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item view

Canon Cat & matching Canon printer	
Item #179254188	

Computers:Hardware:Vintage

Currently	$208.56 (reserve not yet met)	First bid	$9.99
Quantity	1	# of bids	23 (bid history) (with emails)
Time left	3 hours, 36 mins +	Location	Richmond, VA
Started	10/10/99, 14:59:46 PDT	✉ (mail this auction to a friend)	
Ends	10/17/99, 14:59:46 PDT	🎁 (request a gift alert)	

Description

Seller	**classiccomputing.com** (84) ☆ me
	(view comments in seller's Feedback Profile) (view seller's other auctions) (ask seller a question)
High bid	**caborgan** (21) ☆

Bid!

Payment	Money Order/Cashiers Checks, Personal Checks, See item description for payment methods accepted
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Ah, you don't find one of these everyday. Here is truly a rare and unique computer for the collector. It was marketed in 1987 by Canon and sold for $1495. It is in excellent working condition, as is the printer. Is this what Jef Raskin had in mind for the original Macintosh? He originated the Macintosh project at Apple in 1979 and then went on to form Information Appliance, Inc. The creation of the Cat began there. Here is a partial quote by Raskin from an interview in 1996 -

"However, the Canon Cat as marketed by Canon was only a dim echo of what my colleagues and I (at Information Appliance Inc.) worked on. For example, most people only know it as a closed-architecture (which it wasn't) secretarial workstation.

This is because Canon did not want to reveal that it was actually a 68000-based bitmapped product with a nice set of graphics tools in ROM--which tools they never used. This was partly because they decided to bundle it with a daisywheel printer (!) that could not do graphics and partly because it was brought out by their electric typewriter division and not their computer division. Most observers at the time thought the marketing had been botched, and I am not going to disagree. Designed to allow easy integration of third-party software, Canon never pursued this essential path, and the few third-party vendors we had begun to sign up never had time to complete their work before Canon bailed out. The Cat had a connector and software hooks for a pointing device, but Canon never provided a mouse or mouse-equivalent for it.

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Want to learn even more?! Check out -

http://www.bgon.org/archaic_apples/canon/cat.html

You want even more rare you say?! Well, I also have a SwyftCard (the visionary Apple][e card which predated the Cat) for sell. Check my other auction items **HERE**.

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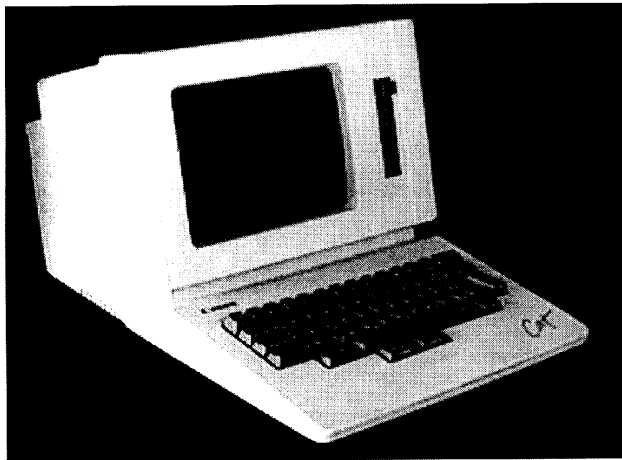
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Bidding

Canon Cat & matching Canon printer (Item #179254188)

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Minimum bid	**$211.06**

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item view

SwyftCard, pre-Canon Cat interface for][e

Item #179269351

Computers:Hardware:Vintage

Description

Currently	$102.50 (reserve not yet met)	First bid	**$9.99**
Quantity	1	# of bids	5 (bid history) (with emails)
Time left	**3 hours, 55 mins +**	Location	**Richmond, VA**
Started	10/10/99, 15:19:19 PDT		(mail this auction to a friend)
Ends	10/17/99, 15:19:19 PDT		(request a gift alert)

Bid!

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High bid — **ghutchin** (17)

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Wow, what a find! This little card goes into a slot in your Apple][e and transforms it into a Canon Cat like interface with "leap" keys. Includes the card, software diskette, manual and even the original shipping box from Information Appliances with a postal sticker originating from Palo Alto and dated 11/8/85. Here's some background -

"The company that Jef Raskin founded in 1984 to implement his computing ideas was located in Menlo Park California and was named Information Appliance, Inc.

Information Appliances goal was to create a computer system that would be both powerful and easy to use. The company developed a prototype Cat system code named "SWYFT". Doug McKenna, a former company director and now the key person behind the Macintosh development tool Resorcerer, said that he proposed that "SWYFT" be read as "Superb With Your Favorite Typing." Funding for this company came from around a dozen venture capitalists.

Raskin's business plan was to create and market the Cat using only Information Appliance. But the company's backers thought Information Appliances could not do this as well as a bigger and already established company. As such, the venture capitalists talked with several computer companies that had an interest in the Cat and selected Canon to market the Cat. Canon was responsible for giving the "SWYFT" the product name "Cat."

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While the Information Appliance engineers developed the Cat the company's venture capitalists thought it would be beneficial for the company to release some of the Cat's technology as a small board based product. The result of the was an add-on plug-in board for the Apple //e computer. This card was called the SwyftCard, a name which obviously was based upon the Cat's code name. The SwyftCard retail price was $90.

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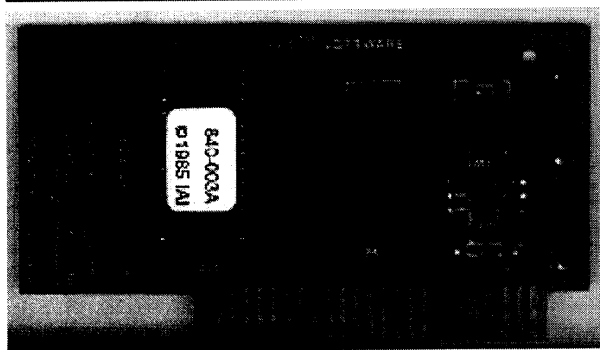
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Bid increment	$2.50
Minimum bid	**$105.00**

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Rare Canon Cat "Workprocesser"
Item #191643448

Computers:Hardware:Vintage

Description

Currently	**$3.25** (reserve not yet met)	
Quantity	**1**	
Time left	**6 days, 21 hours +**	
Started	10/31/99, 14:12:13 PST	
Ends	11/10/99, 14:12:13 PST	

First bid **$1.00**
# of bids **4** (bid history) (with emails)
Location **West Columbia, SC**
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Seller **black-horse** (23) ☆

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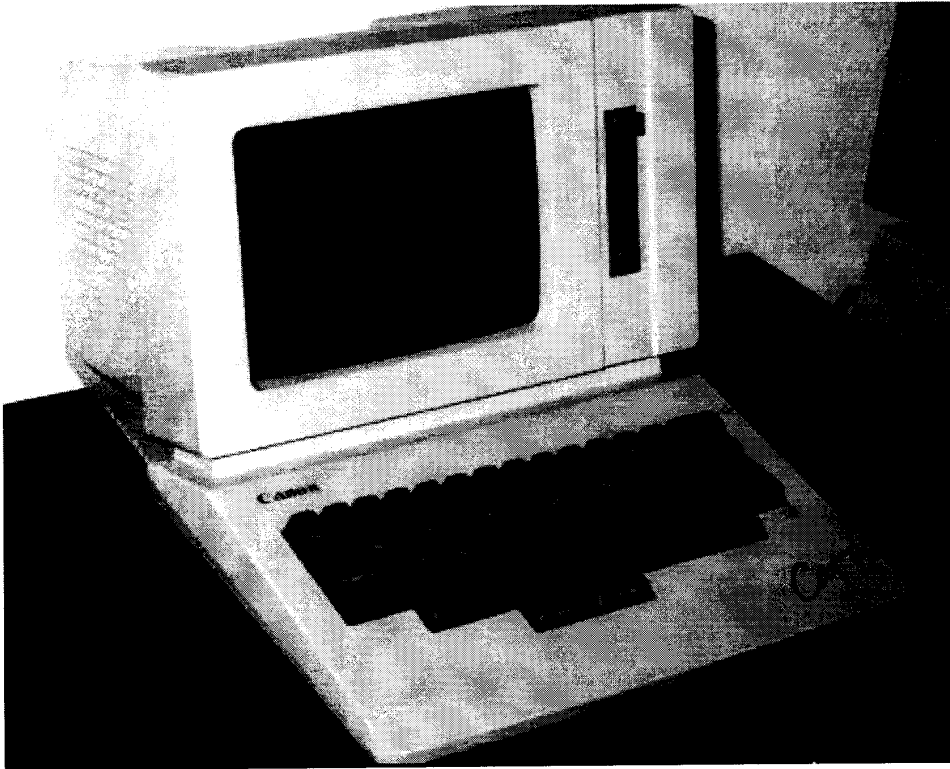
High bid **keefa** (2)

Bid!

Payment　Money Order/Cashiers Checks
Shipping　Buyer pays actual shipping charges. Seller might ship to home country only. See item description for details, See item description for shipping charges

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Description

CANON CAT

"RaskinDoc057_06.PICT" 104 KB 2000-02-23 dpi: 300h x 300v pix: 2347h x 3052v

Source: David T. Craig

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For more information, follow this link:

http://www.bgon.org/archaic_apples/canon/cat.html

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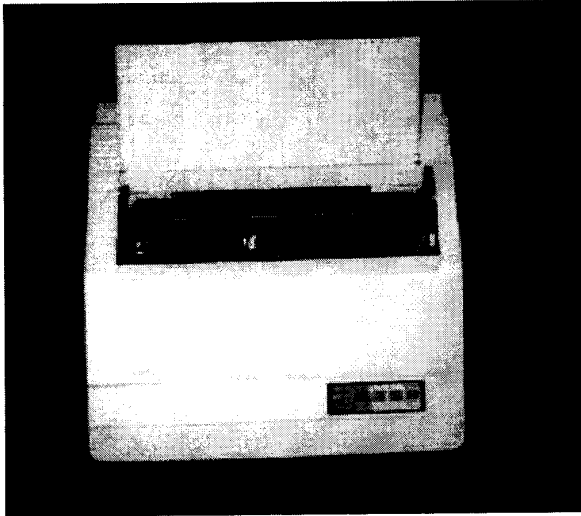
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Bidding

Rare Canon Cat "Workprocesser" (Item #191643448)

Current bid	$3.25
Bid increment	$0.25
Minimum bid	**$3.50**

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Rare Canon Cat "Workprocesser"
Item #191643448

Computers:Hardware:Vintage

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Quantity	**1**
Time left	**Auction has ended.**
Started	10/31/99, 14:12:13 PST
Ends	11/10/99, 14:12:13 PST

First bid	**$1.00**
# of bids	**12** (bid history) (with emails)
Location	**West Columbia, SC**

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Seller   **black-horse** (23) ☆

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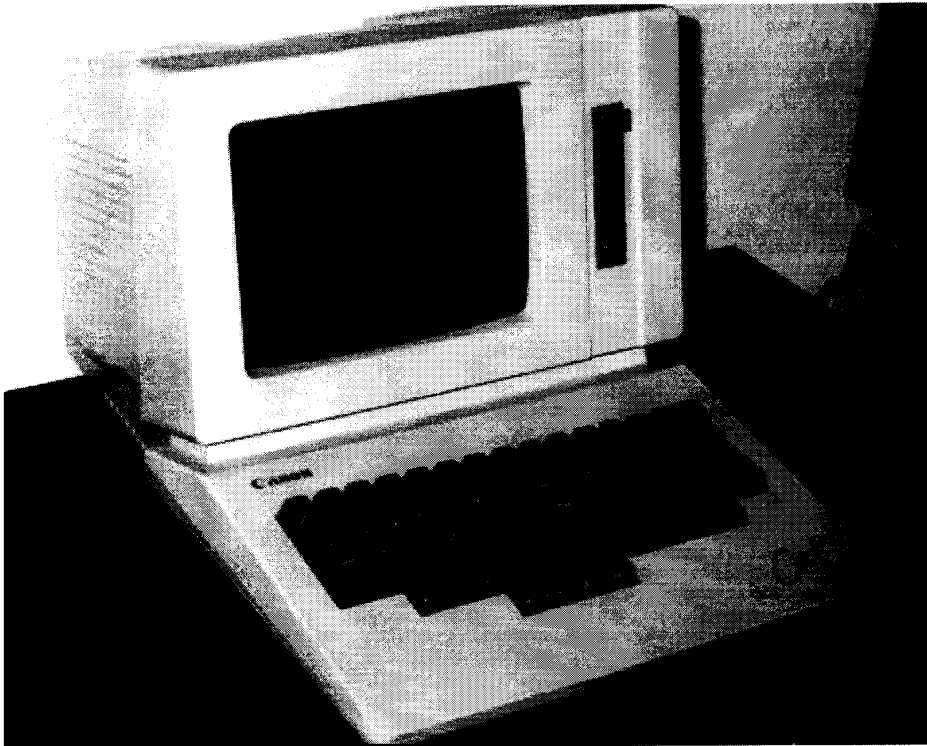
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CANON CAT

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