

## ***Isabella***

### **Currently Eating**

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

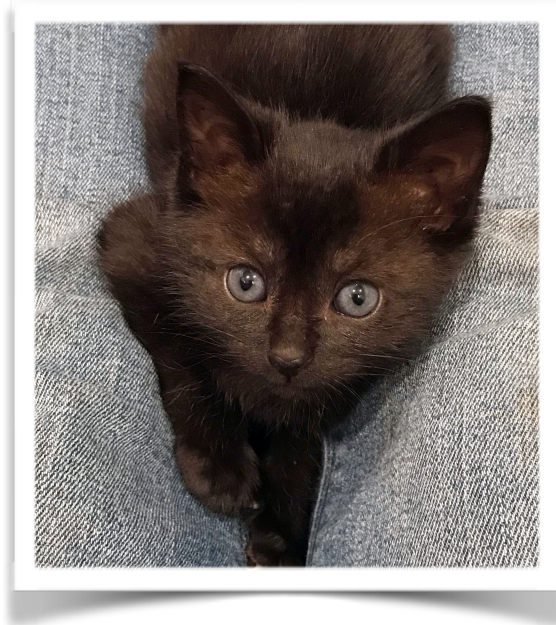
**Canned Food:** Friskies Pate style of Fancy Feast Pate style

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### **In a Nutshell**

Isabella is an adorable, adoring connected kitten. She races to the door to greet me whenever I enter, and always is disappointed when I leave her. She came to me completely comfortable with people. She seemed to have been mama's girl and still seeks to be first and foremost in my eyes. She's insistent on affectionate attention from her people.

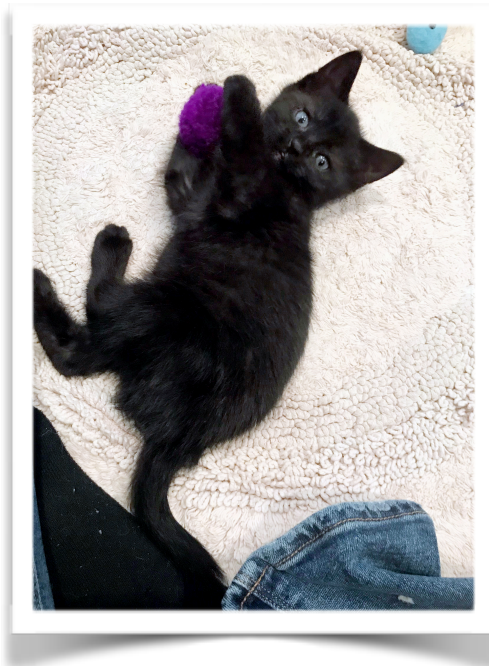


### **About Isabella**

Isabella came to stay with us along with her two brothers on the 2nd of April. All of them beautiful and itty bitty things. She was vocal and insistent right from the start. Isabella (sometimes Izzy) is an incredibly loving, affectionate and cuddly kitten, with an

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often imperious insistence on sharing our company. I can hear her howling from her room, even when I'm on a different floor, when she's feeling neglected. She's been the most mature/advanced in terms of achievements (climbing, jumping, hopping, etc.). I thought giving her a queenly name would aptly suit her imperiousness and talent. Some people would shorten it to a nickname like Bella, but though she's beautiful, her personality is much more complex than simply a pretty appearance.



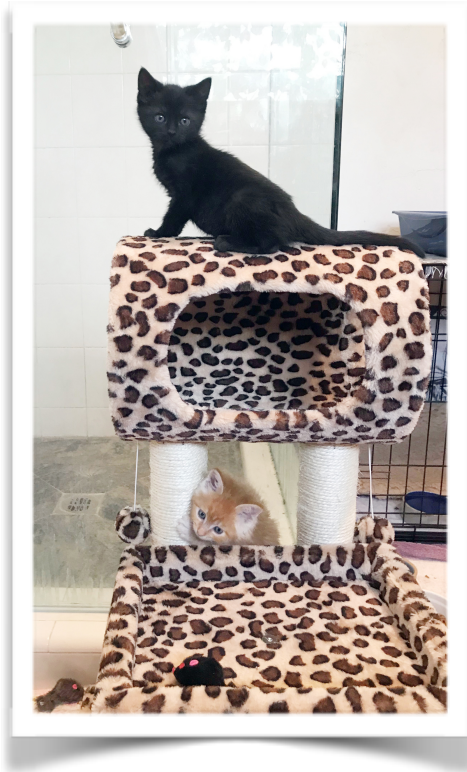
When she's playing hard for a while, she will get really wild. It's like an alter ego with her hopping with front paws spread wide and bouncing off furniture, chewing on towels or blankets, and tearing around like a little crazy cat. She frequently mutters while she's being "Izzy". She sometimes jumps up in the air, turns completely around, lands and runs off. Sort of like slapstick comedy. She definitely makes me laugh.

She LOVES to be held and kissed. When settling down, she likes to nestle right up on my chest so she can kiss my chin, mouth and nose, reaching out her little paws to touch my face. I cuddle her in my arm with her head on my shoulder. She loves to be kissed on the nose, eyes and forehead. She settles in and purrs. She's insistent on

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companions and loves playing with her brothers. When her brothers were spayed and she had to stay home without them, she cried continually if I wasn't with her, except when I could get her to sleep. She needs her humans.

She enjoys sitting in the window and watching what's happening outside.



## **Eating**

She loves her dry food and eats well. She's also good about drinking water. She's very food motivated. Even though there are three food dishes, at first they all wanted to eat out of the same one. It didn't matter which one, just all heads in the bowl fighting and pushing each other away. I would try moving them to other dishes, but no luck. It was pretty funny. The boys still share a dish, but Isabella has learned it's easier to eat your fill when you choose a separate dish. On the occasions I've given her canned food, one being the first night she was here, she's ecstatic! I suspect she'd love having canned food on a regular basis. I've given her Blue Kitty Yums treats (Tuna) on occasion, and she absolutely loves them to the point of trying to steal from her brothers.

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### **Litter Box**

Isabella has never had an accident, and is excellent about using the litter box. She was the first of the kittens to learn to cover up. She's also very interested in "supervising" when I'm scooping. She climbs up next to me and puts her front paws on the edge of the box to watch, making certain I get every little bit. When I add fresh litter, she steps into the box - not to use it, but maybe a sign of her approval. We started out with Yesterday's News blended with non-clumping clay, but we now are using Tidy Cats Free & Clean Unscented Clumping litter.



### **Bedding and Sleeping**

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 its place a faux fur mat. I also added a standard sized litter box outside the cage, as well as additional food and water dishes.

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



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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 usually sleep inside the cage on the furry mat overnight.

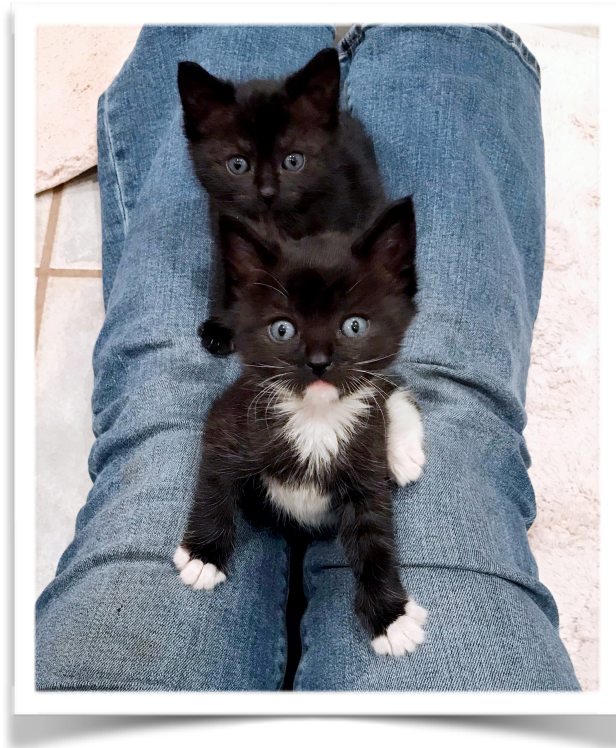


## **Playing and Toys**

First most important to Isabella is having a person to play with, and the original Cat Dancer toy is a big deal. She loves chasing it along the floor, but also just recently she can keep track of it and jump into the air to grab it. She loves jumping over and over to try to catch that toy. She also likes the Cat Dancer chasers when she's playing. She like to jump up and land on top of them. Balls that bounce or with a bell inside are great. One of her favorite things is the SmartyKat Crackle Shute. She loves to run through it with or after a toy, but also chasing her brothers or wrestling with them. 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 in addition to playing on/in, she uses for stretching and claw grooming as well as climbing and sometimes even sleeping.

When we're in a more quiet mood, I have on my iPad, the Friskies Kitty Fishing Game which she will sit and watch, "catch" the fish and when she gets really excited, hop into the top and really go for those fishes.

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### **Grooming and Behavior**

Isabella is still a baby and it's fun to watch her grooming. Sometimes she still rolls over when cleaning up, but overall, she's a very clean kitten.

Because she's still young, she'll need some guidance about what is and isn't acceptable in her new home. They have a vertical scratching post in each room since stretching is often one of the first things kitties want to do when they wake from a nap. We're still training/reminding them to use the scratching post instead of the carpet or people furniture. In the bedroom we have the Cat Tree which has two vertical sisal posts holding up a tube on the top. They use all these things to keep their claws groomed as well as get a good stretch. She generally doesn't use the carpet or other furniture for those things, but she'll need reinforcement about what she can and can't use.

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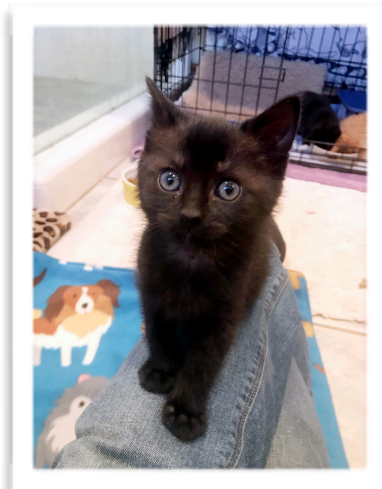
In the few instances when I've told her "no", I pick her up and make her look at me. It seems to take a couple of repeat reprimands, but she seems to be thoughtful and mostly remembers.

### **Her Ideal New Home**

Isabella wants a home where she will have companionship all day and all night. She is not a solitary cat.

She's good at catching and holding on to the cat dancer toy, and often tries to carry it off. I think she'd enjoy catching bugs and chasing things outside if she had a safe place to play. On the other hand, I believe she'd be perfectly happy to be a totally indoor cat if she has constant companionship and plenty of toys and furniture to call her own.

She's not very timid, though she will come to me or howl if her brothers are being too rough. She is very vocal (her voice can get quite loud and piercing when she's upset) and let's me know if she "needs" something. We've been listening to soft music and she's comfortable with that. She's adventurous and will want to explore, but will come back for companionship and loving as often as she can.



"What's a Selfie?"

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“Ohhhhh.”

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### **Videos with Isabella**

**Fighting over the food dish**    <https://youtu.be/ERWd--SE5OE>

**Scratching post play**    <https://youtu.be/BJEPzKxYmUA>

**Baby Isabella playing**    <https://youtu.be/zCR5e4Tk46E>

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