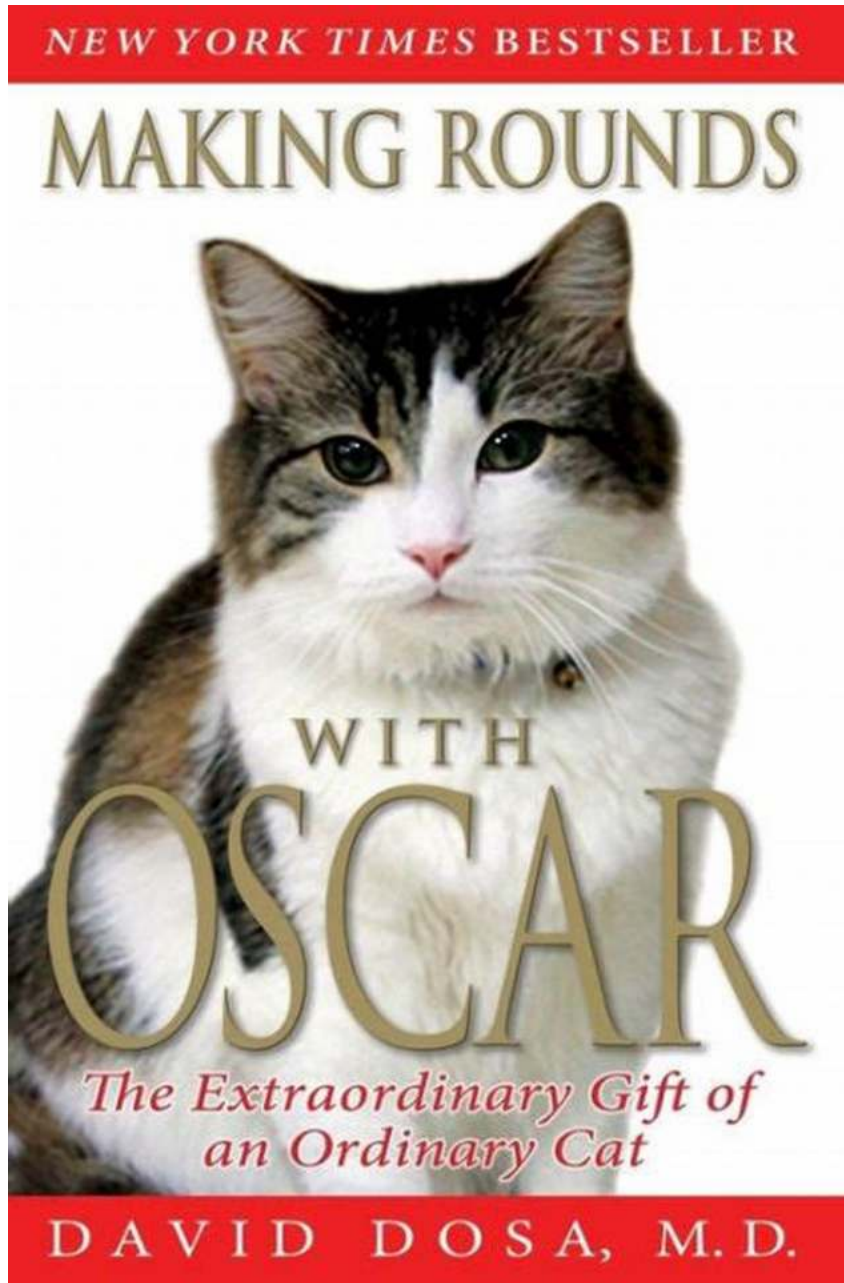


Making Rounds With Oscar: The Extraordinary Feline That Cares for Terminal Patients

Have you ever heard of a cat that can predict when someone is nearing the end of their life? Meet Oscar, a furry feline with an uncanny ability to sense death. His presence has brought comfort and solace to the terminally ill patients at Steere House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Providence, Rhode Island.



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The Extraordinary Bond Between Oscar and the Patients

Oscar brings a special kind of healing to the patients in his care. He has an innate instinct that allows him to sense when someone is close to dying – something that no medical equipment or healthcare professional can do. It is truly astounding.

When Oscar senses that a patient's time is near, he will quietly enter their room and position himself near their bed. He offers a calming presence and shows unmatched empathy to those who are facing the end of their lives. His uncanny ability to foresee death has earned Oscar the nickname of "The Reaper Cat."

Description of image above: Oscar, a fluffy orange and white cat, sits patiently on a bed in a nursing home room. His eyes are gentle, and his presence brings solace to the terminally ill patient.

One might think that Oscar's companionship during someone's final moments would be a sad experience, but it is quite the opposite. He provides comfort and brings a sense of peace to both patients and their families. Many family members and staff have witnessed the soothing effect of Oscar's presence.

The Science Behind Oscar's Abilities

The idea of a cat being able to predict death might sound like something out of a movie, but there is scientific evidence to support Oscar's extraordinary abilities. Animals, in general, are known for their intuitive nature, and cats in particular

have been observed showing signs of sensing transitions. However, Oscar's accuracy in predicting impending death is where he truly stands out.

Animal behavior experts believe that Oscar's sensitivity to subtle changes in a person's physical condition, such as changes in body temperature, scent, or behavior, allows him to predict when a person is declining. Additionally, some studies suggest that animals can detect changes in the level of certain chemicals or hormones that are released by dying cells, which helps them sense death.

Doctors and healthcare professionals have come to recognize Oscar's abilities, and they often take his presence as an indication that the patient's condition is deteriorating. Oscar's unique gift has even helped the medical staff at the facility provide better end-of-life care by allowing them to focus on patients who need immediate attention.

Oscar's Impact on the Healthcare Community

Oscar's story has touched the hearts of many around the world, compelling them to reevaluate the importance of animal-assisted therapy in healthcare settings. As a result, more healthcare facilities are beginning to incorporate animals, such as therapy dogs and cats, into their patient care programs.

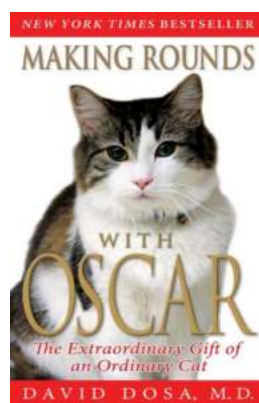
Interactions with animals have been shown to provide numerous benefits, including reduced stress, anxiety, and blood pressure, as well as increased emotional well-being. Oscar's presence in the lives of the patients at Steere House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center has undoubtedly brought a sense of comfort and peace during their most trying times.

Description of image above: Oscar lying on a patient's bed, providing companionship and comfort during their final moments.

Oscar's unique ability to predict death is unlike anything seen before. His presence in the lives of terminally ill patients has been a source of comfort and solace, bringing peace to those facing the end of their lives. The bond between Oscar and the patients he cares for serves as a reminder of the extraordinary connections animals can form with humans.

The incredible story of Making Rounds With Oscar showcases the impact that animals can have in healthcare settings. As more facilities recognize the power of animal-assisted therapy, the lives of patients and their families can be greatly improved, offering warmth, love, and companionship during their most challenging times.

Description of image above: Oscar the cat sitting in a nursing home hallway, ready to provide comfort and support to those in need.



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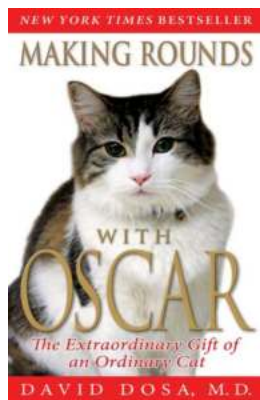
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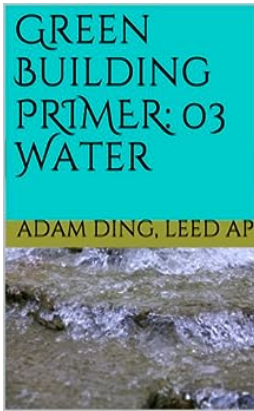
They thought he was just a cat. When Oscar arrived at the Steere House Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Rhode Island he was a cute little guy with attitude.

He loved to stretch out in a puddle of sunlight and chase his tail until he was dizzy. Occasionally he consented to a scratch behind the ears, but only when it suited him. In other words, he was a typical cat. Or so it seemed. It wasn't long before Oscar had created something of a stir. Apparently, this ordinary cat possesses an extraordinary gift: he knows instinctively when the end of life is near. Oscar is a welcome distraction for the residents of Steere House, many of whom are living with Alzheimer's. But he never spends much time with them -- until they are in their last hours. Then, as if this were his job, Oscar strides purposely into a patient's room, curls up on the bed, and begins his vigil. Oscar provides comfort and companionship when people need him most. And his presence lets caregivers and loved ones know that it's time to say good-bye. Oscar's gift is a tender mercy. He teaches by example: embracing moments of life that so many of us shy away from. Making Rounds with Oscar is the story of an unusual cat, the patients he serves, their caregivers, and of one doctor who learned how to listen. Heartfelt, inspiring, and full of humor and pathos, this book allows readers to take a walk into a world rarely seen from the outside, a world we often misunderstand.



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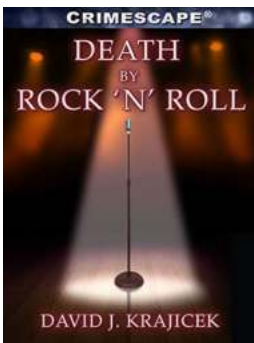
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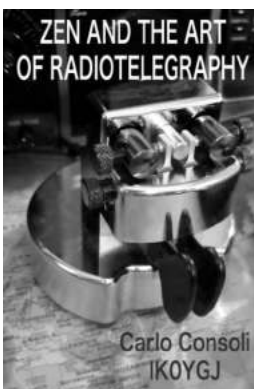
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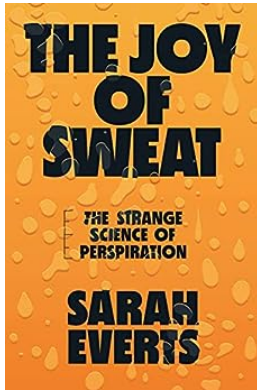
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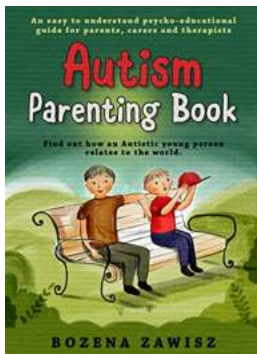
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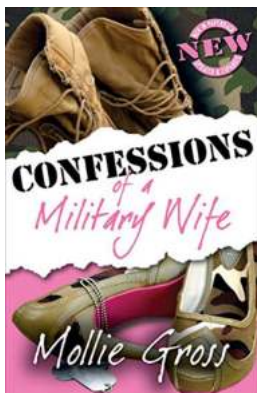
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