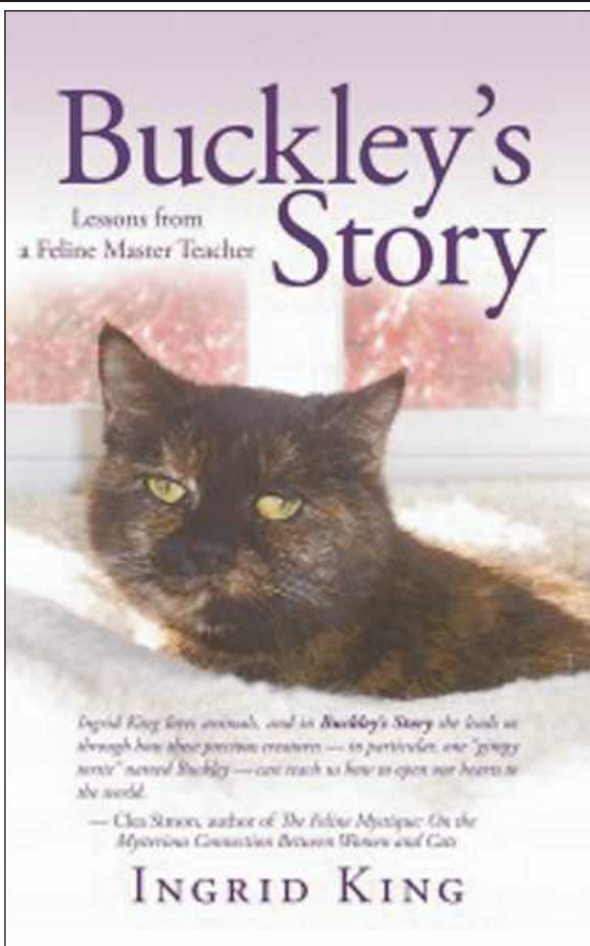




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**Buckley's Story, Lessons from a Feline Master Teacher**  
 By Ingrid King  
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Have you ever not wanted to read a book at the same time you wanted to read it?

Sounds a little crazy I know, especially for the beginning of a book review. But let me explain and encourage you to read this book.

"Buckley's Story, Lessons from a Feline Master Teacher" is a book about a cat lover's journey as she watches her beloved cat's health decline. It also deals with the aftermath of losing that cherished pet and how one handles it.

This book touches on how people can and do connect with their pets on a special level. It explains how pets are not just pets, but family members.

I didn't want to read it because I knew that I wasn't going to like what happened to Buckley. I can't handle sad stories, I'm too tender hearted. In addition, I have a tortoiseshell cat (like Buckley) that is 12 years old.

I wanted to read it - needed to read it - for those very same reasons.

Author Ingrid King tells the story of how Buckley came to live with her and her other cat, Amber. She tells of how that one act - sharing her heart and home with Buckley - changed her life forever.

Working as an office manager for a veterinary hospital the author describes how she feel in love with Buckley the first time she saw her.

After a number of attempts to bring the cat home, Ms. King tells how Buckley finally made the transition to her forever home.

Ms. King explains the trials and triumphs of caring for a pet as only a true pet lover could.

Through her writing the reader understands that sometimes the simplest acts bring about the most joy if you open your heart to the possibilities.

Ms. King gives voice to the frustra-

tions pet lovers face when taking their pets to the vet's office or emergency clinic. Some places work with the pet owners understanding their deep connection to the pets, while others seem to have no feelings in the matter.

The strength and positive attitude of this small, four-legged wonder of nature gave the author the guidance to start trusting your own intuition and inspiration.

This lead to Ms. King opening her own business. Buckley taught her to "live in the moment" and not focus so much on the unknown future.

Despite the box of Kleenex I went through, I'd read it again and recommend it for pet lovers as well as non-pet lovers.

If you have pets, you'll want to show them more attention after reading this. If you don't have a pet, it's time to adopt one.

More information about Buckley and her story, can be found on Ms.King's Website at [www.ingridking.com](http://www.ingridking.com)

## Residents graduate from basic combat training

Army National Guard Pvt. Megan E. Adams has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Pvt. Adams is the daughter of Debra Adams of Reese Street, Menlo, Ga.

She is a 2007 graduate of Chattooga High School, Summerville, Ga.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.



**Airman Ryan M. Keena**

Air Force Airman Ryan M. Keena graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

He is the son of Kim Keena of Scenic Drive, Mentone, Ala.

The airman completed

an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

## New Year's Eve music spectacular at Walker County Civic Center

The Ken Hicks and the Gospel Road New Year's Eve Gospel Music Spectacular will be held from 8 p.m. until midnight on Thursday, Dec. 31, in the Walker County Civic Center located at 10052 Hwy 27, in Rock Spring, Ga.

The evening will feature Danny Funderburk (former tenor for The

Cathedral Quartet, Singing Americans and Perfect Heart), Ken Hicks of US101 and Testimony Quartet, Testimony's new band, the Sonlife Quartet and a special appearance by Randall Franks "Officer Randy Goode" from TV's "In the Heat of the Night."

Tickets for the event are \$12.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at Walker County Civic Center, or SonShine Christian Books in Fort Oglethorpe.

Special prices are available for groups of 20 by calling in advance.

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