

Hey Mom



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ABOUT THIS STORY...

THIS STORY IS ONE OF MANY WRITTEN BY PAT ET AL FOR THE FDMB
(FELINE DIABETES MESSAGE BOARD) COMMUNITY. IF THIS STORY TOUCHES YOUR HEART,
WE'D LIKE TO ASK YOU TO VISIT IMOM'S WEBSITE (WWW.IMOM.ORG)
AND FIND A WAY YOU CAN HELP IMOM HELP PETS.



Hi RASC! I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE... I THINK I NEED HELP.

OK, KID... WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

It's MOTHER'S DAY. I HAD A VISIT FROM MY FIRST MOM TODAY.

AND?

AND IT WAS A REALLY NICE TIME... SHE MADE ME PURR REALLY HAPPY.

AND?

AND SHE REMINDED ME HOW LUCKY I AM TO HAVE MY BEAN MOM.

AND?

AND I WANT TO DO SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR HER — OUR BEAN MOM... SOMETHING TO LET HER KNOW I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE SPECIAL THINGS SHE'S DONE FOR ME. WE'VE BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH TOGETHER! BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO; I NEED SOME IDEAS. I WANT TO SHOW HER I LOVE HER JUST AS MUCH AS THE LITTLE BEANS DO! YOU KNOW, THEY SPENT ALL DAY YESTERDAY MAKING HER THIS 'CARD' THING, WITH VERY SWEET WORDS ON IT. BUT I DIDN'T MAKE ANYTHING FOR HER — I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW (SIGH).

WELL, KATE, WE TIGERS DON'T USUALLY DO THINGS LIKE THE LITTLE BEANS DO. THOSE CRAPONS ARE KILLERS TO HOLD, LET ME TELL YOU! AND ONCE YOU'VE GOTTEN YOUR FIRST PAPER CUT ON YOUR TONGUE FROM TRYING TO FOLD THAT THING OVER, YOU LEARN WHY WE AVOID ANY PAPER NOT ALREADY NICELY CRUMPLED UP. BESIDES, YOU CAN'T DO THE SAME THING AS THE LITTLE BEANS ARE DOING — IT WOULD BUST THEIR BALLOON.

OH NO, RASC, I WOULDN'T BREAK THEIR BALLOON, HONEST... I NEVER HURT THEIR TOYS!

No, KATE, IT'S JUST AN EXPRESSION — IT MEANS... OH, NEVER MIND. LET'S SEE IF WE CAN FIND A SPECIAL GIFT FOR YOU TO GIVE... HMMMM... WHISKER KISSES? (THEY'RE ALWAYS NICE..

I GIVE HER THOSE ALL THE TIME. I NEED SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR TODAY.

AN EXTRA LONG PURRING HEAD BUTT?

NOT SPECIAL ENOUGH.

JUMP IN HER LAP AND SNUGGLE?

I ALREADY DO THAT AT NIGHT WHEN WE HAVE QUIET TIME.

FOLLOW HER AROUND AND LET HER KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LIKE TO BE WITH HER?

IF I FOLLOW HER AROUND ALL THE TIME SHE'LL JUST THINK I'M HUNGRY, SO SHE'LL FEED ME AGAIN...OR THINK SOMETHING'S WRONG AND THEN SHE'LL WORRY...THAT WON'T WORK. I NEED SOMETHING SPECIAL, SOMETHING THAT SAYS I LOVE HER..

WELL, OK THEN — THERE YOU GO! THAT'S IT, AND IT'S SO SIMPLE..

HUH? WHERE I GO...WHERE?? WHADDYA MEAN?

YOU WANT TO SAY "I LOVE YOU", RIGHT? SO...SAY IT. TELL HER YOU LOVE HER, DON'T JUST SHOW IT IN YOUR USUAL WAYS.

RASC, IT ISN'T EASY TO 'TELL' HER...SHE DOESN'T SPEAK CAT, YOU KNOW THAT.

RIGHT...SO TEACH HER.

TEACH HER CAT??? SO SHE CAN UNDERSTAND ME? I DIDN'T THINK BEANS COULD EVER DO THAT. BESIDES, I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF TIME TO WORK ON THIS. AND ISN'T THAT TAKING A PRETTY BIG CHANCE?

KATE, SOME CHANCES ARE ALWAYS WORTH TAKING, NO MATTER WHAT THE OUTCOME. HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU THAT JUST BECAUSE 'MOST' BEANS DON'T DO SOMETHING, IT DOESN'T MEAN 'ALL' BEANS ARE THAT WAY?

THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO COMMUNICATE — AND IF YOU DON'T TRY SOMETHING, YOU WON'T EVER KNOW IF YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH IT OR NOT. SHE ALWAYS LISTENS TO YOU — YOU KNOW THAT. AND SHE TALKS TO YOU ALL THE TIME. SO THIS TIME MAKE HER UNDERSTAND YOU. YOU DON'T NEED TO TEACH HER OUR WHOLE LANGUAGE IN ONE DAY...JUST A FEW WORDS...JUST "I LOVE YOU".

GEE, DO YOU THINK I CAN?

NOTHING VENTURED, NOTHING GAINED..

OK. I WANT TO TRY. HOW DO I DO IT?

WELL, I'M NOT QUITE SURE, KATE...

YOU TALK TO HER ALL THE TIME, RASKY...HOW DO YOU DO IT?

I TALK TO HER HEART, KATE — IT'S A BIT DIFFERENT. BUT I DON'T SEE WHY IT WOULDN'T WORK FOR YOU, TOO. YOU'LL NEED TO PURR LOUDLY...AND SEND A STRONG MESSAGE TO HER HEART...IT WON'T BE EASY. REMEMBER, SHE'S AS NEW TO THIS AS YOU ARE. YOU'LL NEED PATIENCE...AND CONCENTRATION...AND GOOD EYE CONTACT'S A MUST. BUT FIRST YOU'LL NEED TO GET HER UNDIVIDED ATTENTION..

I CAN MAKE HER GET DOWN ON THE FLOOR WITH ME, RASKY...OR...I CAN JUMP UP ON THE BACK OF THAT 'CLINER CHAIR, SO I'M HIGH, LIKE HER! I'LL MEOW AND MAKE MY EYES REAL BIG, SO SHE CAN'T MISS PAYING ATTENTION!

THAT'LL WORK, KATE. EYE CONTACT'S THE KEY. ONCE YOU'VE GOT THAT YOU NEED TO SIT VERY STILL, RELAX, DIRECT EVERY OUNCE OF ENERGY INTO THIS. MAKE HER STOP WHATEVER SHE'S DOING SO SHE'S NOT DISTRACTED...AND MAKE SURE YOUR HEART'S CONNECTED STRONGLY TO HERS...THEN TAKE A DEEP PURR, AND SAY "HEY MOM — I LOVE YOU!"

OK...OK, I'LL DO IT. I'M GETTING ALL EXCITED NOW!

GREAT! SO LET'S PRACTICE A RUN-THROUGH.

HUH? YOU WANT TO RUN NOW?

NO, KATE, IT'S AN EXPRESSION...IT MEANS...OH, NEVER MIND. LET ME SEE YOU BLINK..

HOW'S THIS...(BLINK)?

HMMM, IT NEEDS WORK, KID. THIS CAN'T BE A CASUAL BLINK, OR AN EVERYDAY BLINK. YOU NEED A REAL BLINK OF A BLINK!

OK...HOW ABOUT THIS — **BLINK.**

Um, BETTER, BUT IT NEEDS TO BE BIGGER...OPEN THOSE EYES WIDE, THEN TRY IT..

LIKE THIS?...**BLINK!**

THAT'S IT, NOW GIVE IT A BIG, STRONG BLINK..

HERE GOES...**BLINK!**

GOOD!! NOW, PUT FEELING BEHIND IT! GIVE ME A BLINK THAT HAS SOUL, THAT CAN'T BE MISSED, THAT SHOUTS OUT "I WANT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING, SOMETHING IMPORTANT"...

OK, I CAN DO IT...!!!!!!**BLINK!!!!!!**

YESSS!! NOW, TAKE THE WORDS FROM YOUR HEART AND SEND THEM RIGHT UP INTO THAT BLINK, MAKE IT COMMUNICATE LOVE AND GRATITUDE AND ALL THE FEELINGS YOU HAVE INSIDE FOR HER...GIVE IT YOUR ALL, KATE!!

OHHHKAP.....!!!!!!!!!!!!!! **BLINK** !!!!!!!!!!!!!

AH, THAT'S IT, KATE...YOU'VE GOT IT NOW!

DO I, RASC? DOES IT SHOW EVERYTHING? IS IT GOOD ENOUGH?

IT'S GREAT, KATE — YOU'RE A MASTER.

THINK IT'LL WORK, RASC? WILL SHE UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH SHE MEANS TO ME AND HOW GRATEFUL I AM THAT SHE'S MY MOM?

THAT'S A "HEP MOM, I LOVE YOU" BLINK IF EVER I SAW ONE, KATE...IT'S PURRFECT.

I CAN DO THIS, RASC!

YOU CAN DO THIS, KATE 😊

WILL SHE GET IT, DO YOU THINK?

YES, KATE, I THINK SHE WILL.

HOW WILL I KNOW?

AFTER YOU DO IT, GIVE ANOTHER, MORE GENTLE WINK...AND SEE WHAT HER REACTION IS, WHAT HER HEART SAYS TO YOU...THAT'S HOW YOU'LL KNOW. AND IF SHE BLINKS BACK, THEN FOR SURE SHE UNDERSTOOD. THIS WILL BE A GIFT JUST AS SPECIAL AS ALL THE WORDS ON ALL HER CARDS PUT TOGETHER...TRUST ME.

OK NOW, YOU'RE READY. C'MON, I'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU ADDING TO YOUR LOVE. TIME TO PUT IT TO THE TEST..

THANKS, RASCAL. WISH ME LUCK!

YOU DON'T NEED LUCK, LITTLE ONE...YOU ALREADY HAVE SO MUCH MORE..

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY, MOM! (BLINK)