



The Country Kitty B&BSM

Spring 2023
Now In Our 25th Year!

Casual Boarding for Feline Friends.SM

“Thank you for loving her as much as we do”, Stacy said when she picked **Sophie** up from a recent stay. “She’s easy to love”, I replied. Providing safe and comfy boarding for your kitties is what we do, and in a way that is much less stressful than other styles of boarding.

So many times we’ve heard, “I would love your job, playing with cats all day!” We do love our job, but it is so much more than playing with cats. Most important is that we are responsible for your cat’s well-being when they are here.

Given that you may only be here for a few minutes while dropping off and picking up, you might be surprised by all that goes on while you’re away.

During one recent and especially busy week, we had 16 cats here. Six received various pills and other medication usually given at home. Two of them required trips to their vets, one for a planned visit and another because of a concern we had. As we often tell people, we are not veterinarians and do no more than what owners do for their cats at home, and sometimes not even that.

Charlie required some care that was a bit out of the ordinary. His asthma requires that he gets a daily “puffing” with an inhaler. After a demonstration from mom and dad, we agreed to do it, although we weren’t sure it would be as easy with some other cats. Each day before pm feeding, we put the mask to **Charlie’s** face and counted the required eight little breaths. He was great about it, and of course, he knew that dinner would immediately follow!

Another kitty named **Maxie**, a frequent guest, started having urinary issues during a month-long stay. We noticed that he was in and out of the litter box much more often than usual and leaving much smaller clumps than normal. After two trips to his vet, some meds, and dietary changes, **Maxie** was his old self.

While this was an exceptionally busy week with cats needing extra care, it is all part of what we do here at *The Country Kitty B&B*. We willingly accept the serious responsibility involved in the care of your beloved feline friends, and we thank you for choosing *The Country Kitty B&B* to be their home away from home.

Lynn

“**Toeby** had a fabulous week at *Country Kitty*! He was nervous at first, but by the end of the week, I was nervous he wouldn’t want to come home. It was so nice not to worry about **Toeby** while away! Thank you for taking such good care of my special, ‘special needs’ fur baby.” *PM*



Precious

Random Fun Stuff

Andrea called looking to board **Goldie**. She said, “**Goldie** is as chill as a cat can be...all 20 pounds of him”. She said he was 24 pounds when she got him from her daughter and, “now he’s living his best life at Grandma’s detox and boot camp.”

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“Good morning, Lynn and team. We are still on for tomorrow’s drop off at your ‘spa’. What time is best?

Ella is all groomed and ready! Thanks, See you tomorrow!

Miss **Ella** and ‘furparents’.”

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After picking **Romeo** and **Teddy** up at the *B&B*, Kim commented that their coats were so nice and smooth and wanted to know what kind of brush we used. She said at home they never sit still for long, so she has to do “drive by brushing!”



Always In Our Memory

Guests who are sleeping in their final resting place

Harry, 11	Mae, 15	Pickles, 1
Holly, 18	Meka, 5	Sadie, 9
Leo, 16	Meumue, 15	Tony, 19

The purrrfect place for your best friend!



Life at the B & B



Three month old **Suzy Q** is here with us this week. Cute as a button she is. I am teaching her how to play “turbo” (the circular toy with the ball that goes around and a scratch pad in the center). Kip commented that **Suzy Q** was looking at the toy trying to figure out what to do. I told him to leave it to me. I’m a bit of a turbo expert. My first and best feline friend, **Lily**, and I bonded over the game. I can still see four month old **Lil** watching as I made the ball go round by pushing it with my hand. She was intently studying my moves. She caught on quickly and became the turbo champion. **Lil** and I played that game just about every day for seventeen years. Let’s hope **Suzy Q** will have as much fun as we did.



I sent Dina a photo of **Elsa**, and Dina replied, ”Love her little face. Her body looks huge.” I replied that it’s just the position she is in in the photo. Dina said, “I know she’s fit! It is just her skin pouch that makes her look bigger. Please make sure she is doing her sit-ups. She knows how! LOL. If you rub her belly, she does them. Crunches.”

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Cat Feeding Routines

We want the *B&B* to seem like an extension of home to your cat. We don’t know your cat like you do, so it’s important that you tell us everything about their feeding routine and habits. Sometimes cats won’t eat when they first come in, and your information gives us a head start on what to try instead of having to guess. Also, we want to keep your cat’s feeding amounts and times as consistent with home as possible.

Sometimes, people think letting their cat have extra food or treats while they are here might be fun for the cat (and perhaps a way to help to relieve the owner’s guilt about being away). However, if Kitty is only used to half a can of wet food each day, letting them have a can a day while they’re here usually leads to diarrhea. That’s no fun for anybody. Sometimes, people don’t tell us things such as Kitty is used to eating 3 or 4 times a day instead of just two because they don’t want to make “extra work” for us. Just tell us the truth about what you do at home, no matter how much “extra work” you think it is for us. Cats like their routines and we like to help keep them.

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The Sunday Thing

Monday through Saturday, at least one of us is here at *The Country Kitty B&B* from before 8:00 AM until after 5:00 PM. While we are “closed” on Sundays, rest assured that we are still here for the cats, doing our morning and evening feeding rounds and “room service”. More often than not, we are also back here at various times throughout the day, depending on the feeding routines of our guests.

While we make rare exceptions, we do not schedule check-ins and pick-ups on Sundays. It’s the closest we get to a “day of rest”. When a Sunday check-in or pick-up is the only way we can accommodate a guest, we do our best to make it happen.

Photos at left, from top:
Yoda, Luna & Oreo, Laila, Frankie, Maggie, and Toeby



CAT TALES

Stories About
Favorite Felines



Miss Miaou is a frequent guest at *The Country Kitty B&B*. Why is **Miss Miaou** wearing a T-shirt? Her vet’s Facebook post explains:

“Everyone meet Miss Miaou! She is a diabetic cat, here rocking her baby t-shirt which is covering her new Freestyle Libre. The Freestyle Libre is a continuous glucose monitoring device that’s attached to the skin for a few weeks. Rather than regularly collecting blood samples and doing glucose curves in a hospital, pet parents are able to use an app on their phone that allows them to scan blood sugar levels at any time, then send the data right to their vet. This is a lot less stressful for everyone, especially Miss Miaou!”

With the help of the glucose monitor and a change in diet, **Miss Miaou’s** twice daily insulin dosage went from 4.5 to 2.5 units.

“Great place! I love it! I love the swag bag for **Puff Daddy** and **Biggie Smalls’** first time stay. Will highly recommend and will definitely be using you again. Thank you so much.”
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“**Astro** looked great and was very happy. We were able to have our vacation and know he was well taken care of. Thank you.”
DM & BM

Waldo’s New Name

Liz said her husband was recovering from a stroke and having some difficulty remembering their cat, **Waldo’s** name. At the time, local basketball star Jimmer Fredette was in the news all the time, so Liz suggested , “Let’s call him **Jimmer**”. And just like that her husband took to calling **Waldo** by his new name.

Bev brought some of **Sandy** and **Bella’s** toys in a plastic bag, which we placed in the wall cabinet for safe keeping. Lynn explained that because some cats eat plastic, we are in the habit of storing bags safely out of sight. Bev said the cats don’t seem to have an interest in plastic, but **Sandy** had a thing for ear bud cords. Sandy chewed through 3 sets of them before Bev decided to go wireless. “I’m a slow learner I guess.”



We’re not sure how **Sandy’s** munching on earphone cords lead to a story about an unplanned trip Bev and her husband, Bob, took a couple years ago, but we’re glad it did, for it made us smile. They had to get to Phoenix quickly because Bob’s father wasn’t doing well. Southwest Airlines found them space on a plane headed for a clown convention! Bev said she is not too big on clowns, but the clowns had a great time, telling jokes all the way.

“After a short period of adjustment to his new surroundings, **Sam** enjoyed his stay with you. We’re so glad to have a place where he knows he’ll be so well taken care of. Thank you!”
K&CP



Kip wondered if **Lucy’s** tail had been misbehaving because she made it go stand in the corner!



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 **Now In Our 25th 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.

"Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! **Quia** is happy to be home but it is very clear that she (as always) was well cared for and had a great stay with you, enjoying her own vacation. Country Kitty is more than just a place to board my sweet lady. As described in your latest newsletter, you are her other family. Thank you ♥" DP



*When making your
vacation plans,
don't forget the cat!*

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How Far Ahead Should I Call?

People frequently ask, "How far ahead should I call to make a reservation?" Our standard answer is, "It's never too early".

Whenever you make plans for yourself, don't overlook Kitty. Many customers call us first to see what's available. If you don't have the luxury of such flexibility, call as soon as you know you need us. Keep in mind that you might need to bring Kitty to us the day before you are traveling and pick up the day after you return home, depending on the time of day.

Also, don't assume we're always full. Pick up the phone and call! If we don't have what you need, you can get on the waiting list. You can't count on us getting a cancellation, but it never hurts to be on the list. Just make sure you have a "Plan B". So, rule of thumb – It's never too early to call and never too late to try.

"**Luna** and **Oreo** absolutely loved their stay at *The Country Kitty*. We cannot adequately express our gratitude for the degree of love and care they received! They returned home happy and healthy and looking beautiful."
B & BB

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"Mark and I would like to thank you so much for such a wonderful place to care for our kitty **Buddy** last month! It gave us a chance to tool around the lower part of NYS we love so much! Many Thanks!" **ME & DE**

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