

## ***Perdita***

### **Currently Eating**

**Dry Food:** Purina Kitten Chow

**Canned Food:** Friskies Liver and Chicken pate

## **In a Nutshell**

Perdita is a feisty, affectionate little girl. She can be timid on first meeting, but from the very beginning, despite her fearfulness, she was a little purr machine. Her playfulness and amazing spirit make her impossible to resist. She's an absolute lap cat who loves and craves affection.



## **From the beginning...**

Perdita was very fearful of humans when she came to stay here. Though she never fought when I picked her up, she was clearly scared and nervous. I would hold her in my lap on her side, and she seemed to like having her chest and upper tummy rubbed gently. After several days she became more comfortable being handled. She would start to purr as soon as I'd start to pet her. I always put my finger up to her nose so she could smell me before I picked her up or held her. Then I'd stroke down her back before picking her up to hold her. She'd purr immediately on being stroked. After a time, she'd roll over on her side to offer her chest and belly for gentle rubbing.

Perdita hissed at me quite often early on. When I would go into her room, she'd imme-

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diately hiss to warn me she was worried. So, I would go slow. I'd get down on the floor close to her level, and speak to her softly. I always let her sniff me before I touched her or picked her up. Initially she'd cringe away when I reached for her, but that quickly passed. The hiss was merely instinct, but she loved being touched. It was evident she became fond of being petted and soon even sitting in my lap. She has mostly gotten over hissing unless something occurs to make her nervous. Any new thing, any new sound and even any new scent can make her nervous. Occasionally if I'm walking around their room and move too quickly or do something she doesn't anticipate, she'll hiss. However, since she's become familiar with me and her environment, hissing is rare.



Perdita and her brother have been staying in a 10 foot by 10 foot bathroom. In the first few days, they stayed in a cage in that room. After that I was able to entice them out of the cage with the cat dancer toy, and entice them back inside when it was time to rest. After a while they became comfortable in the environment and I gave them free run of the entire room. They still have a litter box and food and water inside the cage for continuity, but they enjoy playing and sleeping outside the cage. When I enter their room, if Perdita is up playing she'll run over to a little space between the cage and the toilet (a safe space) where she can watch what I'm doing. Once she's sure it's me and that I'm not doing anything worrisome, she comes out to greet me and wait for me to sit

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down so she can get into my lap. She really loves to sit in my lap and be loved. She's still a little skeptical of kisses, but likes to reach up from my lap and sniff my mouth.



Perdita loves to play! She'll sit in my lap or on my legs, and play with her toys. She'll run around the room chasing the cat dancer toy. She also loves to play with feather toys or catnip filled toys or feathered toys with catnip inside. She can get quite wild when she's playing. She'll jump onto the scratching post to grab at the cat dancer in the air (there's a video reference below to her playing with cat dancer). She also enjoys wrestling with her brother.

Perdita eats very well. She loves the early morning water refresh and refill on dry food. She always comes for food. She especially loves her canned food treat; about an ounce each morning and evening. She always waits for me to wave the cat dancer toy around near the scratching post so she can jump up and latch on in order to catch the toy. She's good about stretching after naps and claw maintenance on the post.

She has excellent litter box manners and is a fastidious groomer. They've been using Yesterday's News cat litter.

## **As She Moves On**

Perdita is looking for a home with someone who has a lap and is prepared to use it. She's going to need someone with patience and a little tolerance for the occasions

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when she forgets she doesn't need to hiss or hide any more. She needs a safe place to run and play with lots of toys. She also needs a little safe spot to retreat to when she gets nervous about new people or experiences. She needs a good scratching post - her claws are seriously sharp - and she needs to groom them, as well as getting in a good stretch when she wakes from napping. She's hoping to find someone who can see what a beautiful personality she has and how much love she can give. From Perdita: "Please be patient with me. I really love humans even though my instinct is still slightly conflicted. If I hiss, I'm really not mean or scary. It's just how I react when I'm worried or uncertain. I love cuddles and sitting in my "mom's" lap while she pets me and tells me she loves me. I can be that way with you too. If you will trust me, I will prove it."



Perdita (left) and Geordie (right)

**PERDITA IS A PURR MACHINE! SHE LOVES TO BE HELD IN YOUR LAP, AND TOLD SHE'S SWEET AND LOVING AND BEAUTIFUL. IF YOU CAN GIVE HER SPACE IN YOUR HOME AND YOUR HEART, SHE'LL REPAY YOU IMMEASURABLY.**

### **Videos with Perdita:**

**Cat Dancer Play - <https://youtu.be/WqgEtBPuFyY>**

**Cuddle Time - <https://youtu.be/RVLfX992jFY>**

**Perdita steals the feather boa - <https://youtu.be/drPelmyBdK8>**

**Perdita talks - [https://youtu.be/FI\\_KN9UjTpM](https://youtu.be/FI_KN9UjTpM)**