



This is Ludo when he first arrived at AWA.

As you can see he was in very rough physical and emotional shape. Ludo was brought to us from a horrendous hoarding situation in Tennessee, suffering from full body mange and a host of other illnesses stemming from his previous living conditions. Our veterinary team took quick action to get him physically healthy again, but it was a long road to getting him emotionally ready to be a part of his forever family after the trauma he had endured.

Ludo came to AWA full of fear and anxiety, struggling in a new environment, he was almost completely shut down. Ludo was terrified of people, and everyday noises in the shelter were scary. As a hoarding case survivor, he was never socialized around people so he would freeze in fear. Our behavior team stepped in to get him mentally healthy, AWA's Behavior Coordinator observed Ludo

closely, and created a special behavior management plan to slowly and systematically help him overcome his fears.

AWA has grown a network of foster families willing to take animals into their homes for the extra TLC they need. The foster program ensures no animal loses out on getting the extra love, socialization, essential hands on care or their chance at a forever home. Ludo's behavior plan was a success and he found his family. With the additional support and training he is thriving in his new home, soaking up all of the love a beautiful boy

Because of generous donor support of our programs dogs and cats needing extensive veterinary and behavioral support are able to be saved, carrying on the AWA sheltering philosophy that no animal is euthanized due to space, length of stay or for treatable/manageable conditions.

