



## Congratulations on Your New Family Member!

We at Maine Coon Adoptions want to ensure that you and your cat make a good start together. The handouts in this packet will help you on your way, and our website [www.MaineCoonAdoptions.com](http://www.MaineCoonAdoptions.com), has useful information on other topics. Please contact us if you have any questions or worries; email [elaineln@pacbell.net](mailto:elaineln@pacbell.net) or call [510-710-9250](tel:510-710-9250).

### **Life Before Adoption**

MCA rescues cats from many different situations, with the majority coming from high-kill shelters or from the streets. These cats are often in poor shape, and MCA provides extensive veterinary care to ensure they are healthy before being made available for adoption. This includes:

- A thorough physical examination at our vet
- Spay or neuter (if required)
- FVRCP and rabies vaccinations
- Treatment for fleas, worms, and common parasites
- Microchip and registration
- Tests for FIV, FeLV and heartworm
- Blood panel for all cats age 7 or older (this checks that bodily functions are all working well)
- Any veterinary treatment required, e.g. dental work, ultrasound, diagnostic testing, etc.

We supply full vet records when you adopt, and we are happy to talk to you or put you in contact with our vet if you have any questions.

Our kitties live in foster homes with dedicated volunteers who have opened their hearts to them. Some kitties have had such a hard time that they are slow to trust again, so they are given the gifts of time to heal, one-on-one attention, lots of love, and a safe environment to learn to be happy again.

### **Fixed and Chipped**

In accordance with California state law, all MCA cats are spayed or neutered before adoption.

All MCA kitties are microchipped, and MCA will register the chip for you. We recommend that families get a collar with a name tag on it in case the cat should ever escape. A cat on the street could be feral or stray; a cat with a collar is a cat with a family.