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noun

a mixture of various creature images submitted by MICL members in the spirit of providing insight regarding personal lives and ponderings enhanced with poetry.



WALKING MAGGIE

Maggie is patient, sits at the door,
whines, scratches the door mat,
waits for us to emerge.

She is the dog, we are her ticket
out of the yard into a world of aroma.
Maggie dances, excited to get onto the leash,
her silver tags jingling together,
she pulls us toward the gate, then head down
sniffs the unseen messages of doggie mail
she absorbs like we do our morning paper.
Once she smells the message she leaves her own.
Some mail stations take longer than others,
all engage her interest.

Along the way she encounters Rickie and Lucy,
Border Collies monitoring their yard boundary.
They greet each other with a more personal sniff,
then leaving a squirt of urine Maggie trots off.
Rounding the corner is the Golden Lab,
who carries her leash in her mouth,
not interested in Maggie or her mail.
But it's the Standard Poodle pup that wants to play –
lunging, whining, barking, pulling his master –
causes a long stripe of hair to rise down Maggie's back.
Once at home again, Maggie seeks treats
we place around the yard,
a treasure hunt for her
after the mail run.

Lynn M. Hansen



MAGGIE Owners: Lynn Hansen
& Richard Anderson



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BAXTER Owner: Maureen Fuertes



SMOKEY'S REQUIEM

*He looked a fierce and quarrelsome cat,
But claw he never would;
He only bit the ones he loved,
Because they tasted good.*

Sarah F. Greenfield

KIT-KIT Owner: Maureen Fuertes



PEPPER Owner: Maureen Fuertes





CORA the WONDER DOG Owner: Steve Jacobs



A TRUE FRIEND

*A crumb from the donut, a piece of toast
That's all it takes, no need to boast.
A scratch on the ear, a pat on the head
A quiet "good doggie" no more is said.
A walk in the park, a ride in the car
No need to go fast, no need to go far.
Always there happy and content,
A tried and true friendship
No need to invent.*

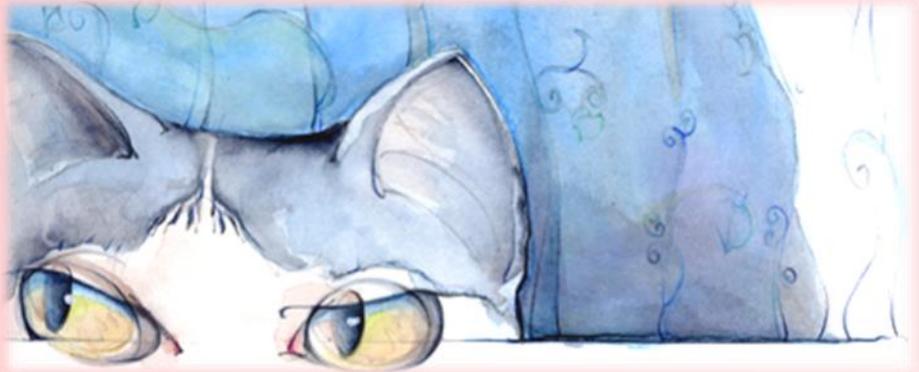
Patricia Walter



GUS (L) and QUIGLEY (R) Owner: Marj Whinery



KATNISS Owner: Judy Moore



THE NAMING OF CATS

*The naming of cats is a difficult matter,
It isn't just one of your holiday games;
You may think at first I'm as mad as a hatter
When I tell you, a cat must have THREE DIFFERENT NAMES.*

T S Elliot



BUDDHA BUDDY MARTY Owner: Joann Blaska



BABETTE Owner: Beverly Schlegel



SUMMER Owner: Susan Filice



FINLEY Owner: Roger Jackson



OATH BY A HUNTING DOG (excerpts)

I promise...

To wake up with you at 4am to hunt in any weather;

To give it everything I have on every retrieve;

To run with seemingly reckless abandon thru fences, timber, and brush to what you send me after;

To not judge you harshly and forgive you when you miss your shots;

To stare at you and drool profusely in eager anticipation that you may share some of your beef jerky with me;

To snore the entire drive home from the hunt in the backseat of the pickup;

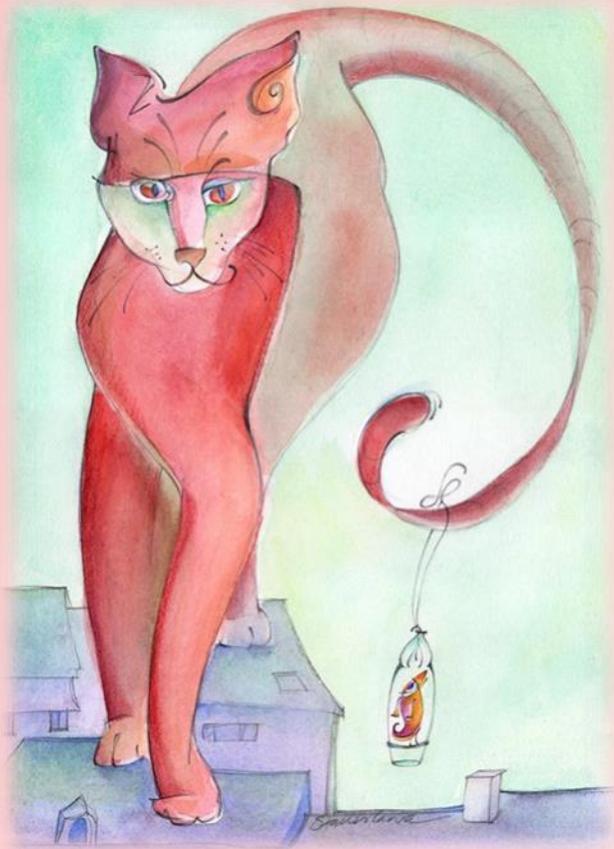
To be ever loyal, the best of companions, and your best friend because I love you.

For I am your hunting dog.

Gerry Shaw



PHOENIX Owner: Susan Filice



*When the cat reaches up
One needed paw to drag down a book
From your desk, then another,
That's not love...that's dominance!*

Rebecca Hazelton



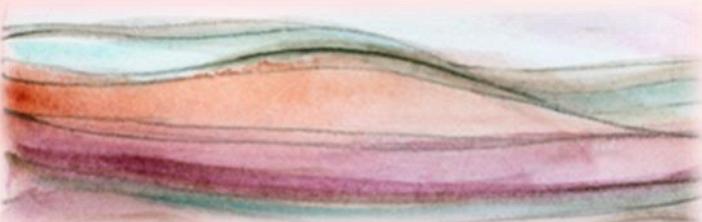
LIEUTENANT Grand Owner: Nancy Haskett



CAPTAIN Grand Owner: Nancy Haskett



GLORIA Owner: Carol Quinlan





RINGO (L) AND WHISKEY (R)
Grand Owner: Nancy Haskett



WHAT LUCY LOVES

Treat time! And here comes Lucy, stout and hardy, running for her morning treat – which she takes from my hand to her puffy bed to enjoy slowly...privately..

then amble into the yard for any new scents under the trees – while keeping an eye on me watering the potted plants.

Lucy loves what all dogs love: a peaceful yard, her mommy nearby, a bright, new day, and a happy routine in her safe place.

Carol Quinlan

STELLA Owner: Ed Padilla



LUCY Owner: Carol Quinlan





CHARLISE aka **CHARLIE** Grand Owners:
Wayne & Diana Sicard



MARLEY Owners: Wayne & Diana Sicard



KONA Owners: Wayne & Diana Sicard

MY FRIEND

Who puts up with me when I'm an old crab?

*Who still hangs around when I'm boring
and drab?*

*Who puts a smile on my face when I'm wearing
a frown?*

Who lifts me up when I'm feeling down?

Who else but you is caring and true?

So I just wanna say "thank you."

Mary E. Carpio



SOPHIE Grand Owner: Louise Summerlot

CONVENIENT

I am inventing a transparent cat.

When he sits on your newspaper or stands pointedly between you and your book, you can still read.

When he spends the night on your navy wool dress, you can still wear it in the morning.

There are drawbacks —

Your breakfast bacon may pick up and vanish.

Ann Kilmer



COCONUT Owner: Shirley Brooks



MAX the WONDER CAT Owner: Joann Blaska



PURIM (L) and JASMINE (R) Owner: Lynn Iwase



ZIGGY Grand Owner: Nancy Haskett



BLACK ALEX & THE BUTTERFLY

*He contemplates a butterfly,
Watches it as it flutters by,
Marvels at its painted wing,
Glad it's dumb and doesn't sting,
An animate hors d'oeuvre with flair,
Black Alex likes his rare.*

Lynette Combs



HOT COCOA ROSE Owner: Diedre Bush



MR T (L) & SNICKER (R) Owner: Renate Glinskas



GRACIE Owner: Patricia Phelan



BELLA Owner: Dorothy Winke



RUFF 'N READY Owner: Diedre Bush



DOGS HAVE A WAY OF FINDING THE PEOPLE WHO NEED THEM AND FILLING AN EMPTINESS WE DIDN'T EVER KNOW WE HAD.

Thom Jones



TAFFY Owners: Dorothy Ford & Ron Rutschman

LILY Owner: Carol Sullivan



SHADON Owner: Mary Wolgamot



CHARLEY Owners: Dorothy Ford & Ron Rutschman



HAPPINESS
STARTS *with a*
WET NOSE
and ENDS
with a TAIL.

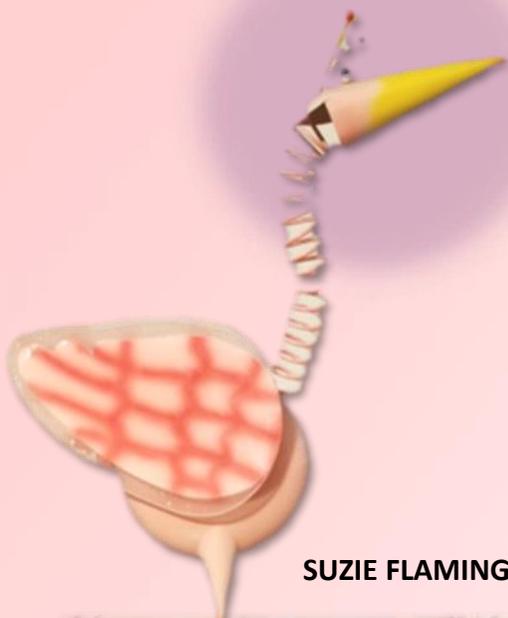


SLIDER Owner: Jenny Krajewski

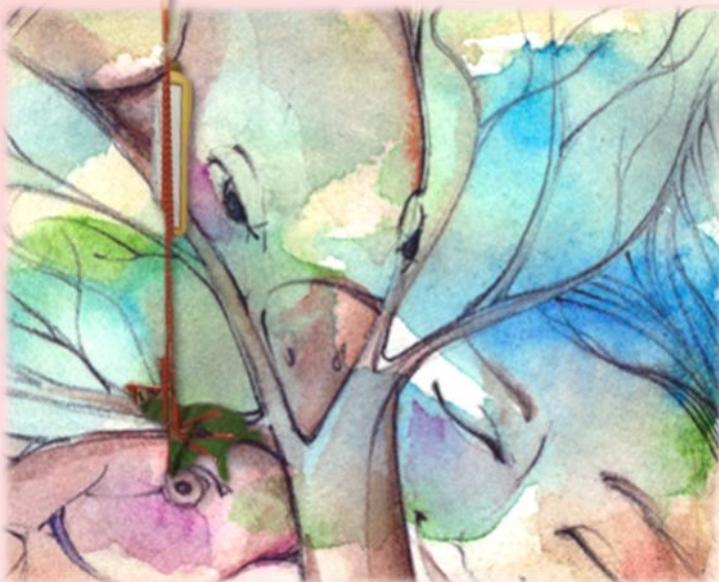
TURTLES SMILE

*Watch the turtle in profile
and you'll see who he is.
He is our collective ancestor.
He's got that smile —
the one that a grandfather
gives a rambunctious grandchild
just as he's getting into trouble.
It's a wise smile
that understands youth
but has learned patience.*

Dustin Down



SUZIE FLAMINGO Owner: Diedre Bush



*Suzie was a fussy flamingo,
Who remarked to the family,
"By jingo, I think I would go
To the animal show,
But they all talk
such barbarous lingo!"*

Carolyn Weiss