

# Cat's tale touches Bremerton family

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Adversity is no match for a determined cat.

Henry shares his adventures in an inspirational tale in "Henry's World: A three-legged cat's view of human absurdity" a book comprised of e-mails to and from his furry friends.

One of them, a Himalayan named Emmy Lu, happens to live in Bremerton with her owners John and Dee Kinder.

"I wonder where Bremerton is? ... Are there leaves to chase in Bremerton," Henry writes in one of his first letters to Emmy Lu.

The book was written by California resident Cathy Conheim in the voice of Henry. A life-long

dog owner, she originally sent out the e-mails to share Henry's experiences and seek advice from cat owners.

It describes how Henry and his brothers and sisters ended up in Julian a town ravaged by wildfire in 2003. Henry describes how he slowly but surely turned his two dog people owners - Conheim and Dr. Donna Brooks into cat lovers. It also chronicles his adventures despite losing his front right leg after being hit by a car.

Dee, an animal lover, learned about the e-mails from her neighbors. She, or rather the aforementioned Emmy Lu began corresponding with Henry in November 2004.

"It's just kind of uplifting to show how people live through adversity," Dee said about the book. She, in the voice of her cat, shared her own struggles.

"Mom just found out today she has cancer, but they don't know what kind yet," Emmy Lu writes. "She had to go to the hospital for a biopsy on a lump in her neck. She feels fine, but is kind of scared, but I know she'll be alright."

Brooks, a medical doctor and Conheim a psychotherapist offered assistance to Dee. The Kinders spent a week in California at their home and came face to face with the precocious tripod kitty.

"When he runs he flies," Dee said about Henry. She was grateful to Conheim and Brooks for opening up their home to her.

Since the initial e-mails last year, Henry has received thousands of e-mails from around the world.