

# The Legend of Santa Paws V

Featuring  
Wasabi the Cat



(Wasabi)

When I was small  
I was happy to see



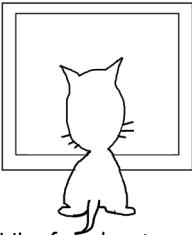
Stacks of gifts under the  
Santa Paws tree

Santa Paws came and gave  
me all kinds of stuff



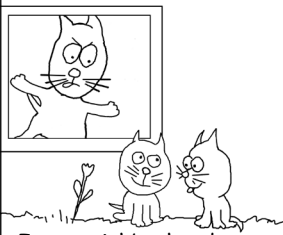
But now toys and snacks  
are just not enough

Now that I'm older  
I want a lot more



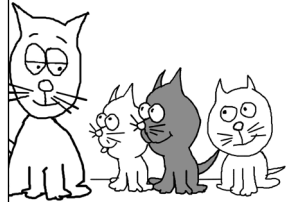
Like freedom to roam  
outside the door

I'm always locked inside  
and that's not fair



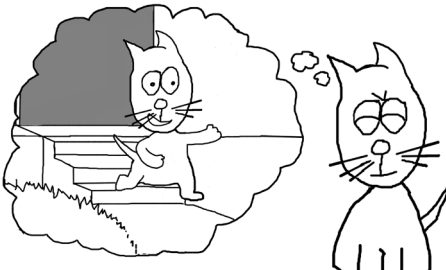
I see neighborhood cats  
having fun out there

If I could get out  
I know I would



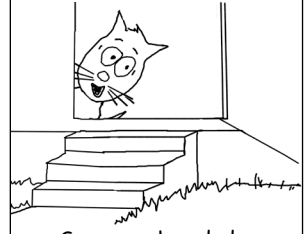
Be the coolest cat  
in the neighborhood

So I'm asking Santa Paws to give me a wish



Please let me outside instead of snacks in my dish

Then one late afternoon  
came my lucky star



Some worker dudes  
left the side door ajar

Like always,  
Santa Paws fulfilled my request



You can count on him,  
that guy's the best!

Even better yet  
Kari and Matt were away



I could hang outside  
and play the whole day

I was outside for a while  
just enjoying my luck



Then stuff began to happen  
and it started to suck

Some big dog came  
and chased me around



I hid in a bush where  
I couldn't be found

I had fleas in my fur  
and mud on my feet



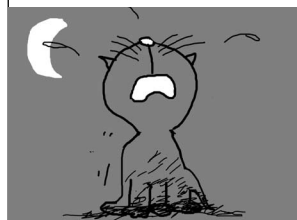
There was nothing to drink  
and nothing to eat

It started to get dark  
and cold outside



I began to wonder if  
I would even survive

I was so very scared  
and I started to wail



I called out to Santa Paws  
to save my tail!

Just about when I gave up  
all hope for the night



Kari and Matt found me  
with their flashlights

Now I am happy  
to have everything back



Being in the house  
with my toys and my snacks

This is the lesson  
Santa Paws has given to me



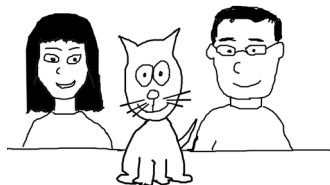
So I'm happy to find  
whatever's under the tree

This holiday story is my gift to you



Blessings in all that you have and do

**Happy Holidays  
and stuff like that**

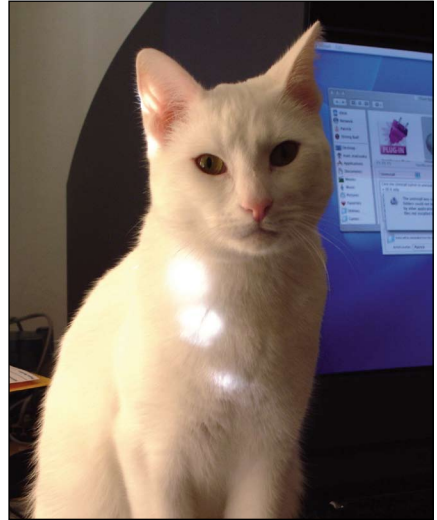


**From Kari, Matt  
and Wasabi the Cat**  
(And coming soon: baby Matsuoka!)

# About Wasabi



Wasabi came into our lives in August 2003. He was a tiny, starving kitten who somehow managed to get inside our studio. After cleaning him up we became attached and decided to give him permanent residence. We later discovered that he is completely deaf, which explains his introspective nature and the fact that he completely ignores everything we say to him. Wasabi's main goal in life is to be outside; however, due to his inability to hear the neighborhood bullies sneak up on him, we feel that he is best suited for a life of art and scholarship.



The story of Wasabi getting out is true. Even though he was quite traumatized by the experience he is still very curious. As a result we have built him an outdoor play area so he can be outdoors without getting into too much trouble.

Learn more about Wasabi at:  
[www.wasabihecat.com](http://www.wasabihecat.com)

## Our first child is coming!

We are happy to announce the pending arrival of our first child. Our son is due in March 8th; we are thrilled but Wasabi is not so sure. Stay tuned for our next chapter!

-Kari and Matt

