

Happily Ever After: Roman and River

It's a very unfortunate fact that in animal rescue you sometimes have to see animals endure trauma and pain before coming to their happy ending. Roman is a sweet boy who went through a lot before finding his perfect forever home! His story began at a local Cleveland business, where the employees were feeding him every day and grew to love him because of his friendly personality! Unfortunately, someone decided to hurt him by taking a blow torch to his tail. That's when we were asked to step in and help him and the other cats who were living around that business. Roman was difficult to trap, so he ended up being the last one we got! We took him to the APL so he could start getting the treatment he needed, including getting neutered and having his infected, injured tail removed. In addition to that, his third eyelid fused to one of his eyes. That was removed as well, and after a second eye surgery to widen the skin around his eye, he began to heal. We couldn't have asked for a better recovery process for him, and he healed beautifully.

After going to an adoption event and hanging out at the Parma Pet Valu for a little while, he was adopted in January 2020! Now, he gets to live the good life with his adoptive dad, Michael! Roman is quite the character with a great big heart and loving personality! He absolutely loves to play and will chase a ball back and forth all night if you let him! Roman keeps a good watch over the house and will go back and forth from the front door to the back door to keep an eye on everything going on. Michael says he loves to stay by his side and will curl up next to him on the couch and loves to get as much attention as you will give him! He is very vocal and not shy about giving his opinion loudly! Michael says he has brought so much joy into his life, and he loves all of his funny quirks and mannerisms!

Much more recently, Michael adopted a kitten from us named River. River came to us as a very small kitten and was adopted after hanging out in a foster home for a little while. River is super friendly and active, with all of that young kitten energy inside of him still! He loves to be held and sit on his dad's lap and knead his paws on whatever he can reach. Michael is doing a great job of slowly letting Roman and River get used to each other. River is isolated to his own area of the house for now, but Michael will occasionally isolate Roman so that River can explore all areas of the house. They are curious about each other and will paw at each other under the bedroom door. He has slowly been integrating Roman's and River's stuff together in different rooms so they can get used to each other's scents. He said he will work on face to face introductions very soon! Michael is doing a great job of making sure Roman and River are introduced properly and slowly with care and with time! We know they are destined to be best buds after a proper introduction!

We are so thankful that Roman is now able to live the life he deserves, without the stress of going hungry or being hurt by someone bad again. We are also thankful that River will be able to grow up in a loving home with a big brother to show him the ropes! As far as happy endings go, it doesn't get much better than this!