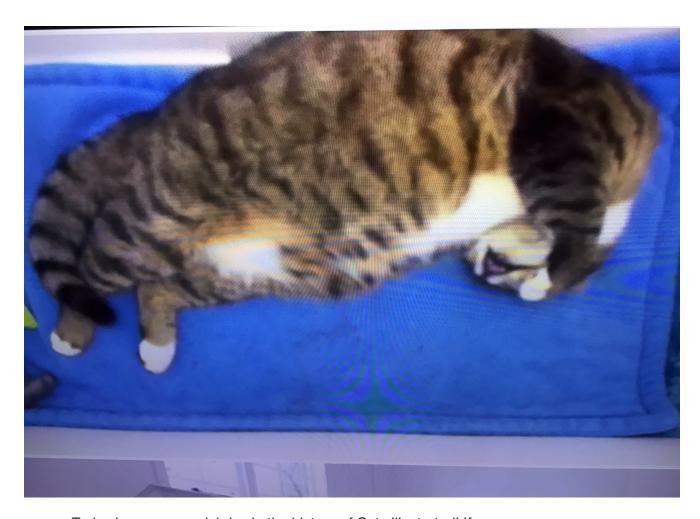
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CATS ILLUSTRATED

This is Cats Illustrated's 500th issue!



Today is a very special day in the history of Cats Illustrated! If you look at the issue number when you read Cats Illustrated, you should know to expect something big today.

This is issue #500, the biggest milestone leading up to 1,000 issues. Even though we are doing our best to make this day special for ourselves, the reaction that cats have been having is not the intended one. Instead of spreading joy and happiness, the only thing that we have spread so far is age-awareness. Even kittens, who are still in school, feel mature to have lived through 500 issues. Many adult cats have realized that they are not

Image above - Harvey, who feels ancient knowing that he was described as an old cat 500 issues ago. By Leo Sahlin June 4, 2022

young anymore, though they don't feel any different from when we started writing Cats Illustrated. As you can see, this is not how we hoped this day would start off.

You may still have some lingering questions from one of the last times we celebrated a milestone, in early January of this year. In our issue, we talked about a certain amount of personality control and how it could help expand the amount of popularity we got. I mean, cats love to read juicy stories. We were doing it for the good of the people. So right now, you'll get a bit more information about our personality control. Have you ever wondered why Rebecca went into the ice cream business? Or how Mavis found her religion? It was all done with a few tweaks, a couple bribes, and some luck. Even fortune tellers are willing to take a bribe to tell a cat a specific fortune. And all it takes is one thing come true and you've got a cat believing that there is a god above.

As for Rebecca, that was even easier.

She already liked making ice cream as a hobby, and it just took a couple of cats commenting about how they would love to try homemade ice cream to get her interested in the business. See? It isn't that hard. Cats cave easily when a bribe is on the table. If North's to-be boss at Behavior and Co. hadn't

gotten a payoff, who knows whether North would've gotten the job or not in the first place!

Pawsville is full of some deep and dark secrets, most of them centering around us. Hopefully cats won't hear this and then think that their whole life is a lie, because then there would be nothing to report. And we wouldn't want that, of course. We could pass this off as

a joke that we do every hundred issues. But if you want to learn more information about our

personality control, keep your mouth shut about this and wait until issue #600 comes out.

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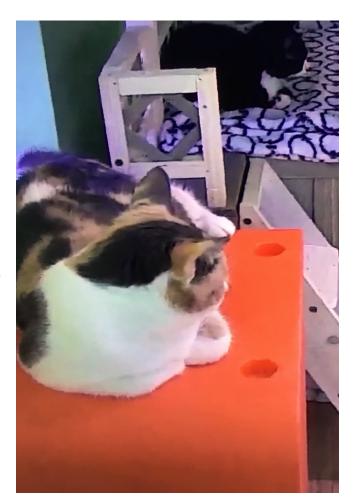


Image above - Juliet, who doesn't mind this as long as her life isn't rigged.

"You did not sin. You only opened my eyes to the truth."

- MAVIS, WHO DOESN'T MIND WHAT WE DID