

Foster cat's animal number: 3990

Foster cat's name: Bjarni

Animal is part of a bonded pair: False

Bonded pair animal number:

Please describe your foster cat's temperament. : Bjarni can best be described as a "super chill dude". Nothing fazes him, and I'm not even sure he knew when we were giving him meds or forcing him to wear a cone. He is go with the flow, doesn't mind being picked up or manhandled, and spends most of his time relaxing. He prefers to spend all of his time on the couch with us just snoozing away, and then waking up for yummy meals in between naps. Bjarni is NOT high energy, although he will play with a wand toy if you prompt him.

Does your cat have any negative habits?: Not really. He may try to scratch something he shouldn't (like a couch), but if you redirect him or provide him a scratcher, he's happy to use that instead.

Has your cat met any dogs? Please indicate any preferences your cat has for interacting with small, large, young, senior, playful or calm dogs, etc. : Yes! Bjarni may be the first foster cat that requires a dog in his future home. He LOVES my dog (who is a large 50lbs Shepherd/Husky mix). He has absolutely no fear, and will run over to her to greet her when they've been apart. He rubs all over her, and will always try to snuggle up to her on the couch. The few times she's gotten a little too rough, he has swatted her, but it takes a LOT to get to that point (like his whole head in her mouth). He wants a dog friend desperately!

Has your cat met other cats? Describe any positive or negative interactions they've had. :

Yes! Bjarni has met lots of cats, and used to live at an outdoor feeding colony. He is totally fine with other cats, and is never an instigator. That being said, all of my cats, including my nicest "foster greeter" dislike him. I have no idea why, since Bjarni keeps to himself and sleeps 90% of the time. My cats generally avoid him or hiss in his face, but no one ever escalates. My one very anxious cat has picked a few fights, in which case Bjarni does defend himself/go on offensive, but he NEVER starts another fight later on. I think he can go to just about any home, assuming the resident cat won't start physical altercations. He's fine being ignored and hissed at.

Has your cat met any children? Describe any interactions they've had.:

Bjarni has not met any children, but I think he'd be GREAT with kids. It's very possible he will trip a small child, since he is totally underfoot (especially when he thinks he can get some food), but he is such a gentle old man. He never bites/scratches etc. and always wants to cuddle. He's not a lap cat, but has no problem being picked up and loved on. And, I'm not sure how great his hearing is, so loud noises don't seem to bother him.

Does your cat like meeting new people? Please describe their behavior when meeting a new individual person or several people at once.:

Yes! Bjarni has no fear meeting people. He's only met people one at a time, but he pretty much acts the exact same with a stranger that he does with us. As long as they aren't a threat, he goes back to snoozin'.

How would you describe your cat's energy level? Please indicate Low, Medium or High and describe what activities they enjoy. :

Low. Bjarni is an old man that has lived outside for an unknown period of time. In that time he lost a leg, and his eyes were swollen/infected for quite awhile. Bjarni is happy and grateful to be inside, in at warm home, with regular meals. He is taking this time in his life to be "retirement" and catching up on sleep, attention, and as many snacks as he can con you into.

Does your cat like to be picked up and held? Do they enjoy cuddling? Describe how interactive and affectionate your cat is, and what boundaries they may express.:

Bjarni loves cuddling, and will lay right next to you on the couch. He's fine if you pick him up, but he is not a lap cat. If I put him on my lap, he will get off immediately, but generally just stand next to my lap instead. He is fine being kissed, hugged, and held, although prefers not be off of his feet. If I am rubbing his belly, he will kick me with his back feet if it's too much, but that's the extent of his "boundaries".

Does your cat like toys? If so, what kind?:

Yes! Bjarni seems to enjoy chasing wand toys. It's a short lived play session (5-10min) but he does like it, despite having 3 legs and limited vision.

Is your cat litterbox trained?:

Yes! He's never had any accidents, and is fairly tidy.

Is your cat afraid of anything?:

When my husband has moved in a big way (like jumped up from the couch to cheer a basketball thing), I've seen Bjarni startle. However, he recovered quickly and became less sensitive to that over time. I think that's fair of any cat, and other than unexpected movements, he is bomb proof. He doesn't even care about the vacuum.

Does your cat have long term medical needs? If they are taking medications, how easy or difficult is it to administer the meds? :

Bjarni is FIV+, so he will need lifelong management. This will look like supporting his immune system, which will be weaker. For example, I add Lysine to his food to help boost his immune system and avoid getting any URI symptoms. His eyes had entropion surgery, and I don't think he will need any additional treatment, but if they became swollen again, he may need that rechecked/readdressed. His ears have had a double ear infection for a long time, caused by mites specific to being FIV+. It's possible he'll need treatments of Bravecto occasionally (which kills these mites specifically), and/or may have ear infections in the future. He also may be hard of hearing due to all of this. However, all of this is just possible FIV+ / old man complications, and he does not have any active medical needs/medications.

Anything else
you'd like to
add?:

Bjarni is an AMAZING cat that has beaten the odds. He is somewhere between 11-15 (we went with 11), and has lived outside for at least a few years. When I received his picture showing he was sick and his eyes were swollen shut, he lived like that for ANOTHER 2 months outside. As soon as I got him, he was just a purr monster and wanted love. Despite all that he's gone through, he has no reservations about making new friends, and is SO CHILL. He loves wet food and snacks, which I give him lots of since he deserves it. Despite all of the goodies, he is not fat, so he regulates himself pretty well with his dry food in between. Bjarni is just a sweet old man that wants a cushy home for his golden years. He would also LOVE a big dog to push him around and cuddle hard with him. But, I think Bjarni would do well in ANY type of household, assuming they are able to support his medical needs in his old age.