



November 2009

58 kitties found loving homes since our July newsletter!

Family / Kitty

LaVerne / **Lila**
Jean / **Muffy**
Barbara / **Barron**
Anne / **Sophie**
Ilana & Jake / **Jim Bond**
Carol & Ken / **Pandy & Peepers**
Connie & Mike / **Sadie**
Lory & Dan / **Montana**
Elvira & Richard / **Honey**
Denise & James / **Sneaker**
Nicol & Erick / **Charlie**
Susan & Jack / **Riley**
Donna / **Ms. Liz**
Sarah & Dhez / **Molly**
Julie & William / **Lily**
Hannah & Dalton / **Alex**
Nicole / **Marley**
Eric / **Tyco**
Una / **Panda**
Alex & Alex / **Dax & Jacob**
Patti & Ted / **Lola**
Jeff & Heather / **Iris, Sister & Audrey**
Meagan & Kirk / **Rocko & Franklin**
Courtney / **Nieman & Marcus**
Lauren & Chris / **Bodie**
Thomas & Catherine / **Sawyer**
Lisa / **Magnolia**
Albertine / **Seychella**
Karen / **Crystal**
Hans & Thanh-Tam / **Winee**
Katie / **Sasha**
Julie & Kent / **Sierra & Rufus**
Kenderson Dude
Gail & Paul / **Cortina**
Chen Yin & Randy / **Mochi**
Roya, Eric & Tyler / **Oreo**
Corey / **Rex**
Molly / **Lisette**
Susan / **Mer & Omi**
Debra & James / **Pumpkin**
Kelly / **Moto**
Graham / **Alexandria**
Loren / **Zipper**
Jennifer & Dave / **Ava**
Ted & Heidi / **McCoy**
Catherine, Tomas, Luke & Ben / **Tink & Belle**
Virginia & James / **Fischer**
Michelle & Victor / **Annie Oakley**
Janet / **Ollie**
Cara / **Delilah**



Greetings from The Director: As Thanksgiving draws nigh, we send a hearty **THANK YOU!!** to all of you who donated to MCA since our last newsletter. We were in a pretty deep hole due to a spate of kitties that needed unexpected veterinary care. Thanks to your incredible generosity and two yard sales we held, we're seeing the light at the top of the hole, as it were. Expenses always exceed adoption fees by quite a lot, but we'd never before seen quite such a gap between income and expenses. Your response let us know, once again, our kitties have got the greatest, most caring friends anyone could wish for. >>> Elaine Lyford-Nojima

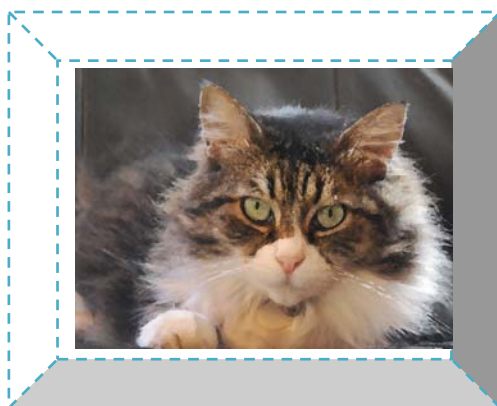
HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS - SAVING KITTIES THROUGH SHOPPING ☺

Rembrandt Kitty Project

One of our volunteers has come up with a great fundraising idea for MCA. We can take your favorite kitty photos and turn them into "oil paintings" through the magic of computer software. The images are modified using a "brush stroke" type application. The more pixels the original photograph has, the more detail your Rembrandt "painting" will have.

One of the volunteers who will be doing "Rembrandts" of your kitties did the two "Rembrandts" below. The "Rembrandt" of Buzz, below, started off with a high pixel shot taken with a high quality camera. The "Rembrandt" of Solomon was based on a photo from an automatic point & shoot camera, with lower pixels. (The Buzz Rembrandt looks more like a painting in person than it does in this small copy of it.)

Buzz



Solomon



Pricing depends on whether you want them printed on high quality photo paper and shipped to you or whether you want a jpeg emailed to you that you can print out yourself or take to a photo shop for printing. We recommend you use good quality photo paper. The jpegs will be \$30.00. Printing and shipping add another \$35.00 to our costs, so they will be \$65.00. Unless you specify a smaller size, the print we ship will be 16" x 20." All prints are shipped unframed.

To order, **email your photo to Sharon at storms888@gmail.com**. If you want your "Rembrandt" shipped to you in time for Christmas, we need to receive your photo and check **by December 6**. If you want a jpeg emailed to you in time for you to have it printed out for Christmas, we need to receive your photo and check by December 12.

Donate by sending a check payable to SAFE to Maine Coon Adoptions at 2527 Carmel St., Oakland, CA 94602.

Ask Mr. Fergus



**Memorial Gifts -
the gift that keeps on giving**

Dear Readers,

My human mommy told me a story recently that I just had to share with you.

On the one year anniversary of the date their beloved kitty, Sonja, crossed over the Rainbow Bridge after succumbing to a stroke, Sonja's mom & dad sent a donation to MCA. Their note told us how special Sonja had been and said, "We hope this donation in her honor saves more sweet souls."

Boy, that one even brought tears to my eyes (which is a first except for a few times when my dinner has been late).

Through this donation, Sonja literally passed on the gift of life, because the money will go to rescue other kitties who otherwise would be killed in shelters.

I can't think of a finer way to honor a beloved kitty's life or the life of a pet lover. So, if you or your friends have lost a dear pet, or a pet lover, please consider making a tax deductible gift to a rescue group in memory of that pet or pet lover. It truly is a gift that keeps on giving.



MCA says "hats off" to **PAWS ON PIEDMONT**, which lets MCA hold lots of adoption fairs at the store. Owner Gail Senoglu and her staff are fantastic, and the store has great pet stuff. Check them out at 3974 Piedmont Ave. in Oakland.

MAINE COON T-SHIRTS

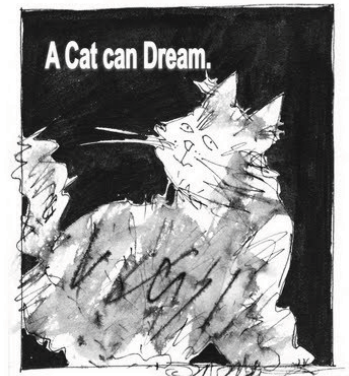
Artist Marilyn MacGregor created a whole line of cool Maine Coon t-shirts with original art work, inspired by the two Maine Coons she adopted from MCA - Sir Toby & Rembrandt. (Yes, we named the photo project after Rembrandt the kitty, although Marilyn's not our computer artist.)

These products are available online at <http://cattheatre.blogspot.com/>. Through the end of the year, 10% of profits on all products purchased from CatTheatre will be donated to MCA.

The t-shirts are available for men, women, children and babies and can be ordered in a variety of styles and colors. Here are just a few examples of these fun and creative shirts.



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PAXTON FINISHES IN TOP 10



Some of you may remember our story about Paxton, shown here on the right with his buddy Lincoln. Paxton was found badly injured on the side of the road by a trucker named - of course - Paxton. The human Paxton stopped, gently scooped him up and rushed him to North County Humane Society where they saved his life, although they had to amputate one of his legs.

MCA took Paxton into their care once he was well

enough to leave the hospital.

A woman named Susannah fell in love with Paxton at an MCA adoption fair, and adopted him. She later adopted another 3-legged kitty, Lincoln.

Purina recently held a contest to pick the best rescue story. Paxton was among the Top 10 finalists - one of only two cats to make it into the finals. All the other finalists were dogs.

We're pretty proud of Paxton making the Top 10, but most of all, we're glad he was saved and found a loving home with Susannah.

SANTA PAWS Christmas photo shoot



Get your & your pet's photo taken with Santa:

Dates:

Saturday, Dec. 5
Sunday, Dec. 6

Time:

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where:

PETSMART
185 Curtner Avenue
San Jose

For \$9.95, you'll receive a print of your pet in a Holiday paperboard frame. MCA receives \$5.00 from each package purchased.

MCA wishes everyone happy and safe holidays. See you again in 2010.