

Miraculous pet comebacks spark laughs

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for printing the letter about the reincarnated rabbit, "Blossom." It has been years since I had such a good laugh. I had heard the tale before and knew it was a joke. I'm glad you were not taken in.

It reminded me of a true incident that happened in our household many years ago. My brother, Jack, had two pet green anole lizards. One



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day I came home from school before he did and found my cat, Yoda, in the lizard tank. I was horrified to find only one lizard.

I begged my mom to lend me the car and off to the pet store I went. When Jack came home, he found two green lizards, and one with a half-chewed-off tail in the tank. (I guess it been hiding under the rock.) Jack was old enough to know how lizards have babies, so he was con-

fused as to how the third lizard arrived. Caught in the act of replacement, I had to 'fess up. Jack was furious at Yoda, but happy to have an additional pet lizard.

We still laugh about the incident. — KIM IN MASSACHUSETTS
DEAR KIM: I looked up the word "anole" and my Webster's dictionary defined it as "any of a genus of arboreal American lizards (as the American chameleon) that have ... the ability to change color." It reminded me of a story I heard years ago (probably apocryphal) about a woman whose pet chameleon died after she placed it on a piece of cloth that was plaid.

The letter about "Blossom" brought back memories from another reader, too. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: While the letter about Blossom was funny, I have a similar incident that is true. When I was 15, I adopted a cat from the S.P.C.A. I named him Elvis, and he instantly became part of the family. On Aug. 16, 2002 (the 25th anniversary of the death of the real king), my Elvis disappeared. He had missed his supper, which was unusual, so a friend and I went looking for him. We didn't find him, but after my friend left to go home, he called and said he had seen a cat up the street that looked like Elvis,

dead in the road.

My dad and I took the truck, and sure enough, there lay a gray-and-white striped tabby cat. After three hours of mourning and crying in the driveway, we buried him with some of his favorite toys.

The next morning I woke up with my eyes still swollen from crying and looked out the back door. There lay Elvis sunning himself. After a moment of thoughts flashing through my head of Elvis unburying himself, I ran outside to make sure it was my cat. It was.

A few months later, while attending a neighborhood watch meeting, a neighbor mentioned that her cat

had gone missing. He, too, was a gray striped tabby — identical to my Elvis.

I think sometimes God lets us know how it would feel to be without something we love without actually taking it away, to teach us to be more grateful. — THE KING LIVES ON, MIDLAND, TEXAS
DEAR K.L.O.: Perhaps. Thank you for the timely reminder that we should count our blessings.

CONFIDENTIAL TO KANSAS CITY KITTY: Dry your tears and count your blessings. Better to have loved and lost than to have spent your entire life hitched to a tomcat who's always on the prowl.

TUESDAY EVENING										E-Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone NOV. 2, 2004									
E	S		6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30							
36	53	A&E	Biography: Jeffrey Dahmer: Monster Within		Cold Case Files		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Crossing Jordan "The Digger"		Biography: Jeffrey Dahmer: Monster Within								
4	6	ABC	(5:00) Vote 2004 (Live)						News	(3:55) Vote 2004 (Live)									
26	48	ANPL	Austin Stevens: Snake-master Diamondbacks.		Most Extreme Wrinkled frog does pushups.		Animal Cops Detroit "Juvenile Crime"		Austin Stevens: Snake-master Diamondbacks.		Most Extreme Wrinkled frog does pushups.								
63	54	BRAVO	Manhunt: Search for Male Model		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Steve P."		Manhunt: Search for Male Model		The West Wing		Queer Eye for the Straight Guy "Steve P."								
7	11	CBS	(5:00) Election 2004 Dan Rather anchors network coverage of election results in key national and state races. (Live)																
24	50	DISC	Monster House "Fright House"		American Chopper Race-car-themed bike.		Monster Nation Rocket-propelled bicycle. (N)		Monster Nation Cutting-frog does pushups. (N)		Monster Nation (N)								
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible: The Proud Family		Tracey Ullman: The Lizzie McGuire		Sister, Sister		★ ★ "Mail to the Chief" (1999) Randy Quaid. A computer whiz gets the president's e-mail address.										
49	81	E!TV	Jennifer Lopez: The El Series-Poker		True Hollywood Story		Hotspot		Howard S. Howard S.		Saturday Night Live								
54	57	ESPN2	(5:30) College Football Toledo at Miami-Ohio. (Live)				★ ★ "Hustle" (2004) Tom Sizemore.				NFL Live								
32	46	FAM	★ ★ ★ "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"				Whose? Whose?		The 700 Club		Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.							
59	-	FIT TV	Buff Brides: Challenge		Health Cops		Superhuman Strength		Buff Brides: Challenge		Health Cops								
35	31	FMC	(01) ★ ★ ★ "Slattery's Hurricane"		(31) ★ ★ ★ "The Rose" (1979) Bette Midler, Alan Bates.				(01) "Project X" (1987)										
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "Emeril Salutes Nashville"		AI Roker's Country Music Festival (N)		\$40-a-Day "Dallas"		Iron Chef Culinary battle featuring crab.		Emeril Live "Emeril Salutes Nashville"								
13	7	FOX	You Decide 2004 The 2004 election. (Live)				Fox News Edge Debate analysis.												
40	38	FX	(5:00) "Pushing Tin"		Fear Factor		King of Hill	King of Hill	★ ★ ★ "The American President" (1995)										
30	55	FXSP	I, Max (N)		Rocky Mt.		Sports List	NASCAR	Best Damn Sports Show Period		Rocky Mt. I, Max								
5	14	HBO	Diary of a Political Tourist The road trip on the Democratic campaign trail.				★ ★ ★ "Catch Me if You Can" (2002) Leonardo DiCaprio. A teenage scam artist poses as a pilot, surgeon and lawyer.				★ ★ "Gothika" (2003) Halle Berry.								
62	67	HGTV	Designed Designer Decorating Design		Designers' Designers' House		Designers' Designers' House		Crafters		Designed Designer								
58	52	HIST	Hitler: Tyrant of Terror The Nazi leader.				Stalin: Man of Steel Stalin united the many Soviet republics after the death of Lenin.		Hitler: Tyrant of Terror The Nazi leader.										
25	35	IND	Friends	Friends	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	(10) He's a Lady (N)	(10) ★ ★ ★ "The Mask of Zorro" (1998) (PA) Antonio Banderas, Anthony Hopkins.											
18	63	LIFE	"A Father for Brittany"		"Nowhere in Sight" (2000) Christopher Heyerdahl.		The Nanny	Golden	The Nanny	Golden									
23	77	MTV	TRL (iTV) (Live)		Real World	Real World	Real World	Real World	Real World	Real World	Real World	Real World							
3	9	NBC	(5:00) Decision 2004: Election Night (Live)						News	Decision 2004: Election Night (Joined in Progress) (Live)									
8	8	NBC	(5:00) Decision 2004: Election Night (Left in Progress) (Live)																
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob School		Fatherhood Full House		Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.							
2	2	PBS	Nova "Volcano's Deadly Warning" (N) (DVS)		Kilimanjaro, A Naked Planet Special		Election Coverage 2004: A NewsHour Special Report Analysis and discussion. (Live)				Charlie Rose (N)	Charlie Rose (N)							
38	83	SCIFI	Andromeda		Andromeda		Andromeda		★ ★ "Darkman III: Die Darkman Die" (1996)										
61	41	SPK	Maximum Exposure		Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		"Missing in Action"								
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out Vermont lodge.		Clean Sweep Crowded mess.		In a Fix Uncut tiles in kitchen.		Rides "702 Motoring" Sin City place to go.		Rides "Joe Rogan's Sick Fish"								
28	37	TNT	NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Detroit Pistons. (Live)				NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Los Angeles Lakers.												
51	86	TRAV	Food Crazy		Made	Made	Vegas Cheaters		Food Crazy		Made	Made							
21	82	TVLND	Munsters	GreenAcre	Griffith	Leave	Inside TV Land		3's Co.	3's Co.	Cheers	Cheers							
60	89	UNIV	Rubi		Noche de Elecciones (En Vivo)		Impacto	Noticiero	Recuento-Dños										
20	34	USA	Law & Order: SVU		★ "Coyote Ugly" (2000)		Piper Perabo.		Law & Order: SVU		The District								
12	3	WB	Friends	Everybody-Raymond	Glenn Close "You Jump, I Jump, Jack" (N)		One Tree Hill "Let the Reigns Go Loose" (N)		News		Will & Grace								
99	36	WGN	"The Pandora Project" (1998) Daniel Baldwin.				WGN News at Nine		WGN News Election		Home Delivery								

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E	S		6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30					
36	53	A&E	Cold Case Files A kidnapper torments a child's par- ents. [E]				The First 48 "Killing Spree" [E]			Crossing Jordan "Blood Relatives" [E]		Cold Case Files [E]					
4	6	ABC	Extreme Makeover (N) [E]		life as we know it "Se- crets and Lies" (N) [E]		PrimeTime Live [E]			News [E] [E] (3:55) Night- line [E]		(06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Wyclef Jean. (N) [E]					
26	48	ANPL	The Planet's Funniest Animals [E]		The Planet's Funniest Animals [E]		Animal Cops Detroit "Cat Trap" [E]			The Planet's Funniest Animals [E]		The Planet's Funniest Animals [E]					
63	54	BRAVO	Celebrity Poker Showdown Celebrities compete on behalf of their favorite charities. [E]				Long Way Round (N) [E]			The West Wing "17 Peo- ple" [E]		Celebrity Poker Show- down [E]					
7	11	CBS	Survivor: Vanuatu, Is- lands of Fire (N) [E]		CSI: Crime Scene Inves- tigation (N) [E] (DVS)		Without a Trace "Nickel and Dime" (N) [E]			News [E] [E] (3:55) Late Show Bandaloo. (N) [E]		The Late Late Show					
24	50	DISC	Monster House "Surfer Girl House" [E]		American Chopper "POW/MIA 2" [E]		Monster Nation (N)			No Opportunity Wasted (N)		Big Building the world's biggest treadmill. (N)					
33	44	DISN	Kim Possi- ble [E]	The Proud Family [E]	Even Stevens [E]	Lizzie McGuire [E]	Sister, Sis- ter [E]	That's So Raven [E]	"Halloweentown High" (2004, Fantasy) Debbie Reynolds, Kimberly J. Brown. 'NR' [E]								
49	81	E!TV	True H'wood [E]		Dr. 90210 [E]		Dr. 90210 [E]		The Soup [E]	Good to Be Howard S. [E]		Saturday Night Live [E]					
22	56	ESPN	(5:30) College Football Louisville at Memphis. (Live) [E]				SportsCenter (Live) [E]			Burning [E]		Outside [E]					
54	57	ESPN2	I'd Do Anything [E]		I'd Do Anything [E]		Boxing: Juan Diaz vs. Julien Lorc y [E]			NFL Live [E]		NFL Great [E]					
32	46	FAM	★ ★ "The Facts of Life Reunion" (2001) [E]				Whose? Whose? [E]		The 700 Club [E]		Fam. Mat. [E]		Fam. Mat. [E]				
59	-	FIT TV	FitTV's Housecalls (N) [E]		Health Cops [E]		Extreme Survival "Cold" [E]			FitTV's Housecalls [E]		Health Cops [E]					
35	31	FMC	(01) ★ ★ ★ "The Tall Men" (1955) Clark Gable. [E]				(05) ★ ★ ★ "Desk Set" (1957) Spencer Tracy. [E]			(01) ★ ★ ★ "Spectre" (1957) Spencer Tracy. [E]		(01) ★ ★ ★ "Spectre" (1957) Spencer Tracy. [E]					
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live Bacon bis- cuits; country pork ribs. [E]		Naomi Judd's Family Table [E]		Good Eats [E]		The Secret Life Of... [E]	Iron Chef "Battle Eel" Eel. [E]		Emeril Live Bacon bis- cuits; country pork ribs. [E]					
13	7	FOX	The O.C. "The Distance" [E]		North Shore "Leverage" (N) [E]		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith [E]			Bob Newhart [E]	Bob Newhart [E]	Mary Tyler Moore [E]	Mary Tyler Moore [E]				
40	38	FX	(4:00) "Speed" (1994) [E]		Fear Factor [E]		King of Hill [E]			King of Hill [E]	King of Hill [E]	King of Hill [E]	King of Hill [E]				
30	55	FXSP	I, Max (N) [E]		Rocky Mt. [E]		Insider [E]		NASCAR [E]	Best Damn Sports Show Period [E]		Sports List [E]					
5	14	HBO	(5:30) ★ ★ "The Tudor" (2002) "PG-13" [E]		(15) ★ ★ ★ "Bruce Almight y" (2003, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Morgan Freeman. [E]		PG-13" [E]			Inside the NFL [E]		★ ★ "Cradle 2 the Grave" (2003) Jet Li. 'R' [E]					
62	67	HGTV	Weekend Landscap [E]		Design [E]		Designers' [E]		House [E]	House [E]	House [E]	Design [E]	Weekend Landscap [E]				
58	52	HIST	Dwight Eisenhower D-Day Commander becomes president of the United States. [E]				D-Day to Berlin [E]			D-Day to Berlin Ger- many falls. [E]		Dwight Eisenhower [E]					
25	35	IND	Friends [E]		Friends [E]		★ ★ ★ "Rush Hour" (1998) (PA) Jackie Chan. Two detectives join forces in a kidnapping case. [E]			(10) ★ ★ ★ "A Knight's Tale" (2001, Adventure) (PA) Heath Ledger, Mark Addy. [E]							
18	63	LIFE	"False Pretenses" [E]		"Identity Theft: The Michelle Brown Story" (2004) [E]		The Nanny [E]			Golden [E]	The Nanny [E]	Golden [E]					
23	77	MTV	TRL (iTV) (Live) [E]		Real World [E]		Real World [E]			Direct Effect [E]		Pimp Ride [E]					
3	9	NBC	News [E]		Ent. To- night [E]		Joey (N) [E]		Will & Grace (N) [E]	The Apprentice "Bringing Down the House" [E]		(8:59) ER (N) [E]					
8	8	NBC	Joey (N) [E]		Will & Grace (N) [E]		The Apprentice "Bringing Down the House" [E]		(7:59) ER (N) [E]		News [E]		(3:55) The Tonight Show (N) [E]				
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob [E]		Sabrina [E]		Full House [E]		Fresh Pr. [E]	Cosby [E]	Roseanne [E]	Roseanne [E]	Fresh Pr. [E]				
2	2	PBS	Sunflower Journeys [E]		Kansas Spotlight [E]		The New This Old House Hour (N) [E]			D-Day: Down to Earth-- Return of the 507th [E]		BBC World News [E]					
38	83	SCFI	(5:00) "Threshold" [E]		"Gargoyles: Wings of Dark- ness" (2004) [E]		★ ★ "Halloween III: Season of the Witch" (1982) [E]			CSI: Crime Scn [E]		MXC [E]					
61	41	SPK	Maximum Exposure [E]		Wildest Police Videos [E]		CSI: Crime Scn [E]			Overhulin' "School's Out" [E]		Against the Law "The Confession" [E]					
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out A back-yard and deck. [E]		Clean Sweep Organizing an art studio. [E]		In a Fix [E]										
28	37	TNT	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Miami Heat. [E]				(Live) [E]			NBA Basketball Minnesota Timberwolves at Denver Nuggets. [E]							
51	86	TRAV	Simatalu: Spirits [E]		The Honeymen Tribe [E]		Tribal Rites: Shamans [E]			Simatalu: Spirits [E]		The Honeymen Tribe [E]					
21	82	TVND	Munsters [E]		GreenAcre [E]		Griffith [E]			Leave [E]		Sanford [E]					
60	89	UNIV	Rubí [E]		Amor Real [E]		Aqui y Ahora [E]			3's Co. [E]		3's Co. [E]					
20	34	USA	Law & Order: SVU [E]		★ ★ ★ "Hannibal" (2001, Suspense) Anthony Hopkins, Julianne Moore. [E]		Charmed [E]			News [E]		Friends [E]					
12	3	WB	Friends [E]		Everybody- Raymond [E]		Blue Collar TV (N) [E]		Green Screen [E]		Will & Grace [E]		Will & Grace [E]				