

GIZMO

MAY 12, 2002 - FEBRUARY 4, 2019

GIZMO was born in Agoura Hills, CA on Sunday, May 12, 2002.

GIZMO peacefully passed away at the Rimforest Animal Hospital on Monday February 4, 2019 at 9:30 AM.

GIZMO shared our home in Oak Park, CA from 2002 to 2004 with his furrbuddies: QUE, JOSHEE and TOKER.

GIZMO shared our home in Cedarpines Park, CA from 2004 to his passing on February 4, 2019.

He will join QUE, JOSHEE and TOKER and lay with them in The Kitty Garden – Breezy Point – Cedarpines Park, CA.

On February 3rd, Sunday morning (Super Bowl day) GIZMO missed a jump and hit the floor very hard. He did not land on his feet but on his right side. He was dazed & did not move for about 5min. Slowly he came to but was very wobbly when he walked. After 3 hrs we noticed red veins in his left eye. We kept him stable.... he was fairly alert, no labored breathing....he was not eating but accepted fluids via a dropper.....upon consultation it was decided we could wait till Monday to bring him to Rimforest Animal Hospital. Of course we both felt that the prognosis was not going to be good for a recovery. We suspect he suffered a stroke which might have caused him to miss his usual high leaping jumps. The Doctor observed possible spinal and neurological damage from the fall. Sweet, baby GIZ was about 16.5 yrs old when he crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

GIZZY was part of a litter that we suspect were bred as California Spangled cats. He was born with “water on the brain”. A high school friend of my son was working at the Veterinary Hospital in Agoura Hills, CA at the time and convinced the Doctor to save his life, since the breeder would opt to terminate this damaged kitty. At a very young age the Doctor did what he could for the “water on the brain” issue and also neutered him. Typically, cats are at least 2lbs before they are neutered. Nonetheless, by June 20, 2002, Gizmo came to our home in Oak Park, CA at almost 6wks of age. He had BIG EYES and thus was named GIZMO. Considering how GIZZY started out in life (water on the brain) he had a fairly healthy life. Throughout his life he remained small and never weighed over 7lbs. He was physically stealth and loved to jump. However, GIZZY was always a bit slow (mentally) but given love, hugs, repetition and positive vibes he managed to learn and do activities at his own pace.



June 20, 2002 – Oak Park, CA -- 6weeks old.



**November 12, 2002
Showing off his BIG EYES and the little “Mohawk”
on top of his head where his incision was from
surgery for “water on the Brain”.**

BABY GIZ had a great friend and mentor in TOKER who would play with him and literally with one paw behind his back would let GIZMO slowly “telegraph” a biting move against him. We knew how much GIZZY missed TOKER (RIP 6/5/2012) when he was gone and took some comfort that GIZZY would occasionally acknowledge JOSHEE (RIP 12/27/2016)....but it was never the same – “playmate-wise” without TOKER. GIZMO was such a good boy and never complained.

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Besides being a bit slow – “cat behavior wise”... the only health issues he had was a minor cold and then the removal of some teeth a few years ago. He LOVED to jump and get on the kitchen counter for his meals & snacks & drinking from bowls in the sink & drinking water from his very own coffee mug.

Some of his other quirky habits included:

- Using plastic bottle wrappings for scratching post
- Licking left over tuna salad bowls
- Waiting and looking forward to tuna juice...
- Telegraphing biting behavior when playing with TOKER --- never did that again after TOKER died
- Jumping unto the kitchen counter for his can of Fancy Feast food..... he loved the gravy!
- Drinking water out of the bowls in the sink
- Having his personal coffee cup of water
- Snuggling on his personal blue heating pad

Over the years GIZMO earned some favorite nicknames, which he seemed to love:

Gizmo, GizmoTron, GizMoto, Gizzie, Gitmo, Baby Giz, Sweet Little Gitmo.....

In retrospect it appears he was having problems jumping in the last few months of his life. We now suspect that he might have suffered from a stroke, maybe mild in the early months to severe when he failed the last jump. GIZMO will be missed. WE LOVED HIM SO MUCH. He is buried with a green & maroon hook latch sampler rug with a HEART in the middle. I (Laurel) made this sampler rug runner in the late 1970's. GIZMO had been using it in his bed for the last year of his life. He “feathered” it for comfort and warmth. It is only fitting he should be wrapped in it for eternity. GIZMO is also buried with 3 toys to share – a catnip gray mouse, fluff ball and a wooden doll head in a crinkly package. GIZMO joins TOKER & JOSHEE --- ** The Three Amigos ** are reunited again with QUE and RATCHET I watching fondly.

Needless to say... I will be updating our FurrKids web page. <http://www.breezymtn.com/furrkids/index.html>

GIZMO's burial was delayed because the very next day we got an unusual amount of snow. We buried him when the weather cleared up (approx. FEB 14th). The snow is a great distraction and we are ever so grateful that we did not have to drive GIZZY to Rimforest during the inclement weather. TQ & RATCHET II are still adjusting to the loss. They are cautious & curious.....even though GIZZY has been made available for them to see and sniff. Each day will get better.



Nite Nite Baby Gitmo !
Run free little spirit.

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June 11, 2015
GIZMO enjoying his warm summer bed



September 25, 2015
GIZMO enjoying his personal heating pad



March 15, 2017
GIZMO kicking back in the living room



July 10, 2018
GIZMO nestled in his "top of armoire" bed

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December 30, 2018, 1:25:22 PM



Monday, January 21, 2019, 11:50:54 AM



Sunday, February 3, 2019, 4:25:44 PM



Monday, February 4, 2019, 7:49:18 AM