

162 kitties found loving homes since our May newsletter!

- Kitty / Family
- Sunshine / Ann
- Louie / Mary
- Minnie / Amy & Andrew
- Figaro / Janet
- Feeny / Feng
- Hoss / Mary & Steve
- Lottie / Rosemary & Doyle
- Sweet Pea & Daffodil / Kelly
- Bugsy / Carol
- Mickey / Debbie & Jeff
- Bandit / Hillary
- Beezel / Shen
- Ben / Kathe & Ken
- Bijou / Patti & David
- Blu / Ilana & Jake
- Bronson & Charlotte / Mary Sue & Paul
- Bubba Fluff / Patricia & Jim
- Tag / Matthew
- Carmel / Kim & Danny
- Charles & Elizabeth / Linda & Ulf
- Cherubino & Lady / Deborah & Lloyd
- Clark / Martha
- Crissy / Sandee
- Dioji Puss / Amelia
- Ezzie / Cait & Tom
- Fiona & Fletcher / Lee & Paul
- Flynn / Crystal
- Sinatra / Lori & Peter
- Cassanova / Christine & Bill
- Iona & Alfie / Elaine & Dana
- Ingrid / Kate
- Maggie / Johanna & Dalton
- Jax / Stephanie
- Jane / Sherry & Steve
- Jasmine & Jasper / Betty
- January Willow / Ashley
- Lady Kate & Peaches / Deborah & Dinesh
- Leander / Carol & Phil
- Lewis / Martha
- Lexi / Shawn & Candice
- Lilly / Mark
- Sassafras / Lori & Peter
- Milo / Yusef
- Phoebe, Jasmine & Serafina / Jen & David
- Pixel / Jillian
- Mr. Sparkle / Jeff & Nancy
- Mystique / Lisa
- Jeeves / Beverly & Robin
- Paul / Mark
- Pepper / Jennifer & Collin
- Yasmine & Yang Yang / Marilyn
- Quintus / Valerie
- Pseudolus / Dorothy
- Roxie / Gail
- Roxy / Bree
- Sabrina / Sara & Emerson
- Toby / Karen
- Gerty / Lara
- Smokey Joe / Kathryn & Ananda
- Wooster / Beverly & Robin
- Lucas / Joyce
- Taylor / John
- Tinkerbelle / Lauren
- Yukon / Jan
- Zoey / Shawn & Candice
- Meffa / Ann & Dan



Greetings from The Director: Wanted to give you an overview of 2011 to date. First, we've found homes for 235 cats so far, and we're very happy about that. 80 of those adoptions occurred in one weekend in June, when Maddie's Fund held their second annual Adoptathon. We've also launched a feral trap, neuter, return program in East Oakland and have trapped & neutered 25 cats so far. None of this would be possible without your help since adoption fees covered only 22.5% of kitty expenses last year. The kitties thank you for your continued support, and wish you happy holidays. >>> Elaine Lyford-Nojima

Ask Mr. Fergus: be proactive about vet care

Dear Readers,



There's a moral to this story, folks, so bear with me. About a year ago, I started losing weight inexplicably. Nothing else seemed wrong - I still ate well and continued to set world records in Da Bird catching events. Mom and Dad took me to two different vets who ran a bunch of tests - thyroid, diabetes, kidney, you name it - but found nothing wrong. I even had acupuncture. But you know what I didn't have, even after all those vet visits? A diagnosis.



Then, enter vet # 3 who kept at it until she got a diagnosis. OK, so it wasn't a good one - it's lymphoma - but here's the moral: you can't treat something until you know what it is. So, keep pushing; be proactive. If the vet you're seeing can't give you a diagnosis or isn't continuing to work toward a diagnosis, consider a new vet.

You can't treat something until you know what it is, and "it's not x" is not a diagnosis.

Maybe you're thinking - well, duh - and, if so, good for you! But Auntie Elaine (that's MCA Director Elaine) tells me she gets frequent calls from people who are

looking for help with sick cats. She always asks them what the diagnosis is, and many times they don't have one, so maybe this is more common than we might think.

Being an intellectual type (ahem), I've put some thought into why that might be, and I think there are a number of factors. (1) We kitties don't exactly make it easy for you. We are hard-wired by our wild past to hide signs of illness because that made us easy prey, so our motto became "never let 'em see you sweat." (2) And, yeah, okay, we don't always make it very pleasant for you to take us to the vet - the "aaauughh - not the torture chamber" (a/k/a pet carrier) routine, and acting all pathetic or bitey once we're in the exam room.



(3) I know my own mom and dad felt relieved every time the next serious disease was ruled out, and when in that frame of mind didn't always remain crystal clear that "it's not x" is not a diagnosis. (4) Then there's the tendency to think, "well, they're the experts" and to accept what the vet says without pushing too much.

Keep pushing until you have a diagnosis.

(5) Of course, money also can be an issue, but many vets are willing to work with pet parents on bills. Ask your vet about payment plans and about Care Credit or visit www.carecredit.com. Health insurance coverage is available for pets. Like human health insurance, different companies offer various levels of coverage that have a wide range of deductibles and premiums. Your vet should be able to give you more specific information on pet insurance.



(Just so you know, I'm now on chemotherapy, have put on a lot of weight and am feeling better, so I've bought myself some time.) Have to find Mom now and get a kitty treat after all that heavy thinking. Mom!

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Poppy / Eric & Nina Rene
Thor & Leo / Kathleen & Bill
Wally & Eva / Gabriel
Winchester, Fig & Remington / Kristin
Preston / Christy & Brett
Rider / Renee & Marty
Lazer / Ashley & John
Isabelle Grace / Angela Lowry
Daisy & Pierre / April & Andrews
Gibson / Angela & Brad
Pascal / Danielle & Daniel
Winslow / Ayana
Camille / Sally & Bert
Roosevelt / Erika & John
Wendy & Peter / Karianne
Mr. B / Amy & Benjamin
Dixie / Carmen
Musti / Patricia & Virginia
Bella / Michelle
Jackson / Sally & Bert
Powderpuff / Minerva
Snow Toe / Amity
Franklin & Penelope / Samantha & Tyler
Felix / Michael & Michael
Merry Thunderfoot & Jane / Margo
Heart / Jason
Ella / Shellye & Ed
Theo / Emily
Ramsey / Megan
Buffy / Colleen
Samantha / Holly & Theo
Lucy / Juliette
Watson & Crick / Kim & Adrian
Lizzy & Caty / Rick & Nancy
Scooter / YuYee
Hanna / Elizabeth & Paul
Schwartzman / Yefim & Kevin
Aries & Zack / Amery
Jake & Esther / Bonnie & Michael
Jules / Janice
Michiko / Colleen & David
Bubbles Franklin / Marisol & Lesleigh
Socrates & Tycho Brahe / Valerie & Patrick
Ash & Barney / Carol & Gene
Miller / Natalia
Claire & George Payton / Priscilla
Crash / Mitchell
Mandy / Anna & Ryan
Frazier / Julia & Maureen
Pete & Rita / Sara
Austin / Nichola
Ned & Nate / Jonathan & Cristina
Pasha & Zeldia / Marthine & Puneeth
Noriko & Harvey / Calyx & Matthew
Eden / Regina
Aretha Franklin / Diane
McCall & Stevie / Patricia & Jean
Persia / Nikki & Neda
Bella / Natalie
Mushu / Clint
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It'll be so much easier to relax once we know MCA can save kitties who haven't been as lucky as we've been.

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