

Feline Research Gift Made in Honor of Bulldog

Florida woman honors her dog, who was best friends with her cat, Cinnamin.

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Cinnamin the cat and Jeremy, an English Bulldog, were inseparable, according to their owner, Judith Ditfurth. Jeremy, an English Bulldog with a soft spot for cats, has been memorialized with a recent gift from his owner to the Morris Animal Foundation's Happy Healthy Cat Campaign.

Florida resident Judith Ditfurth said her Bulldog and cat Cinnamin were inseparable. When the Bulldog died unexpectedly on Christmas Eve 2008, the cat has been "lost without him," she said in a statement.

For the past year and a half, Jeremy was her only dog, and he wasn't interested in canine friends. He and Cinnamin, however, were close companions. For Ditfurth, it was fitting to honor his love of cats with a gift to the Happy Healthy Cat Campaign, which is working to improve cat health.

The campaign launched in November to raise pet-owner awareness of feline health issues and increase funding for cat research and scientist training. In addition to her memorial gift for Jeremy, Ditfurth recently honored her 16 past and current cats through donations to the campaign, according to MAF.