



# ANIMAL PLACE FOSTER PARENT CERTIFICATE

## JOE

**BIRTHDAY:** 10/31/2020

**ARRIVAL TO AP:** 12/31/2020

### HISTORY:

Joe was included as a "free" chick to a person with companion chickens. Joe's caregiver noticed he was larger than the other birds and had difficulty walking. She had no idea that Joe was a Cornish cross, a type of chicken used for their flesh. These birds are killed at 6-weeks-old – mere babies. We call them "peepers" because they always cheep and peep like babies when we rescue them. And while Joe's guardian loved him, she wasn't able to provide Joe the specialized care he needed. By the time Joe came to us, he could barely walk. With the help of laser treatment, physical therapy, pain management, and supportive care, Joe went from barely walking to running!

### PERSONALITY:

Joe is strong, determined, and sweet. He is one of the friendliest chickens at Animal Place. When staff comes to visit him, he runs to the gate and dances in greeting! Joe spends most of his time with his best friend, Malachite!



### FAVORITE FOODS:

Joe loves watermelon! After he's done pecking at the fruit, he takes the rind and plays with it.

### FUN CHICKEN FACTS:

Chickens have great memories and can recognize over 100 faces! Joe knows all of his Animal Place friends and gets excited to see them. Chickens also love to play. We have several toys and enrichment objects for them in their yard. But Joe still prefers his watermelon rind!

### HOW YOUR GIFT HELPS:

Male birds like Joe are constantly rejected and abandoned from farms and families. Your gift helps neglected and rescued birds, just like Joe. Your support provides food, bedding and top-notch medical care!