

Mary Ferrall

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Dear Sylvia and Mimi -

I'm like you are - I don't like the name, but a friend of mine in Memphis, Robert Chapman, gave her that name. He has two cats and loves them both. He calls me every time Cisco does something very smart. Robert called the day after we bought our kitten. I told him about her and he asked what we had named her. I told him we hadn't decided on a name and he asked me to call her Marina. If you can think of a better name, we'll change it. In the meantime, our Marina is surely changing the image of the name. She is loving beyond belief (she thinks she is a child). She is trusting (you should see Buck playing with her - he tells her to get in the sack or he's going to take her back to the pet shop. She jumps right into the sack and he closes it up and walks around with her. It doesn't bother her at all. She jumps in the next time he tells her to). I think Buck loves her more than he's ever loved the dogs.

At first I thought Buck was just doing a great acting job, trying to please me. But, I've decided he really loves the cat. Kevin Walsh is living with us right now and he can't believe it to watch Buck with the cat.

She is definitely a calico. I've now seen many pictures of calico cats and that's what she is. She is built long and slim like a Siamese. Carol Anne says she put eyeliner on just one eye, and she has a tiny little black dot on her nose. But, she has such a pretty face.

When she wants a Kitty Treat, she goes and gets in the carrying cage. We take her riding around the block in the car and I give her a treat when we get home. Sometimes she sleeps in the cage. A couple of weeks ago, I bought her a new kitty litter box. It's a very fancy one. We had just changed the litter in the old box when we saw this new kind in the pet shop, so I decided to wait a few days before putting litter in it. She would jump in and out of the new litter box (without the litter) and play hide and seek in it. When I finally changed the boxes, she wanted to play in it! Buck and I were afraid she was going to be sick from going so long without using the box. She didn't want to mess it up -- she wanted to play in it.

My boys keep promising to bring a camera and take a picture of her. I'll send you one as soon as I get some.

I found this article (commentary) in the Yale Law Report this morning. I thought you would appreciate it.

Love,

Mary



Me, too

I have the  
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great!  
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so poorly "put together"  
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