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Loving Every One of Your Cat's Ages and Stages

Chicken Soup for the Soul celebrates your cat from kittenhood to the senior years

COS COB, Conn. – A cat's time on earth is only a fraction of the average human's lifespan, yet most pet owners would tell you that the impact of those precious years lasts a lifetime. While the antics of our cats may make us shake our heads from time to time, these incidents often become sources of laughter down the road like in Robert Chrisman's story. He shares the tale about his sister, who attempted to wash their family cat after it was skunked. The cat was so mad that it tore crazily after his sister until their mother finally opened the door to let her escape into the house!

Chicken Soup for the Soul publishes their latest cat book, *Chicken Soup for the Soul: My Cat's Life* (Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC, April 12, 2011, 978-1935096665, \$14.95) containing 101 stories about all the memorable ages and stages of our feline companions' lives. Cat owners cannot get enough of the funny, feisty and sometimes remarkable stories featuring our furry friends. The stories will make you laugh, cry and recognize yourself and your pet as you enjoy heartwarming and inspiring stories of kitten antics, teenage rebellion, adapting to an aging cat and finally, having to say goodbye. While each story—and stage of a cat's life—is unique, the strength of the bonds formed through years of companionship can be appreciated by cat owners around the world.

Readers will be amazed by Juliana Harris's story about how her cat Sydney saved her from a gas fire in her kitchen by waking her up in the middle of the night! Monica A. Andermann shares her story of her teenage cat that had two personalities: the loving, sweet Charley and the mischievous, troublemaking Charles. Monica patiently survived her cat's teen years and now the adult cat Charley can be found lolling in a ray of sunshine or curled up taking frequent cat naps. As cats get older they love to help us: to love, to exercise, to be heard, to be strong, and to laugh. There's a great story from Harriet Cooper about how a vet told her that her thirteen-year-old cat with kidney disease would die soon — and then the cat lived for another six years!

Animal Fair founder and NBC's *Today Show* pet contributor Wendy Diamond, who wrote the foreword for the book said, "How can we choose our favorite stage? Well, we don't have to! We all know that every age and stage is special in its own way, and this book has unforgettable stories about every one of those special ages and stages."

Whichever stage of cat parenthood you are in, one thing remains true —we are all blessed to have the opportunity to share these special years with our beloved feline friends. The stories in this book remind us of the great gift it is to have our cats in our lives, the friendship we share, and how the human-animal bond makes us better people every day.

Chicken Soup for the Soul: My Cat's Life (Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, and Jennifer Quasha) will be released on April 12, 2011. Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC, publishes all the latest titles in the famous Chicken Soup for the Soul book series which are distributed through Simon & Schuster, Inc. Since 1993, books in the Chicken Soup for the Soul series have sold over 112 million copies, with titles translated into over 40 languages. Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing also licenses the right to use its famous trademark to high quality licensees. The company is currently implementing a plan to expand into all media, is working with TV networks on several TV shows and is developing a major Internet 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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