I adopted Fetzer from a rescue organization that held adoption fairs at a nearby pet store. She was about a year old—and I remember how she came right up to the window to look at me. She’s now 16 and such an awesome part of my life. When I’m feeling down, she cheers me up by giving me head-butts and knocking things off the desk. She keeps it real, like “This is life. This is the way it is. Now pay attention to me.”

In 2009, Fetzer was attacked by a dog and almost died. Since then, she’s been a strictly indoor cat and seems pretty content with that lifestyle. The day I snapped this photo, she was sitting in the perfect pose, looking out a window.

— David Beach, Pasadena, California

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