



Fig. 1.

More Russian Cartoon Cats by GREG BALAGIAN

Nine classic Soviet animated films appear on a sheet of stamps issued by Transnistria on June 1, 2016 to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Soyuzmultfilm Animation Studio in Moscow.

Two of the popular cartoons have a cat. "Three from Prostokvashino" is based on a book by Eduard Uspenskiy called *Uncle Fyodor, His dog, and his Cat*. The uncle is actually a boy who runs away from home because his parents refuse to allow him to have a cat. Metroskin is a gray striped cat who endears himself to the boy in hopes of having a home. A dog named Sharik is also looking for a new home and joins the pair. (Fig. 1.)

Based on a children's books by Grigori Oster, *The Kitten Named Woof* is about a kitten and his puppy friend, also named Sharik. Five short films were produced between 1976 and 1982.🐾

Fig. 2.



Two cat stamps were issued by Transnistria (Moldova) for the 80th anniversary of the Soyuzmultfilm Animation Studio: Fig. 1, *Uncle Fyodor, His dog and His Cat*; Fig. 2, *The Kitten Named Woof*.

Author's Note: Transnistria is a self-proclaimed state of Moldova and the stamps are not recognized by the UPU (Universal Postal Union). We can consider them as cinderellas.

Links to youtube cartoons with subtitles:

https://youtu.be/FOebKn_WhI0

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xrIVbVGqBIU>