



NORTH COUNTRY SPCA
FRANCES MILLER ADOPTION CENTER
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Dear Friend,

THE FINE CATS by *Carrie & Harry Fine*

As we look to the past and the future during the holiday season, our family counts the gifts we have. Our small collection of shelter cats is a constant source of companionship, amusement and joy. We are a cat-loving family. Our memories and that of our children, Noah and Tara, are filled with the cat friends who have passed. Bandit, our tuxedo tripod kitty, was chosen from the shelter by Noah. Bandit charmed all guests with a chirp and kiss. He loved to snuggle by the fire with Harry.

Bob was the worry cat with his constant look of concern. He was our gentle ambassador to new cat additions. Patches, the first to greet us at the door, was a sweet lady. Nicknamed "Nurse Patches", she sought out and comforted anyone who was under the weather. We return again and again to how much they were loved and needed by each of us. We miss them. The memories of our cats fill the nooks and spaces in our lives.



Bandit & Noah, 2008



Patches, 2015



Tara with Mulberry, Scooby & Bob

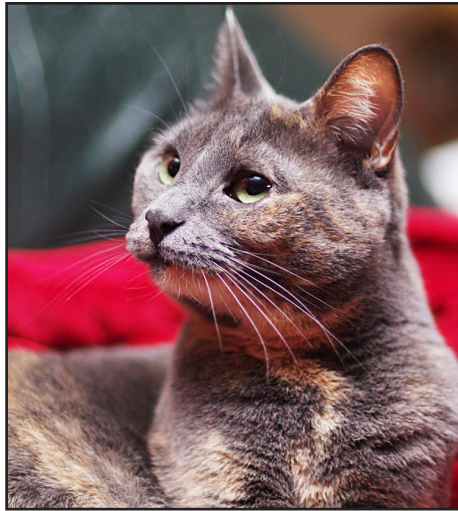
Our friends are amazed by our five playful cats. Mulberry is notorious for gently leaping from the top

of the refrigerator onto the shoulders of the nearest person to settle down on this place of honor. He will happily stay there as they walk around or transfer to the next set of shoulders.

Mulberry is our daughter Tara's constant companion, day or night. She depends on him to comfort her. Tara's first reaction when distressed is to hold Mulberry, seeking the security of his presence.



Harry & Scooby



Smokee



Carrie with Shaggy & Mercury

Scooby-Doo, clumsy and sweet, is always on the lookout for a lap to claim as his own. He's never shy about reminding us of what he wants. Smokee, on the other hand, is Carrie's shy and devoted friend.

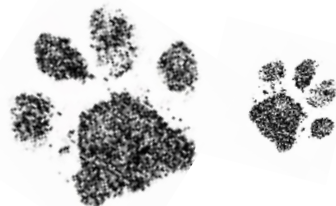
The latest additions are two kittens, Shaggy and Mercury, who came to us from the NCSPCA in late June. Shaggy, the snuggler, has a chirp that announces his desire for affection. Mercury does the same with his loud purr. We are once again subjected to "elephant time," when the kittens' energy propels them throughout the house in a scrambling, helter skelter, tumble of fur and paws, and pure exuberance. The kittens bring our total to five. Five is the magic number in this house. We wouldn't have it any other way.

Every day we are blessed by these fine felines. Each one is beautiful, unique, and gives all of us love and comfort. We hope that this short tale encourages you to support our wonderful North Country SPCA so that others may be as blessed as we are. —*Carrie & Harry Fine, Upper Jay, NY*



*I'm Mulberry
and I approved
this message!*

We have an exciting \$55,000 matching gift challenge this year. Your donation will be doubled. We hope you will be as generous as you can. Every dollar will go towards caring for and bringing love into the lives of both the cats and dogs at the North Country SPCA and the people in our communities.



Gratefully,

Your friends at the North Country SPCA

Remember, the North Country SPCA is a no-kill shelter that receives no support from the national ASPCA. **More than 85% of our income is from generous people like you** who share our commitment to helping animals in need. Please give online at www.ncspca.org

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