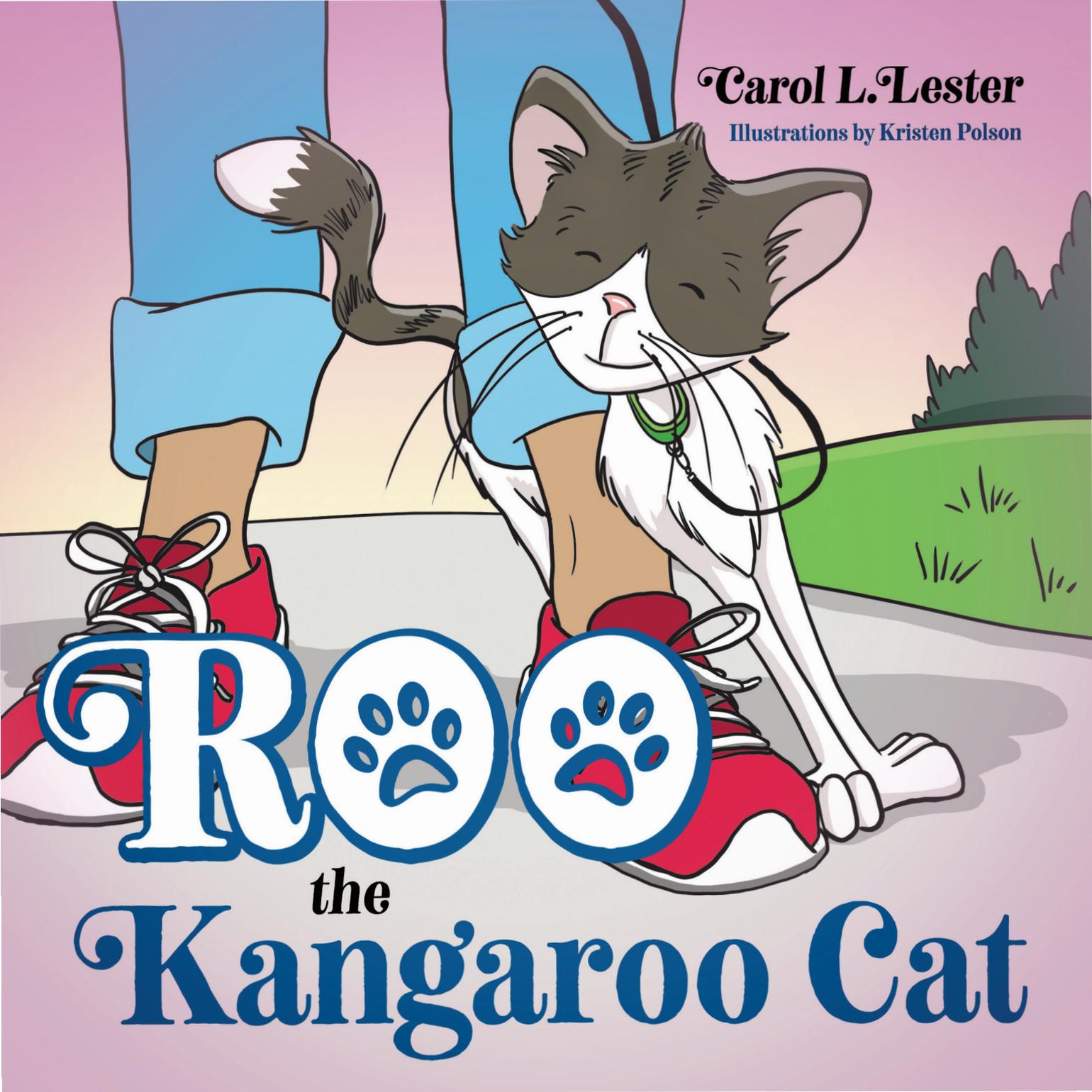


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ROO

the

Kangaroo Cat

I have just finished the delightful story of *Roo, the Kangaroo Cat* and enjoyed it to the extreme. Ms. Lester's engaging text brings the reader along with charming rhyme encased in a romping adventure. She offers thoughtful questions for the reader, and although perhaps targeted for the young, the story leads readers of any age in thoughtful contemplation. As a published author, I am excited to see Ms. Lester join the ranks of writers producing quality books for children.

—Nancy Falster
Author of *Stuart Finds a Home*
Chef and Farmer
Owner of Falster Farm, Winnsboro, Texas

Reading this to my first graders would have been so much fun. They truly would have fallen in love with Roo! The illustrations will capture your heart too!

—Robin Bylund
Retired elementary teacher

Carol is devoted to her pets. She entertains us with delightful cat stories, and she is now putting some into print. This true story is age-group oriented and entertaining. We feel that the greatest value of this manuscript is the discussion questions at the end. They present an excellent framework for discussing feelings and experiences with young children.

—Danny Earl, DVM and Jim Jensen, DVM
APCNW Affordable Pet Care, San Antonio, Texas

Roo, the Kangaroo Cat is a delightful read! As a parent and former teacher, I would recommend this enjoyable story for children of all ages.

—J. Goodrum
Retired middle school teacher (27 years)

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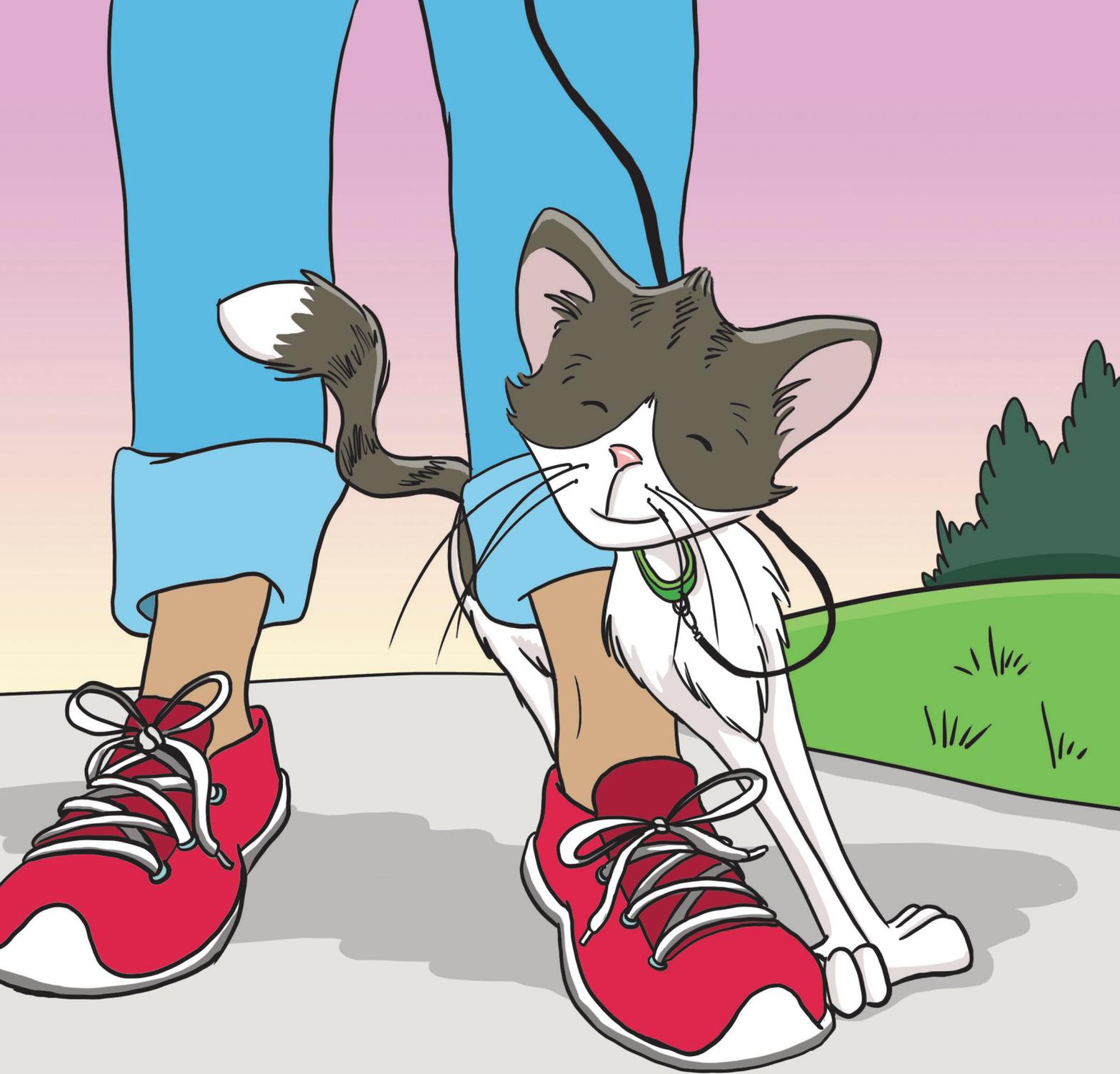
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Once upon a time there lived a cat named Roo.
He had *very* long legs and could jump like a kangaroo!
He walked on a leash like an obedient dog
and loved to take showers and shake himself like a hog!
Roo had been saved by a lady he called Mom.
He liked cuddling with her because she was always calm.



Roo wanted to play with all other cats,
but they hissed and snarled and ran from him like rats.
(Those cats didn't understand Roo's extraordinarily long legs,
nor his purr that *roared* like exploding powder kegs!)

Roo was quite different, but he didn't mean to be.

He was just born with a few quirks, you see,
so Roo made up for that by being as friendly as he could be.



Although Roo was sad at times without friends,
he knew he had a very good home.

He had food and water and love without end,
so he never wanted to roam.

But like other cats, he was the curious sort.

He thought it'd be nice to, someday, leave his safe port.

So one fine day Roo decided to explore.



He jumped away from his mom and ran out the front door!

He leaped over the fence (which he had never done),
and he ran through the yards and climbed trees.
Oh, what fun!

