

Summer 2022  
Now In Our 24th Year!

# The Country Kitty B&B<sup>SM</sup>

## Casual Boarding for Feline Friends.<sup>SM</sup>



I thought I'd tell you about a day at the B&B. Some of the names have been changed to protect the guilty...

This morning I was standing behind **Pumpkin** and **Spooky** while they ate their wet food to make sure **Spooky** got his share and **Pumpkin** didn't get any extra. They were side by side at their dishes when on the radio came the emergency broadcast sound. Both cats, in unison, stopped eating and turned their heads to the left toward the speaker in the ceiling of the room. The cats stayed that way until the tones stopped and the voice on the radio announced, "This has been a test of the emergency broadcast system". Once they were assured it wasn't a real emergency, **Pumpkin** and **Spooky** turned back to their bowls and continued to eat their wet food.

Next in turn for breakfast was **Minga**. All of the cubby mats in her room were on the floor and she had placed her hooded bed on top of the water dish. I lifted the hood off the bed and there was **Minga**, back in the bed! The bed had absorbed all of the water from her dish and **Minga** had a wet behind. I lifted her out of the bed, put the bed in the dryer and served **Minga** some fresh water and her breakfast which she happily ate.

A woman called to see if we have room to board her dog for a few days. I told her we only board cats. She said, "It's a small dog" to which I replied, "It's still a dog."

Then it was **Cleo's** turn to eat. **Cleo** would rather be brushed and roll around on the counter than eat. I brushed her for a few minutes and then served breakfast; a can of Fancy Feast. She prefers her Sheba Perfect Portions but those are for dinner. She looked at the bowl of Fancy Feast then up at me and proceeded to "cover it up". As if to say, "That's not what I ordered".

Meanwhile, Dean and Sue arrived to pick-up **Gunnar** and **Mia**, who had been with us for 3 weeks. Sue and Dean wondered if the cats think that the people have been home the whole time and just left them at *The B&B*. Dean said they show **Gunnar** and **Mia** photos on the cell phone to prove that the humans were away on vacation: "Here we are at the ocean". Swipe... "Here we are swimming". But they said the cats don't seem to get it. Ha! **Gunnar** and **Mia** went happily home.

"Our experience was fabulous! Everyone was so kind and wonderful. The facility is immaculate and welcoming. They took care of our diabetic cat and his nervous parents! Thank you." *C&EW*

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"**Toby** came home happy and healthy. Thank you for the amazing care." *KC & AT*



*Johnny*

*Shailey*

I went back to feeding and **Violet** was next. **Violet** is not to be trusted and will take a piece of you if she is in the wrong mood. We walk into her room with fresh food already in the dish and while she is distracted by eating, we are able to scoop her litter, clean her room, and collect last night's dishes. Otherwise, she circles our legs and swats us with rapid-fire motion back and forth with her two front paws. This morning while I turned to get the broom, she surprised me and left her food and managed to get two of her nails caught in the bottom of my pants. I kept the broom between her teeth and my hand while I tried to release her nails. Meanwhile she was trying to walk away while still attached to me. There she was, one paw dangling from my pants, getting more upset by the second. I was the only one here so I couldn't call for help. Surely I was going to get hurt. But finally she retracted her nails and was free of me and I left her room.

That was just the first hour of one day.

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### *Always In Our Memory*

Guests who are sleeping  
in their final resting place

Adam, 15	Ichabod, 15	Samina, 19
Allee Katt, 16	Lucy, 3	Soleil, 8
Becker, 16	Molly, 14	Traver, 18
Beezer, 17	Penny, 16	Troy, 15
Bo, 14	Penny Lane, 16	Twinkie, 13
Finch, 17	Percy, 16	

*The purrrfect place for your best friend!*





# Life at the B & B

## Molly the Cat

**Molly** was the only cat here for several days during the worst months of the pandemic. That’s when we started calling her, “The Cat”.

During what turned out to be her last stay, we heard a noise coming from the cat hallway and could not figure out what it was. We soon discovered that it was **Molly**, strumming her paw on the heat vent, making sounds like she was playing a harp. Not too long after that stay, we were saddened to learn that Molly had passed away. We now think maybe she was practicing for her new role in kitty heaven. Perhaps she is an angel playing her harp for the other kitties that are waiting to cross the rainbow bridge.

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## Daily Special

Sometimes owners have us feed their cat the food we keep on hand instead of bringing food from home. We still like to know what kind of food your kitty eats at home just in case they won’t eat ours. When we asked **Cookie’s** owner what he eats at home she replied, “Whatever is on sale”.

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## Punky’s Birthday

**Punky** received this e-mail from his humans while boarding with us in May:

*“Happy Birthday, Baby Boy! Be assured we will celebrate your birthday with you when you get back.*

*Please thank Lynn for us as she tends to your needs. Dad and I know you are persnickety, and Lynn understands that as well. Isn't it nice to be with such a wonderful and caring friend?*

*We look forward to getting you home, but enjoy your vacation in the meantime!*

*With love, Mom and Dad”*

**Punky** replied:

*“Hi Mom and Dad!*

*I was watching the birds from my cat cave, but I had to step out to see what the people were up to. They were cleaning up my room and the cat needs things done a certain way, ya know. Yesterday I hacked up a furball I’ve been working on, so I feel much better today. I’m enjoying my time here. Catnip parties, birds outside my window... Ah, the life of a cat. Thank you for the birthday wishes. I’ll expect a cake and party favors when I get home. All they gave me is this stupid hat. Love, **Punk**”*



Molly



Punky



## A Day at The B & B, continued from front page

We are now in our 24<sup>th</sup> year of providing a home away from home for your feline friends. The reason we are so successful is quite simple...because we care.

We have greeted more than two thousand guests since opening in 1999 and have taken the time to get to know each one. We want you to feel comfortable leaving your cats with us and provide peace of mind that they are safe and loved while you are not with them. Like we always say, you will miss them, but you don’t have to worry about them while you’re gone.

We learn their personalities, likes and dislikes and habits; good and bad. We keep track of daily intake and output so we know if one of our furry friends might be having a problem. We spend time with them each day. Some like to play or sit on our lap. Others are content to stay in their bed but enjoy our company just the same. Of course there are those that are not so friendly by nature and are clearly thinking, “Feed me, scoop my litter, then get out!” That’s ok too. After 23 years and 2,193 cats, we have learned how to get along with *almost* anybody.

As always, we thank you for sharing your feline friends with us.

Lynn



Winky

*“Hello my little Sushi Bun! You do look like a princess! What a lovely photo ! miss you very much my Sweet Potato but I can see you are having a good time at the B&B. Keep having fun and we will be together again very soon. Much love to you, Your Mom”*

## Cat Boarding- Go see the Facility

We have heard so many sad stories from our customers about bad experiences their cats have had at other boarding facilities. People assume that because a boarding facility is in business, it must be ok. The truth is, in New York State, there is no real oversight of boarding facilities and they can get away with providing unacceptable care. Please, if you are ever considering boarding your cat, go see the place first and make sure they will show you where your cat will be. When you see some of the accommodations, you might be surprised and think twice about leaving your feline friend.

“Hi Lynn, Kip & Jean,

We were planning on coming to spend time with you in early fall so the keeper of the food could finally go to the shore. But it doesn't look like it's going to happen. We are busy taking care of her after she fell & broke her ankle in 3 places. She left us one morning & didn't come back for 5 days. She's home and doing well as you can with 1 foot. We all decided what role we were going to play in helping her. **Tai** is 1st caregiver & never leaves her side-he has even ridden in the wheelchair. **Meka** is the guard cat-he checks out the wheelchair and escorts Lynn around the house-especially if she's going to the kitchen. **Jake** is **Jake**. He checks her out and once he thinks she's ok -it's nap time. At night we all get on the bed with her & line up so she can't move, even with her big boot blocking the edge. We hope you are all well -**Tai** says ‘I love my picture in the newsletter-I tried to give my sweater to Lynn but she gave it back to me’

Take good care-Have a great summer & hopefully we'll see you sooner than later.”

**Tai-Jake-Meka**

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## Figgy

Anne said her cat, **Figgy**, is in heaven because there is one room in her house with 10 windows and 3 bird feeders outside. She said the birds are scared to death because Figgy throws her whole body against the window. Anne has started closing off the room until the birds have breakfast and then go wherever they go to roost, then lets **Figgy** in there. Again later in the day, Anne closes the room off, “so the birds can ‘tank up’ for the night”.



Orpheus

“He was returned a happy, healthy cat. Seems to have taken it in stride. Delighted with his care!

**Orpheus’ Mom.” ME**

Photos at left, from top:  
Buttons, Nugget, Quia, Randy, Scarlett, Rudy





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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 kitty's having fun at the B&B.

"Just wanted you to know that **Tiki** is doing great. She was happy to be home but not stressed at all. We couldn't ask for a more attentive, communicative and caring boarding facility. Thank you so much for the great service you provide—some cats just need a little more TLC than others!"



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In May, after their first stay at *The Country Kitty B&B*, we asked how **Harry** and **Sarge** settled back in at home. Terri said they have never settled in with such ease after being boarded. Last time she picked them up from the vet after boarding, **Harry** pee'd all over and she had to throw the litter away and **Sarge** was on high alert.

She said this time, "They were like two chilled dudes." She said they were like, "We're going back there. We're going back to see the shrimp lady". (Because we were allowed to give them one shrimp every day at noon, when at home it is an occasional treat).

"The boys loved their stay! They were calm and relaxed- not stressed! I am sure they are dreaming about the shrimp lady. Seriously, we can't thank you enough for caring for our boys with love and for understanding cat behaviors. See you soon!"

*TL, Harry & Sarge*

"Thank you for the wonderful care you gave to our **Peanut**. It is no wonder you have been in this business as long as you have. I will highly recommend you & thanks again!"

L & W B (and **Peanut**)

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"You are providing an incredible service to all cat lovers! I couldn't ask for anything better for our kitty friends! Bless you for this peace of mind!" N & BM

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