

What I'm Thankful For This Year

On October 13, 2024 I adopted my shorthair tuxedo cat Siah. She was six years old, I was eleven.. I still remember meeting my cat's old owner at the movie theatre to pick Siah up. On the walk back home, Siah was in a handheld pet carrier and meowed once in a while. I was so excited to open the carrier to see the cat.

When we opened it, she ran to the sofa because she was unfamiliar with where she was. She took about a month or two to get fully comfortable with us. Throughout the year, Siah has been by my side all the time. Whenever I felt tired and bored, I just went to my cat and laid down with her for some time. I'm so glad we got her as it feels like she fills in the empty space in the house. When I come back from school she's always waiting by the door for me. She's even by my side right now as I'm making this essay.

Yesterday I watched a video and found out that cats are pretty smart and kind of sensitive about their owners. They trust their owners, and when you do something that seems like something little to you, like tricking them into eating a medicine or uncomfortably picking them up, it could make the cat feel bad/betrayed and stop trusting you. My point is that a cat's trust is something pretty hard to gain and is very important to keep for your relationship with the cat, and I'm happy I never messed up with my cat and that she trusts me.

In my opinion, I think that cats are one of the best additions to your life/household. People make it seem like a huge deal, but if you are willing to pay a small price for a huge gain, I suggest getting a cat. Siah has been such a source of delight/joy for me this year, and that's why I'm thankful for her.

