



Ginger *the* **Kitten**

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For Huff and Puff, the bearded dragons – J.C.

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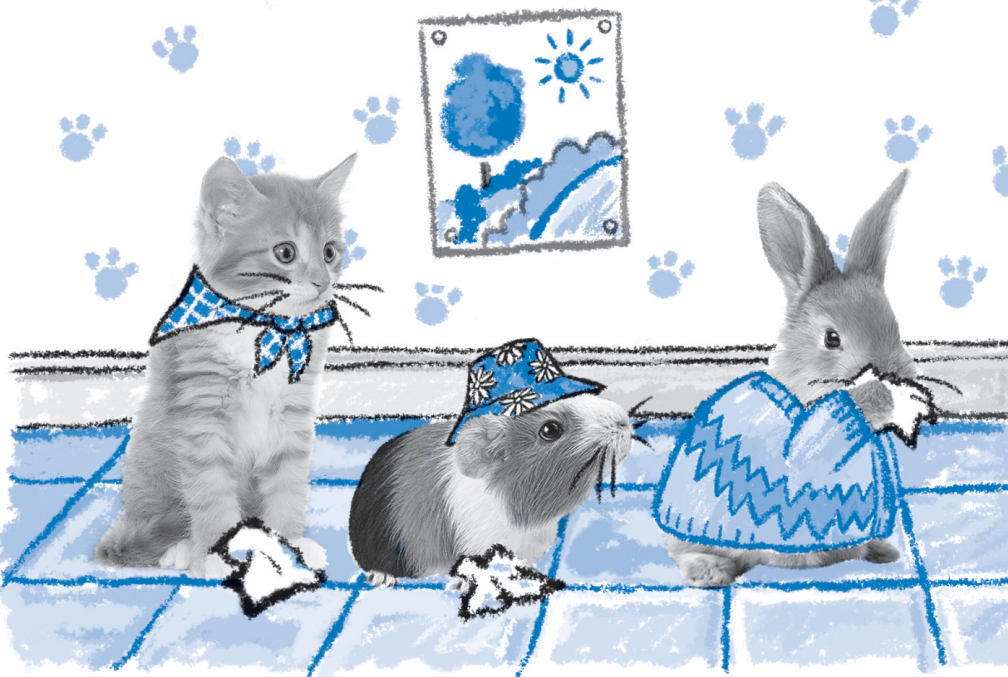


It was a beautiful sunny day in Thistletown. Peanut threw open the door of Dr. KittyCat's clinic and sniffed the fresh spring air. "Achoo-choo, choo!" he sneezed.

Three little animals were waiting outside for him to let them in. Clover the bunny and Nutmeg the guinea pig

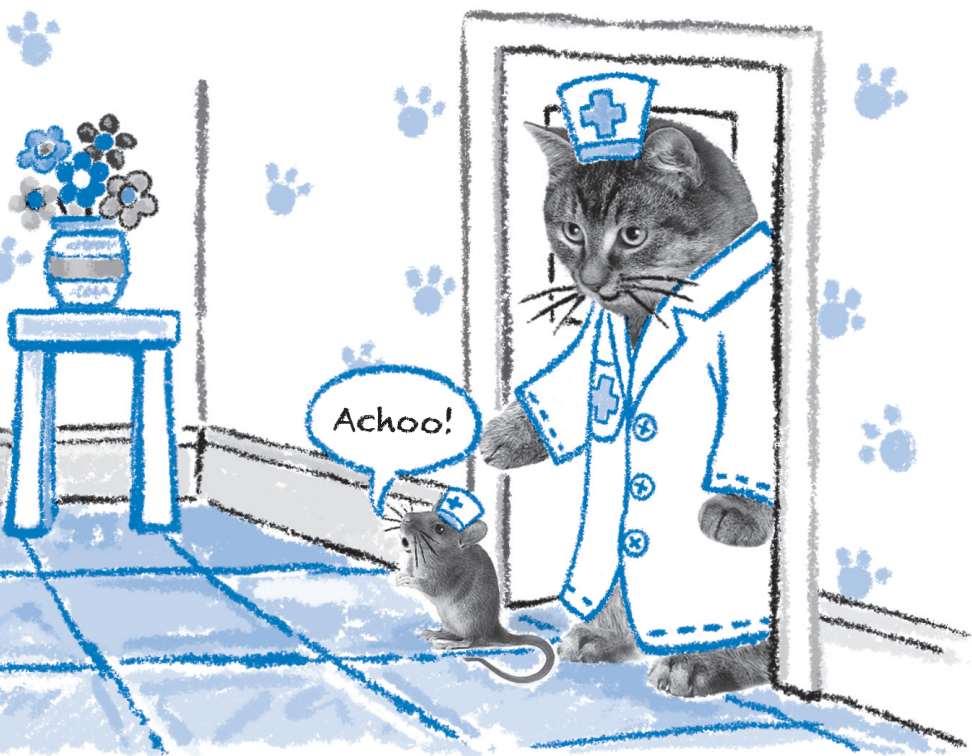
were sniffing into soggy tissues. Ginger the kitten was dabbing a fresher-looking tissue at one red and watery eye.

“Thank you for coming to my special allergy testing session,” Dr. KittyCat welcomed them. “It’s a good time of year to find out what is causing your symptoms and try to do something about them.”



“Achoo!” Peanut sneezed in agreement.

“It’s a simple scratch test,” Dr. KittyCat went on, “so it has to be done on bare skin . . .” She washed her paws and took an electric razor out of a drawer.



“*Eek-achoo!*” Peanut squeaked.
“I don’t want to be shaved bare and be scratched all over!”

“Don’t panic, Peanut,” Dr. KittyCat meowed. “The scratches will be tiny and—”

“If you were bare all over,” Ginger the kitten interrupted, “Dr. KittyCat would knit you a onesie to cover you up!”

Peanut shuddered. Dr. KittyCat was a wonderful, kind, and caring furry first-aider, but he wasn’t a big fan of her knitting. The woolly pajamas she’d made when he was sick had been very itchy, even on top of fur.