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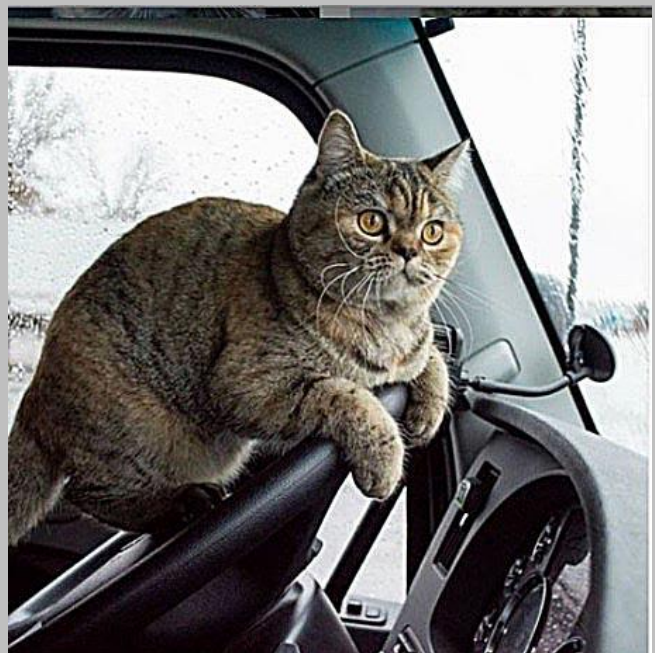
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Lava & Tora, and other Trucking Cats

(For more trucking cats, see [Featuring / Adventures & Travels 31A](#) and [Featuring / Escapes & Rescues 15.](#))



Lava was a handsome black Bombay cat (*above*) who did a lot of travelling! His human Robin Scott Johnson was an American long-distance truck driver, and the cat accompanied him on his journeys through most of the US states and Canadian provinces, and even into Mexico. I can't find a video of him actually riding in the truck, but see [Trucker's Assistant \(June 2010 - archived copy\)](#), and there are glimpses of him on a road trip in Johnson's [4x4](#) (2011). This beautiful cat was featured on Animal Planet's *Cat 101*, and there are a few more pictures of him at this [Facebook page](#). Lava died in late 2017.



Another trucking companion is **Tora** (*above*), a female Scottish straight cat belonging to driver David Durst. Born on 1 December 2018, she was adopted at eight weeks old in 2019 and was 'on the road' just a few weeks later. She seems to enjoy the trucking life, and by 2020 had visited much of the continental United States, having travelled some 300,000 miles already. There's a video clip featuring her in the truck in the YouTube clip (from January 2020), See also [this article \(Jan. 2020 - archived](#)

copy), with many photos, and she had an Instagram page, but it seems to be no longer available in April 2024. She's a friendly cat, enjoying pets from the many strangers she meets on her travels.



[YouTube](#) | [Reddit](#) (2021)

According to the Reddit link (*above*), from 2021 Tora and her humans gave up the long-distance trucking life; they bought a house and Tora became a house cat!

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Some more Trucking Cats



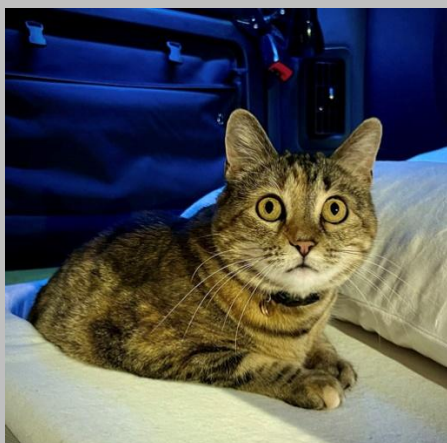
In about 2017, what sounded like the woman from a husband-and-wife trucking couple wrote: 'This is **Grayson**, my trucking fur baby. I was at a truck stop in Laredo, Texas, when I found him begging truckers for food. He was too scared to let anyone near him. My husband offered him a piece of chicken and grabbed him before he could run off. We fed him and realised we couldn't leave him there, so we took him on board, not knowing what to do with him as I'd never owned a cat before. I was

willing to do my best to help him gain weight, and to find him a new home; but in the process I fell in love with him! Grayson has been trucking for seven years now (*in early 2024*), and has been to every state in the US except Alaska and Hawaii. He's my world, and I'm so glad we were able to help him; he's been at my side along the road and on our journeys together.'

[Just a Cat Guy](#) (Jan. 2024) | [Facebook](#)



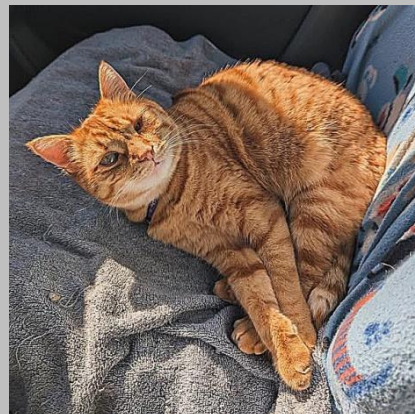
Another trucker wrote, 'This was my trucking kitty, **Houdini** (*right*). I rescued him from a drain at five weeks old; he spent most of his 16 years in a truck. He was with me in every US state except Hawaii, and most provinces of Canada. I called him my International Cat of Mystery. He's been gone almost 8 years (*so that would be around 2015*) and is still sorely missed. He was my soul-mate kitty.'



Milo was another American trucking cat, companion to a lady trucker called Amy Thompson; I don't know where they're based. There seem to be two different Facebook pages, [here](#) and [here](#); the second is current in mid-2026, and also an [Instagram](#) account. [YouTube](#)

Update: The current Facebook page says that Milo has retired from trucking and is enjoying life at home, I think in Kansas.

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Odie, full name Odie Odafin, was rescued at a truck stop in Oregon, and now travels the road with his canine friend Sissi. He celebrated his 3rd birthday early in 2025, and has an active [Facebook](#) page and an [Instagram](#) account (*both current in mid-2026*). See also this [YouTube](#) clip (late 2024).

Chinese trucker with three cats



An older long-distance truck driver in China, reported as 56 years old at the time of the news and known only as Mr Wang, has gone one better than having a feline companion: he has three of them! There's a mostly white one (called **White!**), a dark tabby one (called **Fukbo**) and a tabby-and-white one (called **Lily** – above). They're all strays that he picked up on his travels during 2020.

Rather than just having them on the truck's passenger seat, Wang has created a three-tier bunk bed for them, so they travel in comfort. At rest stops they get out for some exercise and to do their

toileting, and then return to the truck when he calls; he clearly has them well trained! There's a short video about them [here](#) (July 2023). [OC Shelter Pets](#) (undated)



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There's a short video and a bit of information about other trucking cats [here](#). See also the excellent and informative blog at [Featuring / Adventures & Travels 31A](#), and also [this page](#) dedicated to truckers and their cats, which seems very active and current..

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