

Tigger, an elegant gray tabby, reflects a boldness that is shared by many rescued cats in our Small House. He is thriving in a loving community environment that permits him independence, safety and – yes – individuality!

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Dearest Supporters!

When you look around at the world, it is truly amazing to see the power of generosity! Every day holds an opportunity to transform our world, to make a difference in a life, to take a positive step that leads to another and another and another. Sometimes it is difficult to see the end result of our good actions. Often, we never know at all how the good we do ultimately ends up. But at our sanctuary, it's easy! The animals we work with, whether friendly or healthy or trusting or not, face their lives with a disarming authenticity. When we do a good job for them, their quiet acceptance is so beautiful to see! And it is your generous support that makes it possible for them to be so happy! Because your contributions go directly to the care of the animals, you truly make it happen. At CARE, we can see that our rescued orphans are miracles, but we can also see that you are too! Thank you so much for making so many so happy!

With sincerest gratitude!

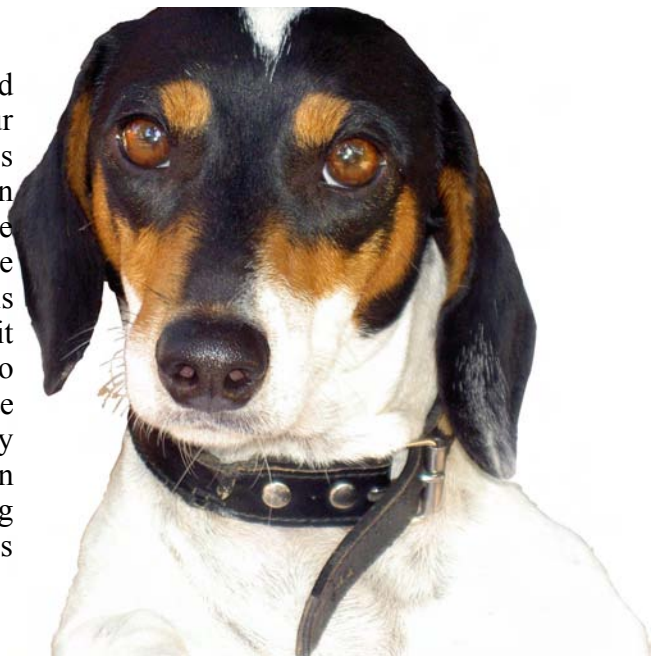
Georgia M. Brewer



How do our teenager cats enjoy their summers? *Chillin' in the Small House*, that's how! Our beautiful and rambunctious teenager cats can cavort or nap – whatever they choose - in their own high-energy community. They just are too much to take for our shy guys, freaked-out ferals and drowsy geriatric cats! At C.A.R.E. we make every effort to house each cat in the community room that best suits their temperament, health status and activity preferences. These guys are just resting up after an exciting morning. By evening, watch out!

A good nap and a good friend go well together!

Princess, an adorable Doxie mix, was found starving in the streets by a member of our sanctuary staff. Needing a lot of TLC, this beautiful girl is being pampered and socialized in the home of one of our board members. When she first came to us, Princess would flinch if someone moved suddenly or raised an arm. Now she is gaining confidence and trust (and even a little bit of weight!) in a safe environment. Animals who have had a lot of trouble in their lives appreciate having predictability in their lives. They enjoy having scheduled meals, playtime, socialization and regular rest, just like humans do! Learning that they can trust the people around them gives them confidence and makes them feel safe!



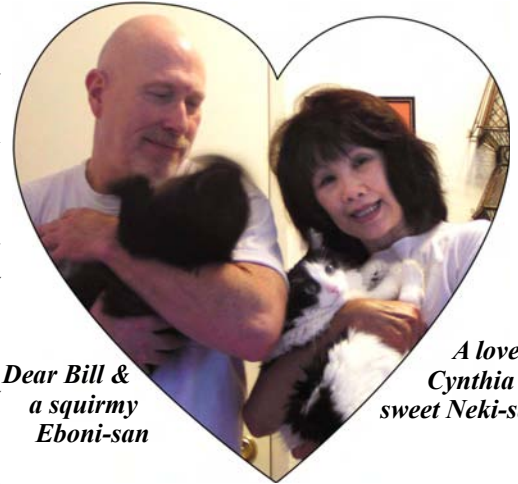
Princess, a Lovable Sweetie!

TRULY, TRUE LOVE WAITS! A Remarkable Adoption Story

Cynthia & Bill Myers have a remarkable story to tell of love and providence! Several years ago, Bill, founder and owner of *Self-Defense Systems Unlimited*, and his gracious wife Cynthia adopted their *first CARE kitty*. They named their new sweetie Suki-san, sister of their own dear kitty Kimi-san. Some years later, Suki-san succumbed to kidney failure leaving them nearly inconsolable. *They wanted to give another cat a home but they just couldn't do it so soon.* Nevertheless, just a few days later, Bill called to ask if we had any kittens. Not a single one, we sadly told him, knowing what a great home they would give some lucky little kitty. Yet there were certainly some mysterious forces at work!

Some days before Bill's call, our sanctuary staff had seen a starving black cat out in the desert. *She seemed so tiny out there, so alone.* They set out a humane trap for her and hoped against hope that she would cooperate. Unbelievably, on the day of Bill's call she walked into the trap.

Soon she was safe in quarantine at our sanctuary, with a name of her own - Eboni!



Dear Bill & a squirmy Eboni-san

A lovely Cynthia & sweet Neki-san



Neki-san, Daughter

Three years passed and oh so sadly, Neki-san's older sister Kimi-san became ill and passed away. In spite of their terrible grief, Cynthia and Bill thought of little Eboni, Neki-san's mom. They wanted to give her a home too. Could she possibly still be available?

And she was! Under-sized and with a crooked tail, Eboni had more than just "tamed down." She had become a charming, assertive and spunky little girl who loved the staff and volunteers. But she did not care much for being "one of the herd" at the sanctuary. In her new home, Eboni-san has blossomed. Driven by her curiosity, she fearlessly observes Bill giving his very active self-defense classes. She proudly ignores anyone calling her name. As *CARE kitty #3*, she has made it clear to Neki-san that she is the "mommy" and somehow - after all those years - they actually do seem to know each other. ***Truly, true love waits!***



Eboni-san, Mother

Besides adopting *three* cats from CARE, Bill and Cynthia have decided to support our efforts to rescue at-risk pets by becoming Honorary Board Members. These wonderful people will bring us new energy and ideas, and we deeply appreciate their decision to join us!



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Hot Dog! It's Swimming Pool Time!

Scooby really enjoys cooling his toes in a wading pool during the long, hot summer!

C.A.R.E. maintains a no-kill, cage-free “*Home Sweet Home*” for about 170 orphaned cats & dogs in the High Desert north of Los Angeles.

We are committed to saving the lives of homeless dogs and cats by rescuing at-risk animals, placing adoptable ones in homes of their own, and caring for those awaiting adoption (and those considered conventionally “unadoptable”) in our sanctuary, for the rest of their lives if need be. Many of the cats and dogs here have special needs. Each receives the individual care and attention they need to lead a happy, healthy life.



Every life should have 9 cats.