



KATS' TALES

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Oh, Those Quirky Cats by Rod Lauman, KAS Board of Directors

As you know, our cats can be so quirky at times, but that is part of what makes them so endearing. I know that if you have cats, you will be able to relate to these quirky traits in your own kitties.

Digging to China Have you ever noticed your cat's normal litter box habits when they are digging in the litter to find just the right spot and then the burying afterwards? Then think about when they need to go No. 2 and the digging really begins! They stare at the litter, stop for a minute and then they really dig! Their eyes get very wide and dig all the way to the bottom of the litter pan and keep on scratching at the plastic with a big mound of litter right nearby. Your cat could put her head down there and see the Great Wall of China!

Lick Me to Death How many of you have cats that lick? While it's nice that your cat is showing affection, the tongue is like sandpaper and very rough. Not all cats do it; in fact only one of mine does on a regular basis. Major will lick me like a dog when I come back home from somewhere and also when he wants me to wake up at 5 A.M. to feed him. This is all well and good during the week, but not so nice on the weekends. When I attempt to move my arm that he is licking he will strategically move himself to get in a better position to then lick my forehead or any other skin area that is exposed.

The Cat Crazyies Your cat is just chilling out, when all of a sudden her eyes get wide and her ears go back down on the sides of her head. Her tail starts to twitch and then she starts to gallop all over the house, sometimes meowing and in general having a good run. Sometimes other cats will join in the party and then you have a bunch of them engaging in the cat crazyies! This will come out of nowhere and it normally will stop just as quickly. Most of my cats will do this at least once a day. What fun it is to see this quirky habit in action!

Kneading Those Biscuits Another charming and quirky trait is what some call "kneading bread" or "kneading biscuits." You will be patting your cat and all of a sudden the kneading begins on some part of your body or the blanket or pillow that happens to be nearby. Loud purring ensues and the behavior goes on for up to 10 minutes. A complete look of rapture and contentment will be on his face. While this seems odd, it goes back to when your cat was a kitten and instinct will tell him to do this behavior to stimulate more milk from mom.

Brush Me If You Can Get that comb or brush out and many cats will come right over for a good brushing. So then you start to comb and invariably the cat will walk just out of range of where you can reach her and just stand there. You try to encourage her to come back and she normally will, in her own good time. If you get up and walk over to her to comb her she will then walk away again after a short time, and you need to do the whole procedure over again. Just another quirky trait that I have seen in most cats that I have had.

Where Do I Sleep? Finding just the right spot to sleep is a big deal for a cat. It's quite a ritual and has to be done just so. Of the cats I have, each has his own ritual and place to sleep. Major and Rambler always sleep with me; the other cats wouldn't dream of doing that. Rambler will jump up on my bed about 10 minutes after I go to bed and then the circling ritual begins. He will circle in one direction and then turn and circle in the other direction for a minute before lying down in a select spot at the foot of the bed. After that a few minutes of grooming before he sacks out for the night. I can get up during the night and know exactly where each of the other cats will be laying and in what position. There are many more of these charming and quirky traits that I am sure you can think of. Each of them makes the cat individual and yet makes them very feline and part of the overall feline family.

Why don't you stop by Kingdom Animal Shelter today and pick out a cat of your own to experience some of these quirky and endearing traits for yourself!



Hello. Our names are Tommy (orange and white) and Casper (all white). We are 10 years old and our human parents had to surrender us after having us for 6 years. We are back at the Shelter and enjoying it there. Everyone is so friendly and nice. We are big old teddy bears, with lots of love and cuddles to give. And we love each other, so we very much want to be in a new home together. Won't you consider giving us a nice, quiet, loving home in time for the Holidays? We will nuzzle each other but we will also nuzzle you. Please come and meet us at Kingdom Animal Shelter at 1664 Memorial Drive in St. Johnsbury Center. Or you can check us out at kingdomanimalshelter.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Dec. 13-24 Twelve Days of Christmas Raffle** Lots of great prizes Many chances to win Tickets are \$5 each, available from any volunteer or at **Locally Social Coffee in St. J.** (check out our webpage and FB page for more details)

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The 2018 calendar is now available. They can be purchased online, at White Markets on various days, and at the following locations: Joe's Pond Craft Shop and Hastings Store in W. Danville, The Danville Restaurant and Inn in Danville, Morrison's Feed Bag, AquaRealm, and Locally Social Coffee in St. Johnsbury, and at the Freighthouse Market and Café, and Green Mountain Books in Lyndonville.



NOVEMBER ADOPTIONS: Panda, Punky, Paisley, Heath, Pete, and Shelby

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ALL OF US AT KAS!



Did you know... If your cat is 3, your cat is 21 in human years. If your cat is 8, your cat is 40 in human years. If your cat is 14, your cat is 70 in human years.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT The purpose of the Kingdom Animal Shelter is to facilitate the placement of stray and unwanted animals and pets in desirable homes; to establish and maintain an animal shelter and associated procedures that promote health, care and handling; and to prevent overpopulation and the prevention of cruelty to animals. The animals in our care, our guests, are never euthanized merely because we lack space or because the animal's stay with us has exceeded a predefined amount of time.

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