

A GOING HOME SURPRISE

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Helping Children to Learn Through this Book

If your child wants a pet, here is a book and story that may help you make that decision. It will also help you know whether your child is ready to own a pet, or if your child is not yet ready to accept the responsibility and routine of pet ownership. This book will also show you how having a pet can be immensely rewarding, especially for a child whose sense of caring may result in “worries” or feeling anxious. Most of all, this book is intended to help you speak with your child about it in a simple way.

YOU CAN EXPLAIN:

- * Owning a pet is being ready to accept routine (like feeding and cleaning up) AND responsibility (LIKE making sure A pet is comfortable and stays healthy).

- * You may also say, “You are very capable of taking care of yourself”, but I need to know, “Do you want to also take care of someone else?”

And, most important of all, I hope this book helps you and your child to deal with one of life's awesome eventualities, and that is the right time and place to have a family pet.

WARM REGARDS,
ANN MARIE

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“I want to help you
find your way”,
my pre-teen Kathy,
said that day.



She was holding a sad,
so scared,
little kitten.

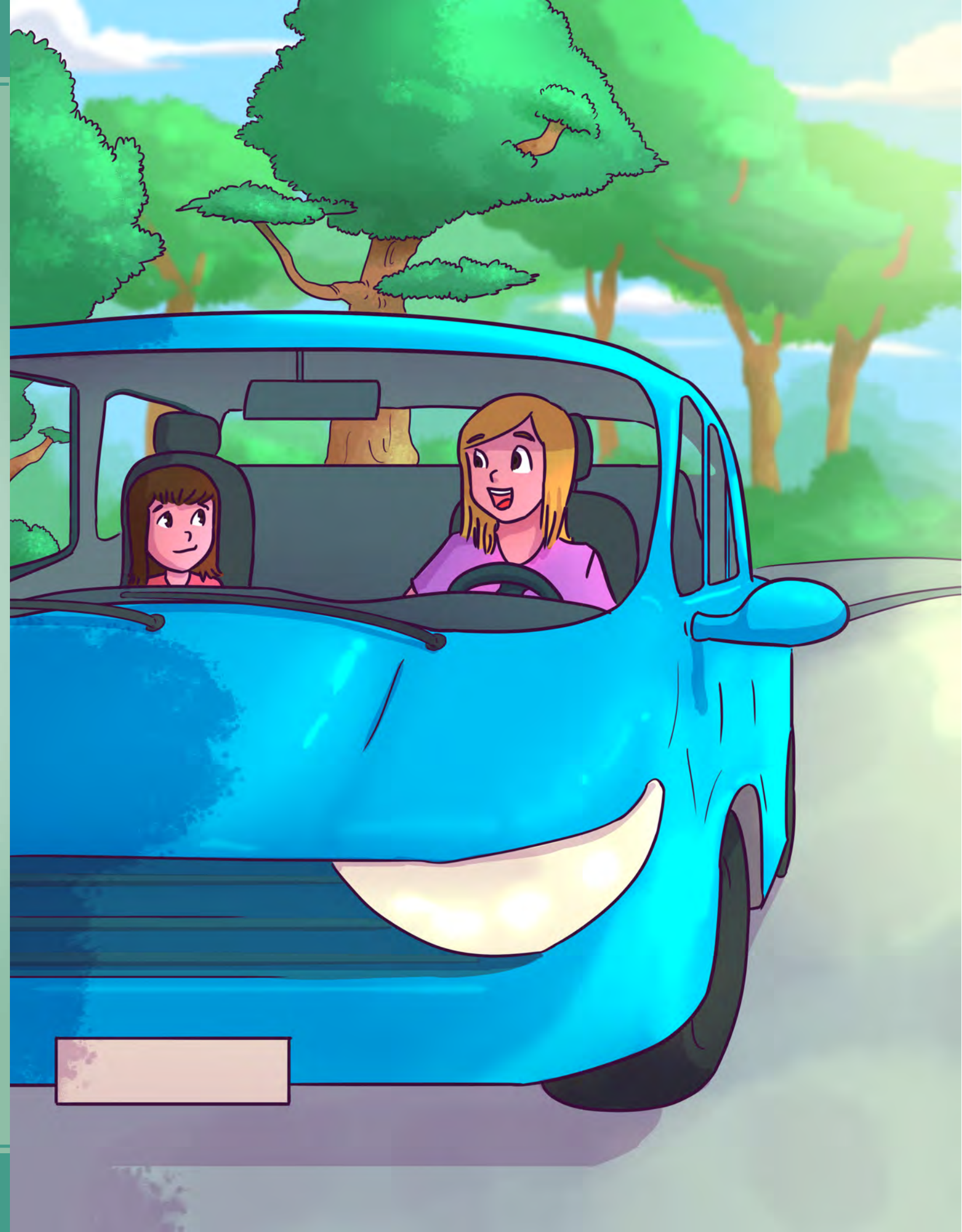
In the palm of her hand,
it looked like a mitten.



Kathy often found strays
that were outside their bounds.
And she got them back home
without too much lost ground.



But this time was different,
we were further away,
on the road going home
and
this little stray
was not normal and usual,
not active at all.



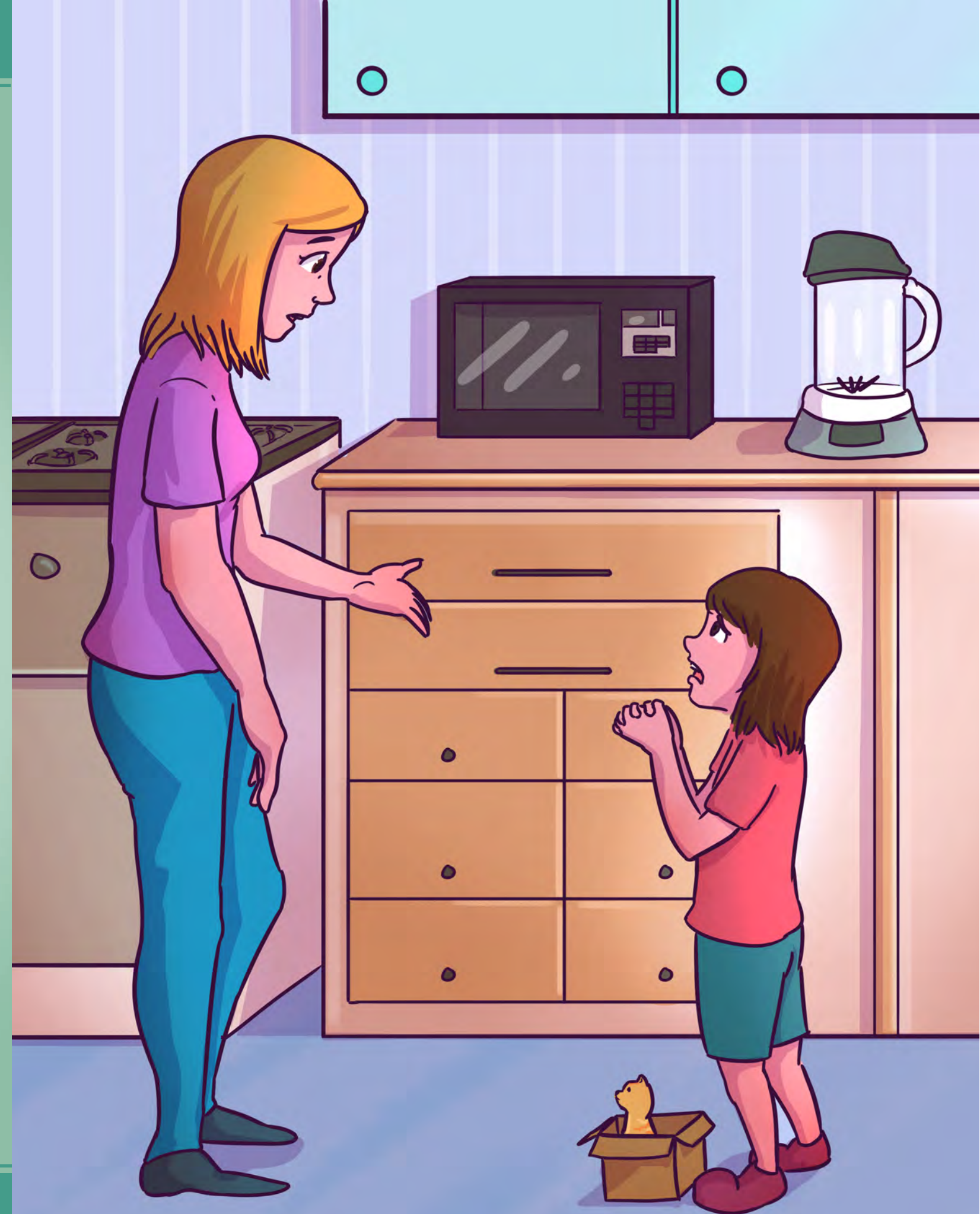
...lost and alone.
A bit of light fur.
All messed up;
so frightened.
No reason to purr.



Kathy knew it was dangerous
when a kitten like this,
filled with fleas,
only whimpered,
so pitifully.



She worried if this one
could even survive
a trip to the Vet.
So, she begged me to drive
quickly but carefully
just to make sure
this small bit of fluff
stayed alive
on our tour.



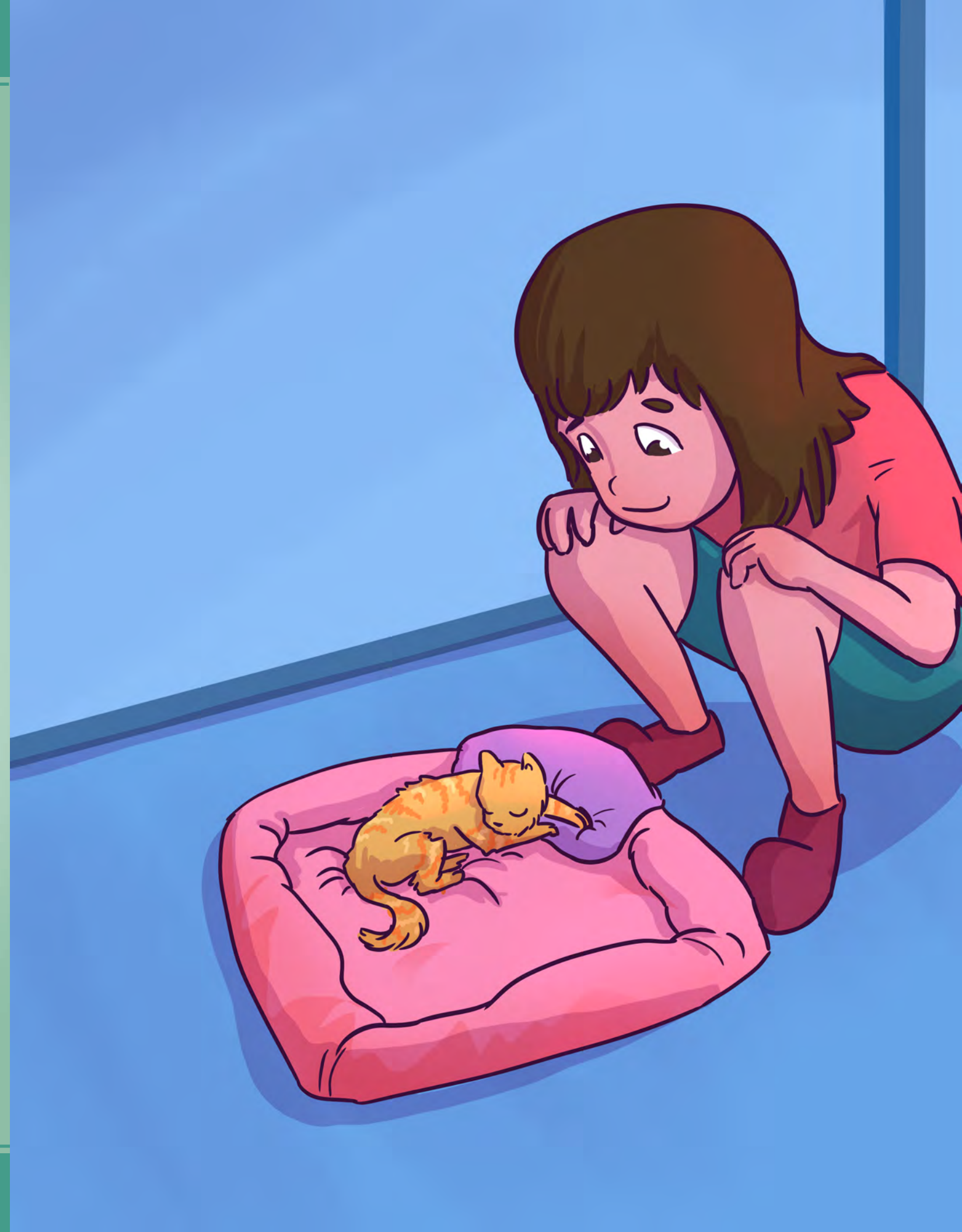
So, along with my pocket book,
a shortcut we took,
hoping Doc Flavia
would have time for a look.



And yes, when we got there
as you can imagine
our Vet prescribed food
and
flea and worm medication.



It took a while
for this one to mend.
We were never quite sure
just how it would end.



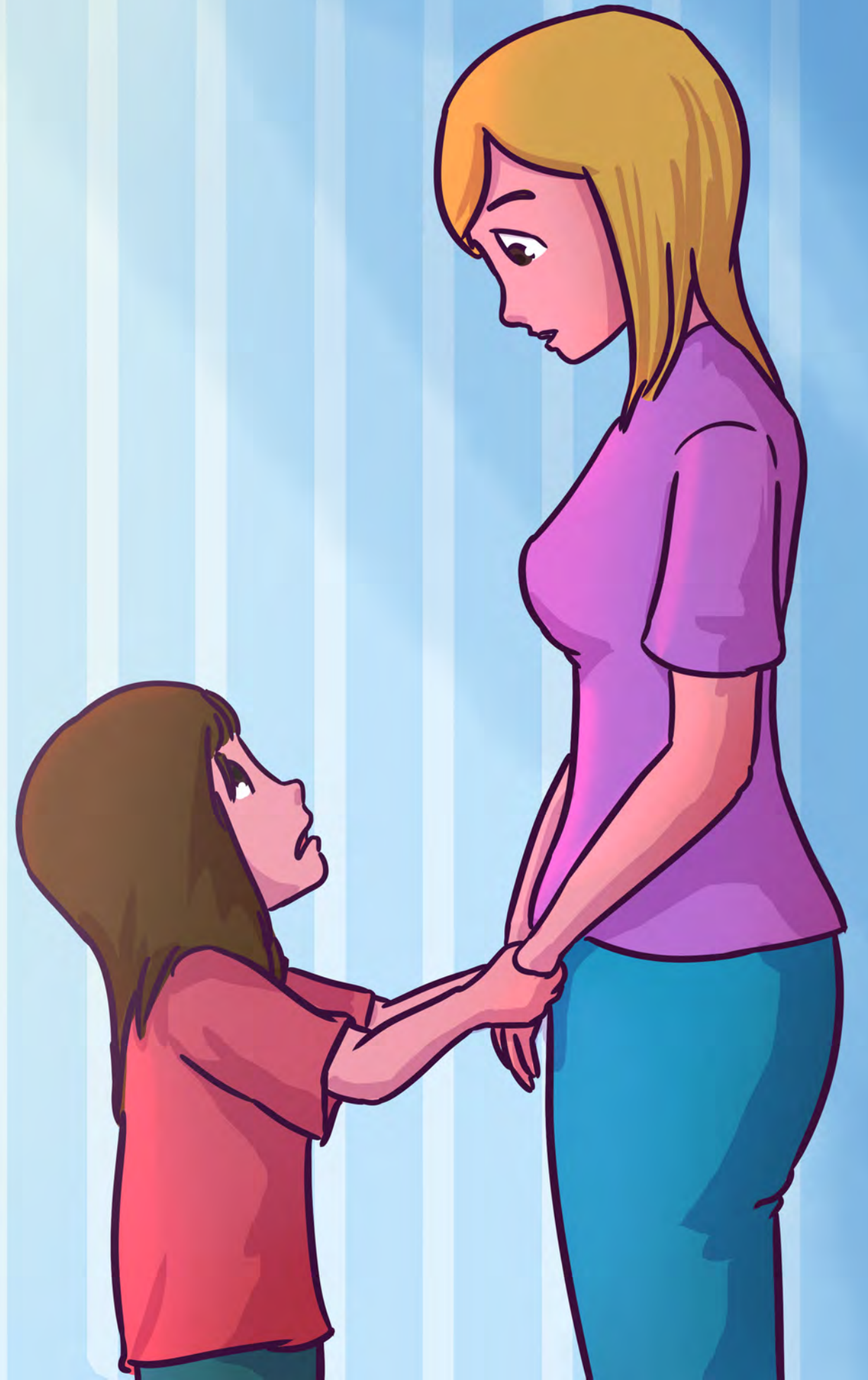
But now,
glad to say,
with weight gain and a bath,
this sweet little fluff ball
recovered at last.



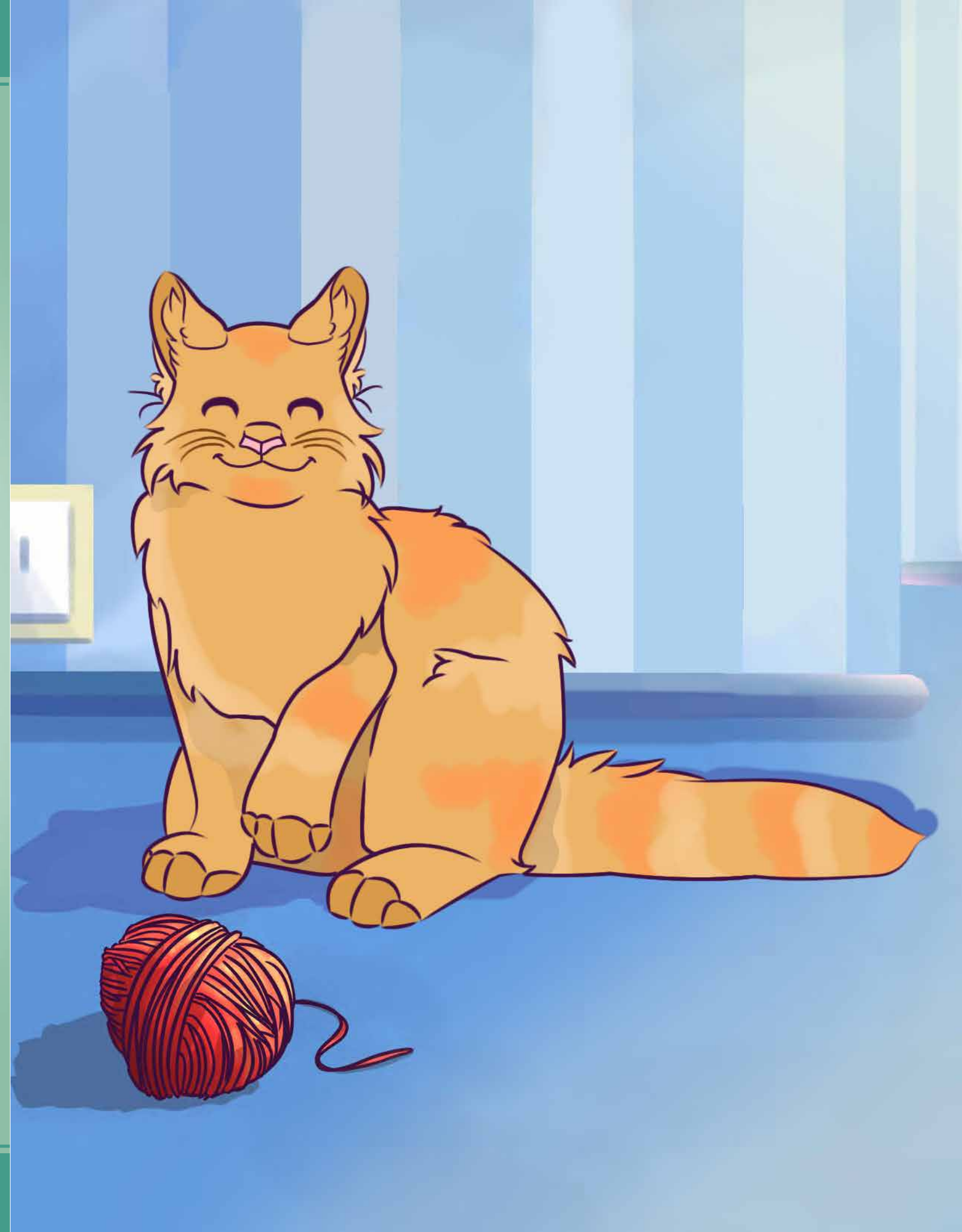
And, you must have one inkling,
or even a few
of what happened next,
and I'll tell,
it's true.



Kathy looked up at me,
to state her request,
and I knew
this now - healthy one
was more than a guest.



It's been two whole years now,
with this little kitten,
she is all sweetness and purring
and we call her
"Mitten".



With this little fur ball,
the fun never ends.

Kathy feeds
and cares for her.



They are amazing Best Friends.



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