

Nigel

Currently Eating

Dry Food: Purina Kitten Chow always available

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

For active video links visit [**www.pet-helpers.com/nigel.pdf**](http://www.pet-helpers.com/nigel.pdf)

Nigel is darling, loving, playful, funny, happy and sometimes a bit of a clown. I've come to love this devoted little cat so much. His interest in everything going on around him is charming. His personality will melt any heart.



In a Nutshell

Nigel has a way of making you feel really important to him. He loves to play, but seems always to be attentive to what I'm doing when I'm with him. He sometimes just sits, or lays, and watches what's happening around him with a peaceful look that appears wise. I'm of the opinion that he's an "old soul" with perhaps some inherent wisdom. He's cautious, but not unduly so, and when he recognizes the source of his concern, comes around right away to be more involved or learn more.

Nigel

About Nigel

Nigel is eye-catching for sure, with his big feet and long legs. He's a little gangly at present. He'll grow into them though. His markings aren't perfect, but even so, he's got such a beautiful spirit, he's irresistibly attractive.

He's a talker. Whether I'm fixing food or changing litter boxes or getting fresh water, he's usually at my feet talking in a tiny little voice. If one of his sisters gets too rough, he squints his eyes and lets out a squeal. But he gives as good as he gets and can cause squeals himself.



He's very sociable and loves curling up for a cat nap with one of his sisters. He's usually sleeping with one or another of them. He loves to wrestle and play chase with them. That's probably his favorite form of play other than when we're doing interactive play time. Then he's all about the toy; Cat Dancer, laser toy, balls that bounce or roll.

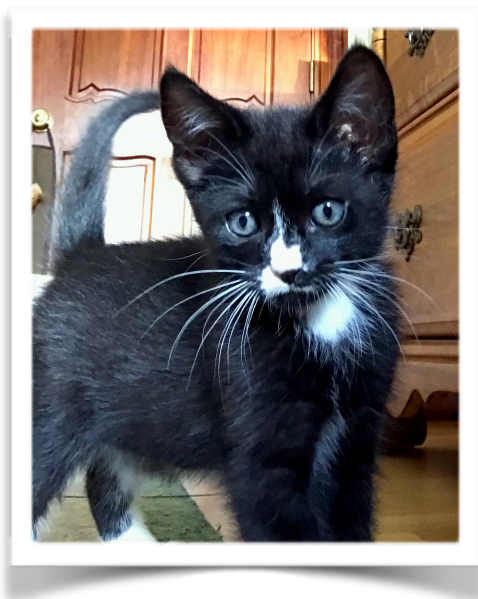
Nigel likes to bounce on his back feet, front paws spread wide in the air when he's playing. He sometimes does this when he's pouncing on a toy. He also likes to do this when he's playing with me. I'll drum all my fingers on the floor, moving my hand toward

Nigel

him. He rears up and pounces on my hand, often flopping on his side. One wonderful thing about Nigel is that he rarely uses much force when he's playing with me. He's mostly gentle when biting and clawing. For a while, he would come up next to me while I was playing with one of the others. He'd sit and watch slightly from behind, jump up and grab my arm with both paws (no claws), then run away. He's very, very cute!

He knows and loves routine. He knows what I'm going to do and where in their rooms I'm going to do it, and often runs ahead of me. When I do something different, he sits and watches and I could swear he's thinking through the new situation. You can almost see the wheels turning.

Nigel has a delightfully loud purr and he uses it frequently. It's so nice to hear him from across the room when I go in to visit or play. He usually comes to greet me and follows me to the door when I leave.



Eating

Nigel loves to eat! He runs to the dry food dishes as soon as I pick up the canister. He watches the fresh crunchies drop in and grabs one for the ultra-fresh flavor. You might say he's a foodie. He loves a canned food treat and gobbles it up so fast, he tries to

Nigel

push his sisters away and finish theirs too. I pick him up and give him a little cuddle, then toss a toy for him to chase. This works if they finish up soon after him. He's been getting a little canned food in the morning and again in the evening.

He loves fresh water, and sometimes will drink by dipping a paw, then licking off the water. He's also interested in the water dispenser and the way water looks and sounds as it pours into his bowl.

Litter Box

Nigel uses the litter box diligently and prefers it to be clean or at least scooped out when he does. He typically has some clean litter stuck to his feet when he gets out, so he'll scatter a little around.

Housing

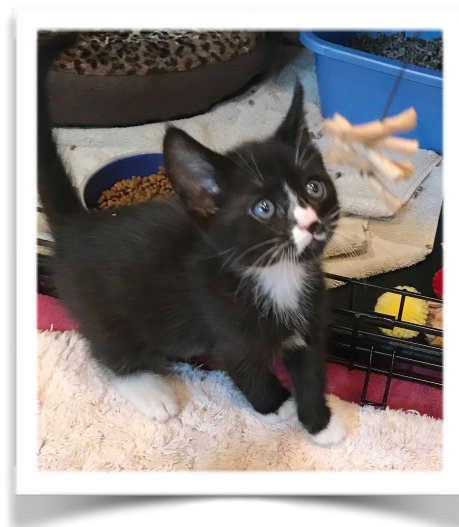
Nigel and his siblings started out in my Guest Bedroom Bathroom. For the first afternoon/night, they stayed there in a good sized cage that holds a small litter box, food and water dishes with a kitty bed to curl up. The cage was covered with a blanket to offer a little privacy and security until they felt comfortable. That first day, I spent time going in to hold and cuddle them so they'd begin to get used to my sound and scent.



Nigel

The next morning, I opened the cage so they could come out and explore the room if they wanted. Nigel was the second one out to inspect the room. Then I introduced them to the Cat Dancer toy. It's still a favorite toy, but he left it mostly to his sisters while he checked out all the other toys and spaces. Soon everyone was tearing around the room, chasing, tackling and wrestling with each other. (The cage gives me time to evaluate how frightened they are in the new environment. It's stressful for everyone to try and catch a frightened kitten that is trying to hide.)

Once they started to move in and out of the cage without hesitation, I moved the cat bed out to the main room and placed a furry mat inside in it's place. I also added additional litter boxes and food/water dishes. After a couple of weeks, they seemed comfortable with me and the household sounds, so I opened up the door into the Guest Bedroom and let them explore the big space. They were a little nervous for a while, but soon began racing all over, beneath the bed, running back into the bathroom, then back into the big room. With long legs like Nigel has, being able to run distances is awesome!



After a couple of daytime adventures exploring, and when I was certain they knew to go back to the bathroom for litter boxes, food and water, I gave them free run of both rooms.

Nigel

Bedding and Sleeping

Nigel likes sleeping stretched out on the soft furry mat, or curled up with a sister or two in a chair on a blanket. He has this cute little character trait - when he steps onto something very soft or plush, he immediately purrs very loudly. It's really darling.

Playing and Toys

Nigel's favorite playthings are his siblings, things he can chase and things he can hold and chew on. We have Cat Dancer Chasers, balls and plush toys, especially those with feathers, he enjoys chewing on.

He loves to have me dangle the Cat Dancer toy around so he can jump to catch it. Frankly, he's not always that elegant. We've been practicing lots, and he's getting much better, but sometimes still misses the toy. Even when he catches it, sometimes loses hold of it before he gets it to the floor. Oh well, he's just funny to watch.



He likes to play in my lap with a toy or with me. He loves the laser toy which he'll run after as I run it across the floor and up the wall. He jumps up after it and loves the exercise.

I recently started playing with him beneath a small, soft blanket. I give him a toy he

Nigel

likes, then I gently pull the blanket over him and wrestle a little bit. We started slow so he'd be comfortable with the blanket. Now he plunges under whenever he sees it. He'll also just curl up on top of the blanket when he's resting.

We've been listening to soft music on my phone during playtime. He always walks over to see the phone and step on it while I'm selecting music or adjusting volume. He loves the display.



Playing at a scratching post with marbles embedded in base

Grooming and Behavior

Nigel is a good groomer, but like all kittens, he can be messy with scattering litter around the litter boxes and dry food around the feeding spots. He's is also one of those cats who paws around the edges of the water dish when he goes to take a drink. If I put a water dish near the bedding, the bedding often winds up a bit damp. He also likes to dip his paw in and then sometimes shakes it off, splattering water around.

Nigel likes to take a good stretch when he wakes up from his cat naps. He goes to one of the scratching posts to groom his claws and get his back stretched. He's pretty

Nigel

good about this, but occasionally will try to stretch using the bed or a chair. I just redirect him and show him where he should stretch.

As a kitten, Nigel will need guidance about expected behavior (what he can scratch on and stretch with, and what is off limits). His room here is mostly filled with furniture and toys for him. He's a good boy, and responsive to being directed. I think he'll learn quickly and happily especially if he receives positive reinforcement. "Good boy Nigel!"

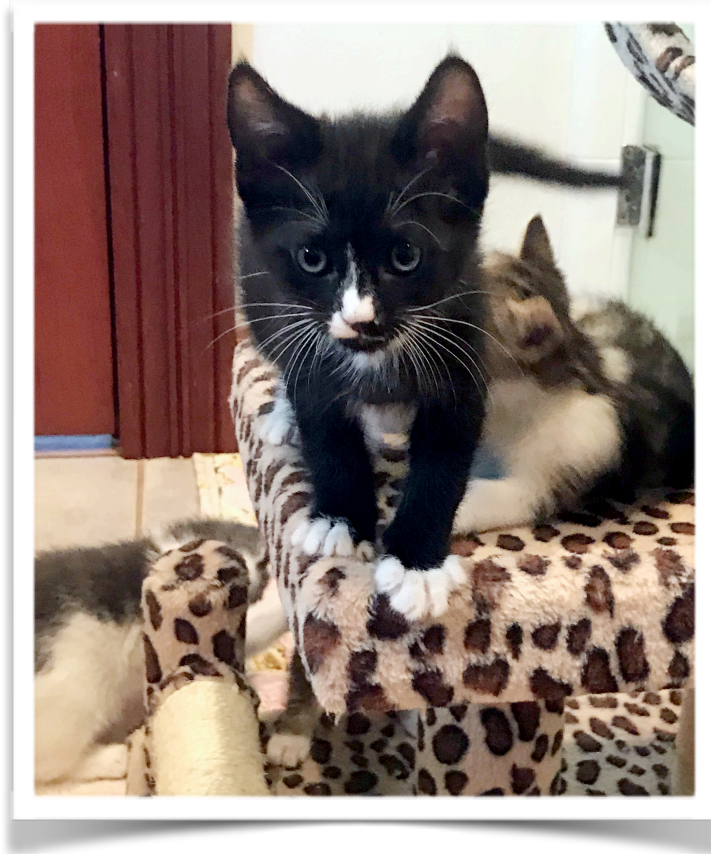
His Ideal New Home

Nigel is such a darling boy, I'm sure he'll be wide open about the people he'd love to live with and play with and cuddle with. Of course, the playing and cuddling are really important, so please have plenty of time for those activities.



He's fairly calm and collected, so he may enjoy a safe garden or "catio" outdoor space to play and chase things. Or maybe even just to observe nature close-up. He likes to sit in the window here and watch what's blowing around outside, and see who's moving about in the neighborhood.

Nigel



Nigel is darling, loving, playful, funny, happy and sometimes a bit of a clown. I've come to love this devoted little cat so much. His interest in everything going on around him is charming. His personality will melt any heart.

Videos with Nigel

Nigel playing <https://youtu.be/2m-fgh13zXo>

Nigel exploring while Ivy plays <https://youtu.be/veth6SgCMYg>

First time out of the cage <https://youtu.be/jnYe5BT88bQ>

Everybody playing <https://youtu.be/1ctX4iZJeuY>