Diana has always loved cats and finds their behavior fascinating. So when her friend Kristina Hancock, director of Shant’s House, mentioned that a pair of siamese-mix kittens had been found in a dumpster eating spaghetti, Diana readily agreed to provide a home for one of them.

Diana hesitated in taking both kittens because her husband, Lowell, is more of a dog person, but with Kristina’s encouragement, Diana brought the pair home until a second adoption could be arranged. After only one day with the kittens, Lowell's reaction was a bit of a surprise. Although he had little experience with cats, Lowell immediately understood the significance of the sibling bond and wisely said, “either both kittens or no kittens”. Lowell did not want to see these kittens split up and placed in separate homes.

And so began the adventure of Castor and Pollux.

Over the past 3 years, the kittens have grown into big beautiful cats. At 18 lbs, Caster is smaller but more dominant. He often starts his day by reminding Pollux, who is 22 lbs, of the pecking order. Castor is also remarkably vocal and makes his opinion known through a wide variety of vocalizations. Diana has come to understand the meaning of these vocalizations and finds them fascinating.

Siamese cats are known for becoming highly attached to their owners. Castor is particularly close to Diana and he studies her daily routine. Since Diana puts on her sandals before going out, Castor has decided to sleep on top of the sandals during the day. Castor also keeps a close eye on Diana’s purse as she sometimes goes out wearing different shoes. Castor is not happy about the separation but has come to realize that Diana provides treats before leaving and she always returns. Castor alerts his brother Pollux when Diana is getting ready to leave so that he can share in the treats and join Castor in trying to talk Diana out of leaving the house.
Pollux and Castor are very intelligent and they respond to verbal and to physical cues. While working at her computer, if Diana points to her lap, the cats know they are welcome for some lap time and attention. If Diana points behind her, they jump behind her, settling in for a nap while Diana leans forward into her work.

Both Lowell and Diana are delighted to share their home with Pollux and Castor, and they are grateful to Shanti’s House for the introduction.