Currently Eating Dry Food: Purina Kitten Chow always available Canned Food: Pate style Friskies, Fancy Feast or Purina Beyond For active video links visit <u>www.pet-helpers.com/jackson.pdf</u>

# Jackson is the biggest sweetheart! He's a joy to have around, loves to talk, and is tons of fun to play with. He still likes kneading and sucking on his fluffy cat mat.

## In a Nutshell

Jackson is one of those kittens who has a happy disposition. Although he can be very shy and may hide in the beginning, he adjusts well and likes humans. He's active and *loves* to play. He can be a little pushy when playing with his sisters because he enjoys sneaking up on them and pouncing. He's really everything one would want in a kitten; sweet, happy, fastidious about the litter box, loves to play and eats well. When he settles down for a catnap, he loves a lap, but wherever he curls up, he'll watch you with his sweet, loving expression until he falls asleep.



## **About Jackson**

Jackson came to stay with us along with three sisters. One sister was fairly bold and was happy to make friends right away. Although he was quite nervous about being handled, as soon as he heard her purring and watched me pet her and play with her, he decided he was definitely ready to engage.

He really enjoys human interaction, loves having someone play with him and especially loves to be cuddled. He likes to play in my lap and also likes to curl up for a nap in my lap.



When I first started playing soft jazz music or podcasts for them, he ran and hid behind something. Now he definitely isn't bothered by music. He is shy and will hide at first with new people, but the Cat Dancer toy will bring him out if people are using soft voices and sitting down. Once he gets to sniff and hear and watch, he will be ready to play and get to know you.

## Eating

He is food motivated and loves to eat. He usually goes to the dry food dish as soon as I add fresh. He loves fresh water too. He *adores* canned food, and always tries to get to the can while I'm dishing it up. On rare occasions, if he finishes before any of the others, he'll try to go for their portion. He's easily distracted with toys, so I often just show him a toy, toss it into the next room and he's off after it.

## Litter Box

Jackson has excellent litter box manners, but really should have a large litter box. Maybe even extra large as he grows. He has a tendency to like the very center and sometimes dropped some poop over the edge when using the small litter box. He's used Yesterday's News cat litter since he's been with me.



## Housing

When they first arrived, I had them stay in a cage in my guest bedroom bathroom with litter box, food, water and a cat mat. Once Jackson and his sister Georgia were friendly with me and ready to be handled, I started leaving the door open so they could all have the run of the bathroom. I also added an extra litter box outside the cage. They have a kitten tree in there and love playing and sleeping there.

When they started trying to follow me out the door as I left, I opened up the bathroom door so they could explore the guest bedroom. They know where food and litter are and we've had no accidents. They love having the space to run and play.

## **Bedding and Sleeping**

Jackson still likes his fluffy cat mat inside the cage. He'll go in when he's getting sleepy and knead and suck until he falls asleep. But now he will also curl up in my lap if I'm with them and have a little catnap. Generally when I go into their room and they're sleeping, he'll be curled up in one of the chairs.



## **Playing and Toys**

He'll play with just about anything, but when I pull out the Cat Dancer toy and start wiggling it around the floor, he'll immediately go after it. I make a wide arc around myself and around the floor, and a herd of little kittens races after it trying to catch the end. He'll also hop and jump to catch it if I wave it over their heads, or run it up and down a wall.

He also loves balls and plush toys he can carry around in his mouth. We have some bouncing soccer balls that he likes trying to stop mid-bounce, and some large plush balls he grabs and kicks with his feet. He'll also grab one of their furry mice in his mouth and run around "play" growling.

He'll often roll over on his back when I'm playing with them, and I very gently tickle his tummy while he squirms. I do this very gently so he doesn't learn to play too rough with humans. He does play a little rough with his sisters when they wrestle, which they all seem to love.

On my iPad and iPhone I have the Friskies Cat Fishing Game and a game called Mouse in Cheese. He enjoys trying to catch the fish and batting at the mice. Sometimes he'll just curl up next to it and watch.



## **Grooming and Behavior**

He's fastidious about his person and a diligent groomer. They have a few vertical scratching posts to use, though he still tries to use the chairs. He's learning "no" and will certainly need to learn what he can and cannot do when he finds his new home.

He is a pretty good jumper and gets up onto the bathroom counter by hopping onto the toilet. He likes climbing up to the very top of the kitten tree to see what I'm doing. He's curious and interested, but will run for cover if he hears a loud noise he isn't familiar with.



## **His Ideal New Home**

Jackson wants to live with someone who will appreciate a companion. Although he can play well on his own, he really loves to have someone to interact with him and his toys. He loves to have someone toss toys onto or off of the bed or a chair so he can chase them. He adores trying to catch the Cat Dancer toy.

He also wants to live with someone who will give him some lap time and tons of petting and loving words. He loves to be loved.

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 Video with Jackson

 Mouse game
 https://youtu.be/CkLEmjqShpk