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Barn Owls - Mel & Sydney



Mel & Sydney - Oceanside, California

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Mel (male) & Sydney (female), are a mating pair of barn owls located in Oceanside, California. The owl box owner is originally from Melbourne, Australia. The box was set up in mid November and the owls could be seen in the box just two weeks later. This owl box is 16ft above the ground in the owners back yard which is near acres of open wilderness. This provides for plenty of hunting grounds for the owls. Incubation is 30-34 days from the date each egg is laid. Unlike chickens, Barn Owls begin to incubate immediately after the 1st egg is laid. Each egg will hatch on a different day. All time is in PST(Pacific Standard Time). More information about this camera can be found at Mel & Sydney's Daily Blog.

1st clutch of 2012

Date Laid _____ Estimated Hatch Date Egg 1 Laid 02/05/12 time 8:16am Hatch eta 3/4-3/8 Egg 2 Laid 02/07/12 time 09:58am Hatch eta 3/6-3/10 Egg 3 Laid 02/09/12 time 01:12pm Hatch eta 3/8-3/12 Egg 4 Laid 02/11/12 time 10:34pm Hatch eta 3/10-3/14 6665 votes

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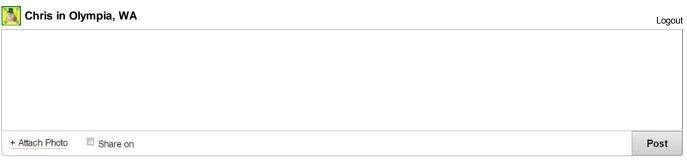
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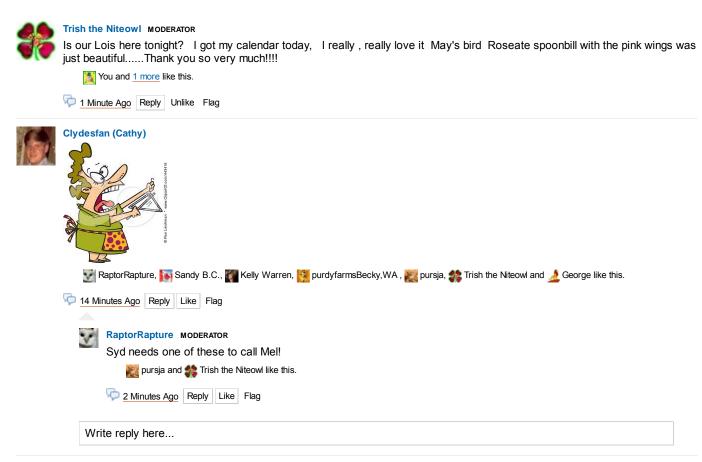


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Janeen in TN

Hi Y'all. Hubby had the nerve to steal my laptop for hours! Bully, lol. I just read Carlos' email. My heart is heavy. RIP McGee.

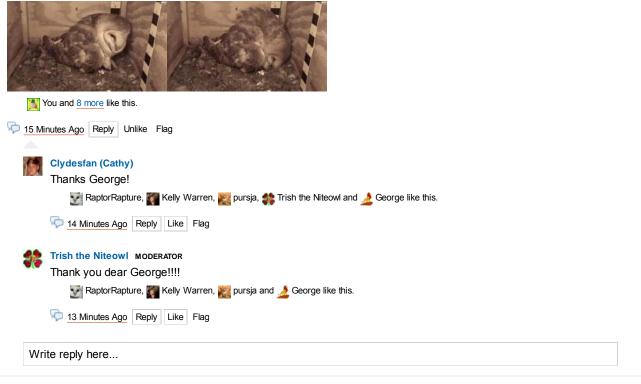
You like this.





George

A few minutes ago.

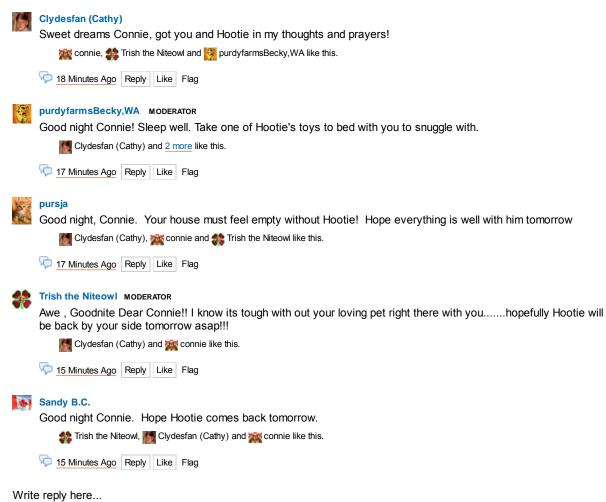




connie

so Hootie isn't here, and no one else told me it was bedtime! But guess I will sign off anyways! Goodnight! RaptorRapture, Sandy B.C., Trish the Niteow, purdyfarmsBecky,WA and Clydesfan (Cathy) like this.

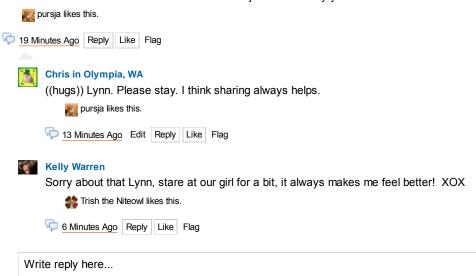
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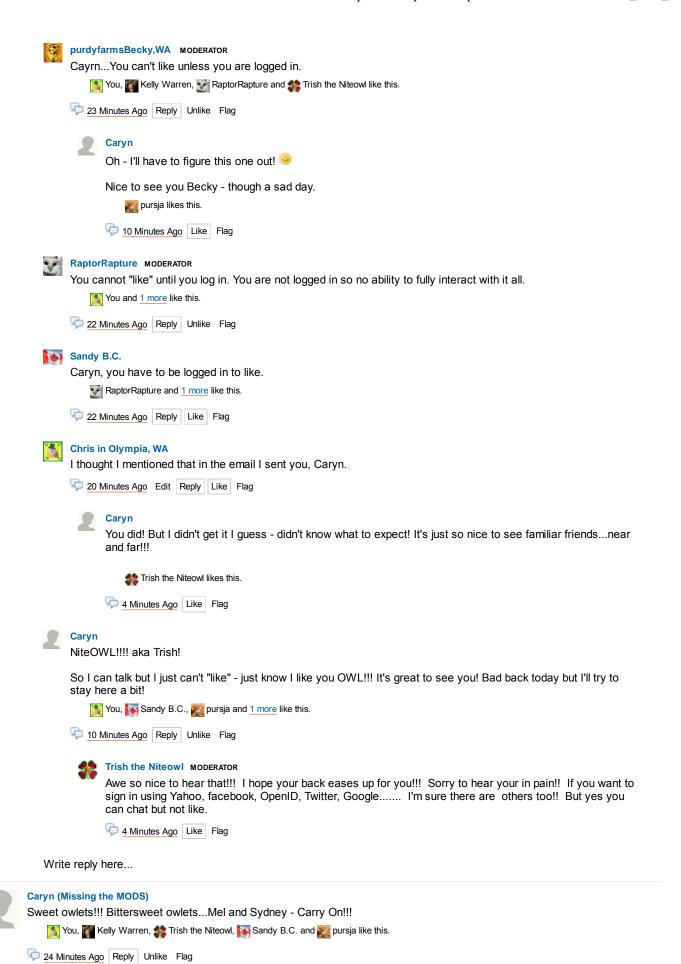
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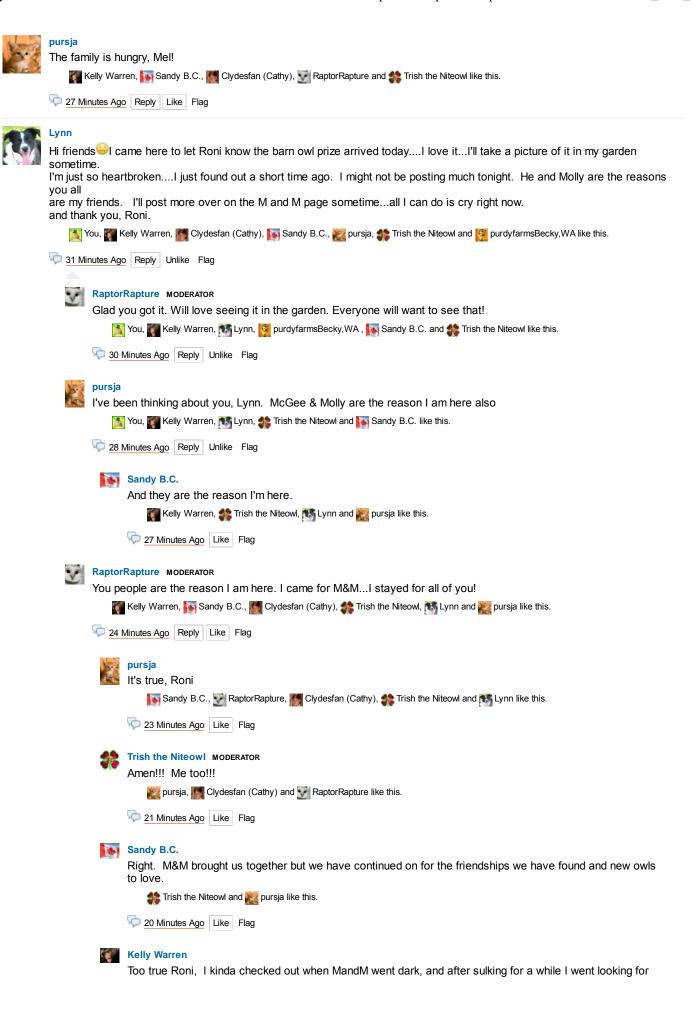
I was already stressed and feeling kind of bad...not too happy about my DS and DS not letting me know about a trip they had planned until the last minute. I'd been thinking I was going to hang out with DS during his spring break. I was feeling bad...came here to feel better but now I'm much worse....but I just want to say y'owl mean so much to me...not sure if I'll post later or not.



Caryn (Missing the MODS) "liking what I'm seeing" but don't know how to "like back"...Help!!! Big Fish - are you out there??? 🥯)) 📉 You, 🌠 Kelly Warren, 🕟 Sandy B.C. and 🏩 Trish the Niteowl like this 23 Minutes Ago Reply Unlike Flag

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you guys again, here I am and here I stay xo

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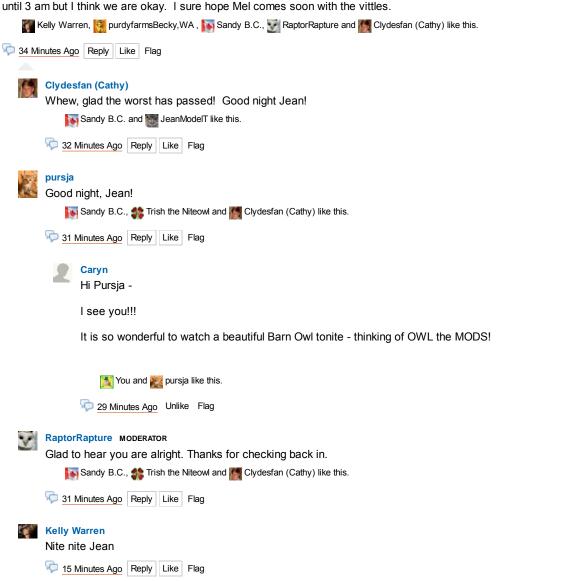
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JeanModelT

It has stopped raining and appears to be south of us. I am going to bed. Thanks for thinking of me. They say the watch is still until 3 am but I think we are okay. I sure hope Mel comes soon with the vittles.



Write reply here...



Caryn (Missing the MODS)

Hi all MODS - NEAR and FAR -

Heard some sad news today and wanted all to know I am thinking of dear Molly and McGee and all the clutches and of course Carlos, Donna and Austin who brought them all to us!

You are all OWLways in my heart!!! Wherever you are!!



Oh Caryn! It is so good to see you! Come visit more!





Chris in Olympia, WA

Hi, Caryn!! Good to see you, though sorry for the occasion. Come back and visit! Look at the baby owlets in the screen up above!



Write reply here...



Cindy

Gorgeous Girl!





Chris in Olympia, WA

Folks, I hate to break in but just thought I would briefly mention that I am setting up a McGee tribute page on the wiki. If you have something to share like a poem, haiku, or something please post over at the Molly & McGee chatroom on SPO or contact me directly. I can't promise everything will get put there, but I will try.

I will also try to make a PDF if I can anymore of the chats where people are expressing their feelings and post that on the page as well.

Thank for letting me make this announcement.



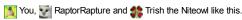
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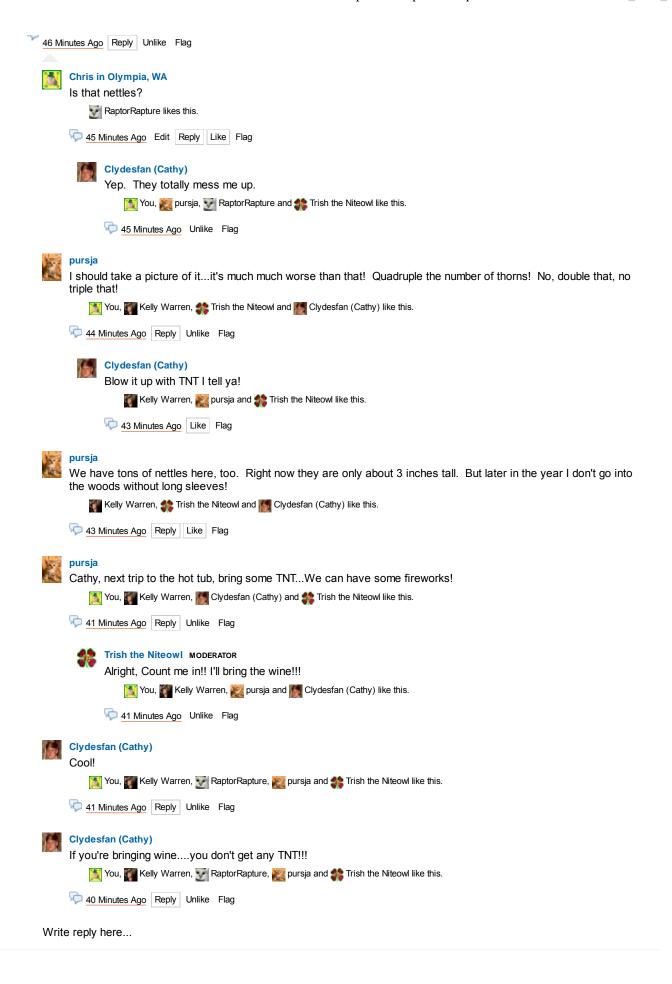
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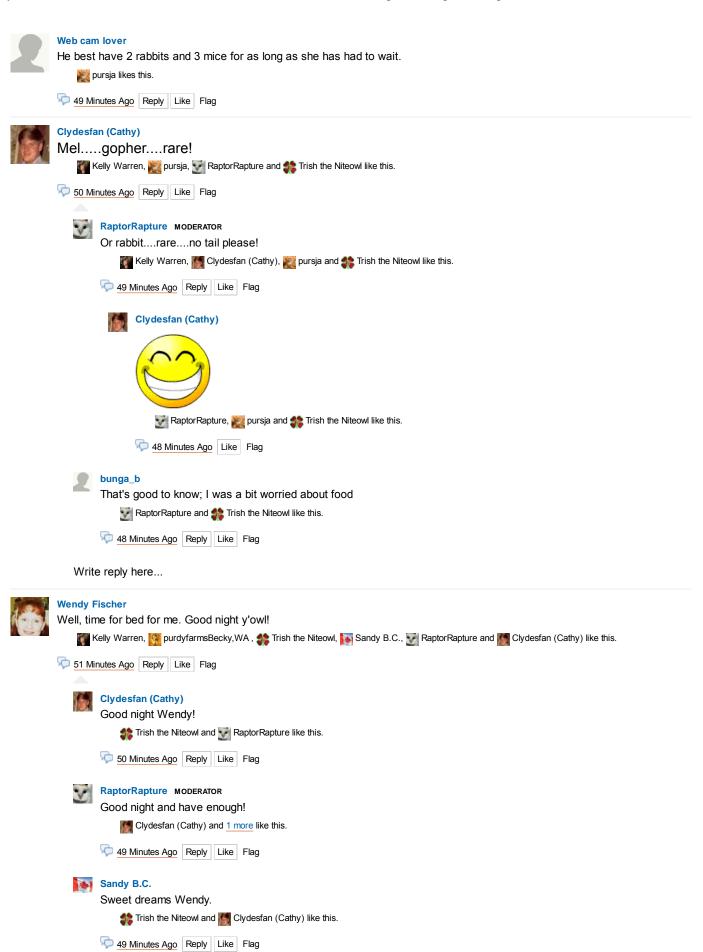


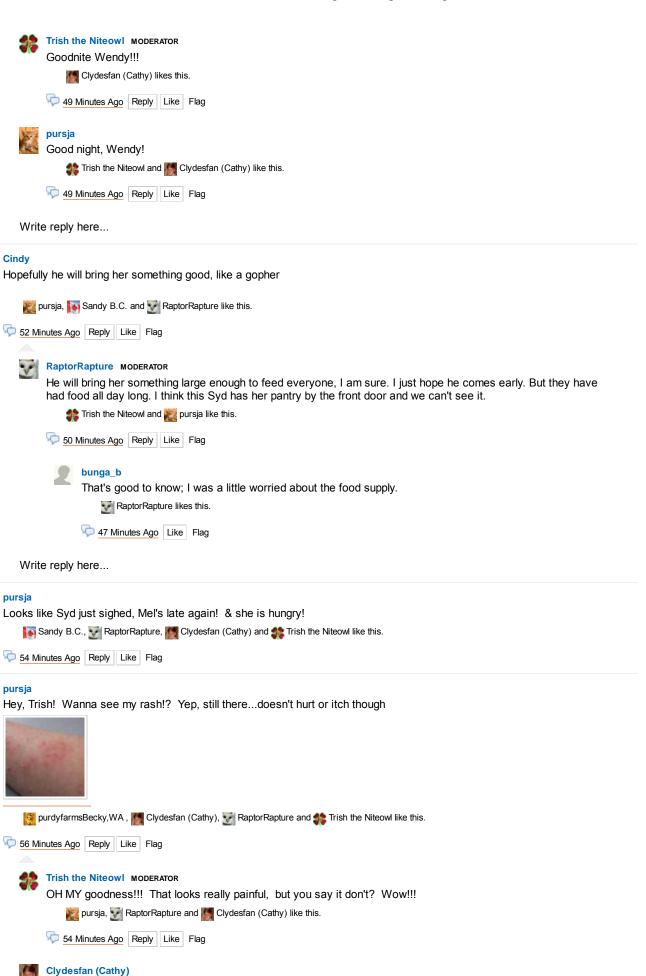
Pursja....did it look like this?



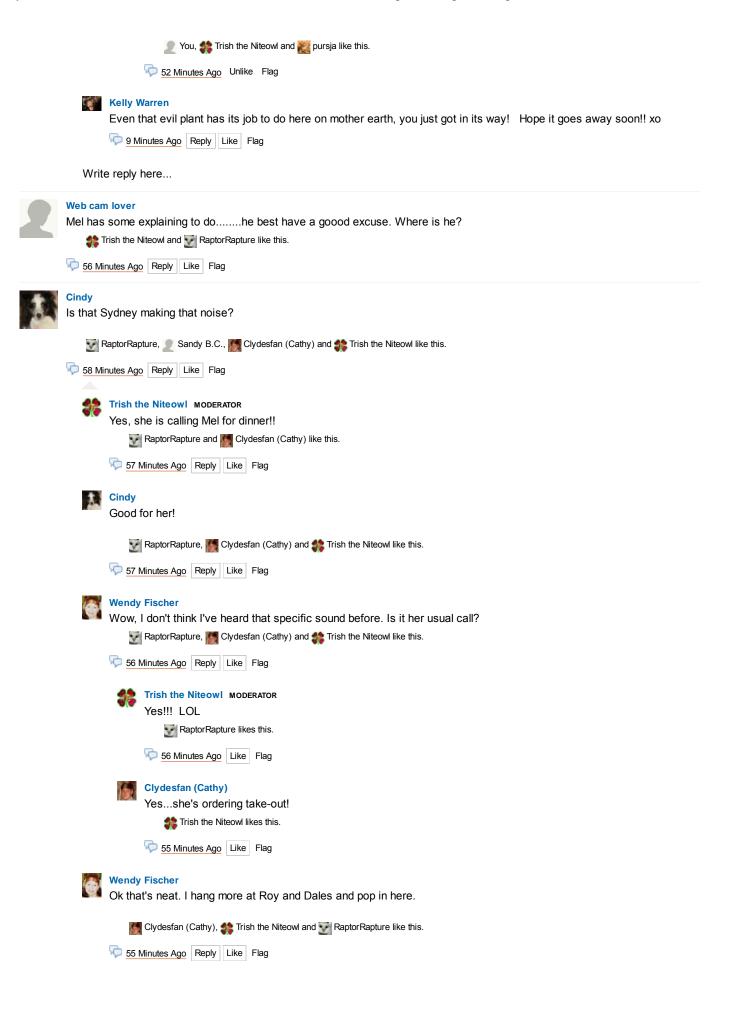
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Bertie in Ca

Hi everybody, first time on today, has dinner been delivered yet?

Trish the Niteowl and 1 more like this.





Sandy B.C.

Hi Bertie. No it hasn't.

Trish the Niteowl and RaptorRapture like this.





Hi Sandy, maybe I can stay on a little longer, but tonight is such a good night for TV.

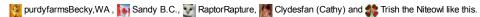


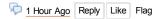
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MissBibaf

Well, I guess i have to miss Mel time, because it is bed time for me. good night ♥♥♥







pursja

🌃 Good night, Miss B!

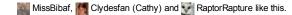






Trish the Niteowl MODERATOR

Goodnite MissB!!!







Clydesfan (Cathy)

Sweet dreams Miss B!







RaptorRapture MODERATOR

Goodnite Ms. B.....have enough....,

🌉 MissBibaf and 🧱 Trish the Niteowl like this.





Sandy B.C.

Sweet dreams MissB.

MissBibaf and \$\frac{1}{2}\$ Trish the Niteowl like this.





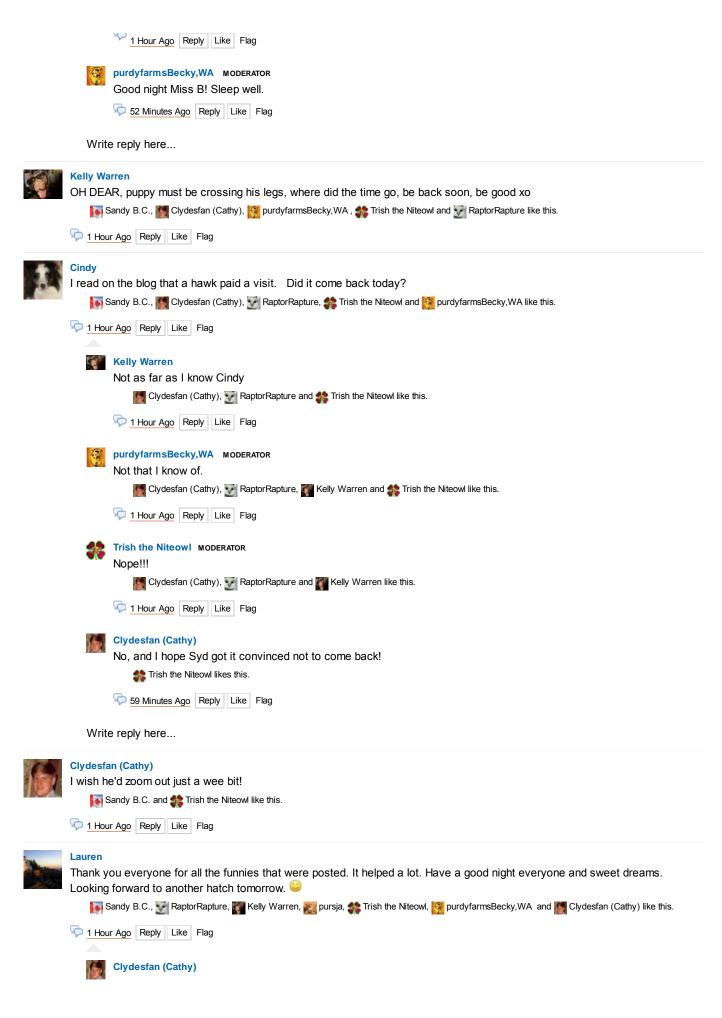
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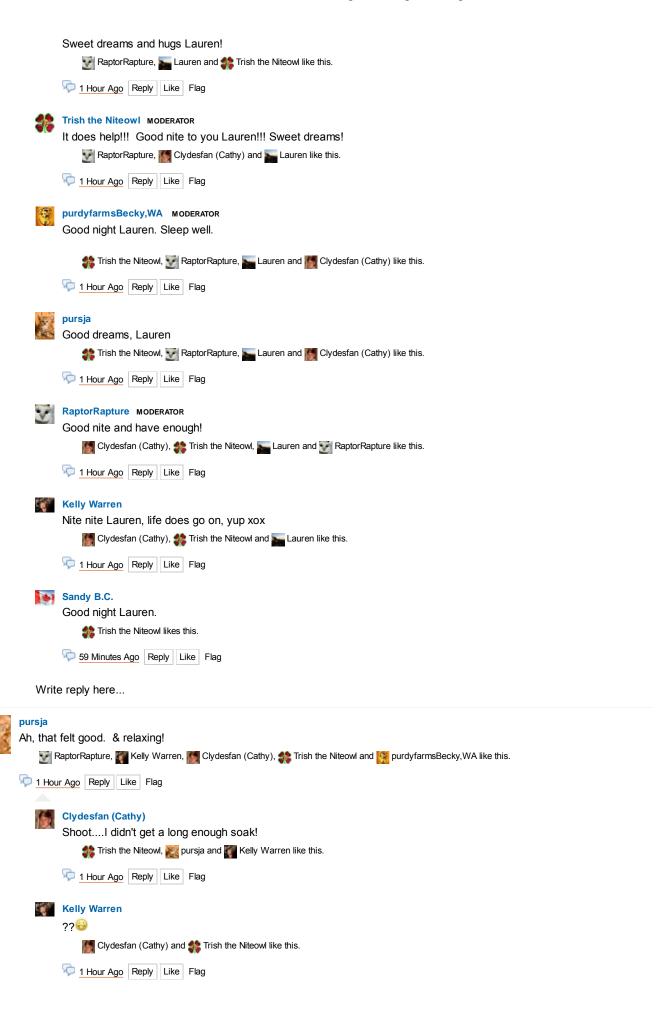
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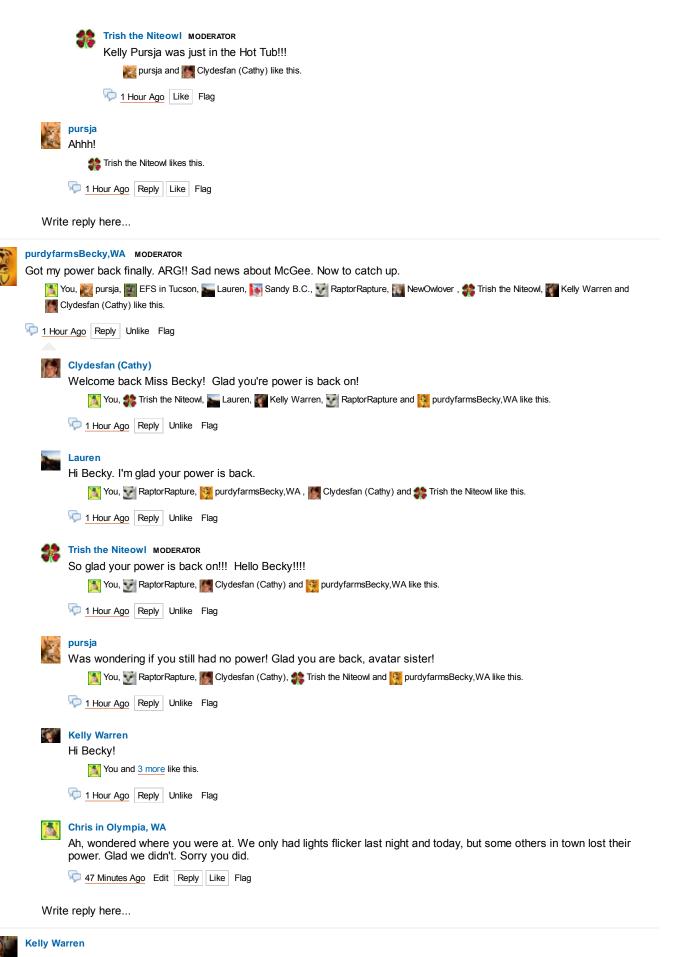
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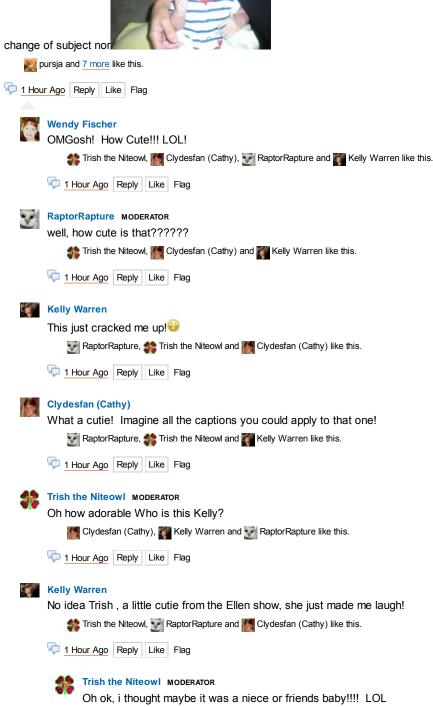
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Sandy B.C.

I love it! Giving the stink eye to someone!

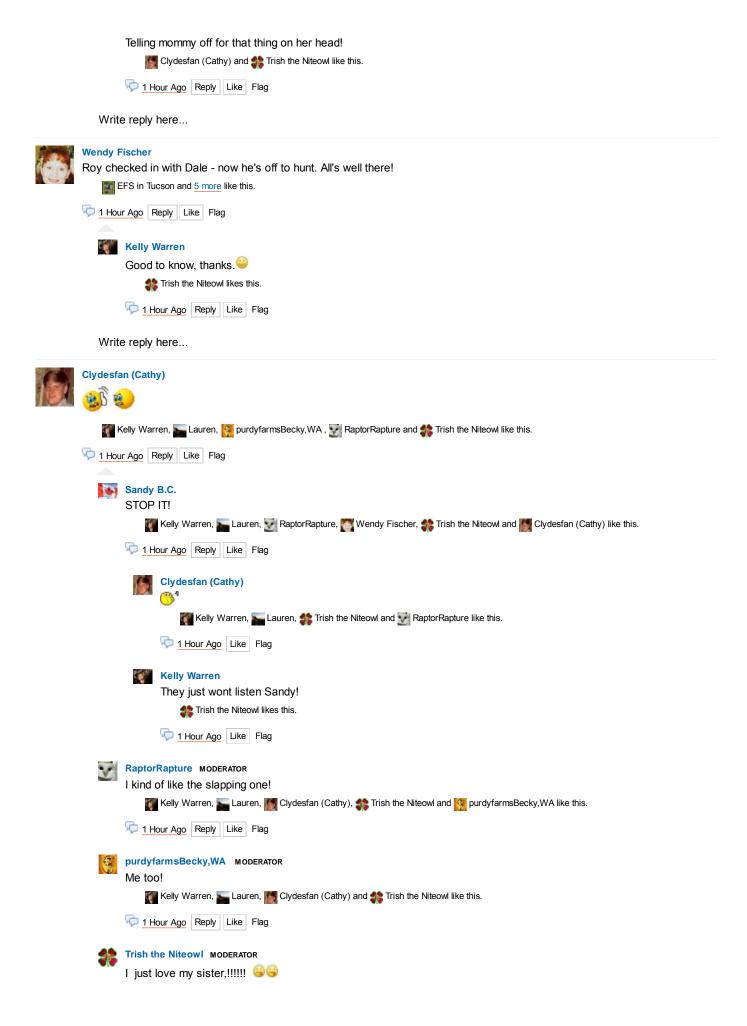
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Clydesfan (Cathy) likes this.

Clydesfan (Cathy), 🗱 Trish the Niteowl, 📝 RaptorRapture and 🌠 Kelly Warren like this.

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Kelly Warren



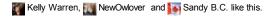




Chris in Olympia, WA

Pun of the Day!

The store clerk lost his job, so he set up a kiosk in the mall to vend for himself.







Chris in Olympia, WA

Comments:

Vend will he ever learn? He posted a reward for anyone who found his job!

Kelly Warren likes this.



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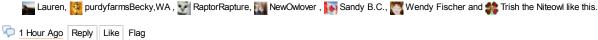
Clydesfan (Cathy)













Kelly Warren

I have 5 cats (at the moment, more in the past) so I feel I have earned the rite to say.....stupid cat.... to 2 with a loveing voice of course!



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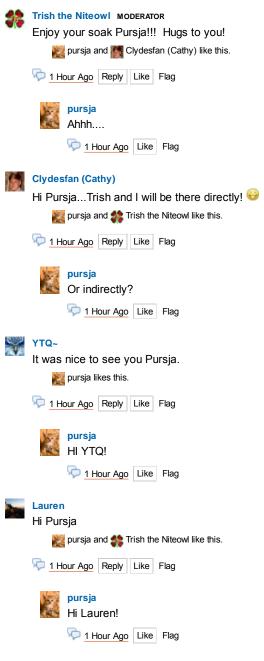


pursja

I've been lurkin' & chatting on Facebook with a couple of old friends...off there now, so I'll only be lurkin' here! After I go soak that is!

Mel better get here, like soon, & with food! I don't need any more stress from an owl tonight! Syd looks so peaceful right now







Chris in Olympia, WA

Hi, folks! Back after dinner and scouting around the internet reminiscing. I'll post the pun of the day because I always do. But I hope not to disturb those who are sad <u>or</u> those who are ready to move on. I think at least one day of mixed feelings is allowable here.





NewOwlover

Good evening everyone. With a heavy heart and tears flowing, I am just now reading the comments on the loss of McGee and the babies. That tribute to McGee was so very touching. I didn't have the pleasure of watching M&M; what little time I have on this site has been spent with Mel and Sydney. They are my first. I am not only sad for the loss of McGee, but so very sorry for everyone here who loved M&M. I know this is nature, but that doesn't make it any easier. I am happy to see all is well with Mel, Sydney and their darling owlets. Life goes on, yes. Hugs to all~~







Thank you for your kind and thoughtful words. They are much appreciated.





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Clydesfan (Cathy)









RaptorRapture MODERATOR

LOL!!!!

🧱 Trish the Niteowl and 🎆 Clydesfan (Cathy) like this.





Trish the Niteowl MODERATOR



Lauren likes this.



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Trish the Niteowl MODERATOR

Mom she's touching me!!!! Ow , she's biting my wing!!!!! MOM.....







MissBibaf

Is it Mel time?







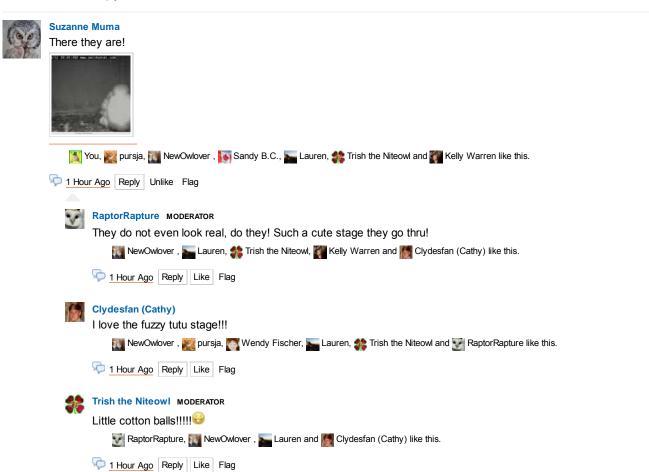
Web Cam Lover

Looks like Ma and babes need some grub....pops best hurry up.

RaptorRapture and 🌉 pursja like this.

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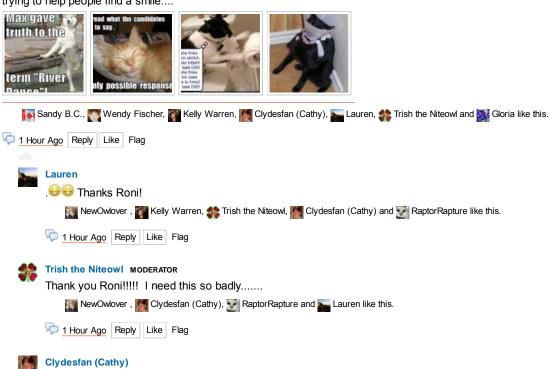


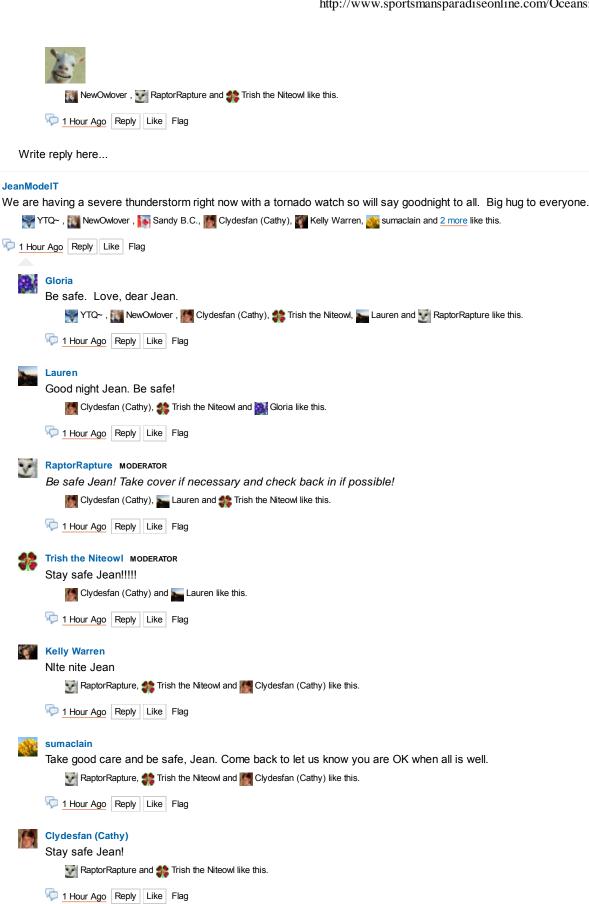
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RaptorRapture MODERATOR

trying to help people find a smile....





Sandy B.C.

Good night and be safe Jean. Will be thinking of you.

RaptorRapture and ***** Trish the Niteowl like this.

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Suzanne Muma

Roy and Dale's fuzzballs! The littlest one (Dee) is snuggled between her big brother and sister! AWWWW!







Suzanne Muma

Don't know why the pic didn't post... Hmmmm?





Trish the Niteowl MODERATOR

We've been having problems posting pictures for the past couple of days!!! Some can and some cannot, hopefully this will be fixed soon!





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Hiya Kathryn and Molly!!!

**Trish the Niteowl and **Mixedly Warren like this.

Clydesfan (Cathy)

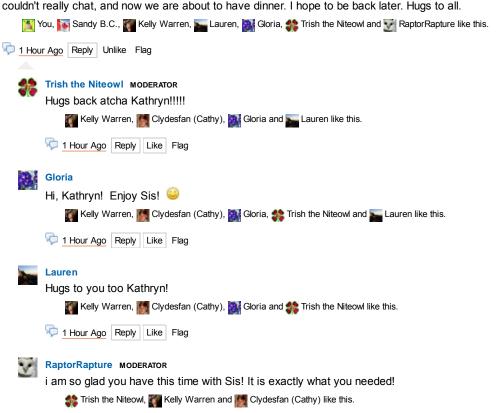
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KR Big Fish

I tried to post a pic of the sunset earlier with my post below, but it wouldn't post and still won't. Anyways, sis has been here and couldn't really chat, and now we are about to have dinner. I hope to be back later. Hugs to all.







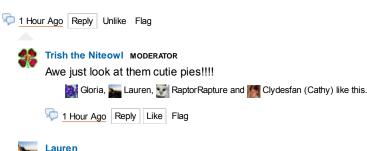
Clydesfan (Cathy)

The wigglets earlier today.











They are too cute for words! Great pictures! Thank you for showing these. Made me smile. ⁵ 🌆 Clydesfan (Cathy), 🎥 Trish the Niteowl and 🌇 Gloria like this.





RaptorRapture MODERATOR

Tomorrow we should have the last installment of this wonderful family...and then Mom will just spend all her time, feeding and trying to sleep and keep them tied down! Poor lady. She will need a rest and some Zanax!

🎇 You, 🌠 Wendy Fischer, 📝 RaptorRapture, 🛌 Lauren, 🎇 Gloria, 🐚 Sandy B.C., 🔯 Suzanne Muma, 🎎 Trish the Niteowl and 🌠 Jeanne Rich like







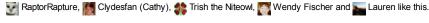
Trish the Niteowl and RaptorRapture like this.





Gloria

I hear a chorus of "Ooos & Ahhhs" 🥯





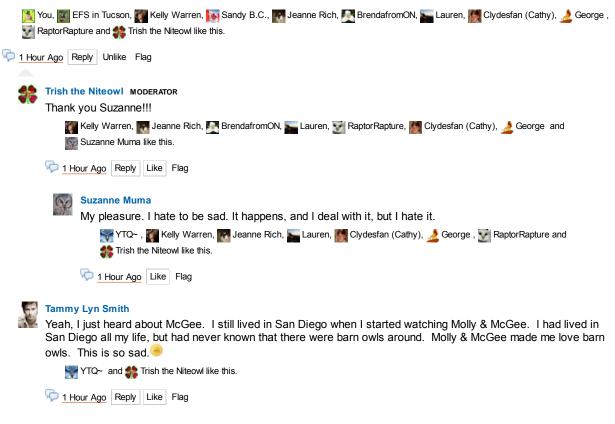
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Suzanne Muma

The news is sad. Very, very sad. But, like Trish said we have so many causes to celebrate! Roy and Dale's brood is growing by leaps and bounds, we have three beautiful kiddies here, Ms Harvey the Great Horned owl hatched her third owlet today (the first time all three of her eggs have hatched since she started nesting there in 2003!) and the Starr Ranch kids are beginning to make their way into the world. Mother nature can be a hard taskmaster, but with every death comes new life.

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Wendy Fischer

This is a series by Emma, with the Youngest Owlet at Starr Ranch. Enjoy!

A Series: "Sunday with 5, aka Tiny Mite, The Pantaloon Kid, Fuzzy Pants, Fluff Muff!



Just relaxin'



Perhaps listenin' to the SR symphony of bird songs



Perfectin' the one legged stance



Possibly contemplatin' how to eat the humongous prey



Gettin' ready for the day it gets to leave the Ritz



Raspin' of course!



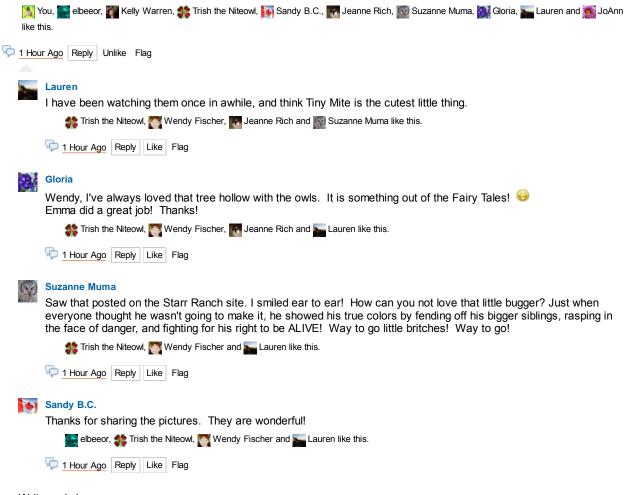
Wonderin' what's up there.....



...and what the sibs are doin' out there.



Maybe instinctively knowin' it's just not his/her turn to go yet!

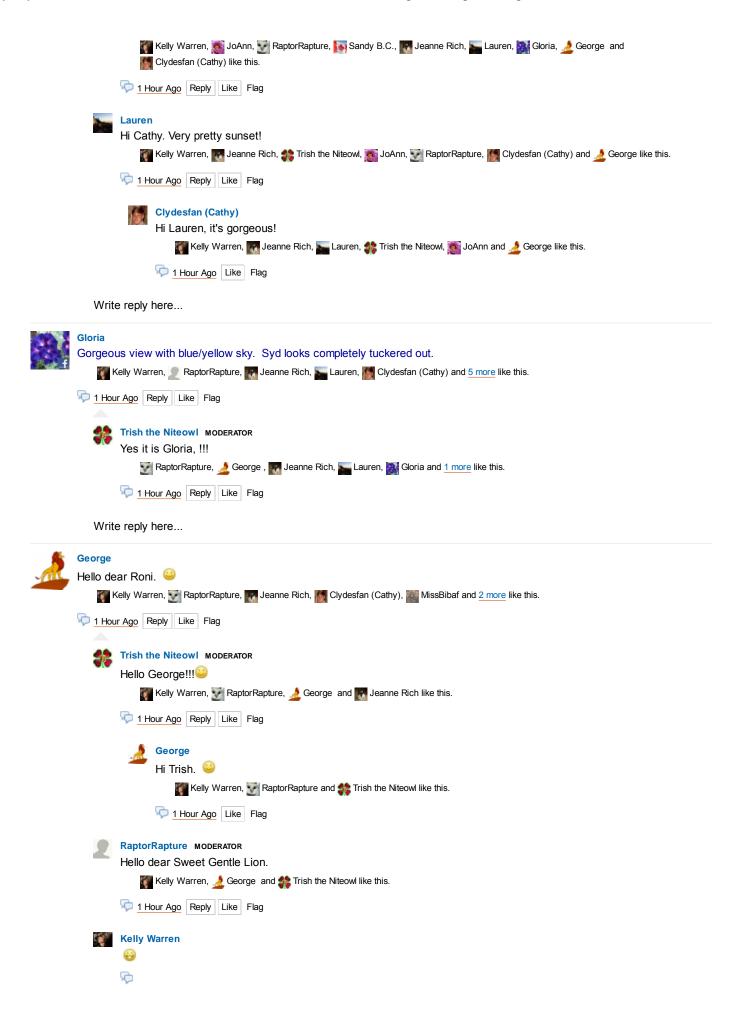


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Ohhh how beautiful!!!!







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RaptorRapture MODERATOR

Sure hope the inside camera comes back on line soon. Although that sunset is very very pretty!

🌇 Jeanne Rich, 🎇 Gloria, 🥿 Lauren, 🌠 Kelly Warren, 阪 Sandy B.C. and 2 more like this.

2 Hours Ago Reply Like Flag



Trish the Niteowl MODERATOR

Refresh your cam mine is back on!!

😿 RaptorRapture, 🌇 Jeanne Rich, 🕟 Sandy B.C., 🥿 Lauren, 🌠 Kelly Warren and 🥻 Clydesfan (Cathy) like this.

🔽 <u>1 Hour Ago</u> Reply Like Flag



Mine is back on now. Thanks Trish!

RaptorRapture, 🌇 Jeanne Rich, 🕟 Sandy B.C., 🎥 Trish the Niteowl and 🌉 Kelly Warren like this.

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Clydesfan (Cathy)

Woohoo, mine just came back on when I refreshed!

🌃 Jeanne Rich, 🐚 Sandy B.C., 🥿 Lauren, 🌠 Kelly Warren and 🦛 Trish the Niteowl like this.

1 Hour Ago Reply Like Flag



Sandy B.C.

The inside camera is on for me Roni.

😿 RaptorRapture, 🦝 Jeanne Rich, 🥿 Lauren, 🌠 Kelly Warren, 🎇 Trish the Niteowl and <u>1 more</u> like this.

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pursja

I can see the inside cam

📝 RaptorRapture, 🌇 Jeanne Rich, 🕟 Sandy B.C., 🥿 Lauren, 🇱 Trish the Niteowl and 🌠 Kelly Warren like this.

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Kelly Warren

I still see sunset....

RaptorRapture, Maganne Rich, Sandy B.C. and the Trish the Niteowl like this.



Write reply here...



I just tuned in . . .how did McGee die? Natural causes or otherwise? M&M was my first owl watch a couple of years ago. They got me hooked and last year I found Mel & Sydney. Sad news, no matter how he died.

Jeanne Rich, 🌠 Kelly Warren, 🥿 Lauren, 🎇 Trish the Niteowl and 📷 JoAnn like this.

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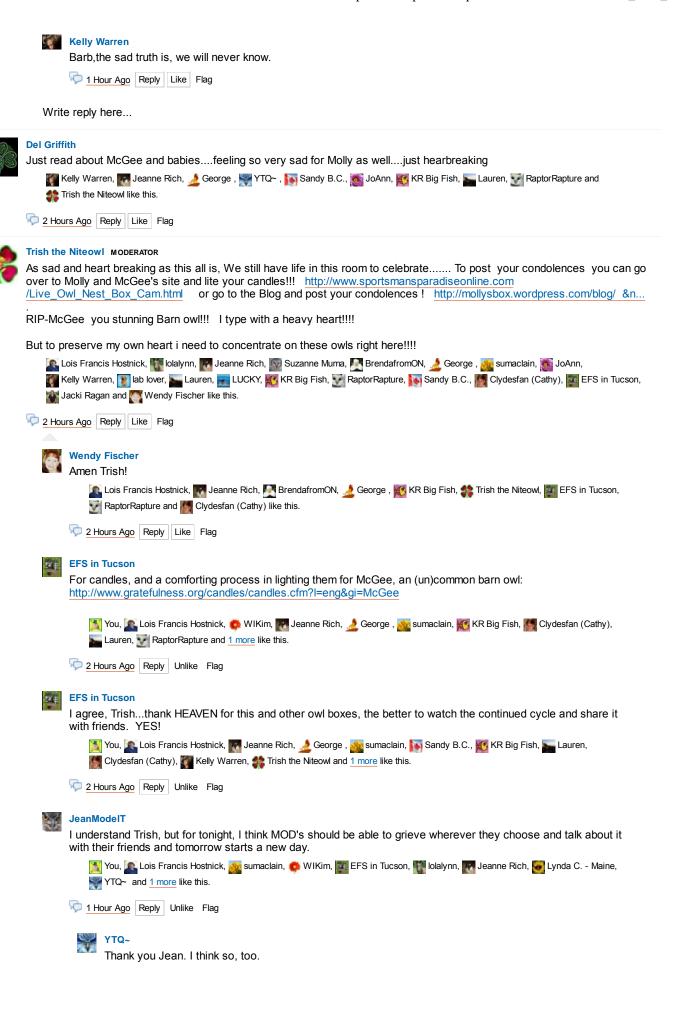


Trish the Niteowl MODERATOR

He has just not been seen since March the 9th.....

Marren like this.

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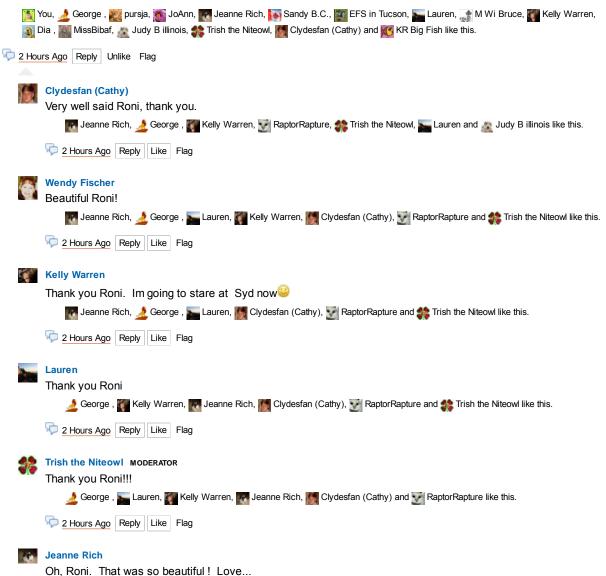
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EFS in Tucson
Thanks, Jean--I agree.
You, Lois Francis Hostnick, Lynda C. - Maine, sumaclain, YTQ~ and 1 more like this.
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RaptorRapture MODERATOR

Hello! I got my nap in and I feel better now. I also just had my 321 cake......to state the obvious, it is sad about McGee But this is life, and McGee had made it well past the 2 year average for life in the city. His owlets were beautiful, that cannot be denied. I lowed watching them. Truth is, we called McGee "Legs" because that is usually all we saw of him, until the owlets were on their own. And then we saw him make Fling-n-Fly deliveries. He was one beautiful owl....and gave life to my favorite owl of all time, Carrie! And it is nice to know his genes live on thru all of his offspring. Like the eagles have done, Molly will find another mate and her life as an excellent mother will go on., I am certain many have good memories of McGee and that is something we all can carry with us. But here in this box we have the other side of the coin. We have new life and new beginnings to celebrate. one more egg to hatch..a beautiful Syd and a very handsome Mel to watch. I hope we don't lose sight of that. Most importantly, we have each other and that was made possible by enjoying the M&M show to start with and then we found this home to settle down in. Our nests are feathered and covered with soft horks here. Breath in....breathe out....smile for the beauty and mystery of life.

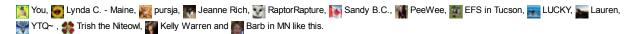






KR Big Fish

Good bye McGee... You and Molly were my first barn owl loves, I will never forget you.



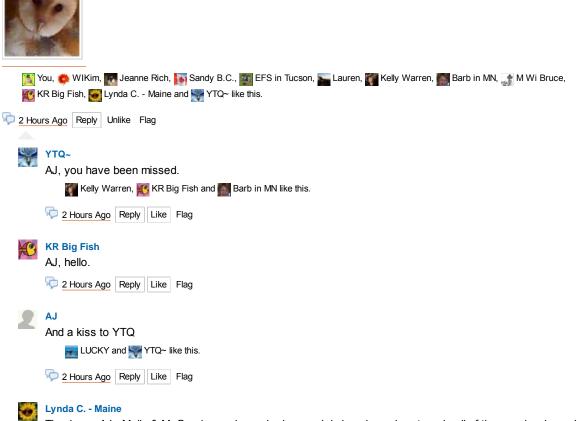




Sad news that brings the MODS together again. McGee and his lovely Molly gave us countless hours of joy, learning, friendship. Heavy heart this day.

A special hello to that beautiful sunflower, tis good to see you again.





Thank you AJ. Molly & McGee have always had a special place in my heart as do all of the people who welcomed me into the M & M community as a "newbie" in late April 2010.

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You, DIKim, EFS in Tucson, LUCKY and YTQ~ like this.
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LUCKY

AJ, good to see you....

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Maine, Maine, Maine Rich and WartQ∼ like this.
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Have missed you Lynda, don't forget 'fear the fuzz'. I'll always remember watching that night at the loons.

Waving to Kathryn, and Ms.Lucky, too!

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📰 LUCKY, 😿 Lynda C. - Maine, 🌇 Jeanne Rich, 🎇 YTQ~ and 🜠 KR Big Fish like this.
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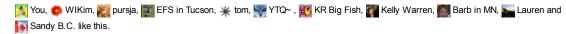
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Lynda C. - Maine

Hugs to all of you and to Carlos, Donna & Austin. Molly & McGee brought so many wonderful people together - friendships formed, love and kindness shared, many hugs to lift us when we were down, many laughs to brighten our spirits - and it all began with two very "uncommon" barn owls in San Marcos, CA. Fly high, McGee









Sandy B.C.

Thank you Lynda and hugs to you.







Kelly Warren

Hi Lynda xo

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Lynda C. - Maine and WYTQ~ like this.
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KR Big Fish

Lynda, hello my dear.

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Lynda C. - Maine and ₩ YTQ~ like this.
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EFS in Tucson

Hello, Lynda. Thanks; uncommon, indeed.

GOOD to see you, and your familiar avatar. :o*





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Good evening to my special owl friends. I am sorry to hear about the lost of dear McGee. I never watch Molly&McGee (I started with Mel&Sdy) but heard a lot of you mentions him. I am glad he and Molly brought all of you together and because of that, I can be part of this owl family. {{{HUGS}}}}

🏋 You, 📷 sumaclain, 🌉 pursja, 🌌 EFS in Tucson, 🜠 KR Big Fish, 🌉 Barb in MN, 🌠 Kelly Warren, 🝒 Lauren, 🚺 Sandy B.C. and Lynda C. - Maine like this.

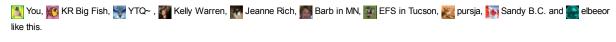
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Lauren

I watched Molly & McGee from the beginning and can not believe what has happened. I have such a heavy heart right now. If it weren't for Carlos & Donna I would never have appreciated the beautiful barn owl as I do now. It really is a sad day. I hope Molly will be alright and find another mate. Fly free beautiful McGee!







Connie Kisor

I wasn't going to come back tonight but I need help. I told a friend about the 3-2-1 cake and she asked for the recipe. I have it except for how long to cook it. 1 or 2 minutes?



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EFS in Tucson

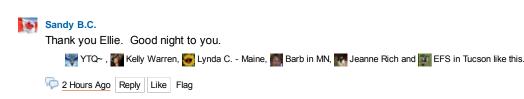
Goodnight, MODs. As Connie said, blessings on thee, as we all share stricken thoughts about the loss of McGee and the 4th clutch. Trystan, who works with owls in Scotland, has noted on fb that it's not impossible that Molly could pair with another male, perhaps even before season's end, with the plentiful food supply and the earliness in the breeding season. Another MOD has included her comforting thought that McGee is with James, who loved them so much from the beginning.



We understand all that EFS, and thank you...we are in a place of closure for what we knew for going on 3 years.....Tears of good bye...

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Kelly Warren, Lynda C. - Maine, Jeanne Rich, Barb in MN, YTQ~ and EFS in Tucson like this.

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Lucy Vogt

Such sad news about Legs McGee.... and the new family which they were about to raise... RIP McGee... you well be missed... I sure hope that Molly moves on and finds a new life partner... and hopefully Carlos will keep us updated on happenings at the owl box...Lucky us that we have this family and Roy and Dale...







Butterfly from Arkansas Words fail me.....their picture hangs on my wall, their book is on my coffee table...their mug is on my kitchen counter...thank

God, we got to see them and learn so much from them....!'ll never forget them and all the lovely people I've met thru their site and all the other sites they led me too.....heart breaking!





Write reply here...



Jeanne Rich

Hello, Friends! I just got here and it seems something has happened. What is it?







EFS in Tucson

http://mollysbox.wordpress.com/blog/

Carlos has written a sad post, telling us that McGee has disappeared and is probably dead, and the 4th clutch did not survive his absence. Molly is OK.



Jeanne Rich

Thank you, Ellie. That's terrible news. My heart is broken. Nature is tough sometimes.

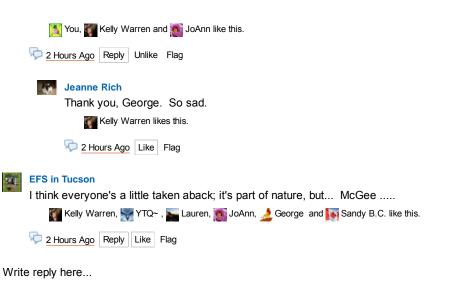
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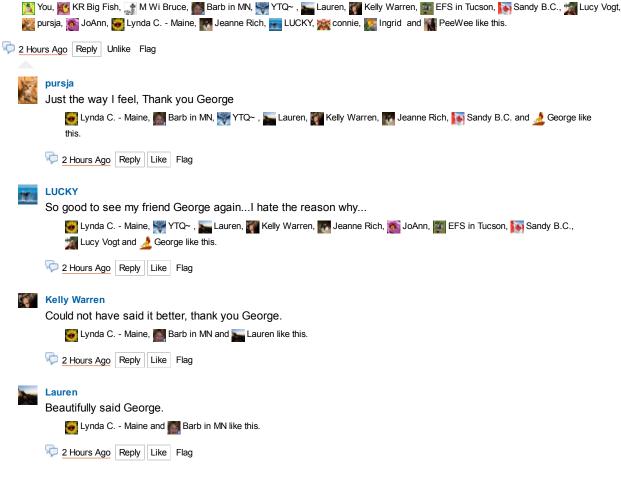
George

McGee was an integral part of the beginning of my barn owl experience and he was my personification of the male barn owl. He worked diligently and loyally to perpetuate his species and never seemed to tire.

More importantly to me, he helped introduce me to many, many wonderful and caring people and I feel I have made life friendships with many of them.

I thank him for his contributions to this phenomenon.

RIP, McGee.



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LUCKY

McGee is flying high, I think JH is with him......

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🜠 KR Big Fish, 🎆 Barb in MN, 🎇 YTQ~ , 🌇 Lauren, 🐚 Sandy B.C., 🌋 Lucy Vogt, 🌋 EFS in Tucson, 🌋 pursja, 📷 JoAnn, 👔 PeeWee,
Maine Rich, 🧘 George , Wall Lynda C. - Maine and Connie like this.
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JeanModelT

I posted this card on 8-31-11 when the cameras were shut down. It has been brought out again in this very sad time to say a final goodbye. McGee along with Molly brought us all together and we became friends and learned so much about barn owl life. Just a sad, sad time. TEARS!!



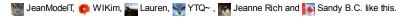






EFS in Tucson

So lovely, Jeanne, and so poignant, now. Thanks for sharing.







Lauren

That's beautiful Jean. Thank you.

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JeanModelT and 🌼 WIKim like this.
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Connie Kisor

McGee was just a barn owl . As common as he could be. And he stole my heart. ♥

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Mann Gingrow Corbett, Tulture LUCKY, Sandy B.C. and 8 more like this.
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Kelly Warren

An now you got me crying again, sigh....

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🎆 Barb in MN, 🌇 Lauren, 🎇 YTQ~ , 🌠 Lucy Vogt, 🧘 George , 🌃 PeeWee, 🌇 Jeanne Rich, 🎇 pursja, 😿 Lynda C. - Maine,
擨 Ann Gingrow Corbett, 🕟 Sandy B.C., 🌌 EFS in Tucson and 📷 JoAnn like this.
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Molly & McGee started me on this journey, leading me here & to developing the many dear & precious friendships I have with so many of you. I will always be grateful to Carlos & Donna for sharing with us the common barn owl

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🃉 You, 🜠 KR Big Fish, 🔤 Lauren, 🎇 YTQ~ , 🎇 Lucy Vogt, 🏄 George , 💽 Jeanne Rich, 🛜 Lynda C. - Maine, 🐚 Ann Gingrow Corbett,
🔯 Sandy B.C., 🌠 Kelly Warren, 🌌 EFS in Tucson, 🌇 elbeeor, 🚓 WIKim, 🔬 Treehouse in WA, 👔 Dia 🛭 and 🌉 Barb in MN like this.
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        EFS in Tucson
         Not so common after all, yes? I agree--the start of a love and appreciation for this vital part of nature, but also a
         gateway to wonderful friendships. Carlos and Donna, Molly & McGee, MODs...hand in glove.
             🎇 You, 🌇 Barb in MN, 🌇 Lauren, 🎇 YTQ~ , 🌠 Lucy Vogt, 🌉 EFS in Tucson, 🧘 George , 🌉 Jeanne Rich, 🎇 pursja,
             Lynda C. - Maine, Mann Gingrow Corbett, No Sandy B.C. and Markethis.
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   Write reply here...
LUCKY
Even though we haven't seen Molly & McGee for a while, they were the start of many friendships...I Love my MOD
gals,...THANKS MOLLY & MCGEE...and Carlos too, much love from Judy & Tom Gagliano
    📉 You, 🌠 KR Big Fish, 🛌 Lauren, 🎇 YTQ~ , 蠣 Lucy Vogt, 🧘 George , 😿 Jeanne Rich, 😿 Lynda C. - Maine, 📷 JoAnn,
    💹 Ann Gingrow Corbett, 🕟 Sandy B.C., 🌠 Kelly Warren, 🌉 EFS in Tucson, 🌇 elbeeor, 📫 WIKim, 👧 Treehouse in WA, 🌉 Barb in MN,
    🎇 pursja and 🦃 Pat from MA like this.
3 Hours Ago Reply Unlike Flag
Good night peeps. Time to go to bed. Toodles....I hope tomorrow is a better day. Hope our late night friends can console one
    🌇 Lauren, 🌄 YTQ~ , 🦅 Lucy Vogt, 🌇 Jeanne Rich, 😸 Lynda C. - Maine, 🐹 JoAnn, 隊 Sandy B.C., 🌠 Kelly Warren, 👛 WIKim,
    EFS in Tucson, Note Treehouse in WA, March Barb in MN, March Ann Gingrow Corbett and India Dubois like this.
🤛 3 Hours Ago Reply Like Flag
        EFS in Tucson
         Good night, Pat. I know people will continue to support each other, here. Sleep well. :o*
             🎇 YTQ~ , 🜇 Jeanne Rich, 🦔 Lucy Vogt, 🧘 George , 🐷 Lynda C. - Maine, 🐚 Sandy B.C., 🌠 Kelly Warren and 📝 RaptorRapture
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   Sandy B.C.
         Good night Pat.
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Ann Gingrow Corbett
I wish I could be here to see Mel come home tonight.
    🌃 Jeanne Rich, 🧘 George , 😿 Lynda C. - Maine, 🌠 Kelly Warren, 🌼 WIKim, 🌉 EFS in Tucson, 🎮 Donna in Aiken. 🐚 Sandy B.C.,
    🚺 Treehouse in WA and 🧰 Pat from MA like this.
3 Hours Ago Reply Like Flag
        EFS in Tucson
         There's some reassurance in that, isn't there. Life goes on. Owls and owlets go on. Come back tomorrow, Ann, if
         you can't be here, tonight. :o*
             🎆 Jeanne Rich, 🔬 George , 🛜 Lynda C. - Maine, 🎆 Ann Gingrow Corbett, 🐚 Sandy B.C. and 🎆 Kelly Warren like this.
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JuneP

Good evening friends: What an unexpected note to receive about the disappearance of McGee and Molly's loss of her babies. I gotta tell you, it must hurt an owl just as it hurts a human to lose all of them like that. She is a remarkable little owl, and I will always remember her, McGee, and their offspring. She started us down the road and we have enjoyed days and nights of owl watching at the Molly box and here with Mel and Syd. I must go back and look at photos now. G'nite all



Sandy B.C.

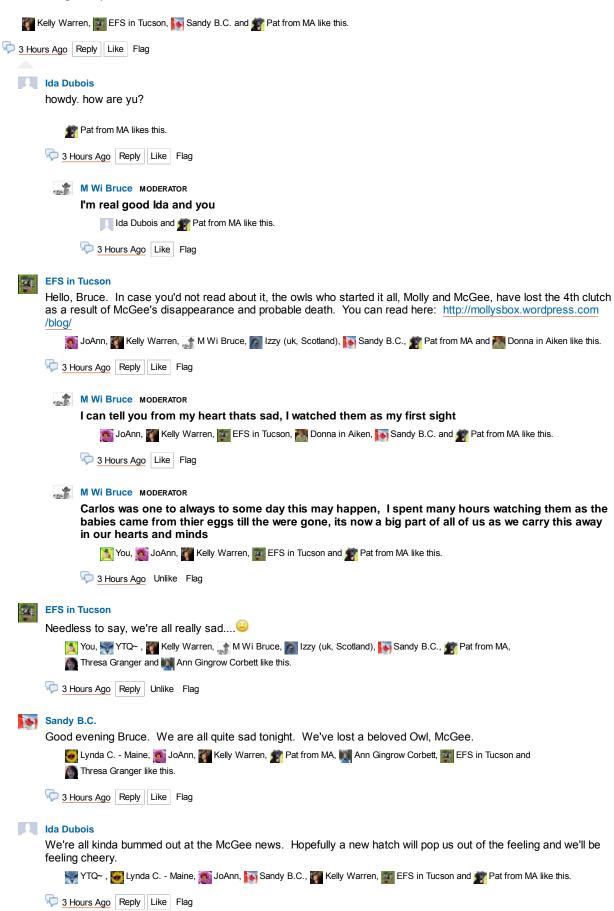
"Gone-flitted away, taken the stars from the night and the sun from the day! Gone, and a cloud in my heart."

Alfred Tennyson





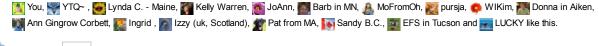
Good evening everyone





Thresa Granger

It's obvious that Carlos is feeling the sadness we're feeling cause we all grew in our own way with Molly and McGee. They with their little ones and us with the knowledge we gained watching them. We do have such great memories as they brought us all together and we'll be forever MODs. Thank you all dear friends for sharing these great experiences with each other and may we never lose sight of the beginning.







Pat from MA

my sentiments exactly....thanks for finding the words, Thresa







connie

Totally agree with you. Heavy heart and tears of sadness are shared by all.

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YTQ~, Kelly Warren, JoAnn, Barb in MN, WIKim and 5 more like this.

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EFS in Tucson

I think that's why it's so affecting...Molly and McGee, the Owls that Started It All. Hard. I thought Carlos wrote a nice tribute to him, and helped focus everyone's feelings. Fitting.







Dia

You're right...it was a beginning. It was my first experience with watching owls be born and fledge. I will always be grateful for the wonderful experience because without M&M I wouldn't have met the wonderful people I have met so he was a beginning for me for sure. He was an exceptionally beautiful bird with all that white he had. I am hoping his sons look like him and are flying free honoring his wonderful Dad. I think he will be missed and honored all over the world.

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You, YTQ~, EFS in Tucson, Lynda C. - Maine, Kelly Warren, JoAnn, Barb in MN, MoFromOh, M Wi Bruce, pursja, Pat from MA, WIKim, Sandy B.C., Thresa Granger and M Ann Gingrow Corbett like this.

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LUCKY

DANG!!..I respect mother nature, but still have sniffles...

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You, WYTQ~, WILLIAM Lynda C. - Maine, WELLIAM Kelly Warren, WILLIAM JOAnn, WILLIAM Barb in MN, WILLIAM MVI Bruce, WILLIAM EFS in Tucson, MoFromOh, MILLIAM Ann Gingrow Corbett, WILLIAM IZZY (uk, Scotland), WILLIAM Thresa Granger, WILLIAM Pat from MA and WILLIAM Sandy B.C. like this.
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Trish the Niteowl MODERATOR

Oh no!!!! How horrible! This really hurts, i wish i hadnt heard this!

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You, WYTQ~, Marian Joann, Marian Joann, Marian, Marian
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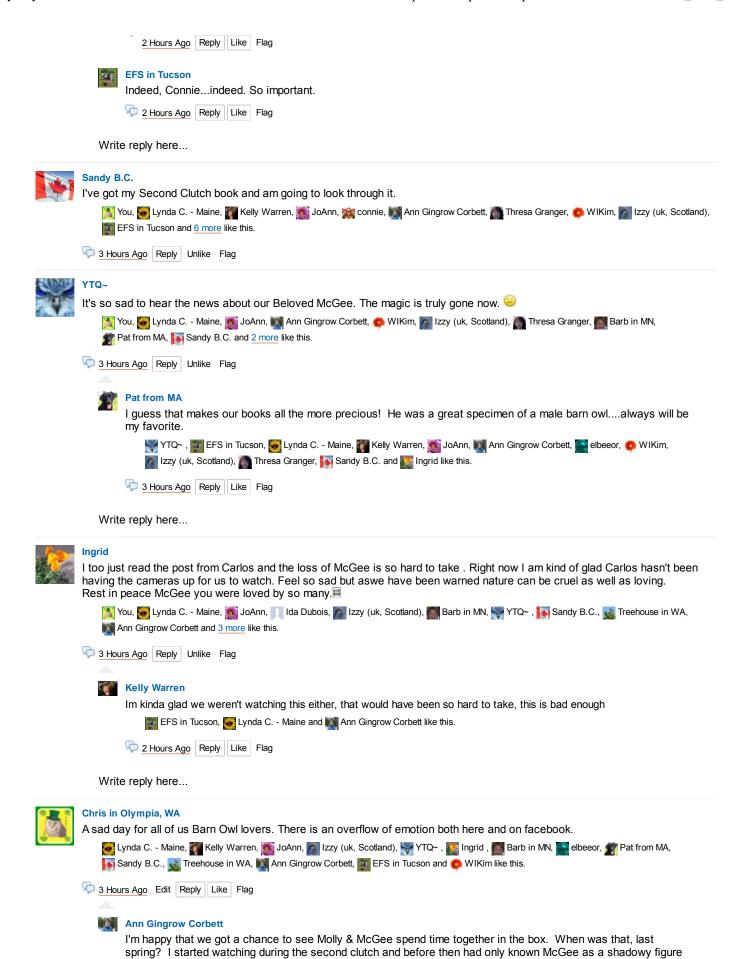


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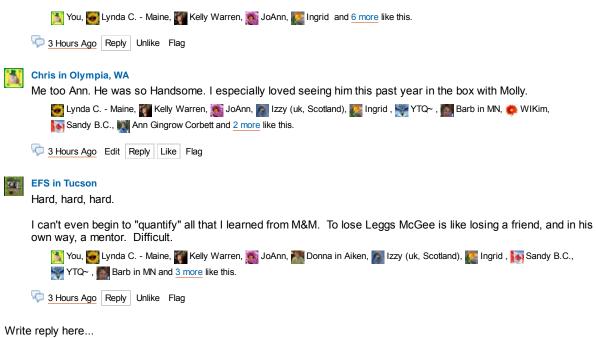
It's very difficult, but I'm glad I know. They were how I came to watch on SPO and met all of the beautiful people here on so many of the different sites.

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             🌌 EFS in Tucson, 🌇 Izzy (uk, Scotland), 🌇 elbeeor, 🦣 Thresa Granger and 🧰 Pat from MA like this.
         🤛 <u>3 Hours Ago</u> Reply Unlike Flag
   Write reply here...
EFS in Tucson
I know we're all touched by this...and feeling a bit powerless. Remember
that you can post your feelings on the Molly and McGee blog. http://mollysbox.wordpress.com/2012/03/12/tribute-...
I started a candle group for McGee, if you'd like to join me. It's a
wonderful opportunity to just get your thoughts and feelings together, and share with others, as
you move through the process of lighting one: http://www.gratefulness.org/candles/candles.cfm?l=eng&gi=McGee
    🎇 You, 🎇 YTQ~ , 🥁 Lynda C. - Maine, 🌠 Kelly Warren, 📷 JoAnn, 🏩 M Wi Bruce, 🌉 Donna in Aiken, 🌠 Izzy (uk, Scotland), 🬇 Thresa Granger,
    攈 Pat from MA, 👛 WIKim, 🌇 elbeeor, 🔃 Treehouse in WA, 🜇 Sandy B.C., 🕍 Ann Gingrow Corbett and 🌇 Ingrid like this.
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         Great idea... thank you.
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   Sandy B.C.
         Thank you Ellie.
             🌠 You, 📷 JoAnn, 🌇 Izzy (uk, Scotland), 🌉 EFS in Tucson, 🦃 Pat from MA and 🔅 WIKim like this.
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        WIKim
         Beautiful Ellie, thank you for thinking of that.
             [ You, 🥁 Lynda C. - Maine, 📷 JoAnn, 🕟 Izzy (uk, Scotland), 🌉 EFS in Tucson, 🌇 elbeeor and 💣 Pat from MA like this.
         3 Hours Ago Reply Unlike Flag
    Chris in Olympia, WA
         Ellie, could you post that link on SPO-MOD facebook? Thanks! You might also want to post it on Molly's blog.
         Oh good, you did already post on SPO-MOD!
             😿 Lynda C. - Maine, 📷 JoAnn, 🌇 Izzy (uk, Scotland), 🌉 EFS in Tucson and 🦃 Pat from MA like this.
         🥠 <u>3 Hours Ago</u> Edit Reply Like Flag
        Pat from MA
         Thank you Ellie...very moving.
             📉 You, 😿 Lynda C. - Maine, 📷 JoAnn, 🌇 Izzy (uk, Scotland) and 🌉 EFS in Tucson like this.
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    M Ann Gingrow Corbett
         Thank you for doing this, Ellie.
             EFS in Tucson, 🌠 Kelly Warren and 🧝 Pat from MA like this.
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        connie
         Lit a candle and remembered what Mcgee and Molly gave us. Friendship!
             EFS in Tucson, MAAN Gingrow Corbett and MAAN Kelly Warren like this.
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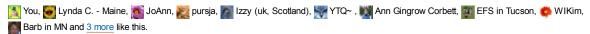
who delivered a treat and then was gone. I can't imagine how sad Carlos and Donna must be.





Treehouse in WA

Greetings folks. I just read the email from Carlos. Almost too sad to believe. An era has passed. I had to come here because no one else will understand my tears and sadness. Carlos is is usual practical self and I appreciate so much his approach to life. So glad life is good here at Mel and Syd's place and that life is going on..







Very sad.... he was a gorgeous bird.. I guess they haven't found him. maybe never will. So sad about the baby too.. I guess she will abandon the nest now.... I guess it was better than if all the babies had hatched. Very sad

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📉 You, 😿 Lynda C. - Maine, 📷 JoAnn, 🌇 Izzy (uk, Scotland), 🎇 YTQ~ , 🐞 WIKim, 🐚 Sandy B.C., 🌉 EFS in Tucson,
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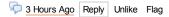


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Sorry I forgot the link. http://mollysbox.wordpress.com/2012/03/12/tribute-...







Oh, that is so sad, just made me cry. Molly & McGee started all this, as I watched Molly on her first clutch. Can't believe how sad this is. I can understand how hard it is for Carlos & Donna

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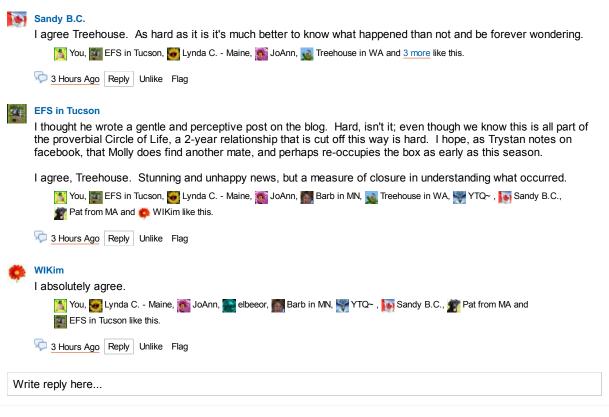
Treehouse in WA

Hi Pursja, I am so glad that Carlos and Donna were home to see what was happening. It would have been such a mystery if they had some home and the box had been abanoned with no understanding why.

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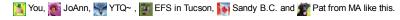
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NIKim

Have you heard that sad news from Carlos?







Pat from MA

huh?

EFS in Tucson likes this.





Sophia P

What sad news?

EFS in Tucson and prepared Pat from MA like this.





What sad news?

EFS in Tucson and Pat from MA like this.





Pat from MA

It is with great sadness and a heavy heart

that we are reporting that we have not seen McGee since March 9th, the day DeeDee hatched. We think he is gone. Last night, since McGee had not returned, Molly made the decision to go hunt for food, leaving DeeDee and the three remaining eggs to fend for themselves. We were expecting the second egg to hatch anytime, in fact we thought we could hear peeping. Molly returned with a small mouse after about 45 minutes. All appeared well as Molly snuggled down on the eggs and began to feed DeeDee. We turned in for the night.

When we got up this morning the second egg was over in the corner away from DeeDee and the remaining eggs. Molly was not in the box. We could detect no movement in DeeDee as she lay on top of the two remaining eggs. It appeared that DeeDee and the two remaining eggs had gone cold while Molly went searching for more food.

When Molly returned with food she quickly placed the gopher in the pantry and checked on DeeDee. DeeDee showed no signs of life, so Molly gently lifted DeeDee and placed her away from the eggs. It was a very moving moment. She then lightly touched the eggs with the palm of her claw searching for the warmth of life. We could tell there was none as she rolled the eggs over and over continually touching them, not wanting to give up.

Tears came to our eyes as we realized that Molly is the only survivor of the fourth clutch. Happiness and sorrow are part of the Cycle of Life. The Way of the Owls tells us each day is precious. It also gives us the statistic that barn owls in the wild only live, on average, about two years and their young often don't survive. Sadly, we have seen this statistic proven true many times this year with the Starr Ranch male, the Rancho Bernardino male and now McGee and the fourth clutch.

Donna and I will always remember McGee; what a magnificent barn owl he was. We have his photo in our living room with all our other family photos.

Please share you comments and feelings below. What has happened also makes us realize just how magical the first clutch was.

Carlos, Donna and Austin

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Ida Dubois

supposedly McGee the male owl has not been seen in the nest since 3/9...they have a memorium up....

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Barb in MN

I just came to let people know. So sad!

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You, Solution Joann, EFS in Tucson, Sandy B.C., Treehouse in WA and 2 more like this.

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Sandy B.C.

I have tears rolling down my cheeks and a very heavy feeling in my heart. A very sad day indeed.

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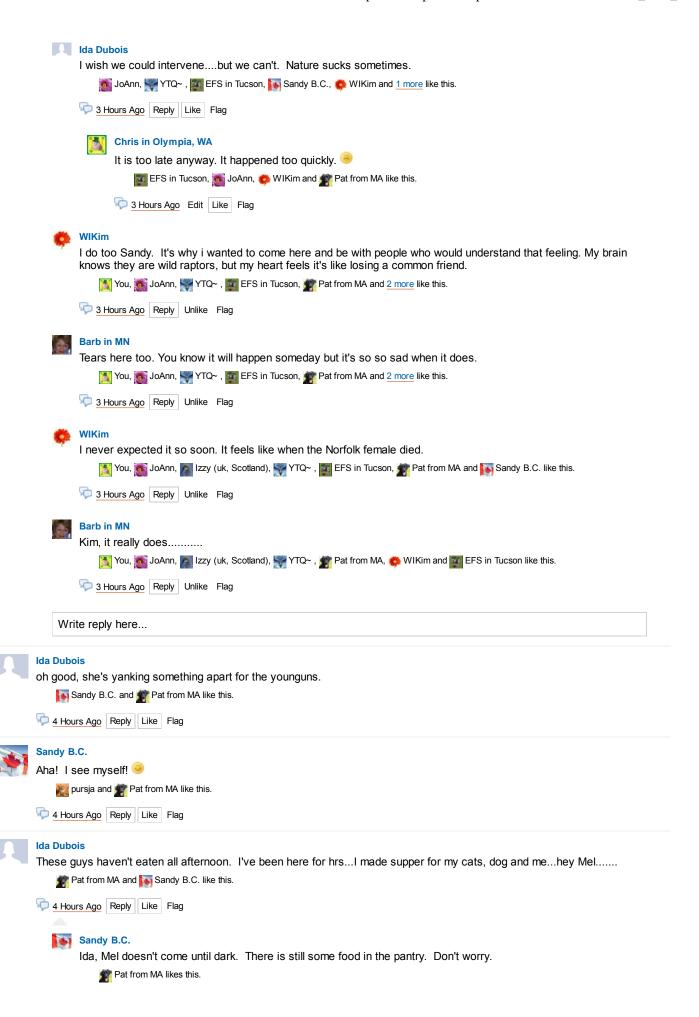
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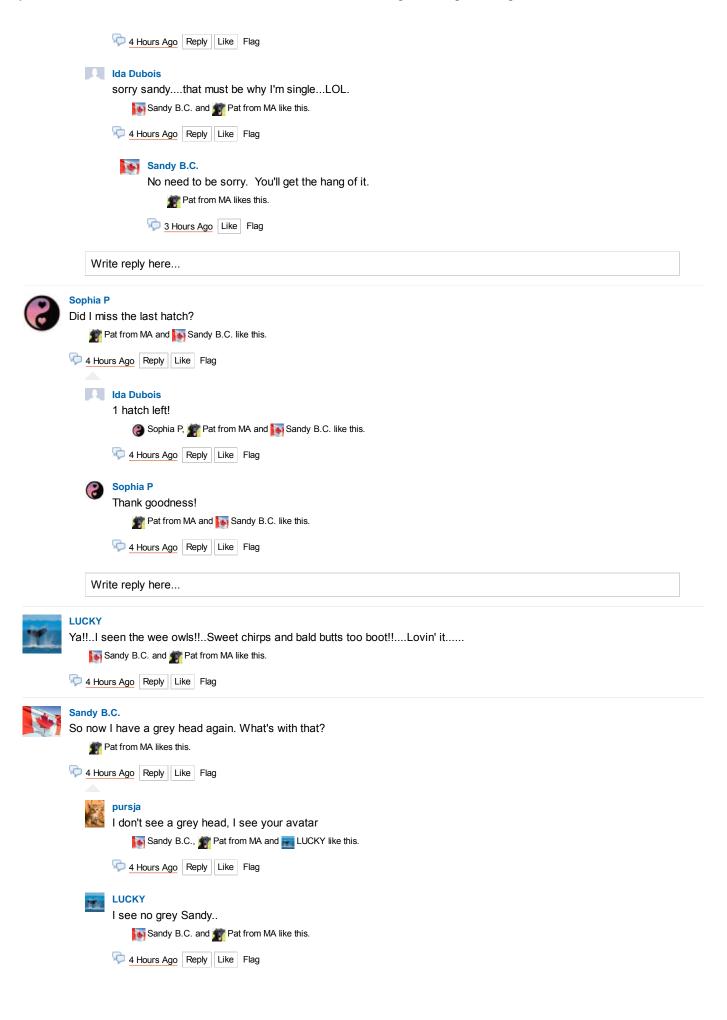
Pat from MA

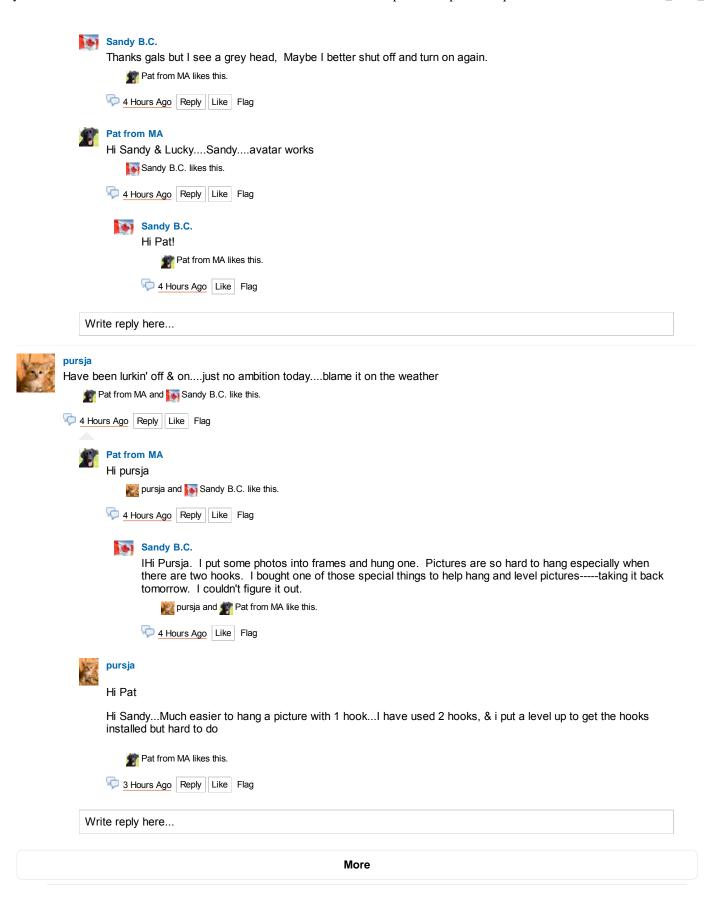
I feel sick too....how sad....They were my 1st.

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