



Hello there,

We adopted "Claire" on the first day of fall 2022 and I have been thinking of sending you an update for a while. We renamed her "Aslan" after the big lion in Chronicles of Narnia.

Aslan immediately investigated our entire house, room by room when she arrived. We noticed that she was skittish and anxious. She didn't eat anything for about 2 days, which had us worried, but on day 3 she tied-into the food and has been eating well since. She LOVES to play! We bought her an array of toys and scratch posts/pads which she uses all the time. From day one she jumped up on my lap and spends time on my lap every day since. She really loves head scratches and being pet, she knows what I mean when I ask her if she wants a hug, and she speaks to us in chitters, trulls, and tiny meows. She loves us both, but has formed a special bond with Tom, who she knows is the one to play fetch with. She follows us everywhere in the house! I noticed early on that she had been grooming the rabbit fur on my slippers, so I bought her a real rabbit fur "blanket" from the Totem Pole, and she sleeps on it. A huge bonus: Aslan and Taz, our senior cat, get along very well.

Aslan has some residual skittishness at things like the open door of the dishwasher and the vacuum cleaner, and she sometimes cries when Tom goes out the door to work, but I call to her and she comes and gets on my lap. Overall, she has settled nicely into life with us, she is well-loved, and she returns the love to us so willingly. I guess you could say this is a 100% success story. We are so grateful and happy to have Aslan as part of our family.

Happy New Year to everyone at SSM Humane Society!

-Maureen C.