



## Catfish Houser

July 1, 2007 - December 24, 2020

Catfish (CF) was a wonderful Manx female cat. I am convinced we will never have another pet as smart as CF. I have watched her sit and study a doorknob or closed door for an hour determining how to open it. In fact, she figured out how to open the door leading to the hot water heater because it was always warm in that small space and a great spot for a nap.

She loved to eat spinach, so whenever she smelled it, she just jumped up onto the table to get her treat. If not rewarded she would simply steal it from your plate. When she was a kitten, we lived in a beach front cottage for a year. She loved to sun on the deck, but also developed a bad habit of jumping up on the railing to chase the sea gulls hovering above. One afternoon she went missing and after a frantic search I saw her in in the ocean! I never determine if she fell off the railing, was blown off by the wind, or jumped.

Catfish was a talker...and would "howl" like dog when she wanted something she wasn't getting. She hated thunder and had lots of hiding places for those stormy days. She loved to be picked up and held and brought me hours of joy. I always knew that she loved us as much as we loved her.