

## **Cyrus**

### **Currently Eating**

**Dry Food:** Purina Kitten Chow always available

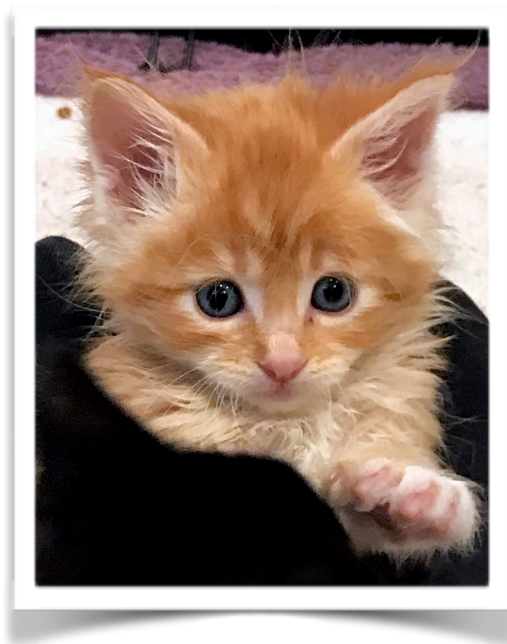
**Canned Food:** Friskies Pate style of Fancy Feast Pate style

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### **In a Nutshell**

Cyrus is master of the universe! He's timid at first, but not by much. He is frightened of new sounds and loud noises. He loves to play with any toy, loves to sit in my lap and loves, loves, loves canned food! Aside from being absolutely gorgeous, he's sweet, loving and full of energy.

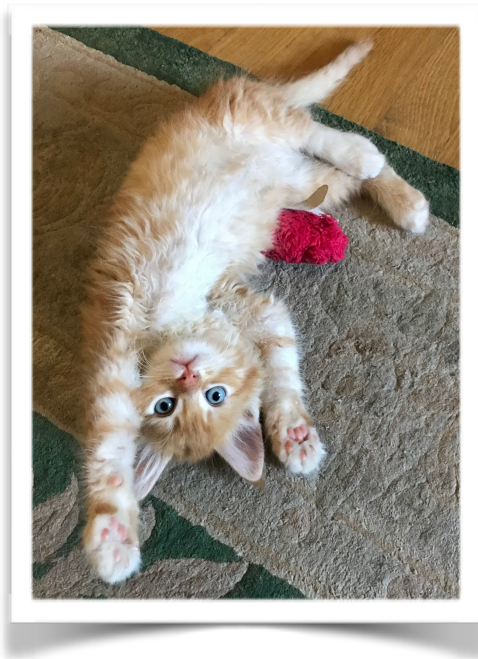


### **About Cyrus**

Cyrus came to stay with us along with his sister and brother on the 2nd of April. They were all beautiful, but Cyrus had a fan club even before we had a name for him. He has a perfect tabby M on his aristocratic forehead, so we named him after Cyrus the Great who founded the persian empire (a little pun there because of his fluff). He *is* a little bit

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of a tyrant when he wants something; toys, food, being up on something. He's a lovely little thing, though with the speed he's growing, he looks like he'll be big boy eventually. Cyrus likes getting love and affection and enjoys being picked up when he's settling down for a catnap. He also like sitting in my lap and being petted and told how beautiful he is. He doesn't like kisses. If I try to kiss his forehead or face, he leans away.



He can be a real clown when he's playing and loves to play really hard. He wrestles with and chases his siblings. When he's settled down, he enjoys falling asleep in my lap.

## **Eating**

Cyrus is very food motivated and is right next to me when I'm refilling dry food dishes. I recently started giving them a little canned food, and he adores it! He scarfs his down as fast as possible and then goes after the other dishes, pushing his siblings aside. I've started picking him up when he's finished and distracting him until they're finished eating. However, sometimes that doesn't work, and I just have to hold him until they walk away from their dishes. He struggles, but he's sweet about it and does purr.

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### **Litter Box**

Cyrus sometimes squeaks when he's in the litter box, I guess trying to find just the right spot. He's never had an accident, but sometimes he does need assistance cleaning up. Occasionally he's walked (or run) away with poop stuck on his butt (a product of youth).



### **Bedding and Sleeping**

Cyrus often sleeps in the cat bed (Pictured above), but also on a chair with one of his siblings, or curled up on the big bed.

When they first arrived, they had a space in my Guest Bedroom Bathroom. A good sized cage with a small litter box, food and water dishes and a kitty bed to curl up in. The cage was covered with a blanket to offer a little security. After a day and a half, they were comfortable enough to come out of the cage on their own and have the run of the bathroom. I moved the bed out of the cage and put in it's place a faux fur mat. I also added a standard sized litter box outside the cage, as well as additional food and water dishes.

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After they were well used to the bathroom, I opened up the door into the Guest Bedroom and let them explore. After a couple of daytime adventures exploring, and when I was certain they knew to go back to the bathroom for litter box and food, I gave them free run of both rooms. They all adapted beautifully. No accidents and though they often will curl up in the chairs or in the cat bed, they still sometimes sleep inside the cage on the furry mat overnight.



## **Playing and Toys**

Cyrus loves all toys and spends much of his time playing and “talking”. For interactive play, the original Cat Dancer toy is a favorite. He adores jumping in the air trying to catch that thing, and is so completely absorbed in watching it, he sometimes smacks into something or falls onto his back or lands on top of one of his siblings. He can also be distracted by the Cat Dancer chasers. If I toss one over near him, he leaps on it like it’s alive. He loves to play with balls, rolling them around all over the room. We have bouncing soccer balls and balls with a bell inside. Frankly, any toy that’s noisy is fun for



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him. He loves to play inside the SmartyKat Crackle Shute. He especially loves hopping through the hole in the middle. We also have a Frisco 28 inch Cat Tree that has a tube at the top and a platform beneath that with sisal posts that they love chasing each other through and over. He likes using it to climb up on the big bed, and sometimes he even sleeps inside the tube or on the platform.



## **Grooming and Behavior**

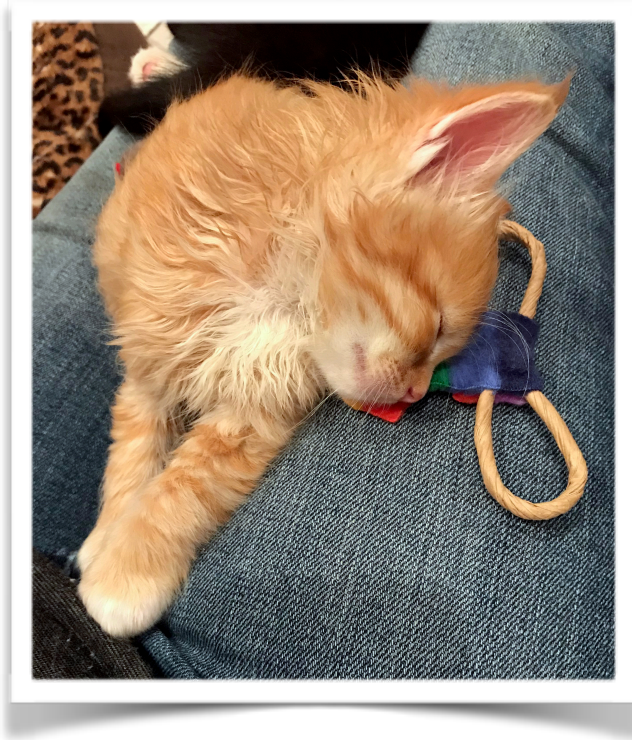
Cyrus is very good about personal grooming, despite all that fur. As I mentioned, he sometimes needs help cleaning his little behind after using the litter box. I'm sure he'll get better over time. He's come a long way in the time he's been with me.

Cyrus is sometimes oblivious to being corrected. He still needs work on using the scratching post for stretches and claw grooming. When he tries to use something else, I pick him up and put him by one of the scratching posts and demonstrate by running my fingernails up and down the sisal. He copies me immediately. If he's just awakened from a catnap, I pick him up and do the same so he can learn the association.

He's just recently started jumping onto my legs and climbing up my body when I'm at the counter doing anything. His claws are quite sharp, so I've started sprinkling him with water every time he does it, which he hates so he drops to the ground. A misting

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bottle works well for this type of behavior too. He's being a little slow to learn, but I think with continued use, the technique will correct this behavior.



### **His Ideal New Home**

Cyrus is beautiful, sweet and timid at the beginning. He wants people who will introduce him to his new surroundings and reassure him he's safe until he gets to know about everything. He wants a safe place to play with abandon, as many toys as he can get, especially those that crackle, crinkle, have bells, bird sounds or basically any noise ... if it's not so loud it's scary. He wants a cozy bed (or several) and people who will give him all the affection he can stand. Oh, and don't forget the canned food!

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#### **Videos with Cyrus:**

**Baby Cyrus Playing**     <https://youtu.be/ulxcmpNOC4s>

**Babies Wrestling**     [https://youtu.be/v\\_B07x3m-Jo](https://youtu.be/v_B07x3m-Jo)

**Tiny Babies**     <https://youtu.be/xiFI26WfXyk>

**Fighting over Food Dish**     <https://youtu.be/ERWd--SE5OE>