

Rest in Peace -- JOSHUA2 "Joshee2"

May 1999 – December 27, 2016



JOSHEE. Born sometime in MAY 1999, Joshee was impounded 7-11-1999 at the Agoura Animal Shelter. He was adopted 7-31-1999 and was estimated to be 13 weeks old.

What first attracted me to Joshee was that he was an orange male cat! The fact that he was a kitten was secondary. The attendants said he had not been eating well since he came to the Agoura Animal Shelter. He was very frightened and stayed to himself. When I picked him up and held him he snuggled right up to me. After 10 minutes of holding him I decided to take him home.

The first time I saw Joshee2 he was in a big cage with other kitties. He was the only orange kitty. He was huddled in the corner, with his tail tightly tucked between his legs. The other kitties in the cage were jumping around and eager to smell the hands of the people passing their cage. But not Joshee, he was so scared.

There were a few volunteers in the room. I recall one of the volunteers was a mature lady. When I asked about the orange cat she told me he was a male tabby that had been at the shelter for 3 weeks. She was concerned about him because he was not eating and was losing weight. She said he was a sweet scared cat. I asked to hold him. He was so little for **his age, approx 5 months old** weighing 2 lbs. He did not resist being held, but instead was very cuddled up within himself. I started crying – maybe cause I felt sorry for the little scared cat that no one would adopt. I don't know why I decided to adopt him. Could it be he was born about the same time Joshee1 died? Could it be he just seemed to need someone? Or could it be I really needed him and he needed me? With Delvin's words of support I decided to adopt the little scared cat.

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Delvin worked really hard for almost 3 months at least coaching Joshee to get out in the open. He set up this dresser and another lower dresser that we called the "loving table". Joshee would get his food and lovings on these dressers. All the time we lived in Oak Park, CA Joshee, for the most part would stay hidden upstairs. Only when we got Toker in 2000 did Joshee come out of his secluded shell. He loved Toker and took care of him for most of his growing up kitty time. Joshee is now buried next to Toker who passed away in 2012. They are now "BUD – CATS" forever and laying next to each other like they always use to do.

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We moved to the cabin in 2004. Joshee loved it here and wandered freely about for all the time he was here. In 2016 we noticed his left eye changing. About 3yrs prior we had to remove the lower left side of his teeth. Other than that Joshee never really had any serious health problems. December 2016 was a rough time for him but regardless he continued to eat, drink, walk on his own but was definitely losing weight and getting weak. In his best of times he would average about 14lbs. By the time he peacefully left us he was about 6lbs. He was a trooper – a fighter – and a loving kitty. We will miss you Joshee – Love Mom and Dad and Gizmo and Rachet and TQ.

