

June 2010

Maine Coon Adoptions

114 kitties found loving homes since our Nov. newsletter!

Kitty / Family

Aimee / Mary
Alex / Melissa
Anoushka / Audrey
Apollo / Ann, Miranda & Aaron
Archie / Sarah & Mike
Arlington / Todd
Athena / Patricia
Aurora & Amos / Cheryl
Barnaby / Cindy & Rich
Bat / Hilarie & Mark
Belle & Pepper / Donna
Bodie / Katrina, Bruce & Briana
Boris / Collen & Vlad
Bunny, Caramel, Christopher & Merriweather / Caitlin & Isabel
Butters / Joseph & Jackie
Byrdie / Timothy, Julie & Wayne
Ceiba / Paul
Celia / Liz & Ryan
Charlie / David
Chica / Lyn & Donn
Cinammon / Ted & Amanda
Clementine / Marissa
Cocoa / Jill & Milan
Couscous / Natalia & Anton
Darcy / Audrey & Chris
Dennis / Michaelene & Matthew
Denver / Denise & Patrick
Deo & Basteau / Kristen
Diedre / Bernadette
Echelle / Sara
Ella / Flo & Ron
Fern / Patricia & Virginia
Fuzz / Robert & Caroline
George / Liza & Adrian
Gizmo / Courtney & Mike
Graylin / Jami & Holly
Greyson & Honey / Marina
Gypsy / Jenna & Pat
Hailey / Molly
Harmon / Dionne & Greg
Harry & Lily / Amy & Richard
Izzy / Kate & Jerry
J. Bob / Amber
Jersey & Little Jack / Lisa & Dennis
Jewel & Kennedy / Stacie & Julius
Joanna / Carol
Kaia & Izzy / Lisa
Kaitlin / Carrie
Kiki Muffet / Mary Jo
Lhasa & Orion / Mardi
Liam & Thomas / Suzanne
Lillian / Jean
Little Bear / Jennifer
Madison / Christina
Malcolm / Meredith & Mark
Mandie / Nichole & Gordon
Marmelade / Ellyse
Meatloaf / Brenda & Jeremy
Merlin / Jodi & David
Minnie / Susanne
Mirri / Toby & Elliott
Miss Beaslev / Barbara & Wade



Greetings from The Director: Rescue work often seesaws between heartbreak and joy. Ignoring the heartache doesn't make it go away, so each of us has to find a way to fit that into our hearts. Personally, I like to celebrate heartily whenever there's reason to do so. We've had a ton of good things happen recently for the kitties, so we wanted to share some of those good things with you in this issue.
 >>> Elaine Lyford-Nojima

FIRST THINGS FIRST - CELEBRATING WHAT YOU DO

Your generosity on behalf of the kitties made it possible for us to rescue more kitties in the first five months of 2010 than in any other five-month period. Also, more kitties went to new homes - 84 this year - and 114 since our last newsletter. Plus, 24% of our adoptions in 2010 have been older or special needs kitties. As we've mentioned before, many rescue groups will not rescue these kitties because of the costs and time associated with their rescue. That's why we've made it one of our special missions. And you're our indispensable partner in this effort.

We've been busy putting your donations to good use. Just in the last couple of weeks we took in over 30 cats. Nine of the cats were pulled so a shelter would have room to take in cats from a hoarder in San Jose (a woman with over 100 cats in a small mobile home). We also took in two sets of bonded 10-year-olds and five cats from Kings County Shelter, a place in the Central Valley we try to help out as much as we can because they've been so hard hit down there by the home foreclosure crisis.



CELEBRATING SOME SPECIAL ADOPTIONS - THREE OVERLOOKED KITTIES GO HOME

If you've looked at our website lately, you've seen an "Our Overlooked Kitties" button on the home page. These are kitties that seem to get overlooked when potential adopters come meet our kitties. Perhaps they are a bit "mature" (i.e. older), or a bit shy, or... who knows why? We're always particularly happy when one of the overlooked ones goes home. Three of our overlooked darlings found someone who looked at them, loved them and took them home this year: Echelle, a ten-year-old, Penny Lane, who was very shy and Bat who kept growling at people. Go to mainecoonadoptions.com to see kitties still on the overlooked list:

Parker:



Twiggy:



Britton:



Colleen:



Help our kitties! Donate to MCA by making checks payable to PET Rescue and sending them to Maine Coon Adoptions at 2527 Carmel St., Oakland, CA 94602

Kitty / Family

Miu / Ashwinee
 Miu / Mike & Rebecca
 Montgomery / Karen & Malcom
 Nebraska / Lara & Edwin
 Nemo / John & Gayle
 Oliver & Nellie / Adele
 Orpheus / Cassandra & Christopher
 Pearl / Carol & Paul
 Penny Lane / Jamie & Chad
 Phoebe / Julia & Barry
 Princess / Bobbi
 Reddy / Kate
 Reina / Paul
 Renee / Anne & Doug
 Ritzy & Wolfe / Mary & Steve
 Rowan / Erica & Cameron
 Roxie / Jon & Jodie
 Sadie / Walter & Anne
 Scully / Paul
 Shem / Diana
 Simba / Suzanne
 Smudge / Dawn
 Sofie / Maria & Larry
 Stimpzy / Lana & Kelly
 Storm / Brandon & Laurie Anne
 Sweetie / Mary
 Sylvester / Robin & Kirk
 Thor / Ray & Debra
 Toby Tobias / Judith & Sharon
 Tommy / Micah & Jessica
 Tristan & Teagan / Diana & Mark
 Tuscany / Natalie & Robert
 Winston / Dorothy
 Wolfgang / Karen & Alexander
 Zara / Denene

Ask Mr. Fergus



Dear Readers,

I know most of you had the same reaction I did when you saw this newsletter. You thought - oh, no, oh, no! - they cut the Mr. Fergus column to make room for all the adopted kitty names. Worse - they cut the size of my picture. Not to worry, folks, I'm calling my agent!

Meanwhile, because I'm a wonderful kitty, I want to remind you that **we will always take a kitty back** - no matter how long ago you adopted it. Recently, one of our adopted kitties was dumped at a shelter. Luckily, the microchip was registered to us, so the shelter contacted us, and we were able to rescue this sweet kitty - again.

Please don't let that happen. Call us if you can't keep your kitty for whatever reason.

WE'RE ON FACEBOOK - JOIN US!



We're excited about our new Facebook fan page. Join our community of Maine Coon lovers - share photos of and stories about your kitty, see kitty videos, slide shows of our adopted darlings, etc.

If you're new to Facebook, it's FREE - and easy. In March 2010, Facebook surpassed Google in the U.S. to become the most visited website. More than 400 million people are active users of Facebook. It's a great way for us to keep in touch with Maine Coon lovers and reach a wide audience when we have kitties who are in urgent need of rescue.

Here's how to join:

1. Go to www.facebook.com & sign up for your own Facebook page.
2. On your new Facebook page, enter "Maine Coon Adoptions" in the search box up near the top.
3. Click on "Maine Coon Adoptions Official Fan Page" in the dropdown list.
4. On our Official Fan Page, click on the "Like" button (the thumbs up icon near the top).
5. Voilà! We're friends.

OUR NEW NONPROFIT - PET Rescue



For many years now, we've operated under the umbrella of SAFE (Saving Animals from Euthanasia), a great Arizona-based nonprofit animal rescue group. When the Director of SAFE started musing about retirement last year, we decided it was time to form our own nonprofit, so we did. We are now officially Preventing Euthanasia Through Rescue [PET Rescue]. It's a 501(c)(3) charity, just as SAFE is, so your donations are still fully tax deductible like before. You can still call us Maine Coon Adoptions, though, since Maine Coon Adoptions is the division that carries out PET Rescue's major mission - rescuing cats.

THE CATHERINE FUND - a generous spirit lives on

Catherine and Michael adopted a wonderful kitty named Paddington from us several years ago. Recently, Catherine passed away and left a special bequest to PET Rescue. We created The Catherine Fund and earmarked this bequest for kitties in need of special help. This lets us realize some long held dreams for the kitties. For instance, because of Catherine's generosity, we were able to hire a certified animal behaviorist to train 11 of our volunteers who work with our shy kitties. We give thanks for Catherine's generous spirit.

BUY SHELTER PET STAMPS & FEED A RESCUE ANIMAL

To celebrate its new "Adopt a Shelter Pet" stamps, the Postal Service has teamed up with Ellen DeGeneres and Halo pet food. You buy the stamps at face value, and Halo will donate meals to animal shelters around the country. So, next time you go to the post office, buy these adorable cat and dog stamps to help feed a shelter animal. Check it out at <http://stampstotherescue.com>.

