

55 kitties found loving homes since our March newsletter!



Help us help our kitties! Donate to MCA by making checks payable to SAFE and sending them to Elaine Lyford-Nojima at 2527 Carmel St., Oakland, CA 94602

Maine Coon Adoptions July 2008

Family / Kitty

Michael / **Merlin**
Carolyn & Chuck / **Acorn & Pumpkin**
Vickie & Tom / **Billy the Kid**
Bob / **Annie**
Molly & Ian / **Tobias**
Maryann & Robert / **Louie**
Jeanne & Sharon / **Teddy**
Jill & Gina / **Evie**
Stephen / **Caymus & Tango**
Kathi / **Nicholas**
Debra & Joe / **Cheerio**
Barbara / **Rose**
Melissa / **Sophie**
Kristin / **Milie**
Chip & Laurie / **Katalina & Katapur**
Grant & Kerstin / **Jessie & Joey**
Rina & Victor / **Samantha Meliam**
Katherine / **Mr. LJB**
Lynda / **Sylvie**
Janice / **Helene**
Chris & Jennifer / **Roxie**
Nancy / **Irving**
Annie / **Zeb & Magnolia**
Debbie & Hans / **Leah**
Les / **Jet & Sweetsie**
Eileen & Gianfranco / **Adam**
Anna / **Etta & Otis**
Veronica & John / **Daniel Boone**
Betsy / **Elsa**
Tori / **Seattle**
Joshua / **Quincy**
Teri / **Wally**
Tina / **Nala**
Angelique / **Rena**
Gnana / **Shasta**
Karen & Omar / **Joshua**
Mary / **Ellie**
Dave & Hillary / **George**
David / **Chloe**
Brad & Becky / **Nina**
Christina & Cliff / **Tamzin**
Ayrrien & Chris / **Trixie**
Cynthia / **Marv**
Denise / **McLovin'**
Andree / **Tino**
Barbara & Greg / **Davey & Brooke**
Marjorie / **Clooney**



Greetings from The Director: 95 kitties have found homes in the first six months of 2008! This newsletter is dedicated to all the **people who make it happen**. That's you - our adopters and donors - and also a whole host of folks who donate their time, services and funds to helping rescue kitties from high-kill shelters and find their forever homes. A few years ago a colleague of mine said something that really stuck with me. He said, "Don't tell me about your values. Give me your check book and your date book, and I'll tell you what your values are." The people featured in this newsletter are folks whose checkbooks and datebooks all reflect their commitment to saving kitties. Because of you and because of them, the lives of hundreds of kitties have been saved since MCA started in 2005. The kitties thank you from the bottom of their hearts. > > *Elaine Lyford-Nojima*

Paw Pats on the Back to our MCA "Angels"

Rescue Friendly Vets

Last year, vet expenses consumed 82% of MCA's income. Vets who give rescue discounts help us save more kitties by keeping expenses down. Big paw pats on the back to these two great vets, who've helped so many MCA kitties:

Animal Care Clinic

Dr. Mike Evans at Animal Care Clinic



3340 San Pablo Dam Rd # K
El Sobrante, (510) 222-9966

Burbank Pet Hospital

Dr. Girish Kumar at Burbank Pet Hospital



1819 W San Carlos St,
San Jose, (408) 271-7875

MeowWorks

Nedra Thaeler, who owns **MeowWorks**, makes beautiful wearable and portable art and donates all the proceeds to MCA. Here's a sample - a gorgeous atomizer / key chain.



meowworksstore.com

The Cat's Nest

The **Cat's Nest** owner, Susan Edwards, offers boarding at a discount to MCA. The **Cat's Nest** provides top-notch care to all cats boarded there.



1436 S. Main St
Milpitas, (408) 262-5498

Local Pet Stores

A local pet store -

Paws on Piedmont

- lets us hold an adoption fair every month at its store (3rd Saturday of the month). In addition to helping kitties get adopted, the store has really neat "stuff" for kitties.



3974 Piedmont Avenue
Oakland, (510) 601-PAWS

We also hold adoption fairs on the first Saturday of every month at the -

PetSmart on Curtner Ave.

185 Curtner Ave
San Jose, (408) 275-0386

Pet Food Express gives us 20%-off coupons to give to adopters, and makes a donation when families use the coupons.

Save the Date!

It's time to raise money for needy kitties and have a whole lot of fun in the process. Join us for a variety of family-friendly entertainment.

the CAT'S PAJAMAS
A Pawsrrrrfect Evening!

Saturday, August 16th, 2008
Dinner & Auction: 6:30 p.m.
Show: 8:00-10:00 p.m.

See our website for more information about tickets, auction & raffle items.

Our Volunteers

It takes many people to run a rescue organization - too many to name them all here. Our kitties are deeply grateful to all the volunteers who:

- foster kitties
- screen adopters & follow up with them
- transport kitties (locally & long distance)
- staff our adoption fairs
- take pictures of kitties for the website
- maintain our website
- fundraise & write grants
- visit & pet the kitties at Andy's Pet Shop
- write "ads" for kitties for the website
- post kitty ads & photos on the website
- microchip kitties & maintain records
- keep the books
- send flyers to adopters to post at their vets

We'll convey our thanks with pictures:



Cufie & Rosie



Gracie & Baby Bear

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Another local store -

Andy's Pet Shop

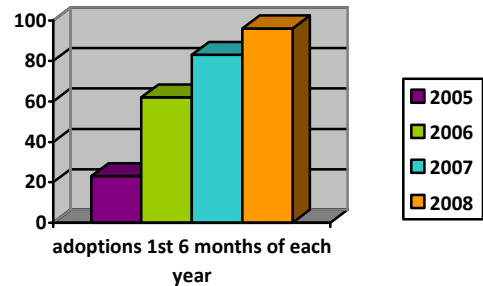
- lets us show kitties in its adoption center every other month. This store also has really neat "stuff" for kitties.



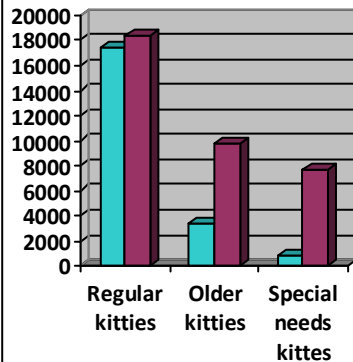
1280 The Alameda (at Julian)
San Jose, (408) 297-0840

Our Adopters & Donors

And then there's you!! You've opened your hearts and home to our kitties and given them wonderful new lives. Just look at how the numbers of cats adopted has grown since MCA started in 2005. The chart below compares adoptions in the first six months of 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.



Adoption Fees vs. Expenses 2007



Many, many of you also have donated money to help us save kitties. Some of you have regular monthly donations sent to us directly from your bank or from Just Give online. Some of you contribute several times a year. Others make a donation when they receive the newsletter or add something extra to the adoption check. It all adds up and makes it possible to save more kitties. As you can see from the

chart on the left, we run a deficit on every adoption, particularly for older and special need kitties. We are very proud that these older and special

needs kitties comprised 22% of our adoptions last year, but it costs a lot to rescue them. **All the kitties depend on your generosity, and you never let them down!**



Ask Mr. Fergus

Dear Mr. Fergus:

My people talk about wanting to help save kitties, but they're not sure how they can help? What should I tell them? And what can I do to help? -- *Hoping to Help*

Dear Hoping: MCA is a pretty creative group when it comes to figuring out how people

can help. They want to match volunteer work to the things people ENJOY doing.

For example, some of our volunteers like playing with their cameras, so they take pictures of the kitties to post on our website. Others like to write and help write the newsletter or the "ads" that get posted on the website describing each kitty.

Some volunteers temporarily expand their kitty family by fostering. (Even fostering a kitty for a week can let MCA

save another kitty that might otherwise be euthanized at a high-kill shelter because MCA can't pull a kitty from a shelter unless it has foster space.)

See the list of things our volunteers do in the "Our Volunteers" section of this newsletter for more ideas.

As for you, *Hoping*, if you don't see anything on that list you think you can do, just be sweet and loving and funny and, that way, you'll remind your family every day why saving kitties is so rewarding.