

Ask The Creatives: Brush Strokes of Trends, Trendmakers, & Current Thinking on Creative Expression

CREATIVE WRITING

Q. What is funny about cats? (You have an hour to write your article.)

A. In ancient Egypt cats were worshipped as Gods. Most cats still believe it. They carry themselves with a Royal demeanor. Cats are the writer's muse, the children's pet, the lonesome person's best friend and the stressed-out person's ally.

But they have another trait which is much more valuable. They're fun. They make us laugh. They are natural born treat-seeking missiles. What better therapy for today's crazy, erratic, high-speed chase of a world then to come home and play with the cat? They inspire, they delight, and when they choose to be, they are downright loveable and cuddly... especially at dinner time. They have a killer app that is pre-installed. It allows them to always land on their feet. They'll try anything. Maybe we humans should install that app.

If you're lucky enough to let a cat own you, be prepared. They know how to train humans. And they're so darn cute you'll do just exactly what you're told.

But if you have a cat, you already know this, don't you? If you don't have a cat but are thinking of getting one, you've been warned. You will have purrrrfectly good times. You could even live happily ever laughter.



Laughing Lyon, Ltd. principal **Bobbe Lyon, MD** (mirth dispenser) believes humor is very malleable and can be adapted to any situation. Bobbe became a widow at age 45 after spending her married life as a stay at home mom to her five Lyon cubs. Returning to college as one of the oldest co-eds on campus, she realized that her "sense" of the humorous became her primary tool for survival. It worked so well the Laughing Lyon earned a B.A. in Journalism and an M.A. in Counseling. Soon she decided to take her humorous ideas public. She is a former board member of the Association for Applied & Therapeutic Humor and enjoys National Speaker status.

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Contributing writer Bobbe Lyon is one of the founding members of For Art Group. Bobbe (right) is at the April lunch meeting at Hannibals in Winter Park with Daphne Frutchey of the Winter Park University Club (left) and Heather Alexander of The Winter Park Playhouse (middle.) Top is pianist and performer Carol Stein, Florida International Piano Competition's Ellen Hamilton, and For Art Co-Founder Connie Brand.