

151 kitties found loving homes since our May newsletter!

Kitty / Family

- Spencer/ Debbie
- Herbie/ Virginia
- Rena/ Patricia
- Maybelline/ Elizabeth & Paul
- Sylvester/ Linda
- Bug/ Trish & Raul
- Frannie & Frankie/ Kari & Aaron
- Stevie/ Jennifer & David
- Corbin/ Samantha
- Ophelia/ Chelle
- Cassie/ Rachel
- Chloe/ Moya & Christopher
- Leo/ Elizabeth & Patrick
- Alexis/ Susan
- Dot & Splash/ Heidi
- Charlotte/ Alina & Angelica
- Wilson/ Cait & Tom
- Rio/ Jennifer & Robert
- Moo/ Kelly & Beth
- Caper & Loki/ Mayra
- Violet/ Joanne
- Tommy/ Lisa
- Tibby/ Molly & Lori
- Providence / Curt & Steve
- Coraline/ Janice
- Lizzie/ David
- Skippee/ Elaine & Dana
- Bliss & Lady Diana/ Elisabeth & Scott
- April & Minli/ Molly & Joel
- Hobbes/ Nancy & David
- Bernadette/ April
- Bug/ Erin
- Jessie/ Joan
- Pippen & Merry/ Lenester & Kurt
- Willow/ Constance
- Socks/ Stacy
- Bo & Alexi/ Carol & Jack
- Noe/ Alicia
- Kilo/ Sharon & RJ
- Perry/ Cecelia
- Emma/ Eli & Hayley
- Binx/ Andrew
- Thisbe / Beth
- Basil & Axel/ Sharon & Gordon
- Olive/ Emily & Tiaan
- Lola & Mick / Barbara
- Trio & Trixie/ Ryan & Kaelin
- Ginger & Wasabi/ Jodie & Nathan
- Marcellina & Tamino/ Rena & Andreas
- Jay & Marley/ Kaelen & Michael
- Joey/ Kathleen
- Isabelle & Housman/ Bonnie & Erik
- Little Foot & Duckie/ Mellisa
- Zephyr & Zaddie/ Janice
- Laddie & Patty/ Lori
- Eclipse/ Katie
- Panda/ Jeffrey & Liana
- Ophelia / Theresa
- Joey/ Claudia
- Asa/ Kathie & Claudia
- Little G & Hamish/ Julie
- Maddie & Holiday/ Katrina & Sandra
- Anita/ Roxana
- Freddie/ Carly & Claire
- Scampers/ Janet & Ronald
- David Rio/ Matt & Maria
- Davis & Miles/ Dominique
- Athena & Marconi/ Dan
- Ludo/ Natali
- Libby/ Kathleen & Eugene
- Wills/ Rebecca
- Alex/ Joanna & Curtis
- Sheldon/ Jennifer
- Blackie/ Jackie
- Graham/ Laurie & Peter
- Langston/ Heather & Vincent
- Daniel/ Deborah
- King & Alaka'i/ Karen & Valerie
- Theo & Ellie/ Melissa & Brett
- Prince & Snickerdoodle/ Kathy
- Jingles/ Dave
- Charlie Meow Meow/ Jackie
- Cookie/ Kim
- Ethyl, Tedford & Runty/ Jessica
- Henry/ Louis
- Willy, Mister & Shadow/ Shirley
- Sissy Babe/ Jennifer
- Tucker/ Jim



Greetings from the Director: 228 of our rescued cats have been adopted so far this year. Also, TNR (trap, neuter, return) expert, Kelly Perry, joined the team in May, making it possible for us to rescue many more adoptable kittens born to feral moms and ensure that the moms don't have more babies. While thinking of these things I'm grateful for, I'll also spare a thought this Thanksgiving for all the kitties still waiting to be rescued. Happy Holidays to all of you from all of us. >>>> Elaine Lvford-Noilma

Solving litter box problems...

Cats are naturally fastidious, so when your kitty stops using its litter box, she's telling you she's got a problem. Here are some common reasons cats stop using the litter box and some common solutions.

First, check for medical problems

Have your kitty checked out by your vet! Changes in litter box habits often signal medical problems that make your kitty associate the litter box with pain. As just one example, urinary tract blockage (which may present as straining to pee outside the box) is common in male cats and should be treated immediately.

Litter-box placement and type

Are the litter boxes easily accessible? Are they too small? Do they have a cover or liner? [Many kitties do not like hoods or liners.] Are the sides of the box too high? Do you have enough boxes? [Some cats like one box for #1 and a different box for #2, so even in single cat households, you may need to provide two boxes. The general rule is one box per cat + one extra.] Is the box near where you feed your kitties? [Cats often do not like to eliminate near where they are fed.] Are the boxes distributed throughout your home? [This is particularly helpful in multi-cat households. If you've got a multi-story home, we recommend putting a litter box on each floor, especially if you have older cats or young kittens who may have difficulty negotiating stairs.]



Is the litter box where a cat could feel unsafe while using it? [Cats like their boxes in quiet places, but they don't want to feel cornered. They're like those tough cookies in movies who always want to sit facing the door so they can see who's coming and who locate all the exits before they sit down. Give your kitties multiple exits and clear lines of sight from the box.]

Litter

Is there too much litter in the box? [Cats usually prefer 1-2" of litter.] Have you recently changed the kind of litter you use? [Cats who've gotten used to the smell and feel of a certain litter might feel averse to a new litter.] Or your kitty might not like the type of litter you use. [Most favor clumping, unscented litter. Try different litters in boxes placed next to each other, so your cat can "tell" you which he prefers. If none of the litters you've tried have worked, you might consider Cat Attract, a litter developed by a veterinarian to attract cats back to the box.]



Scoop daily

Virtually all cats want clean litter boxes, so scoop at least once a day. (It takes a lot less time to scoop than to clean up an accident on the rug.) Rinse the litter box out with baking soda or unscented soap every time you replace the litter. Many cats accept self-cleaning boxes readily because the boxes stay clean, so you might try this type of box if you can't keep up with daily scooping.

Clean accidents thoroughly

Your cat can smell urine on your rug long after your nose stops detecting it. This smell makes your kitty think that spot is a toilet. Clean up pet accidents with enzymatic cleaners, such as Nature's Miracle®, designed to neutralize pet odors by breaking down the urine. If you have carpets or a rug pad under the rug, pull them up and soak the padding and underside of the rug with the cleaner, too. **DON'T** clean with ammonia-based cleaners. Urine contains ammonia, so a cleaner with ammonia may actually entice your cat to come back and pee in the same spot again.

What won't help

Don't rub your cat's nose in its urine or feces. Don't scold him and drag him to the box. This will just make sure your kitty has negative feelings about the litter box.



ONE DAY I WAS BORN. THEN EVERYTHING BOTHERED ME.



AND THAT BRINGS US UP TO DATE.

U lockin' 4 trouble?



here we are

Kitty / Family

- White Tee**/ Jackie
- Yuna**/ Jessie & Jay
- Frankie**/ Jeanie
- Coltrane & Cleo**/ Dominick
- Buster & Billy**/ Carol
- Hamish & Peaches**/ Michael & Bojana
- Marco**/ Pamela
- Skylar**/ Mary
- Lory & Arthur**/ Allen & Morgan
- Karina**/ Deborah
- Trixie**/ Barbara
- Bella**/ Mag
- Sophie & Max**/ Mia & Mark
- Colette & Colleen**/ Terry
- Lady & Tubby**/ Owen & Jane
- Tristan & Sunny**/ Jean & Kevin
- Rosie**/ Alexis & Danton
- Cinder**/ Matthew
- Bailey**/ Pamela
- Milo**/ Susan & Bob
- Catpuccino & Trapper**/ Richard
- Jupiter**/ Mary Susan & Charles
- Mary**/ Robyn
- Gabby**/ Gina
- Jiminy**/ Stephanie
- Fascinans**/ Keith

Kitty Art for your walls -- the MCA 2014 calendars are here!

ORDER YOUR 2014 CALENDAR NOW! ~ 14 months of fabulous felines (Dec'13-Jan'15), and your \$16 donation per calendar goes directly toward helping cats. Buy 10 & get an 11th for FREE!! It's the purrfect gift item for all your fashionable friends. Every cat featured was rescued by MCA. A recent buyer just commented on Facebook, "Got my calendars today! Great pictures and great stories." Order online at: <http://mainecoonadoptions.com/calendar.shtml>.

Here's a sneak peak at some of the pages:



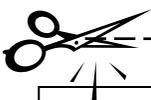
Ask Mr. Fergus ~ the litterbox is your friend -- no, really.

Dear Readers, Had to chime in on the litter box issue since I know you value my opinion above all others. As indoor-only cats, we MCA alums have an advantage over indoor/outdoor cats -- namely, the litter box! Our guardians can nip incipient physical problems in the bud by paying close attention to what we're doing in there. Diarrhea, blood in the stool, a lack of deposits in the box (constipation) and unusually smelly stools can all be signs that we need to visit the vet. So, I say, "Love me, love my box."

On an unrelated note, let me wish everyone happy holidays and a great 2014. I was reading a list of top 10 tips for relaxation the other day in Houzz.com (we experts like to keep up on the latest techniques), and found this great advice: "Pay attention to your pet. In the rush of busy days, it can be easy to neglect petting our furry friends as much as they deserve. Spending a few minutes playing with your dog or letting kitty curl up on your lap will do you both good!" I call those words to live by!

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