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**Episode Text**

Hello and Welcome to Renegade Files Short Drives #5 – Ghost Pets.

I’m your host, Lex Gordon, Broadcasting from the Jungle Villa Outpost, Deep in the Uncharted Tropics. You are now in the company of Outcasts.

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Those of us who have special pets come to love them as furry members of our families. We get to know their personalities and cherish their friendships. There are dog people, cat people, and people who have all manner of creatures as their unconditional companions.

So when our pets pass, it can be a stressful and discouraging time. People who love their pets mourn their losses with genuine emotions.

But an old saying tells us that “All Dogs Go To Heaven.” Many people take comfort in the belief that their loving cat, dog, or other pet has gone on to a better place.

But is it possible that some passed away pets linger as spirits, attached to haunted places?

Do spectral Siamese cats roam the halls of old houses for decades? Do ghostly puppers bury old bones around creepy castles? It seems that some of these phantom pets are helpful hauntings here to save us from danger, while others could be hounds of Hell sent to foretell a visit from the grim reaper himself.

Come with me now as we delve into tales of Creepy Cats, Demon Dogs and more in Renegade Files, Short Drives #5 – Ghost Pets.

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The first case comes to us from the Historic Holly Hotel in Holly, MI. This beautiful brick hotel was built in 1891 as the Hirst Hotel. Over the years the hotel has operated under a few different names and most recently, and for I think 46 years, has mainly just been a restaurant. The website says the property is currently for sale, and something about a drawn-out lawsuit with the owner of a vacant lot next door.

But throughout this long and tumultuous existence, it seems that one guest keeps returning. It's the little terrier named Leona who was the family pet of the original Hotel builders and owners, the Hirst family.

Guests in the past have said they hear the little dog's paws on the wood floors as she runs up and down the hallways, even though Leona passed away well over 100 years ago.

One guest named Charles was awakened by the sound of a small dog barking. It sounded as if the dog was outside his room door. He tried to ignore it but the barking persisted until the man finally got up to open the door. When he did he was shocked to hear the barking stop, and no dog was there.

He thought he was dreaming, so he closed the door, and he heard the dog bark once more. Again he opened the room door, but no dog. He then heard the same scurrying paws on the wood floor that others have described, and yet no dog could be seen.

He went back to sleep and didn't hear the dog again. When he told the story to the front desk attendant the next day, he was assured that no dogs were staying

with guests in the hotel at that time, and he had surely seen the ghost of Leona, the Hirst's ghost dog.

Other spirits seem to frequent the Holly Hotel as well. World-famous Ghost Hunter Norman Gauthier, who is a professor of parapsychology, visited the hotel in 1989 and claimed that it was a hotbed of paranormal activity. The kitchen seems to be haunted by a young girl who likes to play with the sharp knives and cleavers, and ghostly apparitions have been photographed on the stairways and just outside of the main entrance.

But the favorite ghost by far is the little ghost dog. In addition to hearing her bark and run in the halls, guests have felt the furry pooch brush by their legs, while seeing nothing. It seems that this ghost puppy is more often heard or felt than seen, but maybe she's just shy.

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Next up: the demon cat of D.C.

The demon cat is a ghost cat said to haunt the White House and the US Capitol building. Cats have been familiar around the capitol building since the 1800s, when they were first brought in to hunt rats and mice in the basement tunnels.

Some believe that the famous demon cat is one of these varmint hunters who never left. The demon cat is said to live in the capitol building basement crypt, which was originally built to be a burial chamber for President George Washington, although it was never used for that.

The demon cat is most often described as a black house cat with glowing yellow eyes. This ghostly cat is most often seen just before presidential elections, or before certain notable events or tragedies.

White House guards have reported catching a glimpse of the ghostly black cat on the night before the assassinations of both Abraham Lincoln, and John F Kennedy. Witnesses who claim to have seen the cat say it will always run away if approached, And several have watched it vanish into thin air while trotting away from them down long straight hallways.

In the 1890s the black ghost cat is said to have inexplicably vanished when Capitol Hill guards fired their weapons at it. Another guard said to have died of a heart attack after seeing the cat vanish.

The black demon cat was also seen many times in the final days of World War Two in the 1940s.

But according to Steve Livengood, Chief tour guide for the US capitol Historical Society, in the old days it was common for members of the capitol police force to be the appointed friends and relatives of congressmen, and these men were known to be frequently drunk while on patrol.

One of these guards after claiming to see the ghost cat, was given a few days off to rest and recover. Livengood believes that when the other guards heard of this, they began to tell exaggerated stories of seeing the demon cat, in the hopes of getting a few days off.

But many people, not just drunken guards, have seen the black demon cat lurking around the capitol building over the years. A shifty black cat who tends to vanish before your eyes has also been seen multiple times at the White House, although officially no Black Cats live in either of these two historic buildings.

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Another story comes to us from the old TV show called The Brady Bunch. While filming out of the studio the cast was staying at an old bed and breakfast inn. At the end of their day filming some of them stayed up late telling stories in the common room before finally going to bed late at night.

Christopher knight who is the actor who played Peter Brady on the show says he woke up in his room in the middle of the night to see 2 hunting dogs sitting at the foot of his bed staring at him.

Startled by this visit he sat up in his bed and it was then that he noticed a little girl watching him from the bedroom doorway. Neither the girl nor the dogs made any sounds. After a few minutes the girl silently turned and walked away, and both of the hunting dogs followed her.

Christopher just assumed that it was a girl and her dogs staying in another room at the inn. The next morning he asked the owner about the little girl and her two dogs. The owner explained that no such guests were in the inn at the time, and no one staying there had any pets.

Confused, Christopher described the dogs in detail. Upon doing so the owner of the inn took Christopher into the library, where he showed him an antique wooden screen, installed to block the unused fireplace in that room. Upon this screen was a painting of two hunting dogs in a field. These dogs were identical to the ones Christopher had seen in the night.

All the owner knew was that the fireplace screen was one of the many antiques that had come with the old bed and breakfast when he purchased it. He did not know if the dogs had once lived in the house, but the experience is something

that shook the actor up at the time, and remained a mystery to him throughout his life.

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Then we have the story of the black dog of Castle Craig. Castle Craig Isn't exactly a castle in the traditional sense, but rather a round, turreted, stone tower built on a high rock outcropping and donated To the town of Meriden CT, along with the surrounding 1800 acres, by local industrialist Walter Hubbard In 1900.

Today this trap rock observation tower is the centerpiece of what is now called Hubbard park. For decades, travelers and hikers who have visited the tower have claimed to see a small ghostly black dog. The small, short-haired spaniel-like puppy makes no sound even when it seems to be howling or barking.

But seeing this dog more than once may come at a heavy price. According to local legend the black dog of Castle Craig has inspired its own folklore warning:

*"If a man shall meet the Black Dog once, it shall be for joy; and if twice, it shall be for sorrow; and the third time, he shall die."*

Many people have blamed the dog for the demise of those who have seen it three times, and such stories go all the way back to the towers earliest days.

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One of the most famous of all ghost dogs is a boxer named Preston who haunts the Belmont Hillsboro neighborhood in Nashville. Locals tell us that this friendly dog comes out every Halloween to watch over the young trick or treaters in the neighborhood.

On one occasion a group of parents were walking on the sidewalk behind their three young goblins and ghosts. The children had noticed an elaborately decorated Halloween haunted house across the street, and together, decided to go check it out.

Without looking both ways the three darted across the road in front of a moving car. Out of nowhere Preston the boxer appeared in front of the children barking viciously. This instantly scared the three children back onto the sidewalk, on their parent's side of the road, as the speeding car swerved and continued on its way.

All of the parents thought for sure that the dog had been run over, but in the street behind the passing car, no dog was to be found. They never saw the dog again that night, and only learned the legend of Preston the protector, from friends and family, in the days that followed.

Other stories say that the dog will show up out of thin air to bump and nudge children along as they walk across the streets. Many have heard an unseen dog barking in the neighborhood on Halloween night, and local residents have started a tradition of leaving dog treats out with their Halloween candy, for Preston the boxer, the Nashville ghost dog who protects the kids on Halloween.

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This next tale comes from Redditor VoxDraconae, who tells us that when he was in college, he and his roommate were out late one night when they walked past an obviously dead cat in an alleyway.

It was an orange and white calico cat that had seemingly been hit by a car, he head badly damaged. They were saddened for the cat but moved on. They came to a lakeside park and crossed through it to reach the downtown area on the other side. While walking along the park sidewalk they agreed that this would be a good place to put the cat to rest.

As they walked, and periodically throughout the night they talked of ways to collect and move the late cat to the park.

Maybe they could scoop it up using some cardboard boxes from the alley, and bury it under some branches and leaves at the lakeside in the park.

After their night out they returned to their dorm along the same route and were surprised to find that the dead cat was no longer in the alley. They assumed some one else had removed it, they both wished the cat well in spirit, and went home.

Over the rest of the semester the ghost of the calico cat seemed to show up over and over again. They saw it running down a side street one night on the other side of town.

One of the guys saw the calico cat watching him from atop a concrete planter wall while he was walking to class, and then from another spot as he was walking back home that day.

Then one afternoon the two boys got a visit from their dormitory resident advisor. The RA had come to tell them they had to get rid of the cat, as pets were against dorm regulations.

When they boys said they had no cat, the RA explained that someone had reported seeing a calico cat looking down from their dorm window. The RA asked to inspect the room. She found no cat, and left the boys with one message: *clean this place up.*

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There is an old house located near the coquina stone quarry on Anastasia island in St. Augustine, FL. The house was purchased by its current owner sometime in the 1990s. Upon moving in, the owner of the home, a local businessman, noticed his own cat behaving in strange ways.

His solid grey shorthair cat would chase something unseen around the house, hiss at corners when nothing was there, and never sleep in the same place twice. At first the man thought his cat's strange behavior was simply due to its being in unfamiliar surroundings.

But then one afternoon when he was sitting at his Home Office desk, He watched a tabby cat casually walk up to his side and turn as if it wanted to be petted. When he reached down to pet the cat he found that it was gone and no such cat could be found in his office, or any other room of the house.

He thought it must have been a neighbor cat that had gotten in somehow and was hiding somewhere, but he never found it that day.

After this, and for years at this point, people in the house catch glimpses of the mysterious ghostly tabby cat who will vanish before your eyes, or run into a room and disappear.

No one knows where this tabby ghost cat comes from, but he seems to be friendly, and has never done any harm. The man says that eventually his own cat grew accustomed to the phantom feline, and now he ignores it, just as he does most everyone.

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Until our next adventure, I'm your host Lex Gordon...

*Stay Wild, Ghostly Child!*