# Pet Tidings



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# Willow the Traveling Cat

You might say Willow was a traveler from birth, as he was only a tiny tabby kitten when he and his mother came to live across the street from a PFOA member some four years ago.

It was a noisy household, with three young children, a dog, and other cats. So although Willow and Samantha were fed and could go inside via the cat door for shelter, they spent most of their time outside in the woods and brush nearby.

Willow was still very little when one of the children dropped him from a second story window onto the concrete below "to see if he'd land on his feet," as the child explained. He no longer is able to walk quite straight and sometimes falls, but his adventurous spirit and affectionate nature survived.

The PFOA neighbor had Samantha and Willow spayed/neutered and given their shots. When the family moved on a couple of years later and didn't want them any longer, both found refuge with PFOA. After having only each other to depend on for so long, they blossomed in a caring place.

Enter Jay and Chanda Christensen, who came looking for a "traveling cat" who



Willow on the lookout for his favorite food

could join them in their passion for frequent travel. They wanted a cat who would take change and adventure in stride, a mellow cat who would bond with them and be at home wherever they were.

Who but Willow? He left with them on a "trial basis" and has never returned. Home for much of the year is a trailer pulled by a king cab pickup, and two people who dote on him.

That first summer of 2002 was spent in Alaska, where Willow enjoyed fishing from a drift boat, with no motor to scare him. In his new harness, he went everywhere with Chanda and Jay. This was the life!

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Peninsula Friends of Animals is now and always has been an independent group that is not associated with any other group or shelter.

#### OUR MISSION

 To prevent the birth of unwanted through aggressive educational and spay/neuter programs; and to place as many homeless, neglected and/or abandoned as possible into good, safe, permanent homes.

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Cocoa

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Gerry, Marcie and Thomas

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#### GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE THAT LITTLE CHILDREN KNOW:

1) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time; 2) You can't trust dogs to watch your food; 3) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.

---submitted by Bryant Butterfield

# PAWS FOR A THOUGHT

At the emotional heart of an organization like ours are the pets some refer to as "hard-to-adopt" or "hard-to-place." We prefer to call these pets "adoption-challenged."

Not one of these special-needs cats or dogs deserves the fate that has made him or her a difficult placement. Some were mistreated or have suffered unthinkable traumas. Several have medical conditions that require regular treatment. Numerous cats in PFOA's care were born feral and are reluctant to trust humans. Some pets have deformities as the result of accidents or birth defects. Others have reached an advanced age and are overlooked because of the perception they won't be around long (even though large numbers of cats and small dogs now live to 19 or 20 years old with regular veterinary care). Sometimes sight or hearing is an issue. Some are just passed by because of superstitions about their color, or because they have hair long enough that it might be left on furniture or require brushing!

Among adoption-challenged pets currently in PFOA's care is Dallas, a wonderfully good-natured cat whose rear quarters were badly damaged after being hit by a car. As a result, Dallas walks with an enormous limp and sway. And there's Oreo and Catherine, the 14 and 15 year old felines who just want someone with whom to share the journey through their final years. Then there's Jack, the Rottweiler/Chow mix dog who spent his first year or more penned up in an extremely small enclosure and was never really given the opportunity to be a puppy. Now in PFOA foster care, two-year-old Jack weighs 80 pounds and is inappropriately (but understandably) acting out puppyhood in all its glory.

Whose heart cant't go out to Hannah? This sweet kitty was the victim of a birth defect that left her front foot badly deformed and inverted. As difficult as it is for some people to even look at Hannah, she is as people-oriented a cat as anyone could ever be lucky enough to meet.

There's Peggy Sue and Dinah, calico/tortoise shell sisters born in the rubble of some abandoned buildings—too fearful to be touched by humans, but desirous enough of warmth and security to sneak into their human caretaker's bedroom at night in order to sleep on the bed.

And then there's Booky, the malnourished and fearful mom cat, rescued from a "collector," who made herself ill trying to feed and protect her babies. And Rutabaga, a gorgeous large cat left abandoned and hungry outside a vacant house. And Missy, whose past traumas have left her extremely insecure unless she has almost constant attention and her blanket. And Azure, the blue-eyed white cat in the early stages of kidney failure. And Little Joey, the wet and shivering little ball of orange and white fluff left separated from his mother at five weeks old and exposed to the elements and predators in a trap for several days by someone not sensitive enough to check it daily.

Sure, it takes a special person to come to the aid of a special-needs pet. But there are lots of special people out there. Maybe you're one of them. Perhaps it's YOU who can turn an adoption-challenged pet into a successfully adopted one.

If not you, who?

-Editor
Lunor

When the cat sits with her tail to the fire, bad weather is on the way. —
-Folklore

"You know the things you can't do. Leave those alone. Do the things you can do. The rest will follow." — Cathy Garner, Fresno (CA) Wildlife Rehabilitation

VET-SMARTZ by Dr. Virginia Johnson, Diplomate, American Board of Veterinary Practitioners

Dear Dr. Johnson: I have a female cat. She is 1 1/2 years old, and she sits and washes and washes to the point of losing hair on her back end from washing so much. Then she will scratch until she gets little sores that get scabs on them. She is beautiful, but she is in such misery and I can't afford a lot to take her to the vet. I know she needs a shot or something. A girlfriend she said she had the same problem with her cat. Please help. Mandy.

Dear Mandy: The first thing I would think of from what you are describing would be flea allergy. Fleas cause lots of itching and love to start around the back end and over the tail. Since you are being honest and telling me that money is limited, the easiest and first thing I would suggest is to get

a flea preventive product on your cat.

There are several good flea prevention products on the market. I am not a big fan of the Hartz products that you can buy in grocery stores. They are very harsh and often don't help get rid of fleas at all. My recommendation would be to take a little extra money and go to the veterinarian's office and buy what they sell. (Call ahead to find out if an examination is required before buying flea product.) You can buy a one month tube for somewhere around \$12-\$15. Every clinic has a different price, but that should be in the ballpark. There are several brands. The most common are Revolution, Frontline and Advantage. I think the

Frontline is the most consistently good product of the three, but they all work.

Put that on your cat as directed and then you can try a little Cort-Aid or other hydrocortisone cream on the sore spots. If she is not improving within 5-7 days, then you will need to see your veterinarian to find out what else may be going on. There may be a need for blood tests, skin tests or other medications. Because of where we live and what you are describing, I would suspect and hope that fleas are causing your cat's problems and hopefully this will be easy and inexpensive to fix for her.

Let me know how things turn out. Best wishes.

-Dr. Ginny Johnson

# PFOA President Thanks Spay/Neuter Clinic Veterinarians

Spring!!!! Mother nature in all her glory, the renewal and rebirth of our earth, and fortunately or unfortunately the kitten and puppy season depending upon your point of view.....

This year Clallam County is facing a very real crisis in pet overpopulation and if something is not done our community will literally be inundated with thousands of homeless kittens and puppies.

When the county commissioners

announced the budget cuts last winter, PFOA launched a hot, heavy and ongoing campaign to raise funds for our Spay/Neuter programs. We also sent out an appeal to our local veterinarians for help. And help they did. These wonderful, caring people came forward to help their community and the animals, both of whom need their help desperately.

On behalf of all the members of PFOA and myself I would like to give a very special "thanks" to the local Sequim veterinarians that participated in our last three Spay/Neuter clinics in which nearly 70 animals were spayed or

We are extremely grateful to Dr. Brian Marts of Sequim Animal Hospital (who did two clinics) and Dr. Linda Allen, and her associate Dr. Cheryl Adaska of Pacific Northwest Veterinary Hospital, as well as to the capable and dedicated staffs at both hospitals.

# **Shields Finally Gets His Forever Home**

Shields and eight feline housemates had always lived indoors and were well cared for by their elderly human. In the summer of 2001, their human became ill and had to go away. Shields and the others left behind were tossed out into the elements and at the mercy of predators for the first time in their lives. They were totally unprepared to defend themselves against the obstacles they were to face.

PFOA rushed into action in an effort to save Shields and the others. One by one, over a period of weeks, they were humanely trapped after having suffered various predicaments.

Shields, who had been bottle fed by his human to keep him alive as a kitten, was injured



Shields sits in a sunny window in his new home. The "sad "or "burly" expression is just the result of jaw repair work and long forgotten injuries.

worse than the others. His jaw was broken in two places. His left eye was swollen shut and badly infected, and he was full of cuts and bite wounds. It was not possible for his surgery to give him a perfectly aligned jaw, so his tongue often sticks out. His left eye has a permanent squint.

Recently, of all the cats available for adoption at PFOA. Shields was picked out by some nice people who came along and fell in love with him. He has now gone to his permanent home, where his new humans report back that they absolutely ADORE him.

Shields' battle scars may have made him "adoption-challenged," but he turned out to be just the right match for some kind people who were able to see beyond his looks and into his soul!

# Memorials and Gratitudes

#### In Memory of Special People

In memory of Phyllis M. Bories, from Chris, Kim and Phyllis

In loving memory of our niece and cousin Vicki Hyde Hickey from Evelyn and Dee Hyde, Christine Leon and Mark Sayfi, Larry and Karen Hoffman, whose passion for our feline friends will never be forgotten.

In memory of Mario Bruska, from Valerie & Mark Holland

#### In Honor of Special Friends

In appreciation to Natalie Spiegel for taking care of Cody Cat, from Barbara West

#### In Honor of Special Pets

To honor Dusty, who now resides with Ann Gilson, from Janet Boyce

#### In Memory of Beloved Companion Pets

In memory of Robbie Benson, a truly unique little Scottie. Thank you Dr. Linda Allen & staff, from Linda Benson

In loving memory of Ann Gilson's little blind dog, Rambeaux, from Nancy & Dallas Campbell

In memory of beloved Chica, who went to Glory 31 years ago this April. Not one day since has she been forgotten by Ann Gilson.

In memory of Ann Gilson's little dog, Rambeaux, from Janet & Jess Harker

In loving memory of Nancy Campbell's senior cat, Emmie, from Janet & Jess Harker

In memory of Win Skillman's dear little dog, Meggie, from Doris Nolan

In memory of all the loved dogs who are waiting for Rob and me on the other side of the "Rainbow Bridge," from Gerry Whitters and Rob

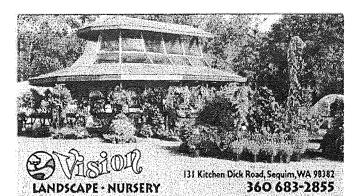


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Cleo

# Taking Care of Rover and Fluffy After You're Gone; Pet Trusts Legal in Washington and 16 Other States

What will happen to your beloved feline and canine companions if your life comes to an end before theirs does?

Many pets are abandoned or euthanized when their humans die. This happens most often because the relatives of the deceased do not always have the same feelings about pets as the person with whom the pet lived.

According to a recent story in *USA Weekend* (March 7-9, 2003), people in Washington State are lucky enough to live in

one of only 17 states where pet trusts are legal. A pet trust allows a person to provide money and name a caretaker for their pets in their will.

Charlotte Alexander and David Congalton have co-written a book, When Your Pet Outlives You: Protecting Animal Companions After You Die. (Newsage press, \$12.95). According to Ms. Alexander, people with pets "should think about their animals at the same time they sit down and figure out who is going to get their house

after they die."

A similar book has been written by Lisa Rogak: "PerPETual Care: Who Will Look After Your Pets If You're Not Around? (Litterature, \$15).

Other states besides Washington where pet trusts may be enacted are Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee and Utah.

Nothing that happens between humans and animals is separate from what happens in every other aspect of human life. Who we are with animals mirrors who we are—our fears, our joys, our dreams, our actions—in every other arena of our lives."

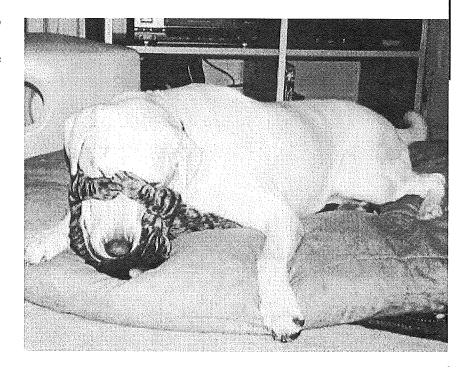
——Susan Chernak McElroy

### **NEW MEMBERS**

PFOA membership continues to grow by leaps and bounds. Thanks and welcome to the following new members:

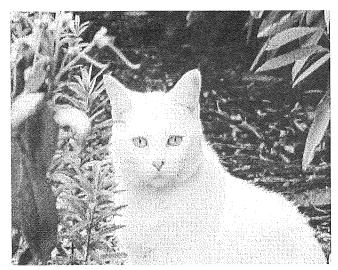
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# Where is the CAT? Submitted by Helen Hille



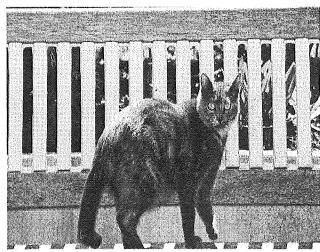
# **Adoption-Challenged**

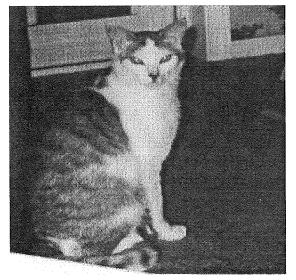
Special animals with special needs looking for special homes with special people



Missy is a beautiful 3 or 4 year old kitty. Her past life has left her tremendously insecure.....she wants constant attention and has to have a real security blanket. Missy would also like a home where she would be the only pet. She is spayed and has had her shots. If you spend lots of time at home and can give this sweet little girl the love she requires, call PFOA to come meet Missy.

Hannah was born with a deformed foot. It looks very strange, but she gets around fine and uses the foot like a hockey puck to bat toys around. Hannah loves people and is tremendously affectionate. Like all PFOA animals, she is spayed and has had her shots. She would love her own home and people to adore her. Call PFOA if you are ready to give this sweet girl a chance in your home.

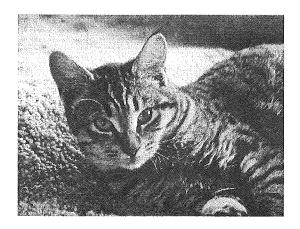




Little Joey was rescued by PFOA after spending far too long a time in a trap that was not protected from the weather or predators. He came to us a hungry, soaking wet, shivering little kitten who was separated from his mother when he was trapped. Joey's emotional scars run deep, and he will not allow himself to be touched by humans. He does move freely about the household, however, and could be the perfect challenge for just the right person willing to work with him for years to come.

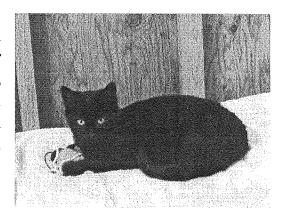
# ADOPTABLES!

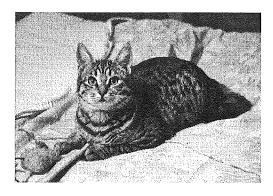
All of these socialized pets have been health-checked and treated, vaccinated and spayed or neutered. Please call our Message Center at (360) 452-0414 if you can provide a safe, loving, comfortable home for one or more of them.



These four kitties, all litter mates, are socialized and ready for new homes. They are about 8 months old. Ozzy is the most laid-back, happy to sit on a perch and contemplate life or the action taking place around him. He is a little shy, but warms up quickly to anyone willing to pet and snuggle with him. If you are looking for a philosophic comrade, Ozzy is the one!

Honeybun is the comic. She is extremely active and wants nothing more than to play, play, play. Her favorite playmate is her sister Comet. If possible, they would love to live together. When Honeybun finally tires out, she loves to be held and stroked until she energizes again. If you are looking for a funny, playful kitten, Honeybun is the one for you.





Kelly is just about your all around purrrfect kitty. Just a bit shy at first, she is overall a relaxed and loving cat who enjoys being held, pet and groomed. She also enjoys playing with both people and other cats. Kelly is ready for her new family. Are you ready for this bundle of joy? Call PFOA if you are.

Comet was the last of the litter mates to be socialized. She is named Comet because she often streaks past anyone wanting to touch her. She loves playing hard with her sister Honeybun. Comet is not overly fearful of people, just extremely cautious. Given time, patience and attention, she will undoubtedly become a wonderful companion.



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#### SAFE HAVEN UPDATE



#### COMPLETED OR NEARLY SO:

The framing, the plumbing, the electrical, the sprinkler system, the handicapped access ramp.

**STILL TO GO:** The drywall, the sheetrock, the flooring, the outdoor fencing.

BEST GUESS AS TO WHEN THE FELINES CAN MOVE IN:

Late summer or early fall.

### Sponsorships Key to Helping Adoption-Challenged PFOA Pets

Many of the adoption-challenged pets that PFOA has rescued will spend their entire lives with us. That's why sponsorships by community members are so important in assuring ongoing health care and comfortable surroundings for each of them.

Food, bedding, toys, medicine and veterinary care must be provided for these animals on an ongoing basis. PFOA's Sponsorship Program allows individuals to contribute \$10 a month toward this care for an individual

adoption-challenged or special needs pet. In return, the sponsor receives pictures and a history of his or her sponsored pet, and may receive occasional updates as well.

It is only because of our sponsors that PFOA is able to provide the quality care these pets deserve.

Current sponsors of pets in PFOA's care are: Teri Adair, Claire Bernards, Kathy Danley, Marguerite & Louis Evart, Claudia Fureby, Rod & Linda

Grubb, Linda Harer, Sharon Jordon, Leal & John Lewis, Lisa Ljunhammar, Polly Loggy, Maizie Maloney, Helen Miller, Lee & Linda Moench, Judy O'Grady-Tilley, Janet Peacock, Carolyn St. James, Marilyn Scott, Nellie Stokley, Diana Vance, Dennis & Marian Wajckus and Sallie Williams.

Lucky pets being sponsored are Annabelle, Booky, Catherine, Dallas, Dinah, Gypsy, Jackson, Jemima, Inky, Little Joey, Murphy, Oreo, Peggy Sue, Princess, Rutabaga and Sumari.

# Feral Cats and Kittens: Innocent Victims of Human Neglect

You have feral (wild) cats running around on your property or in the neighborhood.

You know it's not the fault of the cats that they're abandoned and neglected, and you know it would be neither humane nor civilized to have them trapped, taken to the pound and euthanized.

So you call PFOA for assistance.

A volunteer explains that there is no appropriate place in the PFOA network of foster homes to house feral, unadoptable cats, but asks if you would be willing to provide food and water to

the cats once they have been trapped, sterilized and returned to the property from which they came. You will also be asked if you are in a position to contribute any portion of the veterinary expenses incurred. If both questions are answered yes, the procedures can begin.

(We may be able to help even if you can't contribute financially).

A PFOA volunteer comes to where the cats are and shows you how to operate a humane trap that will be left with you. Trapped cats will be picked up in the morning and (if old enough) spayed or neutered by a veterinarian, treated (if necessary) for parasites, illness or injury, then returned back to where they were trapped within 24 hours—and ready to live out the rest of their lives much healthier and happier animals.

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Learn more. Give us a call. —BN

# Time to Start Accumulating Summer Yard Sale Donations

PFOA's annual summer yard sale will be upon us before we know it! The exact date hasn't yet been set, but previous sales have taken place at some time during the first three weeks of July.

It's not to soon to begin

accumulating quality items for the sale. PFOA doesn't yet have a collection point for these items, so the hope is that you can keep them in a garage or storage area until such time as we have a place to put them.

The summer issue of *Pet Tidings*, due out the week of June 23, will have more details on where to take your donations and when volunteers can pick up those that cannot be dropped off.

Thank you in advance!

**BUILDING FUND DONORS**: Thanks to the following recent donors to the Safe Haven Building Fund: Theresa Adair, Rex & Reva Bates, J. Patricia Cail, Richard Dillon, Eleanor Duvall, William & Rebekah Grant, Rita Heywood, Polly Loggy, R. L. McMicken, Richard & Helen Page.

# PFOA Merchandise Quick and Easy to Obtain by Mail

PFOA's excellent dog/cat logo is available in an increasing variety of merchandise. Items currently available are T-shirts, sweatshirts, computer mouse pads, drink coasters, wraparound soda can coolers and barbeque aprons.

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Sweatshirts, your	choice of any primary	color or whi	te, sizes S-XL, <b>\$20</b> (XXL & XXXL, \$23.50)		
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Computer mouse	pads, nice!, \$12 Qty_	Total \$			
Drink coasters, set	t of 4, your choice of r	ound or squa	are \$8		
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Barbeque apron, S	<b>§14</b> Qty_	Total \$_			
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### Traveling Willow

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Then home to Sequim again before heading to Idaho for a spell. Snoozing in the cab as the miles reeled out behind them, or exploring new sights and sounds and smells when they stopped, Willow loved every minute of his wonderful new life.

Soon the Christensens and Willow will be heading out again, this time to Mississippi. And after that, who knows?

Willow doesn't care. He knows he has it all—endless variety with the security of home and family. His handicap no longer matters, for there are willing hands to lift him up where he can't jump. His troubled past no longer troubles him.

Willow the Traveling Cat is home at last, for always. --AG



Willow rests after returning from an especially long trip

# Strict, Unbending Rules for Dealing With Stray Cats submitted by Nolia Krueger

- 1. Stray cats will not be fed.
- 2. Stray cats will not be fed anything except dry cat food.
- Stray cats will not be fed anything except dry and canned cat food
- 4. Stray cats will not be fed anything except dry and canned cat food, yummy treats and leftover fish scraps.
- Stray cats will not be encouraged to make this house their permanent residence.
- Stray cats will not be petted, played with or picked up and cuddled unnecessarily.
- 7. Stray cats that are petted, played with, picked up and cuddled will absolutely not be given a name.
- 8. Stray cats with or without a name will not be allowed inside the house at any time.
- Stray cats will not be allowed inside the house except at certain times.
- Stray cats will not be allowed inside the house except on days ending in "y."
- 11. Stray cats allowed inside will not be permitted to jump up on or sharpen their claws on the furniture.
- 12. Stray cats will not be allowed to jump up on, or sharpen claws on the really good furniture.
- 13. Stray cats will be permitted on all furniture but must sharpen claws on the new \$114.99 sisal rope cat scratching post with three perches.
- 14. Stray cats will answer the call of nature outdoors in the sand.

- Stray cats will answer the call of nature in the three-piece, high-impact plastic tray filled with Fresh 'n Sweet kitty litter
- Stray cats will answer the call of nature in the hooded litter pan with a three-panel privacy screen and plenty of head room.
- 17. Stray cats will sleep outside.
- 18. Stray cats will sleep in the garage.
- 19. Stray cats will sleep in the house.
- Stray cats will sleep in a cardboard box with an old blanket.
- Stray cats will sleep in the special Kitty Komfort Bed with non-allergenic lambs wool pillow.
- 22. Stray cats will not be allowed to sleep on the bed.
- 23. Stray cats will not be allowed to sleep on the bed, except at the foot.
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#### BOOK REVIEW: Scamper, a Cat

Scamper, a Cat, a charming group of short stories by local writer Margot Fritz, is based on pets, people and places from her own life.

The Olympic Peninsula background and the well-loved cats central to most of the stories will be especially appealing to PFOA members and friends.

As the author says, many of us are "in a relationship with an animal person," and the stories of Pippin,

Scamper and Spirit demonstrate how central that relationship can be.

The stories range from "Scamper, a Cat," at 30 pages a well developed and sometimes disturbing tale, to "Berry Picking," only 3 1/2 pages, that contains a compelling little sketch of her stepfather, raised by grandparents who were born slaves.

Ms. Fritz comes through in this brief but substantial little book as likeable, literate, and caring. She is currently writing a novel, and if **Scamper**, a Cat is a good indication of her talent and skills, it will be worth watching for.

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The book can be ordered on the web at www.scamperacat.com or by calling 1-888-280-7715.

"You can be sure it will rain when the cats wash behind their ears." ——Folklore

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