

Feline Fragments 35 (2023)

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Sockington

Waltham, Massachusetts, USA



Grey-and-white shorthaired **Sockington** (also known as 'Socks' or 'Sockamillion') was found as a stray outside a Boston subway station in 2004. His co-owner Jason Scott, a computer administrator, opened a Twitter account for him in late 2007, in the relatively early days of the internet, using it to write posts from Sockington's perspective.

Described as something of a '21st-century Garfield', Sockington's philosophical ramblings had the quality of an ongoing comic strip; but his musings on tuna, catnip mice, sunbeams and litter-boxes could be seen as a satire on the Twitter postings of people who shared the minutiae of their lives in excruciating detail. The posts were written a few at a time and fed into Twitter at short intervals. They became extremely popular; by May 2009 there were half a million followers, and a year later 1.5 million.

Fans could buy T-shirts displaying Socks' thoughts about life, but Scott resisted commercialising the cat further, as well as offers for him to 'speak about causes'. For example, 'What does a cat have to do with the war in Darfur?' he said.

Sockington shared his home with kitten **Sockelganger** and a feisty female former stray called **Pennycat**, who had once won a fight with a badger. Socks died, aged 18, on 18 July 2022 after suffering kidney problems. There was a [Facebook](#) page, but little used after 2014.

[Wikipedia](#) | [People](#) (June 2009) | [Pets Radar](#) (July 2022)



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Flippy, the 'domino cat' Canada



FlippyCat was a 'domino artist' from Canada who became very well-known in the early 2000s for his spectacular 'domino events' on YouTube, often using thousands of dominos. He didn't reveal his real name, and it's not clear where in Canada he was, although one of his displays suggests it might have been Winnipeg. And contributing to his fame, and appearing in many of his video clips, was his black-and-white cat **Flippy**, born in 1994. I'm not sure when he began making the videos, but maybe as early as 2006; anyway, over the ensuing years he and Flippy built up a huge following.

A particular favourite – this one didn't involve dominos – appeared for Christmas 2009, and it was 'How to wrap a cat for Christmas', which over the following months gained several million views; only short, it can be seen [here](#). Flippy, by then of course getting on in years, seemed very amenable and didn't appear to mind being 'wrapped up'! Sadly he died not all that long afterwards, in July 2010, following a struggle with renal failure.

Thousands of tributes were paid to Flippy in comments on videos in which he appeared. FlippyCat himself produced three short tributes; one is [here](#), and another [here](#); it has still shots of the cat throughout his life (although not all are in focus!). A particularly nice, poignant and longer [tribute](#) was produced by someone else ('Skippy'), and includes various extracts from some of the 'domino action'.

A few more clips: [Flippy's portrait](#) (with shots of him outdoors); [Longest Kitty](#) (being measured); [Straw](#) (playing); [Bad dream](#); and finally a '[domino event](#)'.

See also <https://www.youtube.com/FlippyCat>



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