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I've stepped on hot pavement before. It hurts your feet!	The pavement was hot. The cat had to hop and leap into the cool garage.	It is hot summer day.
Everyone has had an experience when they were short on time. Her behavior is typical of people in a hurry.	Now she had to spend her time looking for a cat she had never seen before. She had too many things to do. She looked at her watch and sighed.	LeAnn is in a hurry, impatient and wishes she did not need to deal with the cat situation.
Cats and dogs hide when they are frightened. (They probably either have a cat or a dog or know someone who does.)	The cat scooted underneath her car.	The cat is frightened.
From personal experience or observation of people, we know that only caring people would take the time to make sure the cat was taken care of.	LeAnn took the time to find the cat's owner, even though she was in a hurry and didn't care for cats.	LeAnn is a caring person.

Title of story / passage The Cat in the Garage