



Summer 2026
Now in our 27th Year!

The Country Kitty B&BSM

Casual Boarding for Feline Friends.SM

Meet **Daisy**. **Daisy** is my 18 year old who now has chronic kidney disease. She is being treated once a week with subcutaneous fluids and in between those treatments, she is like her old self. She has a strong will to live and is still being **Daisy**. She is eating prescription kidney care food, wet and dry, with several options to choose from. Sometimes a magic sprinkle of Fancy Feast dry food is required to make the food more palatable, but at this point, it's whatever works. **Daisy** has never been a complainer. Like most cats, she only goes forward, doing the best she can. There is no time for regrets and complaining. Leave that to the people. **Daisy** has entropion in both eyes, one worse than the other. Every day I wipe her eyes and the blood-stained tears from her pretty face and every other day apply ointment to her eyes to help keep her comfortable.

She gets a butt wipe every morning as grooming back there has become difficult for her with her chronic arthritis. She also has a curved spine. Not sure exactly when or why that happened, but it hasn't stopped her. **Daisy** still eagerly comes over to lay on her brown packing paper. That's where she likes to be brushed. I bought her a roll of that paper during COVID as I was afraid to let her have the stuff that came in boxes in the mail anymore. Every so often I tear off a new sheet for her. Her green catnip fish is always on the paper...loves that green fish. She still makes her way to the litter box, although sometime doesn't make it in far enough. Once her four feet are in, she's there as far as she's concerned...yet her butt might still be over the edge. No worries. I have absorbent pet pads that can be washed and dried. She spends her days moving from cat bed to cat bed, each covered with a clean soft blanket that is refreshed as needed. Most afternoons, she climbs the cat stairs to her window shelf in the sun. I am helping her live her final chapter. She will always be my sunbeam girl.



Daisy

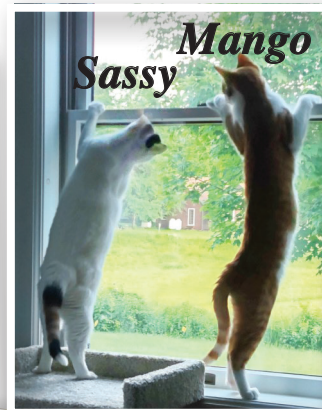
Lynn

Update In our last newsletter, I reported that I was about to bring **Sassy**, **Mango**, and **Poppy** home from the B&B (the only home they'd ever known), and introduce them to **Daisy** and **Toby** ("Fingers crossed!").

As you see, **Daisy** and **Toby** had a discussion at the water cooler about these new characters. **Toby** decided to give them a chance and is trying to be everybody's friend. **Daisy** said, no thanks. **Sassy**, **Mango**, and **Poppy** don't interact with **Daisy**, but are having the time of their lives! Here they are watching bugs outside of the window. Bug patrol is their newest game. Now if they would only stop chewing everything....



Daisy & Toby



Sassy Mango

Always In Our Memory

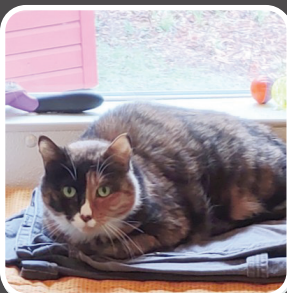
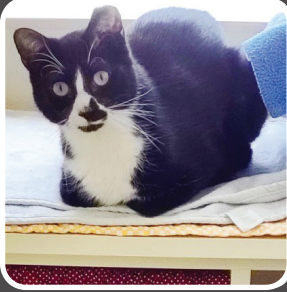
Guests who are sleeping
in their final resting place

Jimmer, 14	Sally, 8
Luna, 16	Scarlett, 14
Orby, 11	Tigger, 5
Pumpkin, 19	



Sassy, Poppy & Mango

The purrrfect place for your best friend!



Life at the B & B



In recent months, Kip's been jotting down random notes about our guests.

"**Suzy Q** is staying in our '50's Room' with records on the wall, one is Creedence Clearwater Revival's 'Suzie Q'. Also on the wall are 'Runaround Sue' and 'Peggy Sue'."

"Today we're boarding two **Lillys** & two **Sophies**."

"**Valentine's** here on Valentine's Day." (**Valentine** got her name from the lovely heart shape in her fur.)

"Today's show is brought to you by the letter B. **Beau, Belle, Brutus** and **Boo** are here."

"Listen! **Ivy** is ready for dinner!" **Ivy** sleeps-in mornings and leaves her "cave" to eat her serving of dry food at her leisure. But at day's end she gets some tuna as a treat and lets us know that she's ready! In anticipation, the little black kitty parks in front of the door and winds up her high-pitched siren sound. "Hey! It's tuna time!"

"**Gilby** just startled me!" **Gilby's** 21 and like many cats who are deaf he can yowl or "vocalize" loudly. And right out of nowhere. I was quietly working at the computer with soft classical music playing, when **Gilby** must have awakened from a sound sleep and let out a super-loud howl. This never bothers other cats, but I had to be peeled off the ceiling!

You Wouldn't Know If We Didn't Tell You

Cat owners bring their kitties to us because they know their furry family members will receive a high level of care and attention. We've earned a reputation that's been bringing folks through our door for more than 26 years.

Boarding cats requires that we be proactive, especially when it comes to health and safety. Here's what's been going on behind the scenes to maintain our high standards of care. Boring perhaps, but for us, as necessary as providing tummy rubs and colorful curtains on comfy cubbies.

The *B&B's* fire alarms, smoke and heat detectors, motion sensors and door alarms are monitored 24-hours a day by a UL-listed Central Station. Our air exchange system circulates fresh air into the *B&B*, and a HEPA filter keeps that air free of viruses, bacteria and airborne particles. With an automatic generator, we are prepared for power outages and keeping the *B&B* as comfy as possible no matter what the situation.

In recent times we added an extra layer of air quality, a UV purification system. While our air exchanger and HEPA filters trap particles, the UV light goes a step further and sterilizes biological contaminants.

Parts availability and age were catching up with the air exchanger, so it was replaced with a new one. A recent annual maintenance inspection showed that our back-up propane furnace was in the same boat, so it too had to be replaced. That furnace is important because it augments our heat pump in the coldest weather and is set up to also heat the *B&B* should the heat pump fail. On another note, our landline phone service has become increasingly unreliable, especially during rainy weather. Recognizing advancements in technology, we have opted for an improvement to the manner in which our alarm system communicates with our Central Station.

Other concerns are more in line with those of an average homeowner. For example, we replaced all cast iron piping in the basement because it was showing initial signs of failure.

I know these things are the last thing on your mind, and probably should be, when booking a stay at *The Country Kitty B&B*. But I wanted to assure you that we are giving thought to all of these underlying features to make kitty's stay safe and healthy.

Photos at left, from top:

Maddie, Beau, Shadow, Maynard, BB Butterfly, Princess

Kip



CAT TALES

Stories About
Favorite Felines



*Greg and Nancy have been B&B customers since 2000. When their feline friend, **Scarlett**, passed away earlier this year, they asked if they could write something about her for our newsletter. **Scarlett** was our guest at the B&B 28 times over the last 11 years. She was quite a character. Here is **Scarlett's** story as told by her Dad, Greg, and Mom, Nancy.*

*Note: "**Scarlie**" unintentionally posed for this "selfie" sitting on her favorite log one beautiful morning above the wetland behind her house where Greg and Nancy have a wildlife camera.*



We tend to think of the lives of felines as being short and relatively unchanging, but our "coon" cat **Scarlett** was eye-opening. She came to us from Animal Kind, a shelter in Hudson, N.Y., where they found her on their doorstep one 2013 morning. We soon found out why: she was incredibly willful and fearless. When we let her out in the house, she raced around madly, leaping from floor to couch to counters, apparently trying to get out. When we let her outside a month later, she headed straight to the woods, down to a wetland, and started across, jumping from logs to hummocks to rocks, ignoring Greg's calls and mewing all the way. Finally there was silence and he thought she was gone. But wee mewing resumed and grew louder as she reconsidered and retraced her tortuous path across the wetland.

This pattern continued. She refused to come in at night and we spent many hours looking and calling for her before she would silently come up behind us when she was darned good and ready. Oh, she was friendly—or at least fearless—staying in the room when we had visitors, and sometimes—to their surprise—jumping on their laps and settling down. She was especially cool at the vet—exploring the tables and snoozing in the scale. She chased a large racoon off "her" yard and tried to take on a humongous snapping turtle before Greg grabbed her in the nick of time. She also got in many furious tussles with our much larger tomcat, Zach, and never backed off.

That wild courage had downsides—more than once she explored delivery trucks and could have ended up at a different address. And we learned to wear thick gloves if we wanted to move her from a bed or couch, or to do anything contrary to "Queen" **Scarlett's** imperial will, like reprimanding her for scratching the furniture. But she was always quick to seek forgiveness and to forgive.

Over the years, **Scarlett** gradually changed—and changed us. That accelerated greatly with the onset of diabetes and arthritis in 2024. As she became less and less independent, she became increasingly affectionate (we couldn't resist calling her "sweetheart"). Yet she remained brave to the end, stoically taking the shots and struggling increasingly to walk and "function." Maybe we held on to her too long, bungling the glucose management in the end. But she courageously endured those traumas as well, and went on toward her destiny—a journey brightened by the loving care she received from the wonderful people at *The Country Kitty B & B*.

Love, **Scarlett**, Greg, and Nancy

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HELPFUL HINTS....AND WARNINGS

We ask new customers to complete a reservation form which includes space for their cat's likes and dislikes, personality, and general comments. We thought we'd share a few of those comments with you...some funny, and some, not so much.

"When carrying her, tuck her under your arm like a football."

"Don't fall in love with him. He goes back with me."

"Excellent mouser and so soft!"

"Feisty - attacks feet."

"Cantankerous when hungry."

"Can be mean."

"She loves to sit on a person and make a few biscuits."

"Likes spa music."

"Please don't pick up! Will bite, hiss, scratch!"

"Clingy after meals."

"Likes to bite."

"Doesn't prefer male humans."

"She's a problem solver!"

"Mild mannered, excitable at snack time."

"She loves to rip up toilet paper."

"Feisty. 'NYC boy with attitude.'"

"If she flops she wants to be petted. If upset, she will meow and run between your legs."

"Tries to sneak out like it's her destiny."

"Yowly. Can be skittish but very friendly."

"If he starts shaking his head, back off!"

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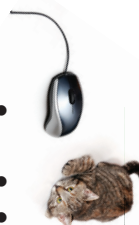
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"Hi Renee, **Frankie** and I are already good friends again. She let me brush her. **Olive** is in a cubby with her paws tucked under. She didn't shy away when I reached in to pet her." Lynn
Renee replied, "That's wonderful, Lynn! They are loving, good girls with a couple dashes of naughtiness. I'm so happy to hear that. Thank you for letting us know." RP

Our guests to their owners showing kitty's having fun at the B&B.
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• Other folks have their family and friends check out the place where their cats are staying.
• Many customers book return visits totally via e-mail.



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



Peach Cobbler

Peach Cobbler is a one year old kitty who had a great stay with us and provided much entertainment. One morning, Kip was in her room adding some dry food to her bowl when a few of the pieces accidentally fell to the floor. He briefly left the room to retrieve her freshly-filled water bowl intending to pick up the food when he returned. To his surprise, during his absence the food had become toys! For the next ten minutes "Peachie" was in high gear batting the food around the room, chasing it down, pouncing on it, then swatting it away. When one piece vanished to parts unknown, she'd discover another and the game was back on.

"No suggestions for improvement needed. The individual rooms with their bird watching windows are perfect. Amy thanks you for your excellent care. She hopes to visit again!" SB

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Whenever you need to be away from home, you can relax knowing your special feline friend is well cared for at

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2027 Daily Guest Fees

Per Room

1 cat	2 cats	3 cats
\$40	\$60	\$75

We'll happily make additional rooms available for multiple cat families, space permitting. However, discounted rates shown for 2nd and 3rd cats apply only when the cats are in the same room.