: Pate style Friskies, Fancy Feast or Purina Beyond

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In a Nutshell

Adonis is a treasure. He's very physically demonstrative and while he loves playing with his siblings, racing around chasing and wrestling, he really needs his cuddles. He loves to be held in my arms like a baby, or to get onto my shoulder or to nuzzle into my long hair. When I'm holding him in my arms, he loves for me to rub my nose along his nose, over his eyes and then smooch the top of his head. He always wants the prime spot in my lap where he'll curl up to fall asleep. That's always been important: to be held in my lap or arms while he falls asleep.

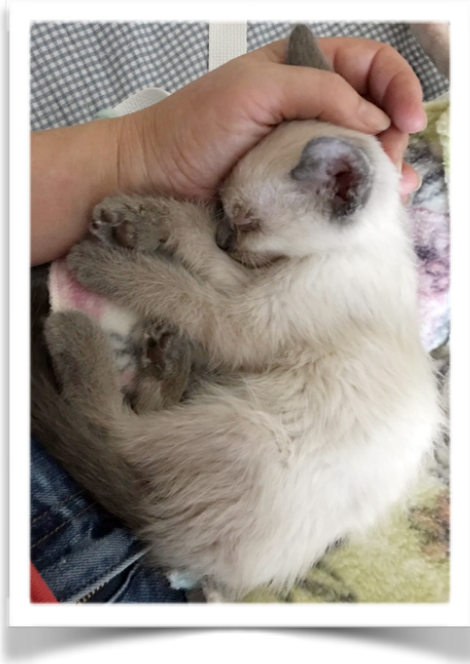


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About Adonis

Adonis, his brother and sisters (and feral mom), came to stay with us at the end of June. His mom did *not* want to be with humans at all. Of the five, Adonis was closest to mom. Mama's boy. He was the last to become comfortable being held by me, though he would gaze at me with an intense stare from inside the cage. Mom stayed for about three weeks before she was able to be spayed and returned to her home in a feral cat colony where she's fed and looked after by a colony caretaker.

Because he'd been so reluctant to make friends with me while still with his mom, I wasn't sure how he'd be once she left us. However, he immediately transferred his affections to me. He didn't reflect on mom (which was now me), but ran and played with abandon just like his siblings.



After a few days, he started having tummy troubles and wasn't eating. I started him on some baby food and he seemed to feel much better. He went back and forth for several days, but eventually was ready to go for the canned food again. He also came down with a URI during this period and wasn't gaining weight. I kept supplementing his

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canned food with additional meals of baby food. We got some antibiotics for them all, and kept him on his special feeding schedule. He eventually started to feel better and began eating dry food in earnest in addition to his canned food. He still gets three canned food meals each day (down from six tiny meals), and eats dry food at will.

The URI was persistent and whenever he wasn't feeling well, all he wanted (besides baby food or canned food) was to be held. He was often in my arms. As the others grew, Adonis remained his tiny little self. The others got way ahead. Now he's catching up, but still is smaller than the others.



The fact that he was often in my arms for so long has led to expectation on his part that he should always be there if he wants. Or at least always have the prime lap spot. He behaves like an entitled baby. You can see in his eyes his hurt if he doesn't get his way in this. I think it's endearing to have this type of adoration and love from a kitten, but he is competitive with all the siblings, which can be disruptive and result in complex politics.

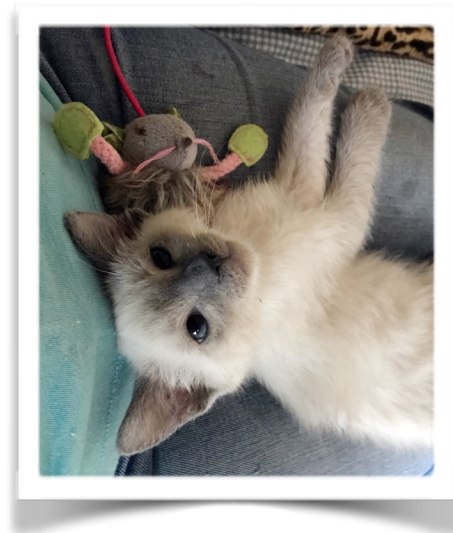
Adonis has a loud voice and uses it when it's feeding time (or when he thinks it is). He's

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captivating, charming, funny and incredibly beautiful. **Adonis loves humans!**

Eating

Adonis eats very well now and seems to be thriving. He loves canned food treats which I give three times a day. I give them all about 1/2 - 3/4 ounce each time, but he could easily eat more. He also eats dry food well, though I suspect he might always prefer canned. He loves fresh water and enjoys being on the counter watching the water in the dispenser “wiggling”. He likes cat treats which he’s had occasionally.



Litter Box

Adonis is good about using the litter box and is as tidy as any kitten tends to be. Which means, there’s always litter scattered about outside the box. He’s small enough that standard sized litter boxes are fine. We have two standard and one small one for them, but he doesn’t seem to use the small one. He sometimes comes out of the box with a bit of litter stuck on his nose or butt. We’ve been using Tidy Cats Free and Clean Unscented clumping litter.

Housing

When they first arrived with feral mom, they all lived in a cage in my guest bedroom bathroom. Once mom got to go home, I left the cage where they were accustomed to

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eating with her and using the litter box. I had already added additional food, water and litter outside the cage which they adapted to well. They enjoyed running in and out and not being confined. Eventually, I opened up the bathroom door so they could also have the run of the guest bedroom as well. They know where food and litter are and no accidents have occurred.



Bedding and Sleeping

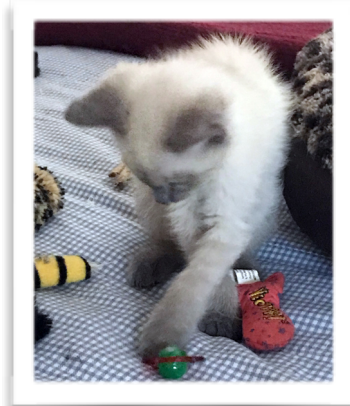
If I'm in the room when he's ready to relax and/or go to sleep, he wants to be in my arms or in my lap. In the mid-afternoon I go in for an hour of cuddle time. This is when they're all pretty ready to be snuggly and cuddly. I typically find Adonis curled up on the bed, either on a blanket or in the cat bed, sometimes with one of his siblings.



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Playing and Toys

Adonis is very playful! He is so small, but that doesn't stop him from tackling and biting his siblings who are somewhat bigger. He can be a little terror with them, especially if they're in my lap where he wants to be. His tactic there is to just climb on top of them and bite until they run off.

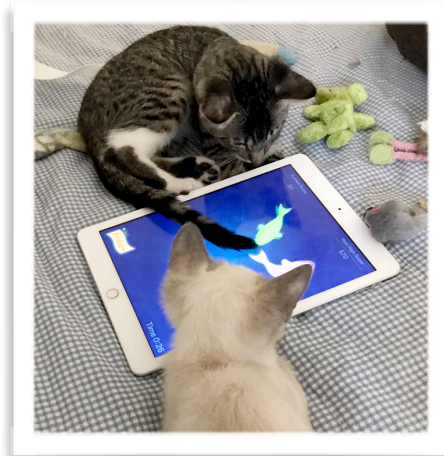


He loves chasing and being chased, especially through the crinkle tunnel. He loves it when I toss toys around for them to run after. He also adores the Cat Dancer and laser toy that he can jump for and chase all around. He loves toys that make sounds. We have balls with bells inside and little toys that crinkle. He loves all balls; he bats and scoots them with his paws all around the rooms. He adores rolling around inside the crinkle tunnel with a toy, or running through it chasing a toy.



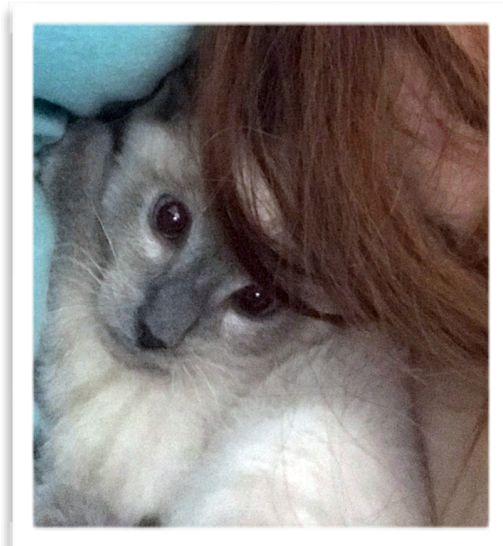
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He also likes the iPad/iPhone games. We have a few that entertain, but he seems to enjoy the Cat Fishing game or the one with a laser dot most.



Grooming and Behavior

Adonis took quite a while to become a good groomer. He's really such a baby and felt poorly for so long, I think he just didn't get there until recently. His fur looks good and his personal parts are almost always clean now.



He does chase his tail from time to time, when he notices it's moving around behind him. He likes chasing bugs or watching things outside the window. When he has the

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opportunity, he darts out the bedroom door so he can explore the rest of our house. He's not frightened, but walks around with head and tail straight up in the air and ears perked and twitching.

As I've mentioned, Adonis is extremely affectionate. He loves having his head, eyes and cheeks rubbed and he loves to rub the back of his head on me. When he wants me to hold him in my arms, he'll squirm and rub the back of his head and his back against my chest. He lays on his back in my arms and purrs and falls asleep.

He has the *most* adorable habit! When he's finished with food or I'm on my feet doing something in his room, he comes over to stand next to me, makes eye contact, then lifts his front paws so he's standing on his hind feet, and reaches his head up toward me. This is his signal he wants to be picked up and held. **Honestly! This kitten is irresistible.**



He's generally good about using a vertical scratching post for claws, but has occasionally tried other things. He'll need to learn what he can and can't use. They

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have several scratching posts in their rooms, which helps reinforce positive behavior.

I'm not sure Adonis understands what no means. He never stops what he's doing if I tell him no.

Adonis has always been a climber. Up until very recently, every time I went in, he'd run at me and climb up my body into my arms to be held. He is bigger now, but still hops up to my waist to get onto the counter when I'm standing there.



His Ideal New Home

Adonis needs a mom. And he needs to be acknowledged as the baby he is. He wants tons of cuddles & kisses, which isn't hard considering his charm and beauty. He wants plenty of noisy toys and special blankets and beds. He wants to be able to go wherever his people go and to always be right in the thick of things.

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Videos with Adonis

Meal Time <https://youtu.be/YV-vp8gjYqQ> (the one in the bed not eating!)

Play Time <https://youtu.be/SWRusn1w154> (playing inside the cage)

Cat Dancer Play <https://youtu.be/Kyij0AA1L7U> (with sister Eve)

