

# Secrets I Learned From Ordinary House Cats

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Let me introduce you to a gray-stripped tabby named Ziggy, and a black and white tuxedo cat named Zack. Between the two of them, in just a matter of a few months, they demonstrated life skills that made their antics valuable for everyday living – for humans.

It goes without saying, Ziggy and Zack made a difference to me at a very significant time in my life. Introduced to me by my pet sitter, Gina DeMarco, instantly we bonded as family. However, as kittens, Ziggy and Zack were two feisty felines and quite a handful. At 3 months old, they taught me tricks about life that gave me instant pause.

As kittens, they both quickly won the hearts of me and the residents of Berwyn. They loved the outdoors and feared no one. They took command of the 2<sup>nd</sup> story balcony and made sure no one entered our home without approval. And it goes without saying, they love flower pots!

As a writer, I looked at life from a different perspective while watching ordinary kittens change into adults. As a result, I created *Secrets I Learned ...* as wit and wisdom for life, watching their wisdom unfold before my very eyes. It not only made me laugh on numerous occasions, it also took my breath away, and resulted in writing this book. I'm not sure that these two kitties know of the deep inspiration they continue to provide me. However, I can only hope they know and understand how much they are loved and how much joy they bring me – everyday.

Some topics that are covered in the eBook include:

*Using an Observation Deck.* From this vantage point you have the opportunity to watch, learn and do, then repeat to learn new skills.

*Having a Keen Eye for Detail.* Whether being neat and organized when awake or asleep with one eye always open... watch and make sure all the details of life are covered.

*Smell Your Competition.* And smell them miles away since you may find that some days you eat the competition and other days you play with them.

*Be Your Best At Everything.* Simply put – if at first you don't succeed, try (try) again until you do.

After losing two other felines, my beloved Byron of 18+ years and my little Maxx of 13 years – both within 15 months of each other, jump-starting a new kitty family, especially with two kittens was questionable. However, within a few weeks, Ziggy and Zack brought a new dimension to the Augustine household. *Secrets I Learned* oddly correlates to everyday human life – at work, at play, in business, with family and more. Certainly wit and wisdom for life!