
Subject: Creature Friends

Posted by [Stardancer](#) on Thu, 09 Jun 2011 13:12:00 GMT

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We all know and love Robin's Darkness and Chaos. What pets do you have--or what animal friends have you? :d

I'll start off by saying that I have...a betta fish. One betta fish. But he's really pretty! He's quite small with gorgeous scarlet fins. (No, that's not him in my avatar. Obviously.) And for reasons of fandom and friendship, his name is Rory. (Extra points for knowing what TV show that comes from!)

I do have plans to fill my someday-house with small friends. My boyfriend loves briards (big cuddly dogs with more hair than a herd of sheep), so we'll probably end up with a couple of those someday. And lately, for whatever reason, I've been craving a cute, cuddly (?) hedgehog...

Subject: Re: Creature Friends

Posted by [holmes44](#) on Sat, 11 Jun 2011 20:46:11 GMT

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i have a 6 year old cat called minnew,a 11 month old collie/husky called chestnut and a 12 year old Japanese spaniel called tasha. they are all female and the cat is the boss.

Subject: Re: Creature Friends

Posted by [Melissa Mead](#) on Sun, 12 Jun 2011 10:32:21 GMT

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We have 2 cats. This is Finder: http://www.anthologybuilder.com/cover_demo.php?cover_id=752
My sister rescued him from a tree when he was probably less than a year old. He's 12 now.

This is Alias: http://www.anthologybuilder.com/cover_demo.php?cover_id=559 She's the runt of her litter, now 11. Her mom was one of 70 abandoned Maine Coon cats rescued when their owner died.

Subject: Re: Creature Friends

Posted by [HorsehairBraider](#) on Mon, 13 Jun 2011 15:01:32 GMT

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My life is filled with animals. I've got fish too, I have Melanotaenia praecox and Sundadanio axelrodii in the house. We also have a cat that I found abandoned. Outside I have horses... about 12 right now, mostly miniatures but a few Paso Finos. Then there are goats. I've got Nubians and Boers but the Boers are up for sale as I am trying to cut back. I milk the Nubians and make cheese.

They are all my friends, especially at feeding time when they are all my BEST friends. :d

Subject: Re: Creature Friends

Posted by [claning](#) on Wed, 15 Jun 2011 01:19:08 GMT

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This is Blackberry, who's about four years old:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/claning/3524109996>

She's an SPCA rescue kitty, one of a litter of wildly varicolored kittens all fathered (they think) by a Maine Coon cat. She definitely looks the part -- the build, the size (10-11 pounds), the very fluffy fur, and the "snowshoe" tufts of fur between her toes.

I call this her "boudoir" portrait: note the elegant white hairs inside her ears, which are what made me fall in love with her ;)

Subject: Re: Creature Friends

Posted by [Stardancer](#) on Wed, 15 Jun 2011 12:40:46 GMT

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claning wrote on Tue, 14 June 2011 21:19

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She's so incredibly fluffy!! Looking at her picture makes me want to pick her up and just run my hands through her fur :)

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Posted by [Stardancer](#) on Wed, 15 Jun 2011 12:48:00 GMT

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Tee hee :) Does the cat ever go after the fish? Or just sit and watch them in longing manner?

Goats, eh? I've never met anyone who keeps goats; what is that like?

Subject: Re: Creature Friends

Posted by [HorsehairBraider](#) on Wed, 15 Jun 2011 16:15:42 GMT

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Stardancer wrote on Wed, 15 June 2011 08:48

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The cat lives in a different part of the house from the fish so I can not really say. My guess is we'd have to fish her out of the tank from time to time...

Goats are very charming, willful, intelligent creatures. Being "herd mom" can really keep you on your toes. I love them but not everyone does; it's the kind of thing where they wrathfully say "STUPID GOAT!" because the goat just outsmarted them. When I sell them I tell people they are going to act like goats, not like kitties or puppies or people; and that if they can't stand that, they ought not to get them. Like I say though there are those of us who just adore them. What could be cuter than a little baby goat, leaping around randomly just for the pure joy of being alive?

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Posted by [Melissa Mead](#) on Thu, 16 Jun 2011 00:14:41 GMT

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Oh, adorable!

Subject: Re: Creature Friends
Posted by [Robyn Sue](#) on Sat, 25 Jun 2011 18:56:12 GMT
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Oh my gosh! She looks just like my Midnight (aka Evil). I'll upload a picture of him later this weekend. Midnight has a white-ish belly now and a few white strands of fur on his body. We also think he's part Maine Coon. He and sister (Mischief; a tortie) were rescued from a box at Petsmart on an August day about 9-10 years ago. All our cats have been strays. And Sydney (a male Aussie Shepherd/Retriever mix) was adopted from the SPCA.

I <3 rescued animals!

Subject: Re: Creature Friends
Posted by [Stardancer](#) on Tue, 12 Jul 2011 19:12:23 GMT
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Robyn Sue wrote on Sat, 25 June 2011 14:56I <3 rescued animals!

I kind of want to rescue a guinea pig or two! We had guinea pigs when I was a kid, but they didn't have nearly enough space, poor things. I'd love to be able to do it right, a nice big pen, lots of playtime--maybe a leash? They make those, but our guinea pigs never quite got the hang of it :)

Subject: Re: Creature Friends
Posted by [librarykat](#) on Thu, 14 Jul 2011 00:58:52 GMT
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We currently have four cats and four hamsters. We just lost our "miracle cat," Boychik, to acute kidney failure. Four years ago he survived a horrible urinary tract infection, his body built a new urethra when his original one healed shut after an operation. Domino is a handsome, lean, nervy

tuxedo cat; Gizmo is a fluffy-haired black/white/gray girl kitty; and Patch (male) and Buttercup (female) are 10-month-old white/black littermates. All kitties are rescues from off the street (as was Boychik). The hamsters used to belong to our older son; our teenager now takes care of them.

Subject: Re: Creature Friends

Posted by [Corellia](#) on Sat, 16 Jul 2011 21:32:23 GMT

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I have four cats and a dog:

Here's Oscar on the left, Caesar in the middle and Monza (my wild cat) on the right. Oscar is odd eyed, one eye is yellow, and the other one is blue. I think he's absolutely gorgeous.

This is Lille My:

Subject: Re: Creature Friends

Posted by [equus_peduus](#) on Sun, 14 Aug 2011 16:22:14 GMT

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Stardancer wrote on Thu, 09 June 2011 06:12

And for reasons of fandom and friendship, his name is Rory. (Extra points for knowing what TV show that comes from!)

Well, Gilmore Girls' main character is Rory, but that's a girl. I have a feeling I've heard the name as a boy somewhere, but I'll have to think about it...

I have three cats: Camille (my avatar, though she's about 7 now). I've had her since she was a 4-5 week old ball of fluff and way too cute to be legal. She's the bestest cat ever.

Nicki I acquired about 2 years ago as a year-old cat. She's a fluffy princess of a flame point cat. She rarely gets called by name... I tease her by calling her Fluffy Pants (from behind, the way the hair on her thighs is long and fluffy but the hair on the lower legs is short and dense, it almost looks like she's wearing those old riding pants that have all the extra fabric around the thigh area). This name is, of course, entirely beneath her dignity.

Perry was an unintended acquisition about 9 months ago. I work at a veterinary hospital. Perry broke the head of his femur. His owner couldn't afford the surgery necessary to fix it. He's young and sweet and handsome as only an orange tabby can be. I ended up talking the owner into

signing him over to me rather than having him euthanized... and then I arranged for his surgery... and then I kind of never got around to finding him a permanent home... and then I arranged to have his surgery re-done by a board-certified surgeon because he had some complications from the first surgery. I have now officially spent too much money on him to give him to anyone else :p

I also have two chinchillas (Jacques, a white mosaic, and Ravel, a beige), and eight fish (I used to have more, but had an accident in my apartment recently that took the numbers down... there are now 5 lemon tetras, 2 sterbai cories, and a betta).

Oddly, none of the cats ever seemed to be very interested in the fish. The chinchillas, however, are a source of constant fascination.

Oh, and I appear to have acquired four black foster kittens. I'm not entirely sure how this happened, and if anyone wants to take them off my hands, they're welcome to them...

Subject: Re: Creature Friends
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sun, 14 Aug 2011 18:03:49 GMT
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Corellia - is Lille My named after the Tove Janson character? It somehow seems like a perfect cat name - my husband and I rather recently watched some animated Moomin troll, and we felt that our Sassi definitely has Lilla My-type-traits... :)

Sassi, being "our" cat, as seen in my avatar - she'll be thirteen in the autumn, and has been with us since spring '99.

Subject: Re: Creature Friends
Posted by [b_twin_1](#) on Sun, 14 Aug 2011 21:08:42 GMT
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Stardancer wrote on Thu, 09 June 2011 09:12And for reasons of fandom and friendship, his name is Rory. (Extra points for knowing what TV show that comes from!)

I have several alpaca that were named with inspiration from tv series. *g*

(And for your Q: DW of course! ;))

Subject: Re: Creature Friends
Posted by [Stardancer](#) on Wed, 17 Aug 2011 18:44:48 GMT
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Of course!! *applause* Doctor Who, one of my favorite shows (one that I have to, ahem, import from the UK via YouTube >.>) He's an example of a character who grew on me so that now, he's one of my favorite-ers. I'm afraid having a fish named for him is a little...silly? But at the same time, he's a very lovely fish :)

Subject: Re: Creature Friends
Posted by [ownedbycats](#) on Thu, 18 Aug 2011 16:16:15 GMT
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Some of you guys have interesting pets. Alpacas are definitely not your usual household pet. What kind of special care do they need?

My family has a dog and three cats. The cats are Dr. Seuss, who is a solid grey that shades from dark steel along the spine to lighter on the his belly which you see only if he trusts you, with medium length fluffy fur. Misty is my solid white short haired cat with pale leaf green eyes estimated to be the same age as Seuss, 4 years. She was a pregnant rescue off the street who turned our two cat household temporarily into a ten cat household. We found homes for all but one of the kittens. MooBoots, Misty's son, is a black and white long hair. His markings give him a mask over his eyes (with a perfectly symmetrical white triangle between the eyes spreading out to cover his muzzle, belly and all four paws, with a not quite compete ring of white around his neck. He gives the impression of needing that cape and mask because he is constantly causing mischief, but is too cute to get scolded severely.

Sunshine is our almost three year old golden retriever/(white german shepherd? border collie?). She is scared stiff of going near Misty, to the point where Misty can sit in a room's entrance and we will hear pitiful whines asking us to remove the cat so she can leave. Leashes offer magical protection and while wearing one she can walk past the scary monster cat with little trouble. Seuss can walk under her belly, in fact she insists that if he is in a rubbing mood, she be rubbed too, by standing in front of him so he has to go under or around.

Subject: Re: Creature Friends
Posted by [Corellia](#) on Wed, 31 Aug 2011 16:48:53 GMT
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My ridiculously late answer is that yes, she's named after the Moomin character. She was a wild kitten, and is still rather anxious, but she is very much her own woman.

Subject: Re: Creature Friends
Posted by [Robyn Sue](#) on Wed, 31 Aug 2011 20:35:57 GMT
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Robyn Sue wrote on Sat, 25 June 2011 13:56Oh my gosh! She looks just like my Midnight (aka Evil). I'll upload a picture of him later this weekend. Midnight has a white-ish belly now and a few white strands of fur on his body. We also think he's part Maine Coon. He and sister (Mischief; a tortie) were rescued from a box at Petsmart on an August day about 9-10 years ago. All our cats have been strays. And Sydney (a male Aussie Shepherd/Retriever mix) was adopted from the SPCA.

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Here's Midnight.

http://www.writerscafe.org/Texas/photos/My-evil-cat-Midnight_/101204/
<http://www.writerscafe.org/Texas/photos/Midnight-posing-at-being-evil-for-a-Photography-project./101205/>

And here's Sydney.

<http://www.writerscafe.org/Texas/photos/Sydney-coming-in-from-chasing-squirrels./101206/>

Subject: Re: Creature Friends
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Wed, 31 Aug 2011 23:31:01 GMT
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I loved the first one! (I'd probably love the other two as well, only they're suddenly loading hooooorribly slowly, so I'll try again later.) It's as if he's saying: "I'm Evil and I Like It - I'd take over the world, only I can't be bothered." :)

Subject: Re: Creature Friends
Posted by [Robyn Sue](#) on Thu, 01 Sep 2011 14:44:22 GMT

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He loves to run over my mom and the dog when my mom comes in from letting the dog out. Midnight's lazy but when he hears the door open and he gets out, all that potential energy turns into kinetic energy. And that cat can move fast. :d

Subject: Re: Creature Friends
Posted by [Laura](#) on Sun, 25 Sep 2011 00:19:09 GMT
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Wonderful name, Rory. After becoming a fan of the Doctor Who revival I've told my husband it's been added to the hypothetical-future-baby name list. I have a pompous fluffy gray cat named Mad King George. I posted his picture in the first thread about pets...several years ago. If I can find a recent photo, I'll post it. Or you can just look at my avatar to see his concerned face.

Subject: Re: Creature Friends
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Sun, 25 Sep 2011 02:30:59 GMT
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That's about our Sassi's expression when we eat an orange or something similar - "Are you really going to eat that? It's surely poison! That can't be good for you! Eat something else instead - a bit of meat for instance... which, you know, you could share with Me.. No? You really are going to eat that? Well, no wonder humans are strange then... Well, that's how it is... no matter how hard One tries, One must face the truth... humans just aren't cats... sigh... "

Subject: Re: Creature Friends
Posted by [Laura](#) on Sun, 25 Sep 2011 17:07:14 GMT
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Yep, you hit the nail on the head. He doesn't understand our unreasonable human behavior at all.

Subject: Re: Creature Friends
Posted by [Stardancer](#) on Tue, 11 Oct 2011 12:30:59 GMT
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Laura wrote on Sat, 24 September 2011 20:19 Wonderful name, Rory. After becoming a fan of the Doctor Who revival I've told my husband it's been added to the hypothetical-future-baby name list.

Tee hee :)

I've since acquired a second betta fish. This one's a tiny, bright blue girl whom my coworker has named Princess.

The funny thing is between my two fish, Princess is the aggressive one (they do live in separate tanks). Male bettas are supposed to get all angry and flare out their fins if you show them a mirror; well, Rory pops his fins out a bit, looks at the reflection, and then swims off with a sort of "Eh, whatever."

Princess, on the other hand, can see her reflection in the shiny sides of her tank and she spends hours staring herself down. It's pretty funny, especially as she's only half the size of the other fish!
