DOODLE DOG AND THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING DOODLE

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Doodle was a dog, a doodle dog to be exact. He lived in an artist's studio in Doodle Land.
Doodle thought he was a real dog, it sure seemed that way to him. After all, he lived in a doodle house and had a doodle family.
One beautiful day, Doodle Dog decided to visit his friend, Doodle Cat. When he got to Doodle Cat's yard she wasn't there. Where can she be? "I know!" Doodle Dog said, "the park!" But when Doodle Dog got to the park, she wasn't there. "I'd better go back to Doodle Cat's yard and search for clues!" The results proved horrifying as he stopped dead in his tracks...
THERE WERE ERASER MARKS!

Doodle Dog felt a sense of doom. Why had Doodle Cat been erased? When had she been erased? Who erased her? Doodle Dog decided to do a further investigation. He studied the eraser marks. They clearly showed the outline of a smudged cat.
Over the next few days, Doodle kept searching for any sign of his friend. One day he decided to give up the hope of ever seeing his friend again. Then, all of a sudden, he heard a soft noise and the bushes parted. Doodle Dog trembled expecting to see the doodle dog catcher.
Instead he saw… Doodle Cat!

To his surprise she had a big bandage on her left foot. “What happened to you?” Doodle Dog exclaimed, “I thought you were erased!”
"I was taking a catnap and suddenly Big Tom the **Mad Cat** jumped off the fence behind me and meowed **"Boo!"***, explained Doodle Cat. "I was so startled that I fell into a rose bush and got a big thorn in my paw. I went to the doctor and he told me to rest. I stayed in bed and ate lots of treats but now I’m back as the **Fat Cat!**"
“But what about the eraser smudges in the shape of a cat?” questioned Doodle Dog.

“Oh that!” said Doodle Fat Cat. “That was Big Tom. He was re-doodled as Big Tom the Happy Cat!”