



Nine 1/2 Lives

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Nine 1/2 Lives is the first-ever anthology of true stories about senior cats — 24 heartfelt, real-life accounts by contributors from four countries. Every book sold supports cat rescue, readers get moving stories and directly fund efforts to support cats in need.

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About the book

Nine 1/2 Lives stories range from the cats from childhood to those who bring us comfort in our later years. Each story is the writer's tribute to an extraordinary cat who held a special place in their heart. The book is a fundraising and awareness project created by the Halifax based Tuxedo Party of Canada Cat Welfare Society. It is available worldwide through Amazon, in print and eBook, and via many eBook sellers.

Nine 1/2 Lives story lines

🐾 First-ever anthology of true stories devoted entirely to senior cats

🐾 A wide range of stories, including one in French, from writers, poets, veterinary professionals and regular cat lovers

🐾 100% of the book's proceeds go directly to cat rescue

🐾 20 contributors from four countries, like assembling a complex jigsaw puzzle

🐾 A professionally copy-edited, self-published, 240-page book with colour images... and a theme song

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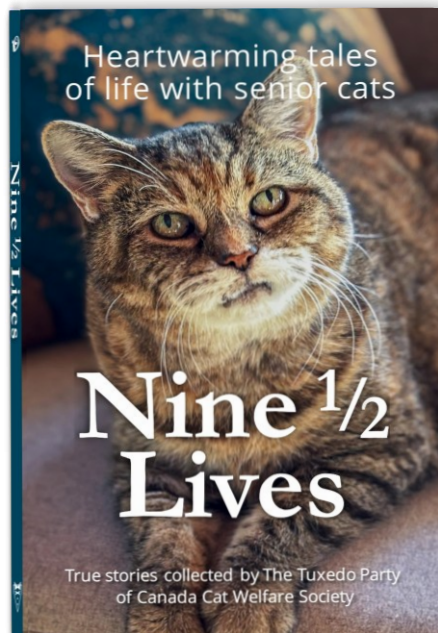
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Nine ½ Lives back story

The idea of creating a book as a fundraiser has been rolling around in my head for years. If you gather cat people together over coffee or a glass of wine, you'll hear a lot of stories. Most are heartwarming, some are insanely funny, and some are heartbreaking. I always thought it would be great if someone could capture these stories and put them in a book.

The concept isn't new. You probably have at least one cookbook compiled by, say, hospital auxiliary members for a fundraiser. Often, these books are only sold locally. I thought we could go bigger, like worldwide bigger. I was thinking Amazon, Amazon Kindle, Apple and Kobo online bookstores.

This short story anthology came to me one day while I was attending a Spay Day fundraiser. As I scanned the room, I realized how many of the people around me were writers or involved in publishing. There were magazine writers and editors, two novelists, and a few non-fiction writers.

The focus became senior cats. There's something special about our older feline companions. They are literally and figuratively old souls. Look deep into their eyes, and you will see a lifetime of experience and wisdom.

As Halifax cat veterinarian Dr. Julia Gilkerson says, "Senior animals are often the ones left behind. Some are cast aside because they are no longer convenient or have developed medical issues; others have lost their home and their human to the ravages of time. Sadly, there can be many reasons."

The stories in this collection are true – as far as we know, since some are written by the cats themselves. Many are still alive and continue to play an important role in family life.

The Tuxedo Party of Canada Cat Welfare Society

In June 2012, a cat advocacy and fundraising group was formed — the Tuxedo Party of Canada. A municipal election was scheduled for October of that year, and the ballot included a mayoral race for the Halifax Regional Municipality. Because our local government was ignoring our increasing homeless cat problem, we decided bring attention to the problem by running a cat in the mayoral race.

We picked a tuxedo cat named Stanley to be our candidate. We used the slogan, "Because neglect isn't working." The campaign focused on raising awareness of the issue of homeless cats during the run-up to the Halifax municipal election.

The Tuxedo Stan for Mayor campaign became an international news story. Both Ellen DeGeneres and Anderson Cooper mentioned the campaign on their U.S. TV shows. Anderson Cooper closed his segment that evening with, "We gotta vote for the cat."

We guessed that if we could run a cat for mayor then we could publish a book. Nine ½ Lives has two purposes, to advocate for adopting homeless senior cats and to raise funds for cat rescue.

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