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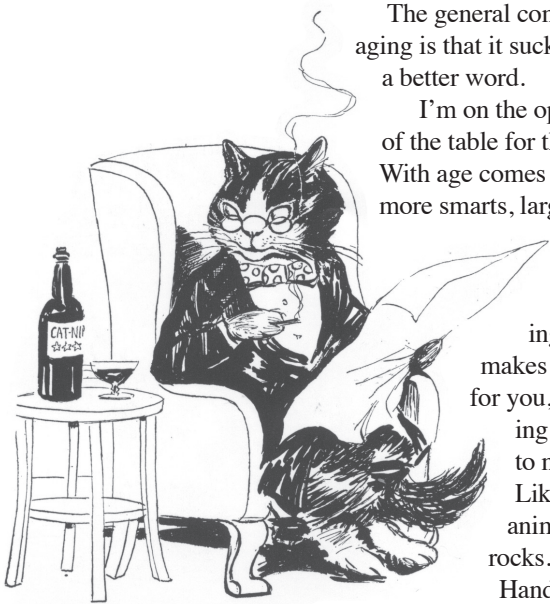


Meet feline blogger Vanna and playful 2-year-old Mandy, two StreetCats who are looking for forever homes. Their stories are on page 3.



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Seniors can make perfect pets



The general consensus on aging is that it sucks, for lack of a better word.

I'm on the opposite side of the table for this debate. With age comes comfort, more smarts, larger joke

repertoire, a better understanding of what makes a perfect day for you, and charming smile lines, to name a few. Likewise for animals, aging rocks.

Handsome grey

hairs make for a more distinguished face, older joints make for an enviable slow-paced attitude, skinnier days mean many more cuddles to share the warmth. There is nothing I love more than a senior pet.

Here's the deal, the down low, if you will. Despite what a quick word association game with "senior" would have you to believe, it doesn't mean you have one paw out the door.

Cats are generally considered seniors at 7 years of age regardless of breed, but they are not necessarily geriatric. For dogs, the senior designation refers to the last 25% of their life span,

which varies by breed.

In the animal world, senior means you've learned how to make humans love you. It means you cherish those back scratches more than ever before. It means a human's love for you makes your world go round. Senior pets are golden companions.

A few things to consider when adopting a senior pet:

1. Time

Seniors may need a little extra TLC than younger pets due to medical attention, dietary restrictions and necessary heart-

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Spotlight on Sheila Chenoweth

I grew up with pets — mostly cats — and, as long as I can remember, I have always been "over the top" about all animals. If it's got fur, I love it.

I was volunteering at a shelter in South New Jersey and serving on their Board of Directors when I got transferred in 1973 following the wake of the oil industry boom to Tulsa.

I started volunteering with Animal Aid in the evenings, rescuing injured animals. Several months later, I added

Saturday volunteering with the Tulsa SPCA (back when they used empty wine kegs as dog houses!)

By early 1975, while still volunteering at the shelter, I had graduated to the SPCA's Board of Directors. And then I met my future husband, Ben Chenoweth, the following May when he joined the research lab (my department) at Cit-ies Service. We were married a

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Mission Statement: StreetCats, Inc., believes all cats deserve a home. StreetCats wishes to reduce the population of unwanted cats by maintaining "A Stitch-in-Time," a spay and neuter program for feral and stray cats, and by sheltering cats who no longer have people to care for them. We seek adoptive families who value animals and will love and protect our StreetCats.

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year later. Two weeks after our marriage, we were transferred to Houston, Texas, where we lived for the next 20+ years.

Ben and I immediately got involved with Citizens for Animal Protection (CAP), a group of dedicated animal rescue folks in West Houston desperately working toward opening a shelter.

For the next two years, we were all fostering our rescues until we got the resources to open the first CAP shelter.

It was a small facility in a strip center, but we had a fantastic adoption rate. We took in cats, dogs, ferrets, rabbits--whatever needed a home.

Vet bills for spay/neuters and

shots, etc. were off the wall, but we had nonstop fund raisers to meet the challenge.

For a donation, CAP provided volunteers to staff just about any event in town that would let us set up an information booth. The Annual Arabian Horse Show was our big money-maker.

I soon became volunteer coordinator and then joined the Board of Directors two years later. By then, CAP was operating two strip-center shelters.

In 2012, Citizens for Animal Protection realized their dream and opened a multi-million dollar, state of the art, animal shelter in West Houston on Interstate 10 — fully accredited by the Humane Society of the United States and considered one of the best shelters in the United States.

I missed the CAP shelter grand opening since the oil industry had moved us back to Tulsa when Ben accepted a job with Williams in late 1997.

Still rescuing and finding homes for strays on my own, a few years later, I met Vicky Isaacs, who helped me trap kittens living in the shrubbery near the J.C. Penney catalog entrance at Woodland Hills Mall.

She led me to StreetCats, and the rest is history. I've been volunteering at the shelter every Wednesday afternoon, starting at the Farm Shopping Center, since October of 2001.

I've been blessed to meet some of the most caring and compassionate people in the world and consider them friends.

About two years ago, Ben and I started seriously considering retirement.

Late last year, we decided to settle in Florida, just south of Tampa, since we have family already living in the area (as well as my BFF since the fourth grade!) Plus there's a "no-kill" animal shelter 15 minutes away from our future neighborhood and a horse rescue ranch not much further out. My animal volunteering will continue.

We are now scheduled to close on our home in June, and I will miss StreetCats kitties, volunteers and the StreetCat visitors very much.

EDITORS' NOTE: The volunteers and cats of our organization and of numerous others in Tulsa will miss the generosity and love that the Chenoweths have shared with so many of us in their years here in our city. They will truly be missed by all.

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warming snuggles. Are you able to meet those needs?

2. Current Critters

Some seniors (and young pets!) may prefer to be in a household without other animals. The organization you are adopting from should have a good grasp on whether or not your senior will do well in a home with other animals. Also, flip it. Think about your current herd. Will they be ok with another animal in their territory?

You know your pets best, so you know whether or not they'd accept another member. It's also important to slowly introduce your new fuzzy family member slowly to the others. Give every-one time to adjust!

You may end up being surprised that your new friend brings new life to your household in ways you didn't expect.

3. Kids

Naturally, some seniors are a little more slow paced than they were in their younger years. A household with active kiddos may not be the most ideal situation for an older pet. Again, the

organization you're adopting from should be able to tell you whether or not a home with children is right for that animal.

4. Emotions

Bringing an older pet into your home can easily be one of the most rewarding things you'll ever do. It may also be very emotional. With any aged pet, you never know when they may leave this world, but naturally, senior pets may be a bit closer to this than others. Can you commit to the rest of their life, no matter how long or short it may be?

5. Money


Some senior animals may re-

quire a bit more medical attention than their younger friends or may require special foods and pills.

Will you be able to budget these necessities for your new fuzzy family member? If there is a pet you are interested in adopting that requires some extras, you can speak with your vet about costs and options for maintaining a healthy life for your new friend.

Thinking about adopting? Think about a senior pet. You will forever be their hero.


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Two pretty girls are looking for homes

Vanna

My name is Vanna. I am a striking white female with a van pattern: essentially, markings on my head and tail.

I am the current voice of the StreetCats blog, and recently crowned myself with the prestigious “pinkest ears” award! (See more of my blogging by clicking the link on the StreetCats website or visiting our Facebook page.)



I am around six years old, so I am “in my prime.” I had a wonderful home with a loving Mom, and I really blossomed there; unfortunately, Mom developed some health issues that meant she could no longer keep me, so back to StreetCats I went to find my next wonderful home.

I absolutely love attention and will seek out the attention of my family, and am also a truly magnificent lap cat.

I need someone who will help me watch my girlish figure, because I love to eat and have gained some weight. (Being in my prime has its ups and downs.)

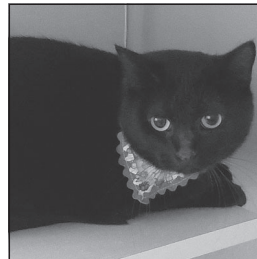
I would love to be the only cat but would probably be just fine with another cat if you give me proper time to adjust to a new friend. One last thing — I am wonderful!

Take me home, please. I’d like to pass my blogging task on to another kitty here at StreetCats!

Mandy

Hi! My name is Mandy. I am a solid black female and sporting a chic scarf around my neck should you stop by StreetCats to meet me.

When I came to StreetCats, I was really frightened and hid often. I don’t think they knew how fun-loving I was for quite some time because I was so terrified. I’m just a young girl, around two years old, so once I realized the people were there to do whatever I needed, I REALLY came out of my shell.



I can’t begin to tell you how much I love to play. I run from one end of the shop to the other, with great agility and speed and have seen the look of amazement on the faces of volunteers when they witness my athletic prowess. I just can’t pass up the opportunity to bat at one of those toys on the floor or scale one of the cat trees — they are so much fun! However, I also love my naps, so I do spend some time sleeping sweet kitty dreams. Nap time here is in the afternoons.

So far, I’m not too interested in being a lap cat, but I am very loving and appreciative and really enjoy hanging out with the volunteers for a nice kitty massage. I do just fine with other cats, especially when they are receptive to playing with me! A couple of requests: Please give me time to adjust to a new home, as I may be really scared again, and I really hope that my new home has room to run and play. I can’t wait to be there!

A word from our president

This year, we celebrate StreetCats’ 17th anniversary, from our humble beginnings in May 1997.

I am proud to say we are still an ALL volunteer organization; no one at StreetCats is paid!

Your donations are used to pay StreetCats’ expenses, which are all for the kitties, such as rent, utility bills, and of course, veterinary expenses.

It is imperative to keep a clean environment in our facility so that our cats are healthy when they are adopted.

We assure that all cats have tested negative for Feline Leukemia & FIV and have a current rabies and FVRCP vaccination. We also make sure all the cats are free from any internal or external parasites.

Our incredibly important program, “A Stitch in Time,” for spaying/neutering and vaccinating felines on the streets, is something we are very proud of.

It has grown so that we issue 80 or more vouchers each month and still have a waiting list for future vouchers at least a month and a half ahead.

Thank you to our great volunteers who wear many hats and do a variety of things for StreetCats!

And a special thanks to all the veterinary clinics who help us with our programs.

With your help, we will continue helping the kitties in our community for many years.

Kathy Balsiger
StreetCats president

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Thanks to all our Furry Valentine helpers

"My Furry Valentine," StreetCats' annual Fundraiser, was held in February at the beautiful Tulsa Historical Society.

Many compliments were received from guests particularly concerning the quality of the auction items and the delicious food, making it a very successful event with lots of guests.

The auction items and food are donated by many generous businesses and individual supporters. StreetCats extends a huge thanks to all of them and to all of our guests!

Please remember these businesses and support them as a way to say thanks for supporting our "kitty cause!"

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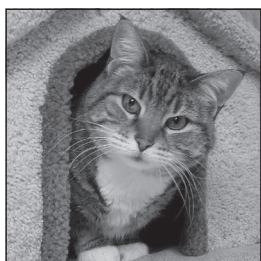
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They all lived happily ever after

Warm, fuzzy tales from new homes

Lizzie is a senior kitty born in 2000 who was left at **Feline Specialties** to be euthanized. She was a sweet kitty, and they found



Lizzie

she had a bad urinary infection, which they were able to get rid of. Sometimes it's hard to find a home for a senior kitty, but the Feline Specialties staff

were determined to do so, and she came to StreetCats.

We had a very nice gentleman who is a client of Feline Specialties come in wanting to adopt a younger kitty, but Lizzie won his heart, and now she lives with him and her new "brother" kitty. It really didn't take long for the two cats to become fast friends, and they take turns grooming each other.

Despite having their own beds, they sometimes like to sleep with their dad. He says he wouldn't give up his cats for a million dollars; they were Heaven sent.

Dickens is a black-and-white kitty that StreetCats took from Feline Specialties because his siblings had been adopted and he was lonely. When he was picked up, he would purr so loudly that it was hard to put him down, but no one was adopting him.

He came to StreetCats, and a wonderful couple found him and fell in love. He is a sweet and playful fellow that enjoys getting belly rubs and sleeping at his owners' feet at night. Recently there was an addition to his home — a new cat brother from Feline Specialties. The two boys quickly became friends and playmates, and their folks are loving them both.

Janie was a beautiful but sick female kitty that was left with StreetCats. She was so thin and small it was originally thought she might be young, but she was estimated to be about 7 years old with some major medical issues.

StreetCat volunteers were determined

Lucky kitties adopted 10/1 - 4/30

Albie – T. Lohman	Kiana – T. Jackman	Rudy – T. Creason
Andy – J. Zellner	L.G. – C. Smith	Rupert – N. McEachorn
Annie – J. Averill	Lenny – H & G Tate	Sadie – V. Brown
Autumn – A. Spinelli	Lizzie – L. Heinrichs	Sammie – K & D Griffith
BamBam – G. Hampton	Loki – T. Helling	Sara – D. Eastin
Beau – N. Grayson & J. Grier	Lovey – I. Heller	Scooter – S. Heckenkemper
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Betty Sue – P. Hughes	Miss Molly – L. George	Shamika – A & L Harrod
Blu – R. Addison	Mitzi – G. Kemper	Sophie – M. Al-Sadi
Cosmo – C. Pugh	Mouse – P. Hughes	Tigger – B. Oliver
Dickens – A&L Whisman	Nala – D. Butler & Shawn Hock	Tigger Too – C. Keith
Donald – K. Hill	Odie – T. Helling	Toots – B. Maxey
Dottie – S. Reiss	Parker – C. Coons	Tully – J. Mattox
Gigi – J. Fowler	Pepper (#1) – K & M Loveless	Tuxie – MA Emery
Grady – H & G Tate	Pepper (#2) – N. Grayson & J. Grier	Valerie – M. Ochoa
Janie – K. Springs	Q – J. Damer & C. Minor	Vanessa – B. Joiner
Judy – J. Horrocks	Ranger – T. Wood	Zoey – E. Boujaoude
Kane – T. Lohman		



Dickens

to try to save her, and one of the volunteers took her home as a foster, and she started to thrive. But when she came in to StreetCats to find a new home, she just wasn't happy. She was eventually diagnosed with irritable bowel syndrome, but even with treatment, StreetCats wasn't the place she wanted to be. Thankfully, the volunteer who fostered her decided to make her a permanent member of her home, and now with lots of loving care, she is thriving once more.

Janie is a very talkative lady with a unique voice (probably saying "thank you" every day), and Katie, her mom, talks right back to her, plus they sleep together.

Once she was a kitty that wouldn't eat;



Loki and Odie

however, she has now discovered that many finer foods can be found in the kitchen and always knows when dinner is being cooked and treats might be available if she talks them into it.

Brothers **Loki** and **Odie** came from the VCA Cat clinic that closed and needed a place where they could be seen and hopefully adopted together. They were very energetic additions to StreetCats but were definitely bonded. Happily, they were adopted together, and as you can see from the picture, they are best buddies.

They love water and will play in a bathtub with water in the bottom of it. They will also splash the water from the shower with their paws. Once Odie (he's the bullseye) even pushed his brother into a tub of bath water. The boys love to wrestle, and they even have a specific area rug they use as a wrestling ring. It's so great these guys found a wonderful home together.

Find new items in our boutique

Have you been in our gift boutique lately? If not, you are missing out on some new items as well as helping us raise funds for the care of the kitties in the Adoption Center!

You can visit kitties waiting for their “forever” homes while shopping for yourself or your pets or your friends ... or your friends’ pets!

StreetCats’ boutique has some really cute, as well as practical, items — not just for kitties, but for us humans, too, at the best prices in town!

To list all the items we carry would make this article too long, so we’ll mention just a few.

For the cats, we have a plethora of toys, including **feather teasers**, **toy mice** of all sizes and materials, **balls that jingle**, and the best toy EVER made for cats: **“DA BIRD”** — a long pole with a feather attached to a string, which TWIRLS as you wave it around.

Cats go crazy for this toy. We also have refills to attach to the end of the pole so your cat has a variety of choices to play with.

One of our most popular items is the **“Catnip Escape”** catnip pillow, which has been


Shop for unique gifts at Affair of the Heart

To break the inevitable summer doldrums, plan to attend **An Affair of the Heart** show in July.

It will be in Tulsa in the River Spirit building at Expo Square (Tulsa Fairgrounds) from **9 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 11 and 12** and from **11 a.m. until 5 p.m. July 13**.

StreetCats will once again be in its regular location in Section C, Booths 463 and 464. We look forward to everyone coming by to see us and purchasing some special items.

We’ve got some great new T-shirts in blue, pistachio, and orchid, new coffee/tea/soup mugs, ball caps for



guy and gals, and toys for all our furry friends.

We’ll also have the popular Laurel Burch purses and scarves at the very best prices locally.

We even have summer socks to wear with your athletic shoes!

Some of the new items

will be available in our gift boutique prior to the show, but others will be exclusive to the show.

We look forward to seeing you at An Affair of the Heart Tulsa Show on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 11 to 13, and/or in our boutique.

a StreetCat standard item for many years now. They are actually hand-sewn and filled with organic catnip by StreetCat volunteers.

Reports are that these are the most desirable catnip that can be found! The pillows are made

in fabrics for every holiday as well as for female and male kitties, so be sure your cats have a great variety on hand for catnip happiness.

We have a great selection of collars in multiple colors and designs, including **rhinestone bling** for the diva kitties. We also have bowls, beds, litter scoops and more.

Our boutique boasts a large selection of cat-related items for humans. We have **new spring T-shirts** as well as some designs we’ve had for a while that are now on sale.

Our coffee/soup mugs are always popular because of the clever sayings on them. And if you haven’t checked out our great greeting cards from **Leanin’ Tree**, then you are missing some smiles.

Getting a card in the mail is really a treat these days, in spite of all the electronic media methods to stay in touch with family and friends.

Don’t overlook all the latest **Laurel Burch** items we have on hand. Along with the great purses and totes, we have beautiful scarves, umbrellas and earrings.

If there are items you’d like us to carry, feel free to let us know, and we’ll see if it is something we can get.

The volunteers at StreetCats invite you to come in and browse our store.

Who knows? You may find that perfect item you didn’t know you always wanted, or you might just meet a furry friend to share your home and your heart.

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To designate us as your charity of choice, go to *smile.amazon.com* and type in Street Cats Inc. (They have us with a space between Street and Cats). After that, 0.5% of your eligible purchase amounts will be donated to StreetCats each time you purchase on Amazon using the *smile.amazon.com* link.

Whether you use *smile.amazon.com* or IGive, we greatly appreciate your support of StreetCats.

OUR WISH LIST

For StreetCats:

- Wal-Mart/Sam's gift cards, any denomination
- Tall kitchen trash bags
- Liquid laundry detergent or detergent pods
- Clorox liquid bleach
- Clorox Clean-Up spray
- Postage stamps
- Cat food — canned & dry
- Bottled water
- Toilet paper
- Printer/copy paper
- HP 932XL black ink cartridges
- Kleenex
- Liquid-Plumr
- Dryer sheets
- Paper towels

For Meals on Wheels:

- Scoopable litter
- Unopened dry cat food
- Canned cat food

Sweet way to help StreetCats

Just reading “**ICING ON THE TOP**” makes one’s mouth water! We hope that is just what happens to you when you read about this opportunity. During the entire week of June 23, this scrumptious bakery with the mouthwatering name will donate 100% of the profits from the sales of their **German chocolate cupcake** to StreetCats.

ICING ON THE TOP is located at 1243 S. Harvard and is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please mark this on your calendars, post on Facebook, text, tweet and email to everyone to get the word out about this delicious June fundraiser. We appreciate your promoting this for us. Don’t forget to stop by and purchase lots of German chocolate cupcakes and buy some other sweet treats, too!



Make special treats for your special kitties

Chicken and Herb Bites

Heat oven to 350°. In bowl, mix 2 c. chicken, 1 c. shredded cheddar cheese, 2tbsp. soft margarine, & 3/4 c. chicken broth. Add 3 c. flour and 1 tbsp. each parsley & catnip. Knead dough into ball (add a touch more broth, if needed). Roll dough 1/4 inch thick. Cut into tiny bite-sized pieces. Coat with 1/2 c. Parmesan cheese. Put on foil-lined baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 minutes or until done. COOL COMPLETELY, then freeze.

Store in freezer in a Ziploc freezer bag. Remove treats as needed, thaw, and serve to cat at room temp.

Tuna Crackers

6 ounces tuna, undrained
1 cup commmeal
1 cup flour
1/3 cup water

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Measure all of the ingredients into a bowl and mix thoroughly with your hands.

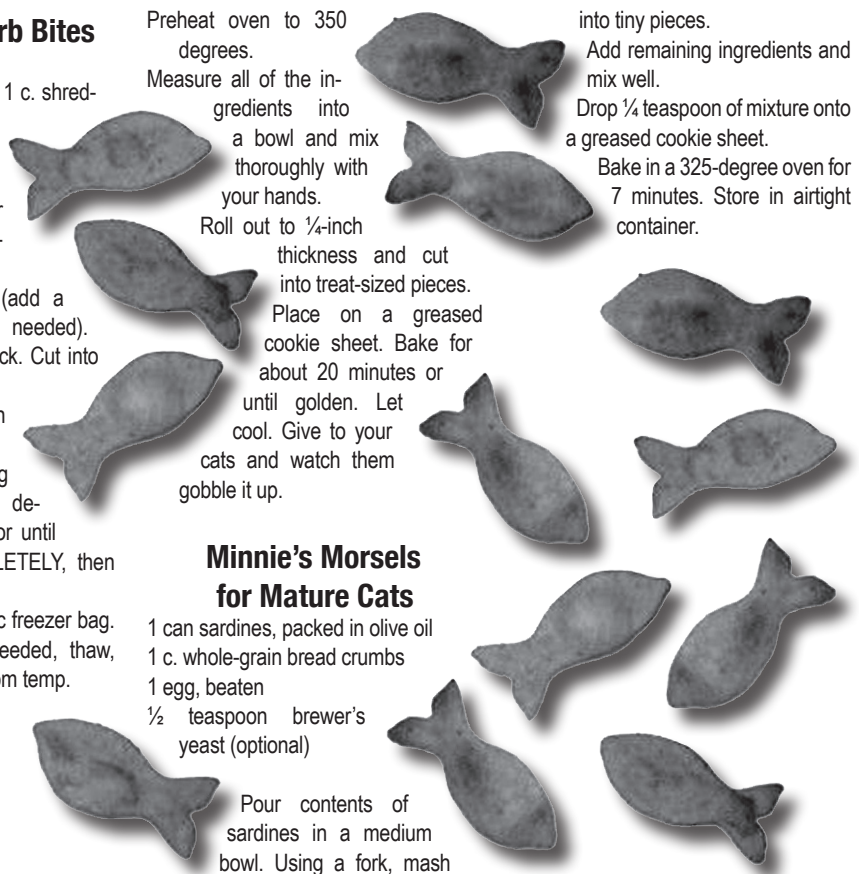
Roll out to 1/4-inch thickness and cut into treat-sized pieces.

Place on a greased cookie sheet. Bake for about 20 minutes or until golden. Let cool. Give to your cats and watch them gobble it up.

Minnie's Morsels for Mature Cats

1 can sardines, packed in olive oil
1 c. whole-grain bread crumbs
1 egg, beaten
1/2 teaspoon brewer's yeast (optional)

Pour contents of sardines in a medium bowl. Using a fork, mash





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THE TEMPTRESS

You look at me with saddened eyes
And then stare through the pane

A solitary butterfly
It seems has called your name

Your mournful cries can now be heard
As you call throughout the house

And I'm sure by now it would be gone
If indeed we had a mouse

But once again I will not budge
For I've learned that you will lie

When you tell me that you will return
If I'll just let you outside

So please forget those pitiful looks
Those feline shrieks...just "can" it

I've brought you home fresh catnip
And you can watch the Animal Planet!

Judy Loyd
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