

Sir Tiger

1989-2010

On November 7, 2010, Sir Tiger, a beloved and faithful gray tiger cat breathed his last breath. Sir Tiger was a well-known and feline dignitary of the German Valley area. Shortly after his birth on December 23, 1989, Sir Tiger established his home with Lowell and Martha Sample. Sir Tiger was known for his adept ability to get his own way. While allowed to come and go at his own will, Tiger was always home at night to join "Samp" and Martha for an evening of relaxation.

Sir Tiger was known as an educator. Living adjacent to the German Valley Grade School playgrounds, he endured all types of weather in order to meet the students and instruct them in the finer qualities of pet appreciation. Tiger never missed a stroke. His determination to share his love, left indelible paw prints on the hearts of students who passed through the hallowed halls of German Valley Elementary School.

Sir Tiger moved from German Valley in 2005, when his beloved Martha entered an assisted living facility. Initially he moved to the home of Larry and Carolyn Sluiter, five miles from German Valley. However, the lure of his old home, the grade school, as well as memories of the Friday night fish fries could be resisted no longer. He returned to German Valley and then was persuaded to move to the veterinary clinic.

The last five years of Tiger's life was filled with hugs, kisses and chair rides at the clinic. He especially enjoyed teasing large dogs and begging for special treats. While Tiger's last years were tested with the medical complications of diabetes, arthritis and lack of teeth, he never let it stand in the way of a good rubbing, head stroke or claw sharpening.

Sir Tiger is missed by all who cherished his determined attitude and love of life. The doctors and staff on New Hope Veterinary Clinic were inspired and challenged by his ability to manipulate people in order to obtain his desires.