

# The Pets of ISC

# Happy Holidays 2022!



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ISC's staff have been working remotely since long before the Covid-19 pandemic made WFH cool. But since we've all spent more time than usual at home for the last couple of years, what better way to acknowledge the companionship of our "office-mates" than by making them the focus of our 2022 holiday card?

Welcome to the Pets of ISC! We hope you enjoy finding out a little bit more about us – and the creatures we spend our time with as we work to bring you BIND 9, Kea DHCP, and Stork software.

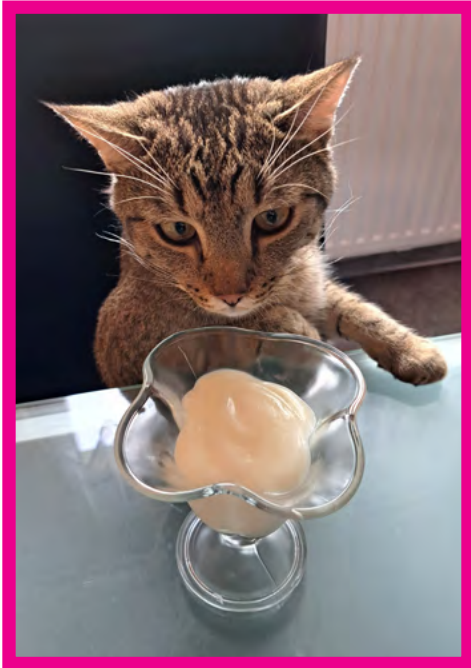
You may notice that we are a feline-heavy crowd, perhaps befitting an Internet software organization: you'll see 30 cats and 12 dogs here. Plus a parrot and a leopard gecko, and a few inanimate friends as well!

No matter who keeps you company while you work, we wish our customers and users all the best for a happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous year in 2023.



ISC President Jeff Osborn and Brenda

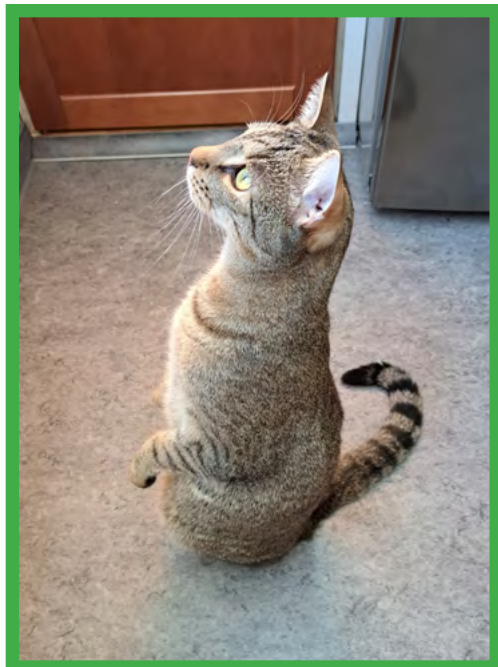
# Feline Friends



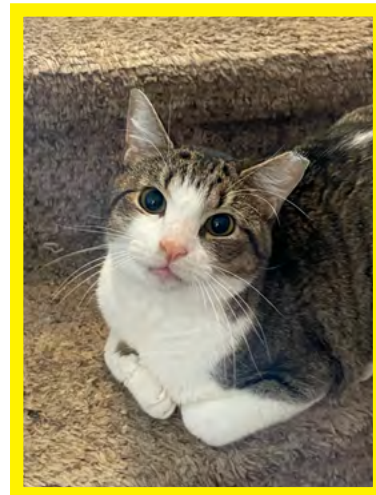
Monty lives in the Czech Republic and belongs to Tom Křížek's mother. He is constantly hungry and always ready for a snack.



Khaleesi lives in the UK with Cathy Almond, and is proud to keep her owners safe from evil tinsel. As her Game of Thrones name may suggest, she is a vicious warrior.



Florian is Monty's brother and also lives with Tom Křížek's mother. He's a cuddly rascal! They're both very friendly, even with new people.



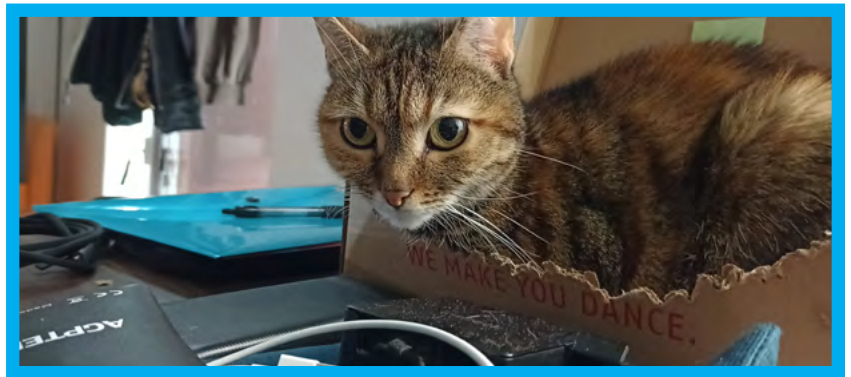
Skunk hails from Texas and seems to think he's a dog: he comes when he's called and sits on command. He has his owner, Chuck Stearns, well-trained. As for his name? Well, sometimes he doesn't smell great.



Gator likes to spend his time playing fetch with Eddy Winstead in North Carolina. He would like to lodge a complaint about his hat, though.



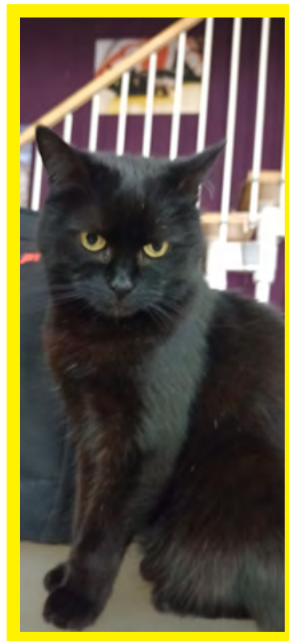
Rocky, who also lives with Chuck Stearns, is an “aggressive cuddler.” Watch out for his giant paws!



Phili (short for Philomena) currently lives with Elmar Bins in Austria, where she loves to attack her stuffed mice every night at bedtime.



Khaleesi, destroyer of bags and vanquisher of tinsel.



Gandi (short for Uganda) also lives with Elmar Bins. She insists on a visit to the garden every morning.



Monty and Florian are always ready to help with holiday decorating!



Truffles, Eddy Winstead's other kitty, always finds the warmest seat in their house. But look at him, working hard!



Calvin, who lives in New Hampshire with Jeff Osborn, would like a word with you. The word is "food."



Midnight, one of Vicky Risk's three kitties in Massachusetts, tends to find a cozy spot and claim it as her own.



Tucker, another of Vicky Risk's cats, loves to \*tuck\* himself in under a comfy blanket. Visitors welcome!



Tucker (left) and his beloved brother Kikko, who passed away in 2021.



Spot (white) and Firestar (orange) are in charge of all laundry duties at Suzanne Goldlust's home in Virginia.



Doerak, whose name means "rascal" in Dutch, is king of the neighborhood in the Netherlands where he lives with Matthijs Mekking.



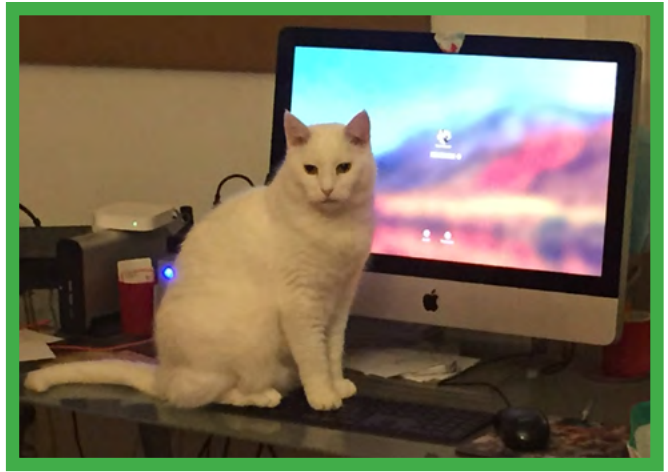
Make way for Wonder Calvin!



Matthijs Mekking's other kitty, Zombie, has elevated napping to an art.



Khaleesi, a Bengal, blazes her own fashion path, boldly mixing stripes, spots, and colors.



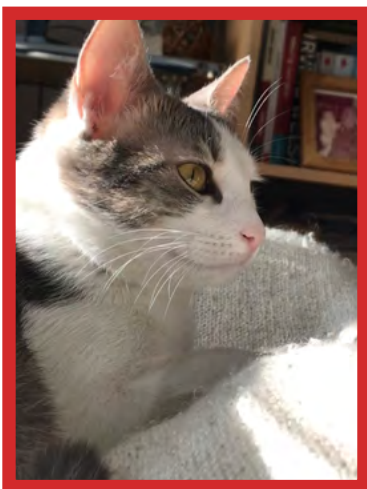
Furby, who belongs to Francis Dupont's sister in France, sometimes has trouble remembering his password.



Weasley is one of many pets keeping Everett Fulton company at home in Texas. He's a little clown who clearly has some thoughts about how to arrange the ornaments.



Tarball, Vicky Risk's third kitty, is a former stray who somewhat unwillingly made the move from California to Massachusetts. But he has adapted well to the plush indoor life!



Karmi lives in Romania with Razvan Becheriu and keeps a watchful eye on things.



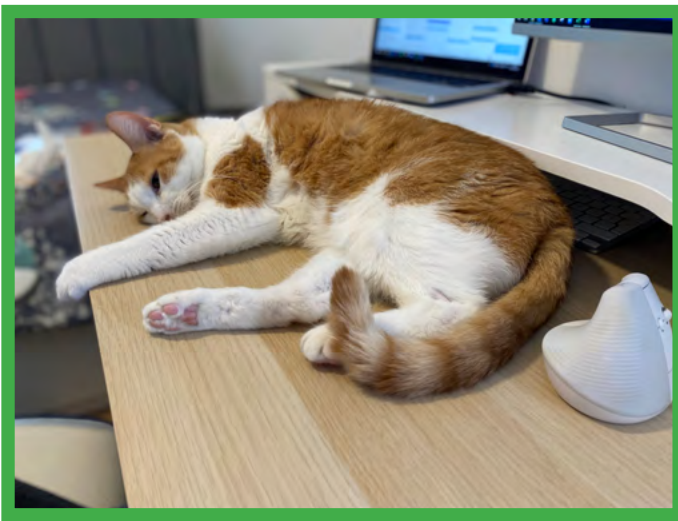
Truffles and Gator give cuddling lessons.



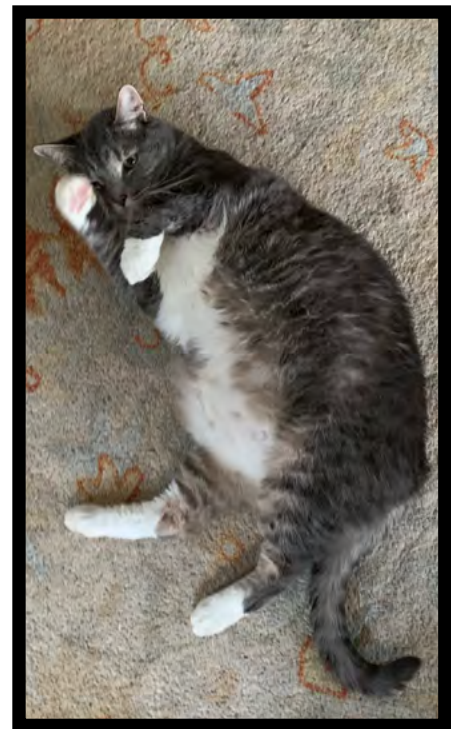
Monty and Florian are in the holiday spirit!



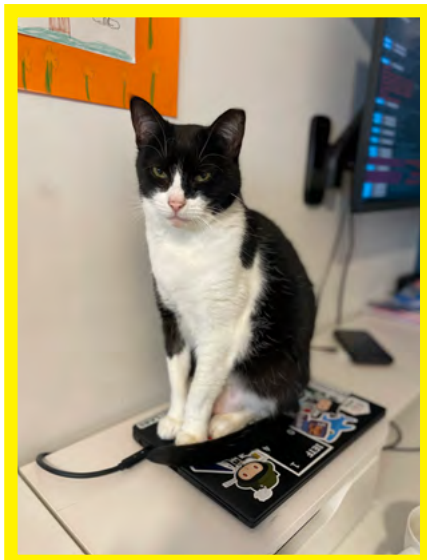
Mallomar is Suzanne Goldlust's third kitty, adopted in Virginia during the pandemic. See if you can guess where her name comes from.



This cuddly boi is Kevin, named for Kevin the Dog in the movie "The Proposal." He was a devoted companion to Michał Kępień in Poland for over 12 years, but sadly he became ill and had to be put to sleep just before this card was published. Rest well, sweet Kevin.



Calvin shows off his impressive belly.



Gama, which means "musical scale" in Polish, is Michał Kępień's second kitty. She's a shy former stray but will be happy to meet you if you bring wet food. She hasn't quite gotten the hang of using the computer yet.





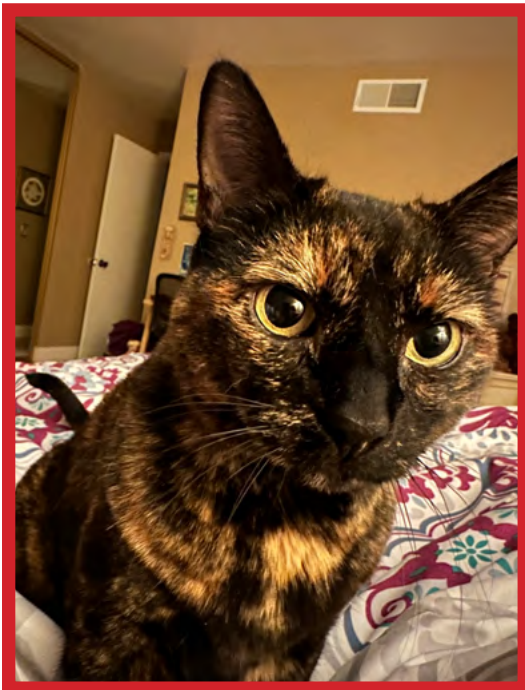
Phili invites guests to take a seat... somewhere else.



Even as a kitten, Karmi understood the value of hard work.



Gator knows the best way to spend a holiday – or any other day.



Thunder lives in California with T. Marc Jones and his girlfriend. She is one cool cat.



Mitică is not Tony Finch's cat. But Tony's home in the UK has a cat flap and Mitică's doesn't, so he comes to visit – and play with ISC socks, of course.



Karmi, stalking her prey in the urban jungle.



Mallomar, Spot, and Firestar make a great cuddle puddle.

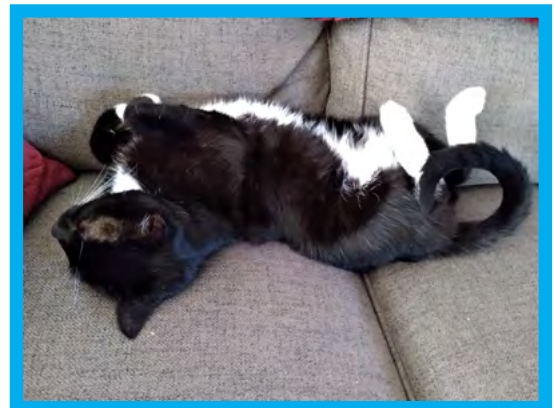


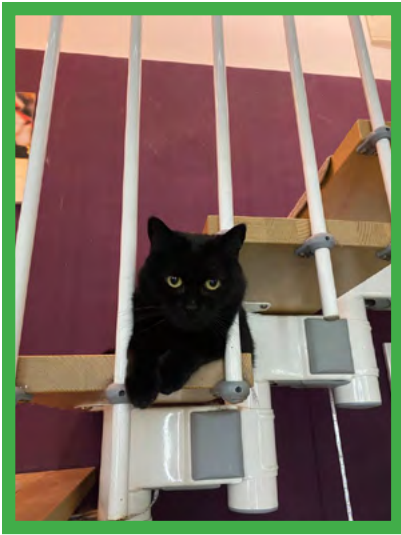
Ariel, the kitty queen, is celebrating her 19th Christmas with Everett Fulton and his family.



Tucker, demonstrating proper blanket fort technique.

Charlie, yet another of Everett Fulton's pets, in a rare moment of repose.





Gandi, surveying her domain.



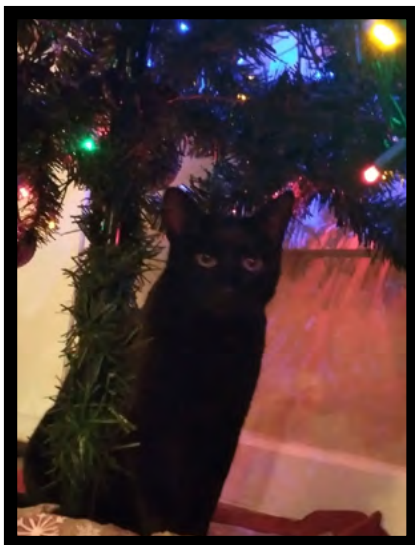
Doerak, showing off his impressive and powerful jaws.



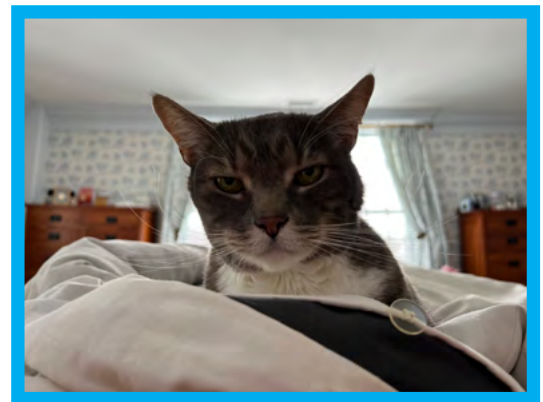
Khaleesi in a quiet moment.



Kevin and Gama take time to stop and smell the flowers.



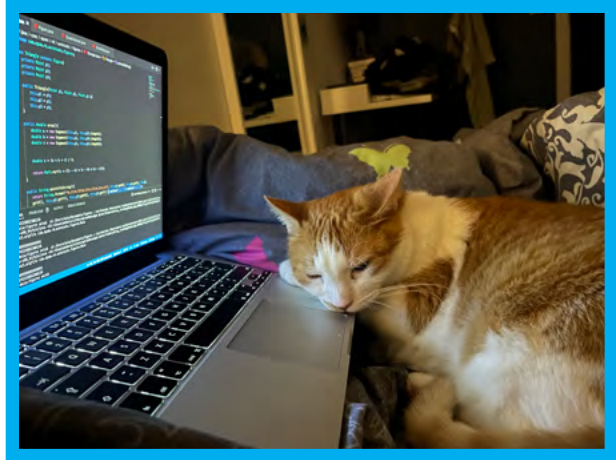
Grace, another of Everett Fulton's cats, is a master of cat-mouflage.



Calvin is in charge of all annual reviews at ISC. He's very pleased with our performance.



Mallomar and Firestar, taking it easy.



Kevin, like all of ISC's cats, appreciated a nice warm laptop.



Mitică makes himself at home – even when he's not actually at his own home.



Fuzzhead is no longer with us, but he was a faithful friend to Everett Fulton for many years, despite the fact that Everett made him wear this hat.



Truffles and Gator, perfectly in sync.



Spot feels that lapping water from a bowl is for ordinary cats.

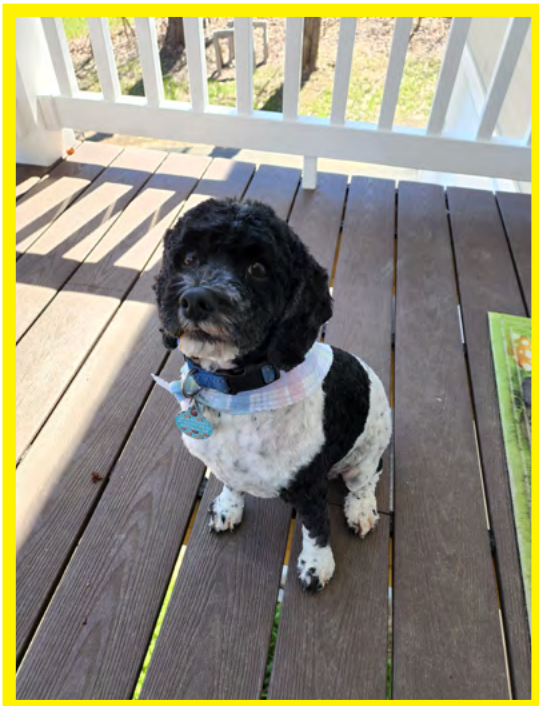
# Canine Companions



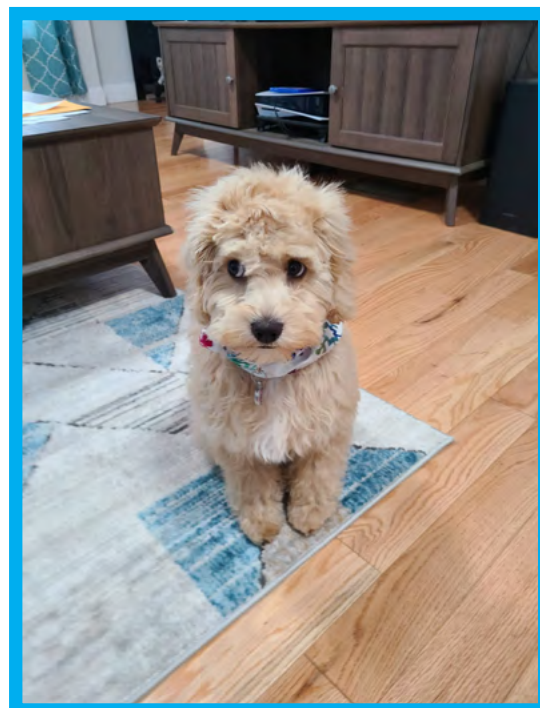
Dante, who makes his home in Texas with Chuck Stearns, is a Good Boy who loves to curl up on a lap and take a nap.



Shelby is a big lovable doofus who loves to Zoom-bomb Vicky Risk's meetings from her home in Massachusetts.



Cookie lives in New Hampshire with Jake D'Erasmus. She was rescued from a puppy mill and is thrilled to finally be able to run around and be crazy. She enjoys hiding shoes, climbing into the dishwasher, and hogging the bed.



Winnie, Jake D'Erasmus's other doggy, is a fun-loving puppy who enjoys stealing socks, wrestling, and cuddling. Good girl!



Jason Lasky grew up in Virginia with his dog, Foxy. His brother painted this scene before Jason left for college, so he could bring a piece of home with him.



Annie appeared in Everett Fulton's yard in Texas just a few weeks ago, and seems to have found her fur-ever home.



Brenda, an Italian Greyhound-Chihuahua mix who lives in New Hampshire with Jeff Osborn, always strikes just the right balance between alert and relaxed.



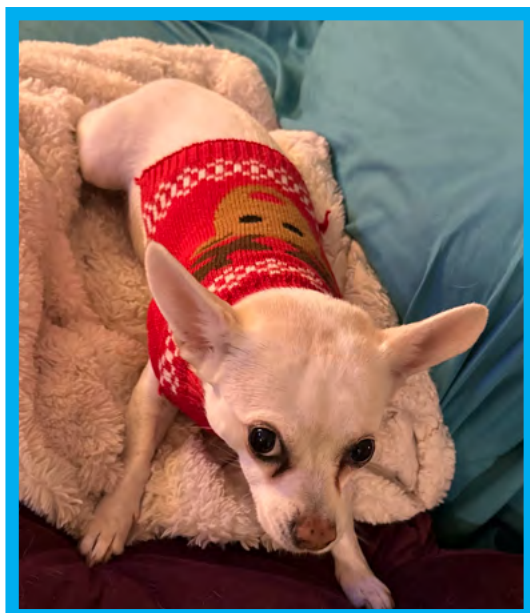
This handsome fellow is Bobby, the Toy Destroyer. He lives with Marcin Godzina in Poland and loves to play!



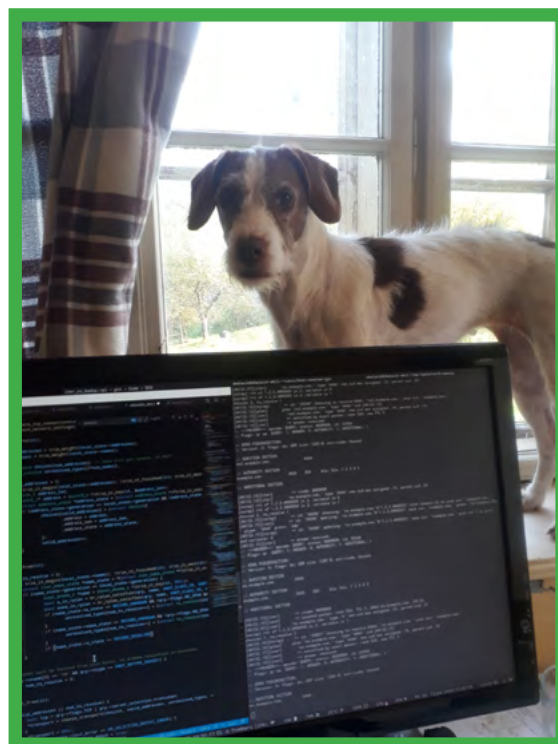
Button is currently ISC's only Southern Hemisphere pet; she shares a home with Mark Andrews in Australia. Unlike most dogs, she actually enjoys going to the vet! She also likes eating grass and carrots, and loves to hunt lizards and possums.



Brenda always dresses for the occasion.



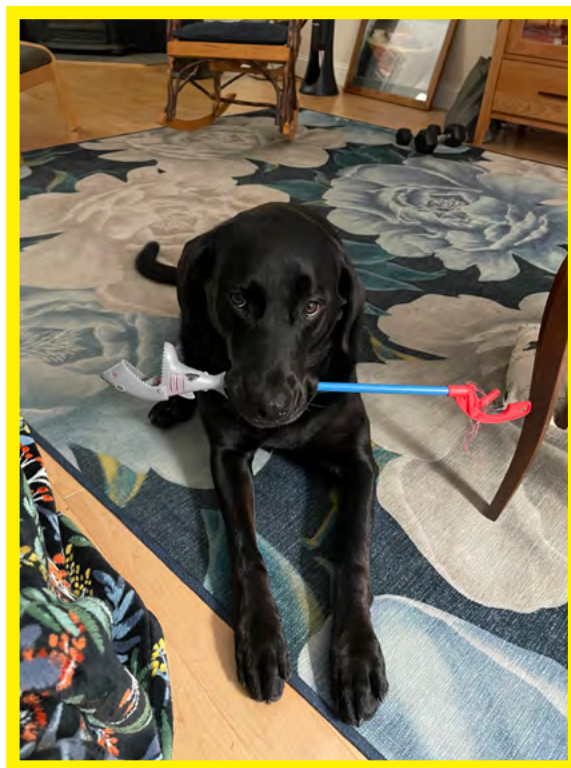
This little guy is Pop Tart, who was rescued by T. Marc Jones and his girlfriend in 2016. He now lives the high life in California.



This excellent doggo is Čoky. She lives in the Czech Republic with Štěpán Balážik, who adopted her 11 years ago. When she's not running around in the woods, she provides assistance and valuable insights into debugging BIND resolver server selection code.



This is McKenna, also known as Bear Dog. She and her owner, Thomas Markwalder, recently moved from Florida to Vermont and McKenna is loving the snow! She's a 10-year-old Labrador Retriever/Golden Retriever mix, and Thomas is proud to call her his best friend. He and his late wife rescued McKenna when she was about 18 months old and she has been a faithful and loyal friend ever since. To Thomas, she is "a four-legged blessing beyond measure."



Fearless predator Shelby enjoys catching sharks.



# Various Varmints and Inanimate “Pets”



Boo, a 34-year-old yellow-naped Amazon parrot, lives with Suzanne Goldlust and her three cats in Virginia. He talks and sings, but only when he feels like it.



Boo and his feline siblings get along surprisingly well.



This friendly little guy is Gebciu, which means “dude” in Polish. He lives in Poland with Marcin Godzina and loves to show off his skills as a predator while hunting crickets.

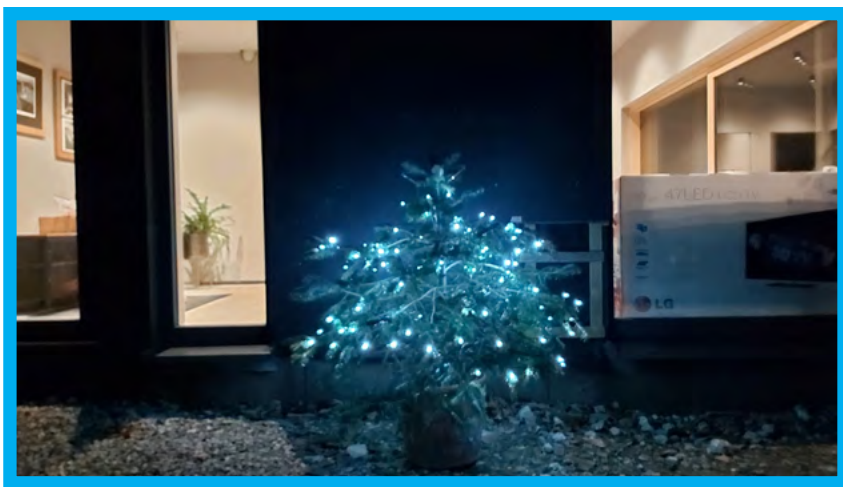


T. Marc Jones has a dog and a cat, but they really belong to his girlfriend – his real companions as he works in California are his die cast race cars!

The #23 car is a Porsche 917; this particular car was the first Porsche to win the 24 Hours of Le Mans outright. This Salzburg car actually had a smaller engine than the factory 917s and was essentially the last 917 running.

The #26 car is the 911 GT1 MkII, an evolution of the GT1 itself, which was loosely based on the 911. This car won Le Mans in 1998 and was Porsche’s most recent win...until the introduction of the 919.

The #2 car is the 919 part of the Hybrid era of Le Mans prototypes, with an internal combustion engine (ICE) along with electric motors (for the front wheels), Motor Generating Units (MGU), and energy recovery systems used to regenerate power to motivate the car. This particular car was the final evolution of the 919 series and cemented Porsche’s dominance in international sports car racing with their 20th overall win at LeMans!



Greg Choules doesn’t have any pets inside his home in the UK at the moment, but his family has nurtured their Christmas tree from a twig so that counts!



This is Taffy the dragon. She keeps Peter Davies company on his desk in Denmark.



Where's Brenda? See if you can spot her!

Happy holidays from everyone at ISC (even those of us who don't have any pets) and all the best in 2023!

