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Fri, 2015-05-29 15:39 — Robin Olson

Although I've said this before, it floors me to discover that anyone reads my blog posts, let alone finds themselves so attached to the stars of these pieces—our little kittens and cats. Even on their darkest day, they must find out what the next chapter holds.

I feel I owe everyone an apology because I can't write as often as I'd like to. I have to make a living and keep Kitten Associates going, which means fewer hours to write. There's a laundry-list of updates to tell, of thoughts to share, of news to break; but I can't always keep up and feel badly about that...

...and then comes a story that just can't wait to be told.

I recently received a Memorial donation in honor of a lost loved one. I offered to send a letter to the family announcing the gift, but they replied nothing was needed. I was told that the donation should be used towards Freya's care and I wrote back and said that she was due for a Vet appointment and I'd use the donation to pay for her visit.



There was nothing particularly extraordinary about what transpired, unless you factor in the following: Pat Snyder spent her final days making certain she knew how Freya was doing. Though she admittedly preferred orange tabbies, she had a special connection to Freya once she discovered Freya's [Facebook page](#) [1]. She loved Freya so much that she wanted a portion of her Estate to be donated to Freya after she passed away (although the legacy gift ended up not happening, just the idea of it is incredibly humbling).

In all the months I'd written about Freya, Pat never once contacted me. I would have loved to chat with her and maybe I could have helped comfort her from afar. It was heartbreaking to know that even on her deathbed her concern was for our girl, not herself. It just made me admire her all the more.

Pat's sister Connie told me that she only knew about Freya because during her last days, Pat insisted that Connie read to her my latest post so she could keep up to date. Connie and I began to email each other and through Connie I got to know a bit more about Pat and her love and devotion for animals (*in addition to a lifetime of service to the citizens of Colorado in her long career as a State Trooper*).

It seems the more I learned the sadder I felt. Not only could I feel Connie's heartbreak, I felt deep regret in never having known Pat. I'm certain we would have been great friends.

Connie gave me the OK to share some of her thoughts about her older sister, Pat, as well as to share some old photos of her. Pat and I are alike in that we both hate being photographed, so there aren't any recent ones to share.

Connie wrote:

"These are both older pictures of my sister Pat. They are both favorites of mine. She was a Colorado State Trooper in the '80s and worked for the state of Colorado for 31 years. When she retired, she worked for two animal clinics. As I said before, she

thought the best kitties were orange but she loved all kitties. She was a huge animal lover.



Pat in her Colorado State Trooper's uniform. Used with Permission.

Several years ago a mountain lion killed a deer on her property and division of wildlife wanted to trap the cat. She said she would only agree if it was a live trap and it would be relocated. The next day, the trap contained the "**kitty**". Pat was in seventh heaven. **She got to pet her** and, since Pat was a scrapbooker, she took many pictures which she used to create page after page of this magnificent animal.

She told me, "Now I can die happy."

I'm grateful for that chance encounter that she had with the mountain lion. **The big cat was just trying to survive and, Pat respected her enough to not allow her to be killed because WE were living in HER world.** She didn't think she should be "punished" for her natural instincts.



Cat-mama-Pat. Used with Permission.

Pat had a huge heart when it came to God's creatures and always adopted for life. Her kitties were so spoiled that she had a custom built "catio" (a cat patio) added to her bedroom with a cat door leading outside so they could enjoy the outdoors without the danger of predators. She lived in the foothills west of Denver where there are daily wildlife visitors. The catio had grass, perches and a human door so the grass could be maintained and the kitties could sun themselves in the morning. **I hope that helps paint a picture for you of who she was and what she was about...**

Thank you for honoring her. She was very dear to me."

Connie

Though she is gone, here's to Patricia "Missy" Snyder, truly one of the good ones who left us

far too soon. May her spirit live on in the hearts of everyone who loves and cares for all animals. May her family find some comfort knowing that her life mattered in her service to others and to know that a lot more people just learned about the special person they've lost.

I know if Freya could speak she would tell Pat's family how grateful she is to have Pat be part of her story. That in the telling of Freya's adventure Pat will play a part forever.

Rest in Peace, Pat.

If you'd like to read Pat's Obituary, it's [HERE](#) [2].

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Fri, 2015-05-29 16:14 — Lynda Donati (not verified)

My deepest condolences to [7]

My deepest condolences to Connie. Pat was far too young to leave this world. The journey Freya is on has drawn so many people to her. Pat's love for Freya will inspire even more.

Fri, 2015-05-29 21:40 — Jeanne B. (not verified)

Having a Sadz [8]

The entire Meowsoleum has a sadz tonight over the loss of this wonderful kitty-lovin' woman. She was only a year older than the Meowsoleum's Humom, which, in her not-so-humble-opinion, is far too young to die. When we saw that she'd left a note to donate to Kitten Associates in her memory, it caused great volumes of purr. We walk this earth only a few short decades, never fully grasping the effect our life has had. RIP, Pat Snyder.

Sat, 2015-05-30 14:02 — jmuwj (not verified)

What a beautiful soul, Pat [9]

What a beautiful soul, Pat Snyder! With gratitude to her for her part in saving that mountain lion, and with deepest condolences to her family for their loss. Thank you for sharing this with us, Robin -- and yes, Freya is living tribute to wonderful people like Pat who care and put that caring into action on behalf of the most innocent and blameless.

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