

Tawny is a curious cat in both senses of the word. She does not like to drink water from a bowl on the floor; much prefers it from a bird bath (or the kitchen sink). Does not like to be picked up, but does like to sleep on a warm lap in the evening. She dislikes having her tail touched, but loves to have her ears scratched. She is so cute when asleep on a window sill.

In a kind of caprice she will all of a sudden begin to hop and jump around the house. She gradually calms down. We think, what a crazy cat! But on the whole she operates in an efficient manner, rarely wasting much energy.

Her food bowl has two sections. When Tawny is let in from the garage (where she spends her nights) she immediately goes over to her food bowl, then eats a little of her canned cat food, but only a few pieces of her dry food. Or she eats most of her dry food but none of her canned food. Then she wants out; cat business (biznes) calls. Some time during the day she will finish her food. At supper time the same series of actions takes place.

She seems to like only cat food, and the canned variety must be some kind of fish. A piece of chicken placed in her bowl will not be touched. But she surely is getting enough to eat. Her little body is nicely rounded.

Tawny can be nowhere in sight, but you have the feeling that she is always quietly but inconspicuously policing her territory. I know she sometimes hides under the myrtle tree at the front of the porch. She loves to watch people work. If you decide to wash the car you are sure to have a small, furry, observer. If a neighbor stops to talk to you the cat immediately appears, though you may not have seen her for hours.

She almost always comes when called, but never right away. She sometimes taxes our patience, especially when it takes a good five or ten minutes for her to appear, (and we are in a bit of a hurry.)

On a trip in the RV she treats the vehicle as her home no matter where it is parked. We let her out as soon as the rig is in place. In a little while she scratches at the door to be let in. When traveling along the road she virtually demands to be on a lap.

Tawny likes to sleep on a chair in the daytime but seldom the same chair twice in a row. She likes to sleep on the seat of a chair under a table but where there are four chairs arranged around the table she sleeps in a kind of sequence, no chair twice in a row.

Tawny always makes a kind of low trilled 'rrr' sound when let in from the outdoors, like she is saying thank you. A polite cat. She is just not very consistent, and we are always wondering, "why did she do that?"

All in all a most entertaining creature, a pleasure to have, and a comforting and familiar part of the scenery.