



### *Love's Story:*

LOVERS AND HIS SISTER WERE ADOPTED FROM FRIEND, HE LEAPED OUT FROM BEHIND A CHAIR AND LANDED ON MY FOOT. SO HE DIDN'T REALLY HAVE A HARD LIFE AT FIRST. HOWEVER, HE MOVED AROUND WITH HIS 'DAD' - PARTICULARLY INTO ONE REALLY LOUD HOME WITH A LIVE BAND AND SOME REALLY LOUD PEOPLE - SO FINALLY I JUST HAD TO DECIDE THAT HE WAS BETTER OFF STAYING WITH ME AND HIS SISTER. SINCE THEN, HE HAS ONLY MOVED ONCE, TO A NICE QUIET HOUSE WITH A BIG FENCED YARD WHERE HE LIKES TO CATCH GARDEN SNAKES. HE IS STILL TERRIBLY AFRAID OF LOUD NOISES, LIKE THE DOORBELL.



LOVERS HAD A URINARY TRACT BLOCKAGE AT 1 YEAR OLD, WHICH IS COMMON FOR MALE CATS AND CAN KILL VERY PAINFULLY IF NOT IMMEDIATELY TREATED. FORTUNATELY, IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT HE WAS MOVING VERY SLOWLY, WHICH WAS UNUSUAL FOR SUCH A YOUNG GUY, AND I WAS ABLE TO GET THE VETERINARIAN TO COME FOR HIM RIGHT AWAY (OUR VET WAS A MOBILE VET, THANK GOODNESS). THE VET WAS ABLE TO HELP IMMEDIATELY - A TRANQUILIZER RELAXED HIM SO MUCH THAT HE DIDN'T EVEN NEED SURGERY! AFTERWARDS, LOVERS WAS PUT ON A URINARY PH DIET AND HE HAS NOT HAD ANY PROBLEMS SINCE.



LOVERS IS DEFINITELY BOSSY IN THE HOUSEHOLD. HE AND HIS SISTER ALSO CHASE EACH OTHER AROUND THE HOUSE AND KNOCK THINGS OVER. HE PICKS ON HIS SISTER SOMETIMES, THOUGH, AND IF HE GETS OUTSIDE THE HOUSE AND YARD (ONLY HAPPENED TWICE), HE GOES DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET TO PICK ON THE OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD CATS. HE WAS ONLY EVER CHASTENED BY A YOUNG GIRL KITTY, A STRAY WHO STAYED FOR AWHILE. SHE WOULDN'T LET HIM BOSS HER AROUND, BUT PURSUED HIM IN THE NICEST, PLAYFUL WAY. I HONESTLY THINK HE JUST DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO REACT TO SUCH PERSISTENCE, SO HE STARTED BEING NICER, TOO.

LOVERS COLLECTS ALL OF HIS STRINGS AND CATNIP TOYS IN ONE SPOT IN THE CENTER OF THE HOUSE WHERE HE CAN WATCH ALL THE HALLWAYS AND ALL OF HIS TOYS. HE LIKES HIS SCRATCHING PAD, BUT DEFINITELY DOES NOT LIKE TO CLIMB TREES OR FENCES. LOVERS IS VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE TIME. HE IS A GREAT ALARM-CLOCK. HIS MOTTO IS - YOU CAN CALL ME ANYTHING YOU WANT, BUT DON'T CALL ME LATE FOR DINNER (OR BREAKFAST). HE ALSO LETS ME KNOW WHEN IT IS 'BREAK TIME' AT THE OFFICE, TOO.

