

The Country Kitty B&B<sup>SM</sup>  
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Casual Boarding for Feline Friends.<sup>SM</sup>

Summer 2017  
Now In Our 19th Year!

We get lots of compliments on our attractive web site. Pictures truly are worth a thousand words. And it's a great way to communicate!

- Many customers book return visits totally via e-mail.
- Other folks have their family and friends check out the place where their cats are staying.
- Customers often e-mail us from hotels or homes of friends and relatives asking how their pets are doing. We even e-mail snapshots of our guests to their owners showing kitty's having fun at the B & B.

"Greetings from paradise (expensive paradise) hope you are well. How's Ted doing? Dr. Pat calls him our 'big old boy'. He'll be 15 this summer. My son Matt may come and visit him. Thank you, we don't worry about Ted when he's with you."  
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"It's a 'paws up' for my 3 furry babies:  
Monk says, "Thank you for my sunny perch. I was so comfortable here!"  
Manny says, "Thanks for giving me my medicine and for my cozy hideaway."  
Hello Kitty says, "I loved bird, squirrel, and turkey watching!"  
I appreciate the loving care you gave the kitties during their week long stay. I would not consider any other arrangement!" JB

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## Lap of Love

One of our customers, Lynn, wanted us all to know about "Lap of Love", a hospice program for pets. She writes:

"Tian had begun to "fade" after Christmas. I knew for his sake it was better to make the last gift of love a day sooner than a day too late. Tian was a trooper to the end. I was determined he would be here at home with Tai & Jake when the time came. The referral center gave me the name of "Lap of Love". I can't say enough about them or about Dr. Melanie from the program. Everything was so kind & gentle for Tian, myself, Tai & Jake. It's an amazing organization. Tai & Jake are doing ok-lot of whimpering/pacing/looking for Tian but as part of the program they were given as much time with Tian before & after as they needed to help them...& myself. "Go in peace, Tian Tian...Dance among the stars & butterflies...you will always be with Tai, Jake & me in our hearts."

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"How can a little business take so much energy?", Kip recently asked me at the end of the B&B day. "Because we do it right", I answered. You might be surprised to learn that in New York State, boarding kennels do not have to be licensed and are not subject to inspection. There are no minimum standards, and no regulations to be followed. That's right. Never assume that a boarding kennel is a safe place to leave your pet. Always go see the facility with your own eyes and ask to see the area where the animals are kept.

From the very beginning, *The Country Kitty B&B* has proven its commitment to exceptional care. Upon opening, we joined the American Boarding Kennels Association ("ABKA"), an international trade organization for commercial boarding kennels. We were excited about ABKA's voluntary facilities accreditation program which required passing detailed on-site inspections in 16 different areas of animal care and management. In 2000, *The Country Kitty B&B* became the first boarding kennel in New York State to be accredited under this program. We were reaccredited in 2006 and were awaiting our inspection in 2012 when ABKA, (which had grown to become the Pet Care Services Association) dissolved.

Although the accreditation program no longer exists, *The Country Kitty B&B* continues to follow those same high standards. We are committed to giving you and your cats our very best every day. Not only do we make sure that they are safe and comfortable while they're in our care. We also pay close attention to their needs and their general health and well being.

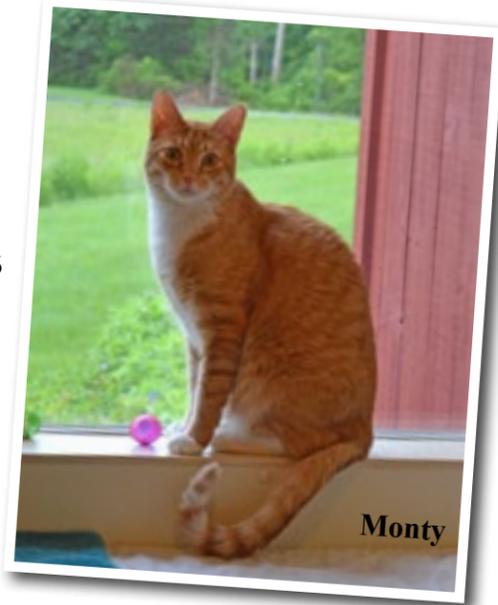
The B&B just celebrated its 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I have been here since October 2006 and I still begin and end each day with as much enthusiasm as I did on my first day here. Your cats will always get my best. They deserve that.

Lynn

### Always In Our Memory

Guests who are sleeping in their final resting place

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|---------------|--------------|
| Dolly, 20     | Penny, 14    |
| Ella, 13      | Pounce, 15   |
| Hector, 14    | Sassy, 10    |
| Max, 9        | Tian Tian, 8 |
| Moonlight, 17 | Wanda, 10    |



Lynn says "Don't feel you have to write something", but I like to contribute. So this time, just a few of random thoughts.

At the moment, I'm chuckling about the rare quietness this week between comings and goings. On one hand, it means a lot of work getting now-empty rooms thoroughly cleaned and their furnishings laundered and sanitized for new guests coming soon.

Today, it's just me, **Monty** and **Amelia**. **Monty's** a tiger and **Amelia's** a lion. Actually, she's a long-haired kitty with a "lion cut", her fur all shaved away from her neck down, leaving a fluffy mane, a tuft at the tip of her tail, and furry lower legs which look like high-fashion boots. Comfy for the hot weather ahead.

Speaking of weather, I'm thankful for our generator. We just experienced the brunt of a "macro burst" which especially slammed our part of town. We were without commercial power for almost two days and without reliable phone service for close to a week. We can't say enough about all the Verizon guys who did their best to help us.

Another thought. I hope whoever thought of putting a Velcro closure strip on bags of a particular brand of cat food got rewarded handsomely. I wish more manufacturers would copy them. Life would be easier when there are ten rooms of cats to feed.

Well I filled my space... till next issue.

Kip

"All I can say is WOW! What a beautiful facility. It is spotless and the attention to details is amazing—from the personalized welcome sign at the door to the delightful "thank you" bag—complete with a Kit Kat bar! But most important was that I felt like my kitty was being cared for by family and I could actually relax and not worry about her while we were away. You are the BEST!! A thousand thank yous again!" BD



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The purrrfect place for your best friend!



## CAT TALES

Stories About  
Favorite Felines



Alison writes about Bernie, a true "rescue" kitty.

"One Sunday afternoon we saw a kitty high up in a pine tree mewing down at us! I asked my neighbors if they knew the cat in the tree. They didn't. We all assumed he would come down.

He was still up there Monday afternoon, so I made some phone calls trying to find help to get this poor creature out of the tree. Everyone said he'd come down when he was hungry. He was still up there Tuesday morning so I spoke with a friend who has a cherry picker, but it was in need of repair. My friend directed me to her vet, who called the SPCA. They suggested a guy who had a surplus fire dept. ladder truck. Meantime, my neighbor got her husband, a volunteer fireman, to get an extension ladder. As he put it against the tree, the cat went higher!

Next it was decided to cut the tree and lay it at an angle on another tree, hoping the cat would walk down the incline. As the cut tree fell perfectly into the other tree, the cat jumped into that tree, a very large, tall, white pine! Next, we sprayed the cat with a hose hoping he would fall into a sheet we stretched

between us. All we did was get him wet and he went higher still. We could hardly see him up there in the swaying pine.

Meanwhile, I begged the folks with the fire truck to come! It was Primary Day and they said they'd be over as soon as they voted. My friend's vet joined us and while waiting for the ladder truck we removed part of a fence and cut down a bush so the truck could get into our back yard. Finally, as dusk was setting in, they arrived, positioned the truck and went up in the bucket.

They cut a few branches to reach the cat, grabbed him, and down they came! They handed the frightened kitty to my husband, who took the animal into our bathroom which we set up with some blankets, water, food and a litter box. The poor cat was covered in pine pitch. What a Tuesday!

We contacted local shelters to see if anyone was looking for a missing cat, but no luck. The next day we took him to the vet to see if he had a chip. He did! But it was for some place in Florida. They called the appropriate numbers but all were dead ends. So I took him home again. By now we were pretty sure we'd be



keeping him and named him **Bernie**.

Alas, we were scheduled to leave **Snowflake**, our other kitty, at the *B&B* that Friday for a week! Since we couldn't leave **Bernie** in a room with her at the *B&B* just yet, we scrambled to find some friends to come feed him while we were gone.

**Bernie** is now a healthy, confident, playful and loving kitty. He and **Snowflake** nose-bop a lot, share a food dish, and are now happily rooming together at *The Country Kitty B&B*!

Now and then, we are reminded how long we've been caring for kitties. We got one of those reminders recently when a longtime customer walked in. He didn't need to say a word. His tears told the story. He'd just left the vet, where **Penny** crossed the "Rainbow Bridge". **Penny** was less than a year old and the *B&B* was only four when she

first stayed with us. Jim said we always gave him and Robin peace of mind and they never worried for a minute when she was here. We shared stories about **Penny** and as he left, he thanked me for cheering him up. Memories have a way of doing that, even at the saddest of times. *Kip*



Photos at left, from top:  
Bounder, Beauty, Way, Toby, Greyboy, Buddy

## Life at the B&B

### The Name Game—Trick or Treat!

On Halloween we had two **Pumpkins** and a **Spooky** boarding here. Boo!

One day we had **Kitt**, **Kitt Kat**, two **Sassys** and a **Molly** next door to a **Dolly**.

Another day we had cats named **Betty**, **Esther**, and **Annie**. Those are the names of Lynn's grandmother and two great aunts! She told her grandmother we'd boarded our first **Betty** and she got a kick out of that.

The three name tags on the counter one afternoon were: **Sugar** who had just gone home, **Butterscotch**, who was coming in the next day, and **Cookie**, who was due in anytime. Sweet!



We're not vets, but we do observe a lot of cat behavior. We keep track of daily intake and output for each cat, doing the best we can to make sure all seems well in that regard. We recently boarded fifteen year old **Butterscotch** for the first time and noticed that she seemed to have more urine output than the average cat. We mentioned it to her owner, knowing that she has three other cats at home and probably has no way of know-

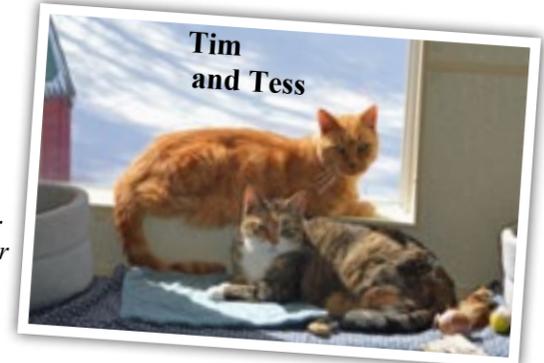
ing which cat goes when or how often. (**Butterscotch** was boarding with us because the pet sitter was not able to give **Butterscotch** her daily thyroid pill.) We received this note from **Butterscotch**'s mom, "Dear B&B friends: Because of your great care, **Butterscotch**'s kidney problem was discovered! A change in diet and we get to enjoy her longer. Thanks for all you did!" *RL*



A new customer called and unfortunately I didn't write her last name down so when I called the vet's office to get vaccination records for her cats, they couldn't find records. I asked the woman at the vet's office if she could search by owner first name and cat name. I told her that the customer is Diana and the cats are **Buddy** and **Cookie**. She searched that way but didn't find them. I said, "You don't have a Diana with a **Cookie**?" She said, "Yes. I found a Diana with a **Cookie**, but she's a bassett hound." *Lynn*

**Tim** and **Tess** stayed with us for 3 months while Mom and dad went to enjoy time with their grandson. The cats wrote to them: "Dear Mom, Having a lazy day. Sun is out. Birds are singing. We are doing great! Love, **Tim** and **Tess**".

Mom replied: "Gee whiz, I sure do miss you guys!! Dad misses you, too. But it does my heart good to hear about what a grand time you are having at the world-renowned *Country Kitty B&B*. And you both look mahhhhh-velous! I just hope you're not getting too spoiled though. Before you know it we'll all be back together again and you'll be doing all the cooking, cleaning and yard work per usual. Better keep resting up!! Love, Yer Ma"



## Keep Your Cats Safe This Summer

For cats that live an indoor-outdoor lifestyle, here are some helpful tips from the experts at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University

White and light colored cats are susceptible to sunburn and you should apply animal-safe sunscreen to her ears and nose. Excessive sun exposure can lead to cancers of the nose and ears in cats.

Fleas and ticks are more prevalent in warmer months, so it's important to discuss with your veterinarian a safe and appropriate protocol for your pet.

Remember: Never use a product intended for dogs on your cat! The result can be deadly.

During the warm months, it's not uncommon for garages and sheds to be left open-so it's especially easy for cats to wander in and step in chemicals, which they may later lick off. If you suspect your cat has been accidentally poisoned, do not delay! Contact your vet immediately.

Be sure your cat has fresh water available at all times and doesn't need to rely on an unsafe water source instead.

Be observant about insect stings, especially bees. If your cat is stung near its mouth or even in its throat, it can cause the airway to swell and restrict breathing.

If you suspect your cat has been stung, contact your vet immediately.

Heatstroke can kill an animal quickly. The signs are obvious: Your cat will be restless, pant excessively, and drool. If your cat is not treated quickly, she could collapse and fall into a coma. If you suspect that your cat is suffering from heat stroke, you can lower her temperature by bathing her in cool, not cold, water and seek emergency veterinary attention. Don't delay!

"Thank you for taking such good care of **Stella** while we were away! It gave us such peace of mind knowing she was in your loving care." *M,K&M*