



# DESPERATE HOUSECAT DAWSON 21881



**DAWSON** is a hoot! When he arrived at AAS, he was unable to use his left front limb, and he was very weak in both of his rear limbs. When examined by our DVMs, it appeared as though he was shot and the pellet is very close to his cervical spine. This would explain the temporary weakness in his legs. We moved **DAWSON** into a foster home for observation and PT. After a few months, his rear legs are normal, and his front limb is slowly improving. He is starting to put weight on this limb, although he still doesn't walk on it much.

**DAWSON** is energetic, social, and playful. He climbs cat trees, and his front limb doesn't bother him. We believe that it will continue to improve with time. Nerve tingling is a possibility in the future, but he has not experienced any such issues while being monitored at the shelter or in foster. **DAWSON** wants a home where he can run and play (with or without a cat buddy), and get plenty of love and affection when he's between play sessions.

- ◆ 1 year old, brown tabby, neutered
- ◆ INTAKE: 2/22/2026
- ◆ Social; Playful; Affectionate
- ◆ Lap Cat during downtime
- ◆ Front limb continues to show improvement
- ◆ Great with other cats; Unknown around dogs; Not recommended for young children



The adoption fee is **WAIVED** for **DAWSON** and **ALL** Desperate Housecats!  
To adopt **DAWSON**, visit [www.austintexas.gov/department/adopt-pet](http://www.austintexas.gov/department/adopt-pet)  
For information about **DESPERATE HOUSECATS**, visit [www.desperatehousecats.info](http://www.desperatehousecats.info) and Facebook: **DHCAustin**