

TRIPLE YOUR DONATION TODAY!

A very generous PAWS supporter has pledged to triple donations during this last weekend of our \$5 Friday campaign.

These funds help care for our local felines-in-need.

Lorenzo is an example, and here is his story:



FIV+ Lorenzo is Happy to be Alive and Off the Streets!

Lorenzo was trapped in Wakefield when a local homeowner reported a stray cat in their yard. It was immediately obvious that he had a tough life and needed help. He did not have a microchip and an owner could not be found.

The vet that examined and neutered him said he looked pretty beat up: he was very thin and had scabs all over his neck and back. Because some of his wounds could have been inflicted by a rabid animal (aka "wounds of unknown origin"), Massachusetts law requires that PAWS quarantines Lorenzo from other cats for four months.

In addition to all the scabs and scars, Lorenzo has several broken teeth, a slight heart murmur, and has tested positive for FIV. The Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) is one of the most common infectious diseases of cats around the world. It attacks the immune system, leaving the cat vulnerable to many other diseases. Research has found that the virus is passed when an infected cat bites another cat and **not** through casual contact such as sharing food or water bowls or sharing a litter box. Therefore, FIV+ cats can live in a household with other cats, as long as they all get along, with no risk of fighting. With proper care, an FIV+ cat can live an average feline lifespan.

Despite all his health problems, Lorenzo has adjusted well to his foster home. He is eating like a champ and is slowly gaining weight. His foster says he is a super friendly boy who loves to be petted and brushed. He also loves to cuddle with his foster mom.

He is now waiting for surgery to remove his broken teeth. Then, once his quarantine is over, he will be ready to find his forever home.

This Friday is the *last* \$5 Friday this year.

A donation today will go three times as far to help our local felines-in-need.

Thank you to all who have donated so far this summer.

Because of you, more local animals have received the help they needed. If you are able, please consider donating today.

Every donation helps us to continue to provide the best possible care for cats, like Lorenzo.

Donate now!