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I can't believe my cat did that!

Chicken Soup for the Soul celebrates the crazy antics of our feline friends

COS COB, Conn. – Elizabeth Atwater couldn't believe it when her cat, Bandit, stole a kitten from the neighbor's litter. She told him over and over that they didn't need a new kitten, but Bandit kept bringing one into their house. Finally, the cat just decided to stay over with the kitten instead of bringing it home. Elizabeth says, "When he saw me, I could swear his eyes narrowed in defiance. If I would not let him bring the kitten home with him, he would stay with the kitten." Bandit never gave up on what he wanted. This fierce independence and attitude is what makes our cats completely irresistible. The contributors to *Chicken Soup for the Soul: I Can't Believe My Cat Did That!* (Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC, September 18, 2012, \$14.95) recount countless tales of their own cats' quirky self-reliance, just like Bandit stealing his very own kitten.

But our cats' independence doesn't keep them from always being there for us. *Chicken Soup for the Soul: I Can't Believe My Cat Did That!* also includes tales about the strong bond between cats and their owners. Garrett Bauman's deaf kitten, Ozzie, didn't let anything stop him while protecting his owners from a bear on their porch, jumping spread-eagle onto their screen door and howling at the much larger animal. Garrett writes, "He yodeled and gurgled in his throat and translated to something like: 'I will eat your face and spit out your beady black eyes!'" The brave little kitten was fearless in protecting his owners.

In *Chicken Soup for the Soul: I Can't Believe My Cat Did That!*, cat-loving contributors also recount the stories of lessons they have learned from their feline friends. When Saralee Perel suffered a spinal cord injury, her cat, Eddie, taught her a valuable lesson: nothing is impossible. Eddie never let any obstacle stop him, not even multiple lock changes on cabinets. He always found a way to break in. "I learned that the word 'impossible' was nothing other than a word," Saralee says. "A word that only carried meaning if I allowed it to. Eddie believed nothing was impossible. And by watching him, nothing was."

Every cat owner has a crazy story about their cat, and the stories in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: I Can't Believe My Cat Did That!* remind cat lovers of their own crazy felines. D.R. Ransdell, tired of having to get up over and over again to let her cats out, finally had an expensive cat door installed. However, her cats couldn't figure out how to use it. A couple of months later she found out from a neighbor that the cats knew how to use the door all along and were using it while she was at work, but still wanted her to open the door for them when she was home! She writes, "I may be a slow learner, but eventually, I do manage to learn."

Chicken Soup for the Soul: I Can't Believe My Cat Did That! (Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, and Jennifer Quasha) releases on September 18, 2012. Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC, publishes the famous Chicken Soup for the Soul book series, which is distributed through Simon & Schuster, Inc. Since 1993, books in the Chicken Soup for the Soul series have sold more than 100 million copies in the United States and Canada alone. Chicken Soup for the Soul titles have been sold in more than 100 countries and translated into more than forty languages. Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing also licenses the right to use its famous brand to high-quality licensees. The company is currently implementing a plan to expand into all media—working on several TV shows as well as a major motion picture, and developing a digital presence dedicated to life improvement, emotional support, inspiration, and wellness. In 2007, *USA Today* named Chicken Soup for the Soul one of the five most memorable and impactful books in the last quarter century. For more information visit www.chickensoup.com.

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