



Irina Kochkina rides the gelding Cajun as she pulls Ryan Horricks on skis behind on a farm in Mount Albert, Ont. on March 14. Skijoring is a winter sport that tests horse, rider, and skier with obstacle courses and difficult terrain.
Photo by Franki Ikeman



Kirk Lowry stares at his cat, Midori, on Feb. 17. Midori was a stray cat two years ago.

Photo by Nino Liu

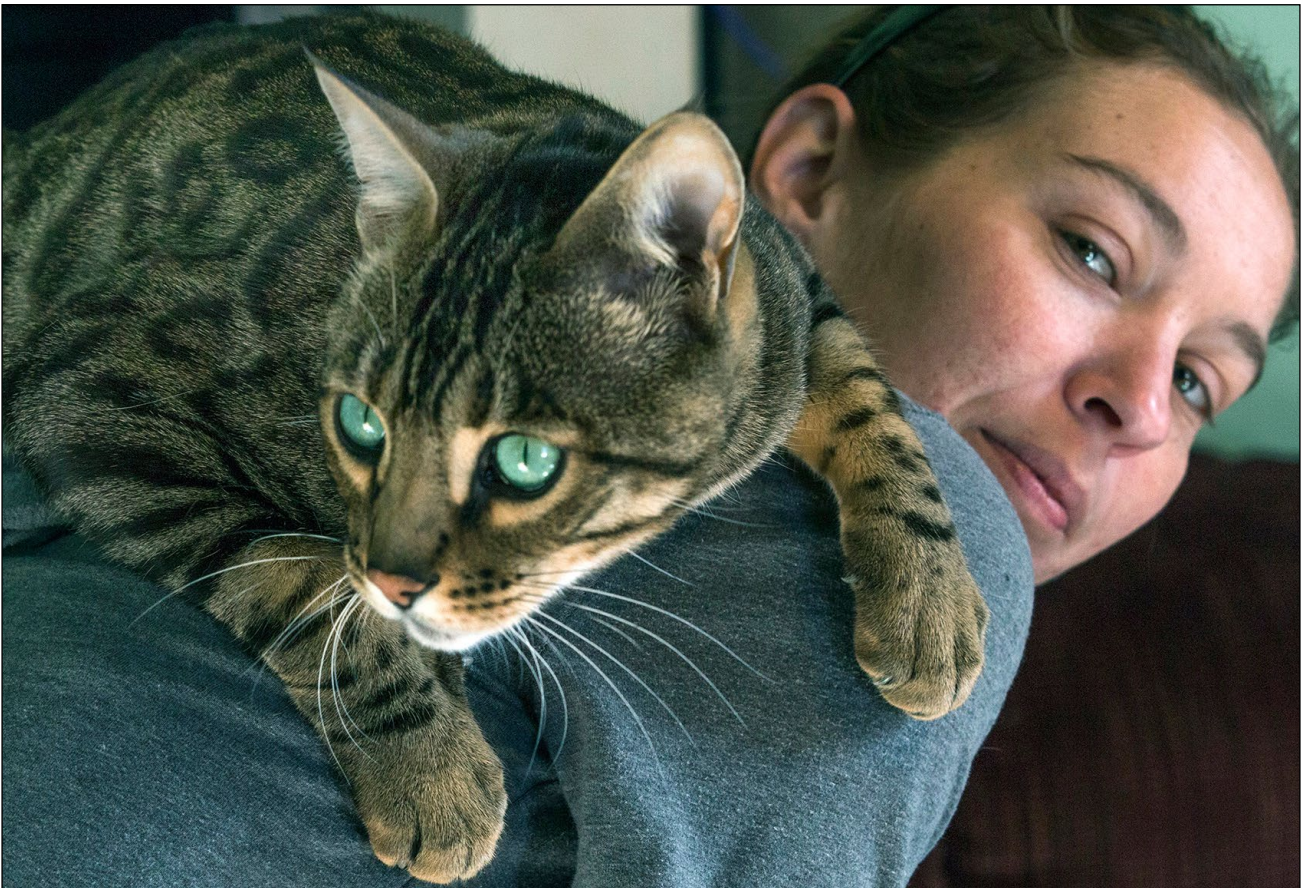


(Above) Claire McNeilly, 19, holds her two-month-old kitten Oliver in a loving embrace. McNeilly took Oliver in after he followed her home one day, and he has been hers ever since.

Photo by Bryan Eneas

(Below) A dog stayed in its cage before the competition starts at SnoFest in Marmora on Jan. 31.

Photo by Nino Liu



Quantum, a male Bengal cat, sits on April MacFarland's back on Jan. 20. MacFarland and her family own several pets, including two other cats, a dog, turtles and fish. MacFarland says she can't imagine life without animals.

Photo by Elaine Bombay