

Valentine for



Janet & Edward Galore



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Dear Janet & Ed-and Linely & Christopher, et al:

I'm about to leave for Idaho National Engineering Labs and don't really have time to write a proper letter... or photo copy new stuff... or find various clippings I had set aside for you, etcetera. We can catch up when you get over here.

Mostly I want to say how much I love the tape Mrs. Galore in Absentia. It is really great; all of it. You sure know your taste in music.

And I'm very excited about you bringing over a cat if you can pull it off. For eight months I've been marking "free cat" ads in the Sunday paper here, but just could never bring myself to call on them. I guess a lot of it is I miss Spot, the cat I had my first 5 years in
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Richland. He and I held down out home for over a year after Margaret left and we got pretty close.

So, the only way I can get another cat is in some very special way - like you guys bringing me over one. I am a great and caring pet owner, although this studio isn't quite the "Garden of Eden for Cats" that my home was. I can handle all costs for shots, spay or neutering, ect.

And what cat you get... I'm leaving up to you. He/she could be a hostile, mean adult cat directly off death row (the next cat headed for the gas chamber at the humane society... the one nobody wanted) the one with ears chewed down level to his skull and missing an eye who bites every hand that feeds it (I'm sure we could work it out as I'm not easy to live with either) or some sweet little kitten right out of the "free kittens" newspaper ads. Long hair or short, male or female, long tail or manx... it will find a good home with me.

much love & see you soon - Jim