

## **Kara H. Pilcher**

### ***Take Off***

Aqueous Media

### **Artist's Statement**

*Take Off* was inspired initially by Eric's humiliating experience of causing an entire planeload of passengers to sit on the tarmac 45 minutes waiting, while a seatbelt extender could be found to accommodate his enormous girth. It was his epiphany moment of "take off"... the final straw of hitting rock bottom. He was depressed, frustrated by inability to take off the pounds, considered taking himself off the planet by suicide. His doctor warned it would be prudent to buy a cemetery plot if he didn't take off some weight, prescribed him more pills, to no avail. Eric was in physical and emotional pain. He read the Bible, Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not lean on your own understanding" inspired him to take off in unfamiliar aspects of life, following in faith the signs God seemed to be showing him.

The painting starts at the bottom, in darkness. Images of Eric's life overlaid by paw prints of Peety's journey taking Eric off toward hope, health, and love.

### **Artist's Bio**

One might guess that I would major in art, after growing up in Chula Vista, CA in a family that valued creating...sewing, remodeling, furniture building, metal work, etc. But, no, I earned a BA in Literature and Spanish and a Masters in the Art of Teaching at Lewis and Clark College. I taught high school Spanish in Portland Public Schools for 10 years. Once I had a home of my own and was staring at blank walls, I enrolled in a watercolor class at the local community college. That eventually led to serving as President of the Watercolor Society of Oregon, becoming a Signature Member of Northwest Watercolor Society, experimenting with hand-pulled printmaking, and teaching various watercolor classes and workshops. I am represented at Portland Art Museum Rental Sales Gallery, [rentalsalesgallery.com](http://rentalsalesgallery.com) and Lunaria Gallery, [lunariagallery.com](http://lunariagallery.com) in Silverton, OR.  
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### **Art Label:**

Name: Kara H. Pilcher

Title: Take Off

Medium: Aqueous Media

Size: 20" x 12"

Price: \$580.00

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