

Verne's Cat Pack

Verne was blessed with 3 blue eyed cats who each had the heart of an Angel.

When the legendary Rusty gave up his body in his 18th year, all were saddened. Yet his great spirit stayed with the family like a warm fire. Cougar stepped up to fill the paws of his teacher. Inexplicably he began cat talking to Verne—just like Rusty had. Verne was intrigued. Cougar took over every duty that Rusty had carried on his big cat shoulders for many years.

Cougar patrolled the farm perimeter to let Hawks, mice, gophers, and fox alike know the extent of his domain. Verne saw him walking along the railroad tracks, or sitting on a fence post watching the farm. Cougar was only two years old, yet was a fearless guardian.

Alpha Male

Cougar asserted his dominance over the pack. Verne urged him to be gentle with Dustball if he dominated her, stressing "*Dustball's a good girl!*" simultaneously assuring Cougar he was "*A good boy.*"



When Cougar chased Raccoony Verne took him aside to say "*Raccoony's a good girl!...and Cougar is a good boy!*"

Over time the girls came to trust this young alpha male. Cougar became less scary to them, so everyone relaxed.



As the months slipped by Verne noticed the girls were sleeping closer to Cougar. At feeding time Raccoony would sniff his rear, and in turn he'd sneak a sniff of hers before she spun with ears flattened, teeth bared--"SSSSSHH!" It became a happy cat pack with Verne as the big cat mutually worshiped. Cougar would give fresh gophers to both Verne and Raccoony. He let Dustball claim Verne as her special boyfriend since she was hopelessly in love with him. Cougar ate so many gophers Verne saved money on those pricey cases of Fancy Feast. *What a good boy!*