

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

Winter 2015  
Now In Our 17th Year!

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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 kittys having fun at the B & B.

"I miss my babies! Florida is nice, and Aunt Adele has a nice doggie, but I miss my children! I know you are getting good care, so I won't worry. But I miss you! Love Mom" (M.P.)

"I had a great time visiting with you. The accommodations were very nice, clean, and the view great. I enjoyed playing with Lynn." *Sassy*

"Don't change a thing. What you offer is just the best for all the cats that come to visit. Thanks for taking such good care of me." *Banney*

"You guys were wonderful! Thank you so much for caring for my girls! We will return!" *Claudine, Kate & Phoebe*



We believe your peace of mind is worth the drive from anywhere. Our customers agree, some traveling great distances.

This past summer, we boarded **D.J.** He flew to Albany from Florida to stay with us while his humans visited Lake George. **Pixie** and **Scout** recently made the trip from North Carolina to stay with us while their humans celebrated Thanksgiving in

Albany with their 94 year old Aunt. **Lillie B.** made the trip from Pennsylvania every year to stay with us while her mother attended the Saratoga horse races. **Lillie B's** cousin, **Pumpkin**, came every other year from South Carolina for the same reason. A couple of summers ago, we boarded **Loki**, who came to us from St. Louis while his people attended a wedding in Bolton Landing. **Calvin**

makes the trip from Massachusetts in the summer while his mother and grandmother travel across the country.

And we can't forget **Sid**. When his folks moved to Massachusetts they still felt it was worth the three hour drive for **Sid** to enjoy his room and window in the sun at *The Country Kitty B&B* whenever they were away.

**Delight the cat owner in your life!**  
*Country Kitty B & B* gift certificates brighten birthdays, holidays, and other special occasions.  
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**W**e certainly have our routines here at the B&B. Lynn and I get the honors most days, while Jean babysits our granddaughter Emma.

Every morning, we unlock the door, turn off the alarm, start the digital picture frame, hang the kitty flag, bring the computer and radio to life, check for messages and email, get the coffee going, then sweep the porch and steps. (Part of the year, the broom may be replaced by a shovel!) The cats are already stirring.

Next the real routine starts. Usually, one of us strolls down the hall saying good morning to everyone, calling them by name. We think they like that. We do. Then, it's on to feeding, scooping and what we call "room service", when all the rooms get spruced up. Usually we scoop everyone and not always in order, trust me. I can't imagine how many little brown paper bags we've hurried out of the building to the large plastic bag that will be sealed and taken away later on.

While one of us scoops, usually Lynn, the other starts breakfast. Remember the photo last issue of me preparing kitties' breakfast? No exaggeration, somedays I feel like I work in a diner with a dozen hungry kitties waiting at the counter. The few guests, if any, requiring medication usually see us first, then it's on to everyone else. Many cats get just dry food or some canned food, but some get their breakfast prepared a certain special way like Mom or Dad do at home.

"Molly is happy to be 'home' but we can tell she enjoyed her days at *Country Kitty* and we are very grateful for your kindness to her. We are very fortunate to have such a great facility! We love her picture you gave us and thank you for her bag of goodies! One more indication of your thoughtfulness!" *PF & DF*



I usually do most of the feeding, but Lynn helps too. Often, as I'm delivering the last breakfast, she's got a good start on "room service".

Rare is the room that doesn't require at least a little straightening up. Some rooms could use Mr. Clean, Rosie, and the Scrubbing Bubble guys. Usually, those rooms are identified during the initial walk down the hall. "Hey, Lynn. Check out 5. They were busy (say "bizzzy", for effect) last night!"

Next, depending on whose day it is to work, one of us will head out and the other will spend the day visiting our guests, taking phone calls, replying to emails, booking new stays, rearranging the book to fit someone's cat in, scooping and feeding as called for, vacuuming, watering the plants, feeding the birds, giving tours, cleaning air filters, mowing, doing paperwork and much more.

By late afternoon, it's time for the p.m. routine. It's pretty much the a.m. routine but without so much "room service" if we're lucky. Often, Lynn or I will come back to help each other. Sundays, as we've mentioned before, are extra special because even though we're closed to the public, we still do the routines. Plus Jean joins in so we all get a chance to visit and swap news and stories about the goings on here. And we split a muffin three ways, which is kinda nice too, I think.



Throughout the day, as we do all of those things that Kip talked about—things that are necessary to keep the business running—we also spend time with the kitties. We brush those who let us, give out treats to those who are allowed, play turbo ball, bird on a string, feather on a stick, and fetch. We're especially good at that one. We throw the toy mice, and then we pick them up and throw them again. I'm sure you've all played that game at home, too. The cats! They are laughing at us all!

We do our best to spend time with each cat, whether we have one in the house or fourteen. That's what we're here for. We love the cats, and it is our pleasure to take care of them. We've never had a customer tell us they've found another place like ours. We believe you can't do any better for your feline friends than boarding them with us, unless you just stay home. We treat them like our own. As we always tell first-timers, you'll miss them, but you don't have to worry about them.

*Lynn*



"Schuster wants you to know how pleased he was with his accommodations and the attention given to him. It was also very comforting for his humans to leave him in such a pleasant environment. Thank you." *JW & MW*

**Always In Our Memory**  
Guests who are sleeping in their final resting place

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|-----------------|-------------|
| Brianne, 8      | Oliver, 11  |
| Chloe, 8        | Torte, 17   |
| Jaye, 18        | Trouble, 17 |
| Kitty Kitty, 13 | Tuffy, 18   |

**The purrrfect place for your best friend!**



## CAT TALES

Stories About  
Favorite Felines

### The Amazing Elmo and his Magnificat Assistant Fable

Ed came first to the *B&B* when he was thinking about getting two kittens. He travels a lot and needed to make sure they'd have a good place to stay before he made the commitment to get them. He asked us where to look for kittens and how to find a good vet to care for them. After completing his research, he adopted **Elmo** and **Fable** and made his reservations at the *B&B*. **Elmo** and **Fable** were a handful. We assured Ed they'd grow out of the "kitten phase", but almost 5 years later, they're as crazy as ever! **Elmo** and **Fable** are regulars here and think they are still kittens, taking playtime to extremes!

Near the end of a recent stay, a friend of Ed's called to tell us that due to a flight delay he was briefly stranded halfway around the world. No problem. Fortunately his cats could stay on for several days, if need be. During the phone call, Ed's friend told to us that while working on a recent project, Ed briefly put **Elmo** in the laundry room to keep him out of his hair. He was surprised when **Elmo** appeared upstairs. Seems he decided to travel UP the laundry chute!

Both cats have extra toes in the front and use their paws like hands. They flipped every litter pan we tried. We finally outsmarted them with one so big, a person could bathe in it!

They also flip their water dish. We found "muddy" paw prints up their door, even above their name tag, from **Elmo** running and jumping with his wet feet. We put the "Kitty Crossing" stone from our garden in a small litter pan that holds their water dish, hoping to at least weigh it down so they couldn't drag the water around the room. We wrapped the heavy rock in a towel, then put another towel in the bottom of the pan. Next we placed a sturdy water dish on the opposite side of the rock. Well...that didn't work. It didn't take them long to unwrap the rock and then somehow balance the water dish on top of it! "What next?", we asked. The next morning we found out. The litter pan in which we had placed the water dish was flipped over on top of the dish. Lifting up the pan we discovered the water dish was upright underneath! With the water still in it! They are magicians.



When we recently received a letter from the well-known local cat shelter, Purrs and Paws, we were reminded of all of the adult cats in shelters and in need of a forever home. The letter tells the story of Frisco, a cat that has been at the shelter since his owner died 10 years ago. Sadly, adult cats are often passed over as many people adopt the adorable kittens. There are so many abandoned, forgotten, and heartbroken adult cats waiting to be wonderful companions. Please keep them in mind if you are considering adopting a feline friend.

**Peek-A-Boo** first boarded with us one month before her first birthday in 2003. Recently, we learned of how lucky she had been. A true rescue kitty.

**Peek-A-Boo** and her six newborn kittens were evidently tossed out of a car and left to die. It was February, and they all would have frozen to death had it not been for some kind people who happened to see them on the roadside. **Peek-A-Boo** and all of her kittens were rescued, treated and adopted out.



We are glad for such a happy ending to an awful story and happier still that we get to share **Peek-A-Boo** when her staff is away.

*Photos at left, from top:*

Eko, DJ, Annie, Maddie, Jasper, Scout

## Life at the B&B



*While Lynn was traveling, her cats Lily and Daisy were spending a few days at the B & B. Checking in, Lynn asked how the girls were doing: She saved Kip's email reply.*

"The girls are fine. **Lil** was out to greet me this morning - in other words, feed me. **Daisy** was relaxing in a really stylish way on that hump thing you brought. **Lil** did not return to her cubby, which is also about right for the 2nd or 3rd day...but went to the window sill. I snuck her wet food bowl in behind my back and gave her a head start while getting both cats' dry food. That way, **Lil** gets a head start and **Dais** waits patiently while I give her

her dry. I checked each time I went up and down the hall and one of the last times I looked, **Lil** had eaten just about every bit. Next trip, **Lil** was gone, the bowl sat up there empty, and **Daisy** was on the floor and looking like she got caught. I got that blank stare for about ten seconds then finally, a lip lick :)."



"Even though we like 'home' the best, we had a good time at *Country Kitty*. We loved the windows and cubbies to hide in. Thank you for taking such good care of us!" **Lodi & Buddy**



### Somehow They Know

Many customers tell us about the trials and tribulations of getting their cat into the dreaded carrier. No matter how hard we humans try to keep from tipping them off, the cats somehow seem to know that something is up. We quit packing suitcases or even laying clothes on the bed to get ready for a trip, figuring this is how they know. We stop leaving the cat carriers out a couple of days ahead. And no more premature-packing of all their stuff to take to the *B & B*. But somehow, they still know!

It's like we must give off a scent that says, "Watch out! They're up to something!" And directly under the bed they go; right to the center, just out of reach. One customer sends in a robot vacuum cleaner to flush her kitties out from under the bed. Another customer says "Getting them out from under the bed is a two man job." For another "It's usually two men and a broom." Will Rogers may have put it best when he said, "Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier 'n puttin' it back in."

### Memory Lane

Since opening *The Country Kitty B & B* in 1999, we've created over 8000 cat "stays" in the computer data base. After much discussion, we decided it would be OK to start shredding much of the paperwork that's been filed away for so long. For Jean, cleaning out the files was like a walk down "Memory Lane".



We couldn't help but laugh when Jean found a photo of **Zoe** lying on her back under the window. Her owner published backpacking guides and was off to Australia and New Zealand. We knew **Zoe** would be with us for a few months, but her visit lasted seven months! In **Zoe's** room was her owner's guitar amplifier —**Zoe's** favorite scratching post!

After seeing the photo, we checked online and her owner is now married, and they still travel and run a website about backpacking.

Another joyful time was caring for **Cali** and **Jasper** while their owners traveled to Europe to adopt a baby. The process took almost a month, and we waited as though we were anxious grandparents, looking forward to occasional updates and photos.

Some stays involved taking care of kitties while family members recovered from serious medical procedures and emergencies. The only thing we could do was provide the best care for their cat and offer our support.

We were reminded how much our *B & B* family has grown over the years. We've said goodbye to many who have moved away to new opportunities and to warmer climates. We were reminded, too, how much older we've grown, and that yes, no one can be earthbound forever. The same for cats.

Thanks to the *B & B*, we are blessed to have met so many great people and their beloved pets. That filing project turned out to be so much more than searching for outdated files. We relived thousands of memories.



"Thank you so much for taking **Sophie** in when we needed it most! Even though we missed her these last few days, it was nice to know she was taken care of as if she was your own kitty! We are so grateful for you! I cannot thank you enough. See you soon!" **RM & DM**

"**Chloe** and I were very happy with her stay at *The Country Kitty*. (Never mind that she chewed me out all the way home!) I couldn't be happier with the facilities, the care, the charm, and the quiet of the *B&B*, and will be happy to place **Chloe** there again." **B.M.**