## EP 11 - 6 Lessons From An Amazing Cat

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WITH IT episode notes

Over the Labor Day weekend, my beloved cat Yoshi passed away. We met when she was a cute, mangy little stray in the Bronx, and was a part of my life for nearly 14 years.

Losing someone is a chance for each of us to reflect. To crystallize that person in our hearts & minds. Ensure their best memories & qualities live on in us. It can't be helped that they turn into a kind of abstraction through this process. An incomplete imprint of a person, but still a soul impacting lives long after their passing.

Through this memorial episode, I share these insights, these abstractions, along with stories to illustrate these insights.

Trigger warning: In this episode I talk about the death and burial of a pet.



YOSHI: DOB ??? - Adopted: 23 OCT 2008 -Died: 2 SEP 2022

Skip this episode if this is something you don't want to read about.

## **Lessons From Yoshi**

- 1. Creating art can open our heart & mind to possibility
- 2. Seize opportunities to be bold & have others take notice
- 3. A cat isn't likely to change the world, but they can drastically change a person
- 4. The natural way of life is to be easy going
- 5. If we're lucky, we can make our death something beautiful & life affirming
- 6. The practical can be done alongside the emotional

## **Q** Episode 10 Quote:

From Abraham Maslow, the famous psychologist:

A great lesson from the true mystics is that the sacred is in the ordinary. That it is to be found in one's daily life, in one's neighbors, friends & family. In one's backyard.









