

## Ollie

"I am most grateful for tolerance. You see, I have not always been blessed with the gift of tolerance and have often formed opinions on things too quickly and jumped to wrong conclusions. Sometimes I was not very nice and I don't think others really liked me either. But the most interesting thing happened. I found some humans and some cats who seemed to tolerate me, even though I wasn't being my best. That tolerance that they showed to me became a gift that helped me learn to be more tolerant as well. I'm not saying I'm perfect at it. But what I learned is that being intolerant was something I did out of fear of connecting with others. I was afraid of being hurt. I am grateful to learn that the healing I needed was to be connected to others. Hearts are made to love one another. Hatred and intolerance comes from fear and it creates more fear and intolerance. But love creates trust and harmony. That is what I have come here to learn."

