



"Leo and Keeks" (11 x 14 in, watercolor on paper)

Lauren Butare Smith, DVM is a fine artist specializing in detailed watercolor portraits and paintings. Prior to her career as an artist, Dr. Butare Smith was a small animal veterinarian. After becoming severely disabled for over a decade following a bartonella infection, she pursued her love of art, with her passion for animals enabling her to capture the essence of each animal subject.

"Leo and Keeks" was commissioned by Gillian Blair as a surprise for her daughter, owner of the cats featured. Dr. Butare Smith resides in Durham, NC with her family.

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