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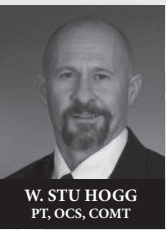
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Pet Tips 'n' Tales

by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"



Cato arrived on artist Sujo's porch as a bedraggled, flea ridden, gray, starving kitten. After a bath, the gray kitten emerged as a fluffy white kitten!

When Sujo moved her art office/shop/home to Highway 99, she was terrified for Cato's safety. "I tried keeping him inside," explains Sujo, "but it didn't work! After I nearly knocked over some arriving clients in my attempt to 'save him' running out the door and crossing the highway, I decided then and there that God was in charge of his safety!"

Cato has had two names. As a baby, his sweet personality led to his first name, Sweet Pea. "When he emerged into a teenager, he became anything but sweet! When my mother brought her tiny black poodle over, Sweet Pea watched the dog from atop a counter and

pounced on him!" said Sujo. "Then, they'd chase each other and wrestle, in fun, having a great time. As a result, Sujo changed her cat's name to Cato after the Green Hornet's sidekick, Kato!"

Cato mystified people as he sat in the window. Strangers walked up to the window to investigate whether it was a real cat or a statue.

"Once, a client burst into my office with his daughter and introduced her to Cato, ignoring me. Then, as an afterthought, he said 'Oh, Hi, Sujo. I wanted my daughter to meet Cato.' Just as fast, they turned and left!" laughs Sujo.

"Cato insisted on his food being served at 3:30 p.m. If his meal was late, he would flip anything he could find; papers, pens, pencils, paperclips, etc. off counter tops. If that didn't

work, he walked across my keyboard. If there were flowers, he'd pulled each flower, one at a time, out of the vase with his teeth until I got up and served him.

Once, when friends were cat sitting Cato, they had a near disaster. I had just put an herbal flea collar on Cato. Right after I left, he lodged one paw under the collar which he was frantically trying to free.

My friend, also in a panic, called another friend, and they chased Cato all over the yard. He was hopping and running on three feet. Luckily, they caught and released his leg.

After Cato died, I began incorporating him in my artwork. He is included in every ceramic covered bridge plaque, he's painted on Main Street's fence mural, and on the Humane Society's building mural." Sujo has also painted her childhood dog, Fritz, in the mural. Fritz is chasing Cato up a tree!

"I've also painted two murals in the alley behind The Bookmine," adds Sujo, "because their customers were concerned for the safety of the alley cats. Cato and my present cat, Milly, and the two alley cats are all painted in the murals cautioning drivers to slow down.

Look next to Dave's Corner Market at the little yellow house's upper windows! Cato

is painted there, on the shed, and carport. One painting was shown on Animal Planet's "Must Love Cats" TV show, when they featured Angel Scribe's famous swimming cats! <http://animal.discovery.com/videos/must-love-cats-kitty-paddle.html>

Along with other Cottage Grove Art Guild artists, Sujo has painted five of the paintings in the All America Park's restrooms, designed the mural on the Main Street fence, and painted the animal mural on the Humane Society's This 'n' That shop. The Guild's artists have truly "painted the town." They also volunteer and paint pet portraits supporting the Humane Society.

"Cato was a typical aloof egotist who didn't need anything from anyone. Mr. Aloof knew the sound of my car so it was heartwarming when he mysteriously emerged to greet me," says Sujo.

Not only is Cato remembered around Cottage Grove, so is Sujo for her 'heartwork!' To top it all off, in her "spare" time she helps with the Humane Society's newsletter.

TIPS

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LAST ART WALK HELD



Top right: Steve Hermansen and his daughter Bella. Top left: Peggy Severns (l) and Beth Robinson (r). Bottom right: Oragami artist Ben Glass.

The final art walk of the season was held on Friday, October 27 in downtown Cottage Grove. The tradition will begin again next summer.



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