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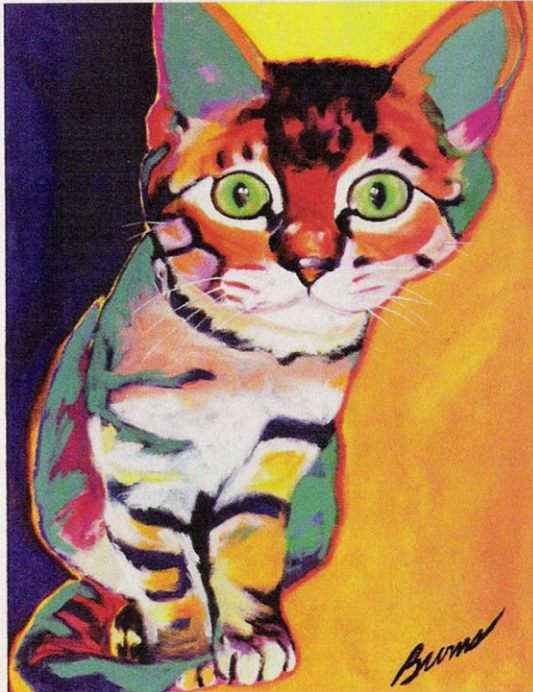
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Ronald Burns, 47, Napa, Calif.

Fee: \$15,000 to \$150,000 (for a 15' X 7')

Commissions per year: 6

Clients include: Nick Faldo (Masters-winning golfer), Brian Boitano (Olympic gold medalist figure skater)

Burns' style has become extremely collectible. Reproductions of his deft kitty and pooch work sell for \$600 to \$2,000; prints for \$20. A pharmaceutical company offered him \$500,000 to license his work for marketing a pet medicine, but he declined: "A collector wants a unique piece of work—not one that can be found at Wal-Mart and RiteAid." Travel to spend a few days with the animal, in order to absorb its personality, is extra: expenses plus \$500 to \$1,000 a day.

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Beauty in the beast: pet portraits by Burns.