

RATCHET - The Guardian Angel

A Christmas Story

Once upon a time there was a little lost kitty roaming the streets outside of Heaven's gate. The head angel guarding the gate knelt down close to the lost kitty, patted him on the head and asked, "What's your name?"

"I don't have a name, can you give me one?" asked the lost kitty.

The head angel stood back up, shook his head "Sorry, I can't do that. You have to find your own name".

"How will I do that?" asked the lost kitty.

The head angel scratched his head, looked up for a moment, knelt down next to the lost kitty and said, "God has a special request he wants you to do. He wants you to find the elder cat named QUE and tell him it's time to come home. When QUE arrives at Heaven's playground then you will have your name".

The lost kitty thought about it and became more confused. He knew he was already lost and figured he would be even further away from Heaven's gate.

"But how will I get back here after my search is over?"

"Simple" said the head angel. "Once God sees his QUE boy playing with the other kitties in the playground he will send you a set of wings so you can fly back here."

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Meet QUE - the elder kitty.

QUE was born February 1990 in California.

In 1997 he was diagnosed with feline diabetes. He would forever need daily insulin injections twice a day.

By December 2007, the diabetes and old age was taking its toll. He was getting tired and struggling. But for whatever reason he wasn't ready to let go.



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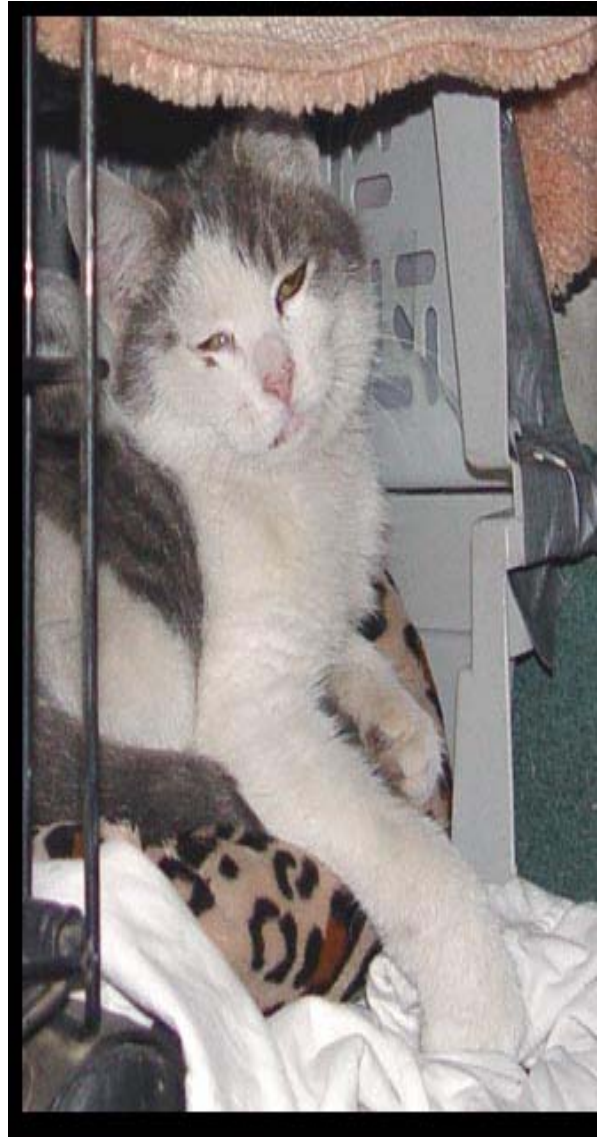
Meet the lost kitty.

December 2007, a scared, beat up looking kitty "showed up" at my doorstep.

We think somebody just "dumped him" in the neighborhood. He was probably on the streets about 2-3 wks before "showing up" near my home.

He was scared, hungry and very grateful for any gesture of kindness. He was also very insistent about wanting to be in the house.

For the first 2 weeks after he arrived I would not let him inside the house. But I did give him some food and hoped he would find another place. Meanwhile, the outside temperature was getting lower and lower. Once the temperature dropped below 40 degrees I created a make shift shelter to protect him. Once again, no complaint, simply grateful. But then the rains came and the temperature was starting to drop in the low 30's!!! So, I took him to the Humane Society, had him tested and vaccinated before I would let him INSIDE to mingle with the other 4 KITTIES. He was neutered 1 week later.



Living outside in a protected shelter.

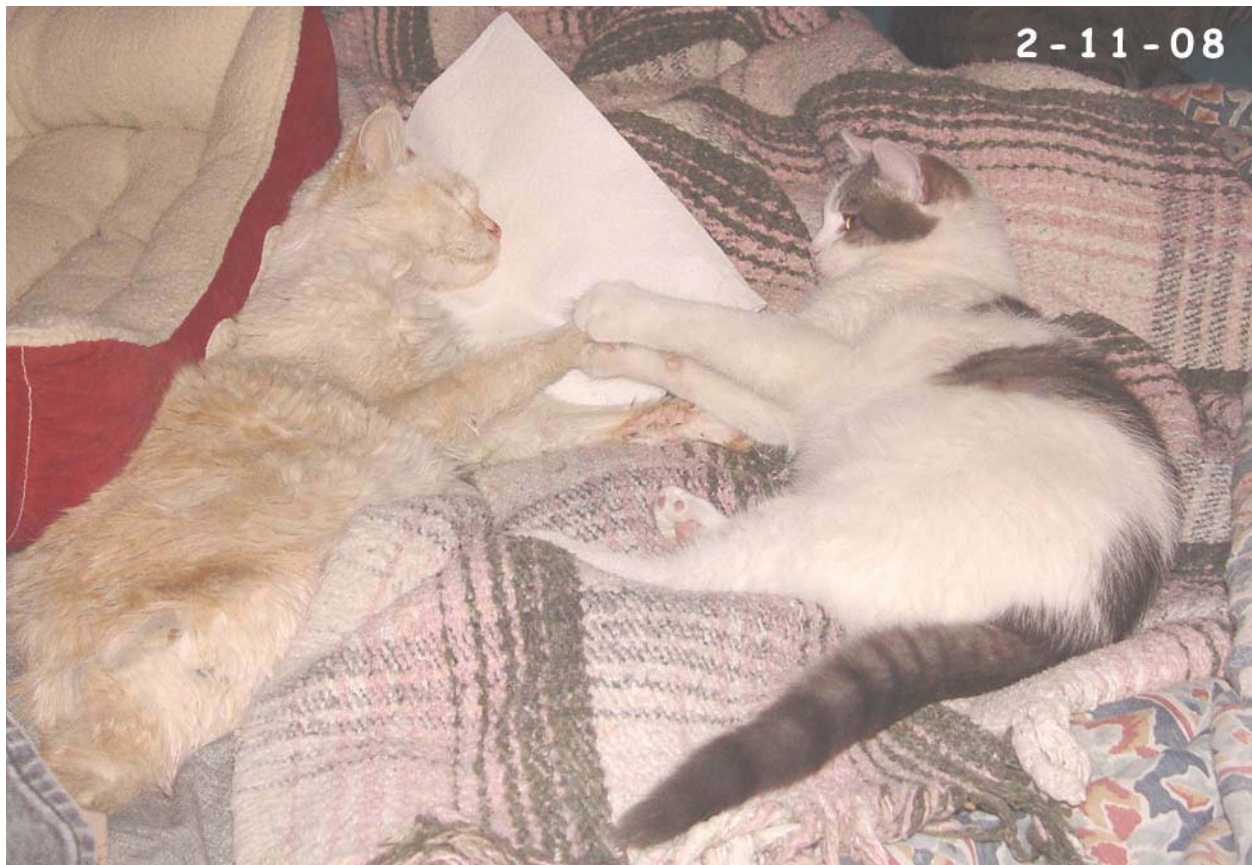
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The lost kitty finds the elder QUE cat.

The lost kitty was now in my home. It took him 3 weeks to finally convince me that he should be in the home with all the other kitties. He got along well with everyone. After living inside for 2 weeks it was becoming more apparent that he was developing a very special relationship with QUE, the elder cat. Soon, thereafter, QUE "gave the signal -- *the look*" that he was ready to leave.

The night before taking QUE to the veterinarian, the lost kitty did something quite extraordinary. *On his own initiative* he stayed with QUE the entire evening. His presence seemed to have a calming and comforting affect on QUE. On his last night with the family QUE was able to get some rest and forget about the pain, thanks in part to the lost kitty, his Guardian Angel, watching over him and holding his hand.



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The lost kitty gets a name.

Now that QUE was gone it was time to name the lost kitty. I knew he was QUE's Guardian Angel but that didn't seem to be the best name for a kitty.

During his short time in the home the lost kitty had struck up a close relationship with the younger kitty named GIZMO. So, it just seemed natural to name the lost kitty RATCHET.

And that's how the lost kitty got his name.

RATCHET - The Guardian Angel to QUE.



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God gave the promised wings to RATCHET on May 19, 2009.

When RATCHET arrived at Heaven's gate he went up to the head angel and asked,
"Remember me?"

The head angel knelt down close to the kitty, patted him on the head and asked,
"What's your name?"

"My name is RATCHET - The Guardian Angel to QUE".

The head angel stood back up, opened the gate and said,

"Welcome RATCHET, Guardian Angel to QUE. God is expecting you and wants you to join your friend, QUE. They are waiting for you in the playground".

"Really?" asked RATCHET, "There's nothing more God wants me to do?"

The head angel knelt down next to RATCHET, patted him on the head and said,
"nothing more RATCHET, you did fine. You're done".

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Merry Christmas Kitty Boys!