

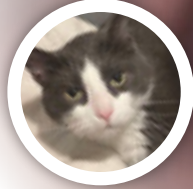
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Consent: Strengthening Your Relationship with Your Cat

By Ann Adams

When we think about consent, we usually think about relationships between people. But consent also plays an important role in our relationships with animals, especially cats. Cats are sensitive, expressive creatures who constantly communicate how they feel. When we learn to listen and respect their signals, we build trust, reduce stress, and create a stronger bond.

What Does Consent Mean with Cats?

Consent with cats means paying attention to their body language and allowing them to participate willingly in interactions instead of forcing them. While we still need to care for them, like taking them to the vet or giving them medication when necessary, many daily activities can be done in a way that allows cats more choice.

Examples of when to get consent include:

- Petting and physical affection
- Being picked up or held

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TCH at Painted Tree: Shopping with Purpose

By Laura Wong

We are thrilled to share that The Cat House recently opened a booth at the Painted Tree in South Pointe Mall! This special space was made possible by Katherine Evans, who believed in expanding TCH's reach in the community. Katherine's support allowed us to create a welcoming retail presence that directly benefits the cats in our care.

Our booth features many of our best-selling retail items, including our popular large and small catnip sticks, cozy cat and dog beds, soft carrier liners, and our classic TCH t-shirts. These are items our supporters already know and love—and now they are available in a convenient shopping setting.

We have also introduced several new items you won't want to miss—TCH notepads, hats, sweatpants, and blankets. Whether you are looking for a practical gift, something comfy to wear, or a way to show your love for The Cat House, there's something for everyone. Each purchase directly supports our mission as a no-kill shelter, by helping to fund medical care,

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Calendar of Events

Mother of All Garage Sales (MOAGS)

April 10 / 5 to 9 pm

April 11 / 8 am to 3 pm

Sandhills Global Event Center
4100 N. 84th Street

Haymarket Farmers Market Saturday, May 9, 16, and 23 and July 11, 18, and 25

8 am to Noon

Check the TCH website,
thecathouse.org, Facebook, or
Instagram for our location
at the market.

Give to Lincoln Day

May 28 / Midnight to 11:59 pm

Option to give May 1 through 28 at
thecathouse.org/give.

Volunteer Opportunities

You can fill out a volunteer application online at thecathouse.org, come in during open hours to fill out an application, or e-mail questions to volunteer@thecathouse.org. You're in for a rewarding experience!

Opportunities to help include:

- Open hours
- Daily care, feeding, room cleaning, and socializing of cats
- Facility maintenance
- Newsletter articles, photography, and production
- Assisting with communication to volunteers and/or the public
- Adoption counselor
- Post-adoption follow-up calls
- Filing
- Grant writing
- Fundraising
- Retail events
- Feral/TNR program
- Foster care

Volunteer Spotlight: Deb Black

By Laura Wong

Volunteers are the heart of The Cat House, and we're excited to shine the spotlight on Deb Black, whose dedication, compassion, and wide-ranging volunteer roles make a big impact on both cats and people.

Although Deb is a Nebraska native and graduate of University of Nebraska–Lincoln, her career took her far from home. After graduating, she was recruited by General Motors and spent the next 40 years working for the company, living primarily in the Detroit area. When she retired in 2019, Deb returned to Lincoln and built a new home. Unfortunately, the move happened right in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“At first I was busy unpacking and settling in,” Deb recalls. “But after a few months, I got very bored.” She began looking for volunteer opportunities, but many organizations were not accepting new volunteers due to pandemic restrictions. The Cat House was the first place she found that had reopened to volunteers—and as she puts it, “the rest is history.”

Deb's connection to cats began in a very personal way. In 2015, when her mother-in-law passed away, she left behind an 8-year-old tabby named Sam. Sam was known as a one-person cat, and none of the family members felt they were the right fit for him. Although Deb had always considered herself more of a dog person, and despite her husband's cat allergy, she couldn't bear the thought of Sam becoming homeless. She adopted him and quickly discovered just how special feline companionship can be.

“I came to appreciate what a great companion a cat is,” Deb says. “Possibly because my personality is much closer to



that of a cat than a dog.” Sam remained part of her family until late 2024, when he passed away at nearly 18 years old after battling cancer.

At The Cat House, Deb stays busy in many roles. She serves as the team lead for the Thursday afternoon cleaning and feeding shift, helps during Sunday Open Hours, transports cats to veterinary and grooming appointments, sews catnip toys, and occasionally assists during veterinary visit days. One of her favorite parts of volunteering is helping with new cat intakes.

“It's so rewarding to see a cat that comes in shy and nervous transform into one waiting at the door for attention,” she says.

Deb also has a special adoption story of her own. On a cold, rainy day in October 2023, a beautiful flame point Siamese was found abandoned in a carrier near the shelter dumpsters. The cat—later named Sophia—captured Deb's heart immediately. Just days after Sophia's spay surgery, she officially joined Deb's family.

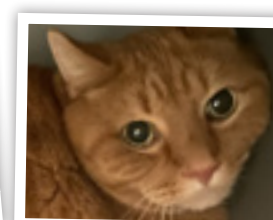
When describing The Cat House, Deb uses two sets of three words: for the cats—security, health, and love; and for volunteers—rewarding, commitment, and friendship.

Outside of volunteering, Deb loves to travel and has visited destinations including Tanzania, Ireland, China, Thailand, Peru, Argentina, and even Antarctica. She's also a devoted Husker fan and rarely misses a game.

If Deb were a cat herself? She laughs and says she'd probably resemble former resident Kingsley—happy in a single-cat household and appreciative of attention but also ready to call it a day when she's had enough.



Joel (FIV+) – 4 years



Chester – 7 years



Emmett – 9 years

Lars: A Distinguished Gentleman with a Playful Side

By Kris Silva

At 9 years and 8 months old, Lars has reached that wonderful stage of life where experience meets charm. This handsome gentleman carries himself with a quiet confidence, but don't let his age fool you, Lars still has plenty of curiosity and playful energy to share.

Lars enjoys observing the world around him and investigating anything new that enters his space. Whether it's a toy, a rustling bag, or simply a visitor stopping by to say hello, his curious nature keeps him engaged and interested in what's happening around him.

When it comes to affection, Lars appreciates things on his own terms, the mark of a truly distinguished cat. Once he decides it's time for attention, he enjoys gentle pets and cozy snuggles, rewarding his chosen humans with his calm companionship.

And if you're looking for the quickest way to earn Lars' trust, there's a simple secret: treats. Like many cats, Lars knows that treats make life just a little sweeter, and they're often the fastest path to his heart.

Cats like Lars often bring something special to a home. With his balanced mix of independence, curiosity, and affection, he would make a wonderful companion for someone who appreciates a cat with personality and a bit of wisdom.

At 9 years young, Lars still has plenty of love, playfulness, and companionship to offer the right adopter. If you're looking for a cat who knows what he likes and isn't shy about enjoying the good things in life, especially treats, Lars might just be your perfect match.



Meowzer: The Blue Unit's Charming Little Leader

By Kris Silva

This May 1st, Meowzer will celebrate his second birthday, and everyone at The Cat House agrees he deserves a celebration worthy of the "natural leader" he has become in his room in the Blue Unit.

Meowzer has quietly taken on the role of room ambassador, often being the first to greet visitors who step through the door. Curious and confident, he likes to inspect new arrivals, supervise the room, and make sure everyone is properly welcomed. His friendly nature makes him a favorite among volunteers and guests alike.

Despite his leadership status, Meowzer is also a big softie at heart. He enjoys snuggling with his brothers and sisters who share his room. You'll often find him curled up with his feline friends, content and relaxed after a



busy round of exploring.

And exploring is something Meowzer takes very seriously. Playful and a bit nosy, he loves string toys, interactive play, and investigating anything new that appears in the room. During a recent visit, while this author tried to snap a few photos of his adorable little face, Meowzer took the opportunity to snoop through a bag left unattended, because a good room leader always makes sure everything is in order!

You might also notice that Meowzer has a little bobtail, the result of a medical procedure earlier in his life. But true to his confident personality, he doesn't let it slow him down one bit. Meowzer still plays, explores, and leads his Blue Unit crew with the same enthusiasm as any other cat.

Meowzer has the feline leukemia virus, which means he should either be the only cat in his home or live with other FeLV-positive cats. The good news is that FeLV cannot be transmitted to dogs or people, and Meowzer has even had positive foster experiences with dogs, showing his adaptable and friendly personality.

Cats like Meowzer may have a few extra considerations, but they are just as loving, playful, and deserving of a forever home as any other cat. His curious spirit, affectionate nature, and confident charm make him a truly special cat.

As his second birthday approaches, Meowzer's biggest wish isn't toys or treats, it's a forever family who will welcome this playful little leader into their home.

And if you happen to bring a bag with you when you visit, don't be surprised if Meowzer checks it out first.

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spay/neuter services, the purchase of food, enrichment needs, and daily care for the cats we serve.

Beyond fundraising, our Painted Tree booth helps to increase awareness. It introduces new shoppers to our organization, sparks conversations about adoption and fostering, and keeps our mission visible in the Lincoln community. It is another way we can meet people where they are and invite them to be part of something meaningful.

We are deeply grateful to the donor who made this opportunity possible and to the supporters who continue to shop with purpose. Every purchase helps provide safety, compassion, and second chances for cats in need.

Next time you are at the Painted Tree, we hope you'll stop by The Cat House booth at C26 and know that your purchase truly makes a difference.

Bing's Life Goes From Heartbreak to Heart-Warming

By Martha Stoddard

Bing had been through plenty of heartbreak by the time Leah Culver-Whitcomb and Kevin Whitcomb met him. First, he lost the people that he and his brother, Scout, had lived with since kittenhood. One died, and the other had health problems of his own and could no longer provide care.

That meant Bing and Scout lost their home of nearly 18 years and had to move into The Cat House. Then Scout died while undergoing surgery, leaving Bing alone at the shelter.

Enter Leah and Kevin. The couple were confirmed cat lovers, who had cared for dozens of cats and kittens over the years at their Wahoo-area farmstead. By summer 2025, they were down to three elderly cats that had started out as barn kittens and they had been thinking about adding another.

They learned about Bing from a friend who worked with a TCH volunteer and were touched by his situation. Leah and Kevin met Bing and liked him immediately. They weren't put off that he was 19 years old and a little stiff in the joints.

"He seemed like a good fit for us," Leah said, noting that they had wanted an older cat.

Bing soon joined their household. The couple decided to foster him through the

TCH Foster-a-Feline-Friend program because of his age. The program matches older or special needs cats with senior people. The foster parents provide a loving home and TCH provides medical care and supplies, along with transportation to the vet as needed.

Leah and Kevin initially set up Bing in their furnished walkout basement, separate from the other cats. After a while, they started introducing him to the rest of the cats. He soon found his place in the mix, even sleeping with their cat Zuzu at times. He also found good spots to soak up the sun in the living room and on the cutting board in Leah's sewing room.

Bing immediately proved himself to be a real "people cat." He would follow people around the house and Leah reported that she had to clean "nose boop" marks off her glasses repeatedly. He loved to hang out while she sewed and spent at least an hour every evening on her lap.



"His time with us was just as heart warming and sweet as you could imagine," Leah said. "He was a great companion."

Unfortunately, they didn't have as much time together as hoped. Bing developed sudden respiratory distress just 6 months after going home with Leah and Kevin, and the decision was made to let him go. Despite the pain of losing Bing, Leah said they have no regrets about taking in an elderly cat.

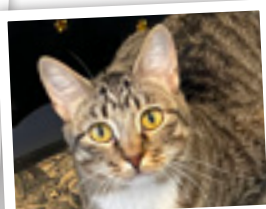
"We would do it again," she said. "We know that we gave him a wonderful home for the time we had him."

These cats are looking for forever homes.

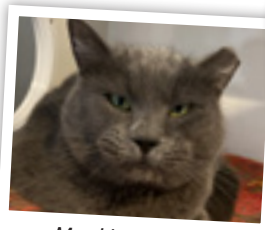
Visit our shelter on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 pm and Sundays from 1:30 to 4 pm.



White Chocolate (FIV+) – 6 years



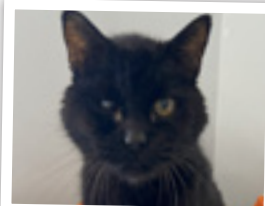
Minerva (FeLV+) – 1 year



Mookie – 9 years



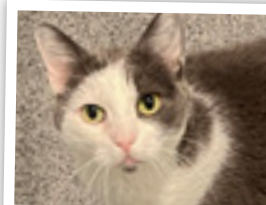
Odessa – 1 year



Louis – 15 years



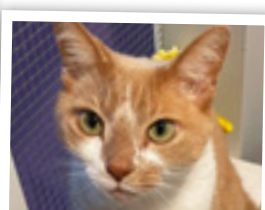
Uther – 12 years



Bella – 10 years



Harley – 10 years



Sissy – 4 years



Diesel – 6 years

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Bella from JoAnn Boatright

Melaney Koch from Glady Zwink

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Jerry Pritchett from Bradley Wharton

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The Pedersens and the McConnells for Christmas

Lars from Don Wendling

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Walt and Vic from John and Brenda Roby

Muffin, Meredith, and Puddy from Tammie Fischer

Sissy from Barbara Smith

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Jackie Heimes' 65th birthday from Gayle Resh

Prue Coccodrilli from Joan Krick

Veronica Cammarata's birthday and her commitment to The Cat House from Mike Cammarata

Brooke Miller (Walter's Mom) from Lizabeth Miller

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Vondra Veterinary Clinic

Wachal Pet Health Center

Creature Comforts Mobile Veterinary Service

Wish List

DRY CAT FOOD

- Any dry cat food
- Science Diet Optimal
- Science Diet Z/D*
- Royal Canin Baby Cat
- Science Diet Metabolic*

CANNED CAT FOOD OR PACKETS

- Science Diet or Iams – kitten & adult – turkey, chicken, salmon (ground or minced)
- Fancy Feast – turkey, chicken, salmon (Classic); Grilled Delights with Cheddar; or Broths sold in pouches
- Fancy Feast Kitten
- Hartz Delectables – sold in packets
- Science Diet Metabolic or Z/D*
- Royal Canin Baby Cat Loaf

SUPPLIES

- Brooms
- Paper towels
- Kitchen and office trash bags (13 gallon)
- String mops

CLEANERS

- Scent-free liquid laundry detergent (sensitive skin)
- Scent-free dryer sheets (sensitive skin)
- Clorox bleach (regular type)
- Anti-bacterial hand soap
- Dawn dishwashing soap
- Dishwasher detergent/pods
- Clorox disposable wipes
- Swiffers
- Shout stain remover

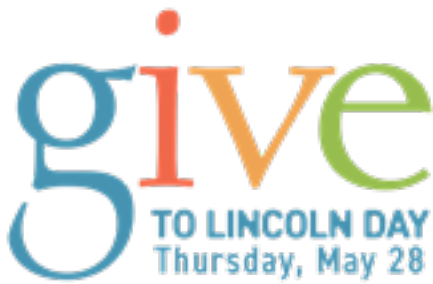
CAT LITTER

- Non-clumping, unscented, regular clay litter (no clumping, pine, or newsprint type litter)

MISCELLANEOUS

- Meat flavored baby food (chicken or turkey)
- Small chenille or cotton reversible bath rugs (no rubber backs)
- Aluminum trays (no smaller than 8" x 13")
- Lint rollers
- Purina Pro Plan Hydra Care Supplement
- Purina Pro Plan Calming Care Supplement
- Gift certificates to entirelypets.com
- Gift cards to Tractor Supply, Walmart, Target, Petco, or PetSmart

* sold at vet clinics



Fifteen years of making a difference is something special to celebrate. The Lincoln Community Foundation has designated the month of May to raise funds for registered non-profit charities in Lincoln. This gives everyone a chance to support their favorite charities and, in particular, The Cat House (TCH), Lincoln's only no-kill cat shelter, through Give to Lincoln Day (G2LD).

The event begins for 501(c)(3) charities at midnight on Thursday, May 28, and ends at 11:59 pm on the 28th.

After all monies for the month of May are totaled, each organization will receive a proportional amount of the \$650,000 matching funds raised by the Lincoln Community Foundation.

This year continues TCH's work with cats that need new homes, mother cats and their kittens, elderly cats, and all those in need. All cats adopted through TCH are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped. TCH also continues extensive work with Trap, Neuter, and Return (TNR). All programs require funding and volunteer support. G2LD is a wonderful opportunity to support Lincoln cats and be a part of making Lincoln a better community. Funds are also used to maintain our shelter.

TCH is thankful for all those who support our work and care for cats. We appreciate all donations, which will help us care for cats who enter our shelter in search of a forever home. Join us in making a difference this year.

Your generosity and willingness to help TCH will long be appreciated and remembered.

Cat Carrier 101

Let's be honest. Picking out a carrier for your cat isn't the most exciting part of bringing home a furry friend. But getting the right carrier can save your cat's life and go a long way toward making travel less traumatic for them and you. It can even make visits to the vet more successful.

The right carrier needs to be safe and comfortable (for the cat, of course), as well as durable and affordable. It should keep them from becoming a flying missile in case of a traffic accident and prevent them from escaping and getting lost. A carrier can also be a cosy haven for stressed-out cats confronted with scary new situations.

There are three main types of carriers available—hard-sided, soft-sided, and backpack style. Here are some factors to consider when choosing from among the various options:

Size. The carrier should be large enough for the cat to stand, turn around, and lay down, but cosy enough to keep your cat from being thrown around inside. Think about both the size of your cat and the type of travel you plan. If you expect to fly with your cat, remember that airlines typically have limits on the size of carriers they allow. If you plan long-distance drives, consider a carrier with space for a small litter box and food dishes.

Behavior. Carriers with a top-loading option work better for cats that resist getting in carriers. They also make it easier to get the cat out at a veterinary office. Some carriers can be taken apart so an anxious or unhappy cat can remain tucked

into the bottom half for a visit to the vet. A hard-sided carrier will stand up better than zippers and fabric against a cat that tries to fight or claw its way out.

Cleaning. Look for a carrier that can be cleaned easily if accidents happen. Some cats get car sick. Others poop or pee from anxiety, while any cat may do so if left in the carrier for a long time.

Safety. Consider how you will secure the carrier in a vehicle. Some carriers have ways to attach a seatbelt. Others should be placed on the floor, where they are better protected from tipping over or ejecting your cat in case of an accident.

Comfort. A carrier should provide both physical and emotional comfort to the cat. It must have enough ventilation to prevent overheating. Soft-sided carriers typically have soft surfaces for cats to sit on, while a towel or bedding can make a hard-sided one more cushy. Also consider the cat's view. Some cats may enjoy watching the world from a backpack carrier. Others prefer a dark cave to hide in. Avoid carriers that subject your cat to too much jostling, which can be stressful.

Ease of use. Look for a carrier that you can open easily, but a cat cannot. Avoid velcro fastenings, which cats can force open. Hard-sided carriers can be more bulky and difficult to carry, especially if the cat moves around inside. Carriers equipped with wheels, similar to roll-on luggage, may be easier for humans to manage, but they can be bumpy and loud from the cat's perspective and difficult to use on stairs.

Silervine: Is This the New Catnip?

By Ann Adams

Most cat lovers know the power of catnip. A sprinkle on a toy can send cats rolling, rubbing, and racing around the room. But there's another plant that's getting a lot of attention lately—silervine.

Native to East Asia, silervine is a natural plant that triggers a euphoric response in many cats—similar to catnip. Cats may roll on it, rub their faces against it, lick it, or zoom around with playful energy.

What makes silervine especially interesting is that more cats respond to it than to catnip. Sensitivity to catnip is genetic, and up to half of cats may not react to it at

all. Silervine contains several different scent compounds, which means even some "catnip-immune" cats respond enthusiastically.

Silervine is available via powder, infused toys, or small chew sticks made from the plant's wood. The reaction usually lasts just a few minutes and is considered safe and non-toxic for cats when offered in moderation.

So is silervine the new catnip? Maybe not a replacement—but it's certainly a great alternative. If your cat ignores catnip toys, silervine might be worth a try. And who knows, you may discover a whole new playful side of your cat!

Spartacus Dishes All

Dear Advice Cat:

During our visits to the shelter, we were so impressed by how clean and tidy everything is and how well the cats are cared for. We heard you have more than 60 cats there at one time. We wondered how you keep up with them all. Can you tell us?

Signed, Inquiring Minds

Dear Inquiring:

Thank you very much for complimenting The Cat House and the work of our volunteers. I certainly am appreciative of the volunteers as a beneficiary of their good work. As a long-term resident, I am quite familiar with what is required to care for a shelter full of individual personalities. Please allow me to give you a peek behind the scenes into the work of the cat caregivers at TCH. A typical day at the shelter involves a mix of cleaning, feeding, and

socializing, which helps the shelter run efficiently and assists us all to be happier and healthier felines. As an aside, my favorite volunteers let me out into the hallway while they are cleaning and feeding. Some may claim it's because I need exercise, but I know it's because I am the elder statesman!

Now, returning to your question. Most days we have both morning and afternoon volunteer crews. The volunteers on each cleaning shift are assigned specific cat rooms or areas that they are responsible for cleaning. They start by checking in on each of us, giving a few scratches on the head, looking at illness or stress, and noting any concerns for our medical staff.

Then comes picking up dirty dishes, scooping litter boxes, and generally tidying up each room. They mop and change out bedding as needed. You can imagine all this cleaning results in a lot of dishes to wash, litter boxes to clean, and never-ending amounts of laundry to get done. Lastly, and



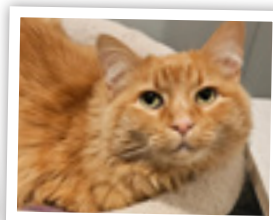
surveys of TCH residents will confirm this, the most important job is to make sure everyone gets fed and their water bowls filled. Volunteers measure out each meal, making sure each cat gets the type and amount of food that is best for them. Our shift team leaders finish by doing a final walk through to ensure nothing has been overlooked before leaving the shelter.

In summary, if not for the commitment of our faithful cat caregivers, the shelter simply would not run as smoothly and our lives would not be as comfortable. This dedication from our amazing volunteers, 365 days a year, allows TCH to remain focused on its mission of helping each cat find their forever home. I hope this resolves your question and that you will visit us again soon.

Regards, Spartacus



Swiss (FeLV+) – 5 years



Peaches (FeLV+) – 13 years



Luna – 5 years



Rascal – 3 years



Gertie (FeLV+) – 8 years

Consent: Strengthening Your Relationship with Your Cat, continued from page 1

- Grooming and brushing
- Playing
- Being approached or handled

By paying attention to your cat's signals, you can tell whether they are enjoying the interaction or asking for space.

How Cats Say "Yes"

Cats show comfort and willingness in subtle but clear ways. Signs your cat is consenting to an interaction include:

- Leaning into your hand
- Purring and relaxed breathing
- Slow blinking
- Soft eyes and relaxed ears
- Kneading or settling comfortably nearby
- Head-butting or rubbing against you

How Cats Say "No"

Cats also communicate when they're uncomfortable or overwhelmed. Respecting these signals helps prevent stress, fear, bites, and scratches.

Common "no" signals include:

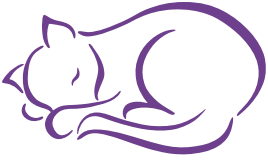
- Tail flicking or thumping
- Ears turning sideways or back
- Sudden stillness or body tension
- Skin rippling along the back
- Running away or hiding
- Growling, hissing, or swatting

These signals are requests for space. When we stop the interaction at this stage, we teach cats that their communication works and that they are safe with us.

(As an aside, cats will consent to things they might initially refuse, such as getting in a carrier to go to the vet, if you use slow, positive steps to teach them, but that's a topic for another day.)

The Rewards of Consent

Consent is about listening, responding, and treating cats as partners in your relationship. When we respect what cats are telling us, they learn something important—their voice matters. And when cats feel heard, they often respond with the greatest gift they can offer—trust. A relationship built on trust, patience, and respect is one of the most rewarding parts of sharing life with a cat.



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